

June 24-25, 2015

Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA 98504

Time: Opening sessions will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by board discussion and then public comment. The board makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Public Comment: If you wish to comment at the meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff. Please be sure to note on the card if you are speaking about a particular agenda topic. The chair will call you to the front at the appropriate time. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. You also may submit written comments to the Board by mailing them to the RCO, attn: Wendy Loosle, Board Liaison, at the address above or at wendy.loosle@rco.wa.gov.

Special Accommodations: If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please notify us at 360/725-3943 or TDD 360/902-1996

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

9:00 a.m. Call to Order *Chair*

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- B. Review and Approval of Agenda

9:05 a.m. 1. Consent Calendar (Decision) *Chair*

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 8-9, 2015
- B. Approve Time Extensions
 - [10-1237D](#), City of Cheney, Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields
 - [10-1580D](#), Swinomish Tribe, Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration
 - [11-1064P](#), City of Entiat, Entiat Moorage
 - [10-1306A](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cape Disappointment – Seaview Dunes Acquisition
 - [10-1383D&R](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Lake Sammamish Beach Renovation and Boardwalk
 - [11-1074P](#), United States Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District, Calawah ATV Trail Planning
 - [07-1974AD](#), Malaga-Colockum Community Council, Malaga Community Park
- C. Volunteer Recognition for Advisory Committees

Resolution 2015-05

9:10 a.m. 2. Director's Report (Briefing)

- A. Director's Report *Kaleen Cottingham*
 - Legislative and Budget Update
 - Discussion on Potential Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Budget Proviso
 - Policy Report
 - 2016 Meeting Calendar Proposal
- B. Grant Management Report *Marguerite Austin*
- C. Performance Report (*written only*)
- D. Fiscal Report *Mark Jarasitis*
 - E-Billing Update
 - Omni-circular Update

9:35 a.m. 3. State Agency Partner Reports

- Department of Natural Resources
- State Parks and Recreation Commission
- Department of Fish and Wildlife

*Jed Herman
Peter Herzog
Joe Stohr*

9:55 a.m. General Public Comment for issues not identified as agenda items. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

Chair

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

10:00 a.m. 4. Follow up from the Board Retreat

- A. Review performance measures from strategic plan
- B. Review the reorganized policy lists and three-tier policy plan

*Scott Robinson
Kaleen Cottingham*

11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. 5. Review of Revised Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation Evaluation Criteria

Meg O'Leary

11:40 a.m. 6. Revision to the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Manual to Address Legislative Budget Proviso Language

Marguerite Austin

11:50 a.m. 7. Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier 2 Project Preview

Laura Moxham

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

BOARD BUSINESS: GRANT AWARDS

1:00 p.m. 8. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Marguerite Austin

Resolution 2015-06

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

1:30 p.m. 9. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Marguerite Austin

Resolution 2015-07

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

1:50 p.m. 10. Land and Water Conservation Fund, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Laura Moxham

Resolution 2015-08

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

2:10 p.m. 11. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Adam Cole

Resolution 2015-09

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

2:30 p.m.	12. Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	<i>Kyle Guzlas</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Agencies Resolution 2015-10 Local Agencies Resolution 2015-11 	
	Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.	
2:50 p.m.	13. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the program and categories Education and Enforcement Category Resolution 2015-12 Nonhighway Road Category Resolution 2015-13 Nonmotorized Category Resolution 2015-14 Off-road Vehicle Category Resolution 2015-15 	<i>Darrell Jennings Dan Haws</i>
	Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.	
3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.	14. Recreational Trails Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	<i>Darrell Jennings</i>
	Resolution 2015-16	
	Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.	
4:00 p.m.	15. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Trails Data – Sneak Peak	<i>Darrell Jennings Jenny Konwinski, OCIO</i>
4:30 p.m.	ADJOURN FOR THE DAY	

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

OPENING

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	<i>Chair</i>
	A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum	

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

9:05 a.m.	16. Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Director Evaluation (<i>Request for Direction</i>)	<i>Scott Robinson</i>
9:15 a.m.	17. Overview of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition Strategy	<i>Clay Sprague</i>
10:15 a.m.	18. Conversion Request: Vancouver Waterworks Park (RCO #84-9015D)	<i>Myra Barker</i>
10:45 a.m.	19. Overview of Potential Changes to the Grant Programs and Criteria for 2015-17	<i>Marguerite Austin</i>
11:15 a.m.	BREAK	

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

11:30 a.m. 20. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Phase III Revisions/Public Hearing

Wendy Brown

Resolution 2015-17

Public comment: Please limit comments to three minutes.

12:30 p.m. ADJOURN

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-05
June 2015 Consent Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following June 2015 Consent Calendar items are approved:

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 8-9, 2015
- B. Approve Time Extensions
 - [10-1237D](#), City of Cheney, Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields
 - [10-1580D](#), Swinomish Tribe, Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration
 - [11-1064P](#), City of Entiat, Entiat Moorage
 - [10-1306A](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cape Disappointment - Seaview Dunes Acquisition
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 - [11-1074P](#), United States Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District, Calawah ATV Trail Planning
 - [07-1974AD](#), Malaga-Colockum Community Council, Malaga Community Park
- C. Volunteer Recognition for Advisory Committees

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted Date: _____

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015
Title: Time Extension Requests
Prepared By: Recreation and Conservation Section Grants Managers

Summary

This is a request for the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to consider the proposed project time extensions shown in Attachment A.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution #: 2015-05

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the requested time extensions.

Background

Manual #7, *Funded Projects*, outlines the board's adopted policy for progress on active funded projects. Key elements of this policy are that the sponsor must complete a funded project promptly and meet the project milestones outlined in the project agreement. The director has authority to extend an agreement for up to four years. Extensions beyond four years require board action.

The RCO received a request for a time extension for each of the projects listed in Attachment A. This document summarizes the circumstances for the requested extensions and the expected date of project completion. Board action is required because the project sponsors are requesting extensions to continue the agreements beyond four years.

General considerations for approving time extension requests include:

- Receipt of a written request for the time extension;
- Reimbursements requested and approved;
- Date the board granted funding approval;
- Conditions surrounding the delay;
- Sponsor's reasons or justification for requesting the extension;
- Likelihood of sponsor completing the project within the extended period;
- Original dates for project completion;
- Current status of activities within the grant;
- Sponsor's progress on this and other funded projects;
- Revised milestones or timeline submitted for completion of the project; and
- The effect the extension will have on re-appropriation request levels for RCO.

Plan Link

Consideration of these requests supports the board's goal of helping its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems.

Summary of Public Comment

At the time of the writing of this memo, no further public comment on the projects has been received.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the time extension requests for projects listed in Attachment A.

Attachments

A. Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

City of Cheney

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
10-1237 Development	Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks Category	\$45,763 (10%)	6/30/2015	6 months (12/31/2015)	<p>The City of Cheney completed the site preparation for this project, which included removing rock, hauling in truckloads of dirt, grading, and installing the drainage and irrigation systems. During the winter of 2012-13 heavy snowfall resulted in the collapse of the community center roof. The city council re-prioritized and budgeted a significant amount of resources to construction of a new community center. This caused serious delays with completion of the park project. In addition, when the parks and recreation director accepted a position with another jurisdiction, the city had to reassign the project to other staff who were not as familiar with the implementation phase of the project.</p> <p>The city has now repositioned this project as a priority in the budget and has the matching funds needed to finish construction of the athletic fields.</p>

City of Entiat

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
11-1064 Planning	Entiat Moorage	Boating Facilities Program – Local Category	\$106,267 (54%)	6/30/2015	6 Months (12/31/2015)	The City of Entiat has completed the plans and specifications for a new marina on the Columbia River; however, they have not received the permits. Initially, permitting agencies focused their attention on the failing Wanapum Dam, putting other projects on hold. Most recently, the permitting agent assigned to the marina project at Army Corps of Engineers has retired. With a new agent assigned, permitting is moving forward again. The permitting agencies are aware of the grant's June deadline but the City requests additional time in the event permitting takes longer than expected.

Swinomish Tribe

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
10-1580 Development	Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	\$261,647 (94%)	6/30/2015	6 Months (12/31/2015)	<p>The Swinomish Tribe hosted the Annual Tribal Canoe Journey in July 2011. To prepare for that event, they completed some of the scope elements for the project. This included construction of three large picnic shelters, parking, pathways, and shoreline plantings</p> <p>Since they started the work before executing a project agreement with RCO, they could not use those costs as match. As a result, the Tribe did not have enough matching resources to complete the full scope of work and asked for approval to remove the restroom building from the project. In addition, the Tribe experienced some staffing issues.</p> <p>In April, the tribal council determined that the restroom is an essential element and set aside the match required for this much-needed amenity. If approved, this extension will give them time to construct the restroom and complete the final elements, which include additional pathways and landscaping.</p>

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
10-1306 Acquisition	Cape Disappointment - Seaview Dunes Acquisition	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – State Parks Category	\$893,729 (40%)	6/30/2015	12 months (6/30/2016)	<p>For many years, State Parks has been acquiring lands in the Seaview Dunes area on the Long Beach peninsula to protect the visual integrity and habitat of the dunes and beach.</p> <p>State Parks has purchased a 15-acre parcel and is working to acquire two more properties. The first is the NACO West RV Resort, which is owned by an umbrella corporation. State Parks has been trying to contact the corporation for quite some time with no response. They have recently learned the company had been in merger talks and finally sold. Now the merged company can work with State Parks to sell their accretions in front of the RV resort. In addition, State Parks is working with another individual who wants to sell to State Parks to make sure the property is protected in perpetuity.</p> <p>An extension gives State Parks the time needed to complete the appraisals and reviews, negotiations and closing on these two properties.</p>

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
10-1383 Development and Restoration	Lake Sammamish Beach Renovation and Boardwalk	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Water Access Category and State Parks Category	\$1,609,991 (74%)	6/30/2016	12 months (12/31/2016)	<p>The State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks) completed the boardwalk construction and the design for the Sunset Beach improvements at Lake Sammamish State Park.</p> <p>The environmental permitting for Sunset Beach took longer than expected and State Parks was recently informed that work can only take place during one fish window in July. They previously thought a November work window was available, but due to the possible presence of Sockeye salmon, that is no longer an option. State Parks is requesting an extension to allow for construction in summer of 2016 because it is too late to finish the bid documents and get a contract in place for construction in July of this year.</p> <p>Plans are to finalize plans and specs by fall 2015 so the project can go out to bid in early 2016 for construction in summer 2016.</p>

United States Forest Service: Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
11-1074 Planning	Calawah ATV Trail Planning	NOVA – ORV category	\$15,724 (31%)	6/30/2015	18 months (12/31/2016)	<p>The US Forest Service (USFS) has undergone planning efforts to create ATV trails on the Forks Ranger District of Olympic National Forest. The original project proposed a modest 3-8 miles of ATV routes. Through the planning process, the trail system that USFS is now planning for is over 21 miles in length of dedicated ATV trails.</p> <p>The project has been delayed due to the loss of nearly every key environmental staff position necessary to carry out the project scope. Another large factor in the delay of the project is the complexities with establishing a trail system within Late Successional Reserves (old growth). The Forest Service has hired or is in the process of hiring new staff and expects to resume working on this proposal in September 2015. They need one more field season to complete field reviews followed by public input, analysis, and finalization of the plan and decision.</p> <p>USFS has also indicated that they do not currently have sufficient funding to complete the scope of work. They are seeking additional funding from internal sources and may seek a cost increase later should other funding sources not materialize or cover the full amount.</p>

Malaga-Colockum Community Council: Malaga Community Park

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
07-1974 Acquisition and Development	Malaga Community Park	Youth and Community Athletics Facilities New	\$14,035 (11%)	6/30/2015	6 months (12/31/2015)	<p>The Malaga-Colockum Community Council is building a baseball field that also will double as a soccer/football field, as well as provide parking and other amenities where none currently exist. To date, they have purchased one acre of land to expand the existing property to better accomodate the design. They have also built a gravel parking lot, a turning lane from the county road that provides access to the park, installed utilities and irrigation, and stormwater facilities.</p> <p>The Council is ready to hydro-seed and finish the field. However, due to a forecasted hot and dry summer, they want to delay hydro-seeding until the fall.</p> <p>Additional time will allow the Council to complete this project by the end of the year, when it will be made immediately available for public use.</p>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

Item **1C**

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 2015
Title: Service Recognition of Volunteers
Prepared By: Lorinda Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator

Summary

This action will recognize the years of service by agency and citizen volunteers on the advisory committees that the Recreation and Conservation Office uses to assist in its grant programs.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Background

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) relies on volunteers to help administer its grant programs. Volunteers provide a strategic balance and perspective on program issues. Their activities, experience, and knowledge help shape program policies that guide the agency in reviewing and evaluating projects and administering grants.

The following individuals have completed their terms of service or have otherwise bid farewell after providing valuable analysis and excellent program advice. Outdoor recreationists in Washington State will enjoy the results of their hard work and vision for years to come.

Staff applauds the volunteers' exceptional service and recommends approval of the resolutions in Attachment A via Resolution 2015-05: Consent Calendar.

Volunteer Lists by Committee

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Jason Filan	Recreation, (Kirkland Parks), Kirkland	8
Dona Wuthnow	Recreation, (San Juan County Parks), Friday Harbor	8
Chris Parsons	State Agency, (State Parks), Olympia	3

Boating Programs Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Michael Branstetter	Citizen, Seattle	7
Glen Jurges	Citizen, Bremerton	8
Lorena Landon	Citizen, Kirkland	7
Larry Crockett	Local Agency (Port of Port Townsend), Port Townsend	8
Tammy Fine	Local Agency (Port of Kennewick), Kennewick	8
Kathy Whitman	Local Agency, (Seattle Parks), Seattle	7

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Patricia Binder	Citizen, Port Angeles	11
Jim Sell	Citizen, Battle Ground	11

Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Paul Whitemarsh	Citizen, Pasco	7
Bruce Giddens	Local Agency (Clallam County Parks), Port Angeles	8
Scott Thomas	Local Agency (Covington Parks), Covington	7

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Mike Blankenship	Citizen, (ORV-ATV), Kettle Falls	9
Louise Caywood	Citizen, (Equestrian), Spanaway	8
Mark Levensky	Citizen, (Hiker), Seattle	6
Paul Dahmer	State Agency, (Fish and Wildlife), Olympia	12
Chris Parsons	State Agency, (State Parks), Olympia	3

Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
David McMains	Citizen, (ORV - 4 x 4), Moses Lake	8
John Keates	Local Government, (Mason County), Shelton	16
Kristen Kuykendall	State Agency, (Fish and Wildlife), Olympia	10

WWRP Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Fran Einterz	Citizen, Oak Harbor	8

WWRP State Lands Development and Renovation Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Sharon Sorby	Local Agency, (Pend Oreille County Weed Board), Newport	10

WWRP Trails Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Chris Parsons	State Agency (State Parks), Olympia	3

WWRP Water Access Advisory Committee

Name	Position	Years
Curtis Hancock	Local Agency (Tacoma Metro), Tacoma	11

Attachments

A. Individual Volunteer Service Resolutions



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Jason Filan

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Jason Filan served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Filan's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Filan.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Dona Wuthnow

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Dona Wuthnow served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Wuthnow's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Wuthnow.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Chris Parsons

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2012 through 2014, Chris Parsons served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Advisory Committee; the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Advisory Committee; and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Trails Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account projects, federal, local, and state agency Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities projects, and local and state agency Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Trail projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Parsons' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Parsons.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Michael Branstetter

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2014, Michael Branstetter served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Branstetter's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Branstetter.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Glen Jurges

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Glen Jurges served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Jurges' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Jurges.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Lorena Landon

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2014, Lorena Landon served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Landon's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Landon.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Larry Crockett

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Larry Crockett served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Crockett's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Crockett.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Tammy Fine

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Tammy Fine served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Fine's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Fine.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Kathy Whitman

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2014, Kathy Whitman served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Boating Programs (BP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency Boating Facilities Program and local, nonprofit, and private entity Boating Infrastructure Grant projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Whitman's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Whitman.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Patricia Binder

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2005 through 2015, Patricia Binder served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local agency and nonprofit organization projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Binder's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Binder.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Jim Sell

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2005 through 2015, Jim Sell served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local agency and nonprofit organization projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Sell's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sell.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Paul Whitemarsh

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2009 through 2015, Paul Whitemarsh served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Whitemarsh's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Whitemarsh.

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on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Bruce Giddens

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Bruce Giddens served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Giddens' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Giddens.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

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A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Scott Thomas

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2014, Scott Thomas served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Thomas' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Thomas.

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on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Mike Blankenship

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2006 through 2014, Mike Blankenship served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Blankenship's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Blankenship.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Louise Caywood

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Louise Caywood served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Caywood 's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Caywood.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Mark Levensky

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2009 through 2014, Mark Levensky served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Levensky's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Levensky.

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in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Paul Dahmer

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2003 through 2014, Paul Dahmer served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Dahmer's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Dahmer.

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Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

David McMains

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2007 through 2014, David McMains served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. McMains' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. McMains.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

John Keates

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 1998 through 2014, John Keates served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency and nonprofit organization projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Keates' dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Keates.

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in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Kristen Kuykendall

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2005 through 2015, Kristen Kuykendall served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of federal, local and state agency and nonprofit organization projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Kuykendall's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Kuykendall.

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in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Fran Einterz

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2008 through 2015, Fran Einterz served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Farmland Preservation (FP) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local agency and nonprofit organization projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Einterz's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Einterz.

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in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Sharon Sorby

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2006 through 2015, Sharon Sorby served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State Lands Development and Renovation (SLD) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Sorby's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Sorby.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Curtis Hancock

To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from 2004 through 2014, Curtis Hancock served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Recreation and Conservation Office by participating on the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Water Access (WA) Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and the evaluation of local and state agency projects for funding;

WHEREAS, members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Hancock's dedication and excellence in performing these services, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hancock.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on June 24, 2015

Harriet Spanel, Chair

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Director's Report

Summary

This memo is the director's report on key agency activities.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☐ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☒ Briefing

In this Report

- Agency update
- Policy and Legislative update
- Grant management report
- Performance report
- Fiscal report

Agency Update

Agency Boating Committee Launches 2015 Work Plan

Staff from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) met with the Agency Boating Committee in March 2015 to develop a work plan for the current year. The plan includes reviewing and updating the <http://boat.wa.gov/> website, developing a handout about state services and programs that benefit recreational boaters, identifying data sharing needs related to recreational boating, discussing how to engage with the recreational paddlers, and developing guidelines on the design of overwater structures. RCO, the State Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and Licensing formed the Agency Boating Committee in 2008 to better coordinate state-sponsored boating programs.

E-billing Launches Successfully

RCO launched the new electronic billing process on March 31, ending the era of paper bills. As of June 5, RCO has received 451 invoices and paid 375. The new electronic process is going quicker than projected. All invoices have been paid within 30 days of receipt. To prepare for the transition, RCO's fiscal staff trained 244 people and had 18 testing session. E-billing is expected to increase efficiency and transparency. With paper bills, sponsors could not tell what edits had been made to their bills and they often didn't understand the billing process. Staff also had challenges, including having to walk around the office to find bills. The new system will show edits before sponsors submit bills, will eliminate the need for scanning and filing, and will give staff and sponsors access to bills at any time.

The Cost of Public Lands Study

In the 2013-15 capital budget, the Legislature directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to study public recreation and habitat lands, including a look at the characteristics and costs of recent acquisitions, evaluation of the cost and benefit measures for these lands, and examination of the potential effects of these lands on county economic vitality. RCO Director Kaleen Cottingham reported on the [initial portion of this study](#) in April. In the second portion of the study, [economic impact of public lands](#), JLARC reported that, in general, the percentage of public lands in a county did not negatively affect county economic growth during a 20-year period (1990-2010). The economists also noted that lands primarily managed for conservation, habitat, or passive recreation (e.g., wildlife viewing) can increase income and job growth slightly. The study also noted that while the overall percentage of public lands within counties does not appear to negatively affect county economies, specific sites may impact local jobs and business output. This is driven largely by how the land is used, regardless of ownership. These findings are consistent with recent academic research about the impact of public lands.

Staff Analyzing New Super Circular Guiding Federal Grants

The new Super Circular, more commonly referred to as the Omni-Circular, is a collection of uniform requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements that govern federal funding awards. The circular revises and updates many of rules and combines eight different circulars into one. The circular changes apply to any federal awards received after December 26, 2014. RCO accounting staff have been reviewing the circular and identifying changes needed to RCO procedures. The circular was presented and discussed with RCO staff in February and a group has been pulled together to discuss the gaps, options, and a path forward. Coming in compliance with these new requirements will be time consuming for staff.

IT Strategic Plan

RCO and the Puget Sound Partnership share some back-office functions, including information technology (IT) support and staff. Earlier this year, the two agencies completed a joint IT strategic planning process, including a detailed look at each agency's business needs, IT systems and infrastructure, and information gathered from surveys and meetings with staff. In January, the final report was presented and the deputy directors are working to implement several of the recommendations including reviewing staffing, examining the possibility of migrating to a hosted cloud platform, and developing a joint IT governance process. In May and June RCO's deputy director and chief information officer have been discussing the outcomes of the plan with each agency section.

Tacoma's Water Flume Line Trail Opens

Karl Jacobs was one of 50 people who attended the ribbon cutting for the Water Flume Line Trail in Tacoma on April 29. The dedication was followed by a short bike ride and walk on the new, 10-foot-wide paved, non-motorized, multi-use trail in south Tacoma. The completed phase is about 3 miles long and runs from South 47th Street near South Park to South Tacoma Way near Oak Tree Park. The trail passes through a dense residential area and near two elementary schools. Most of the construction was completed with other funds, but RCO's \$115,800 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant allowed the City to complete construction and install benches, bollards, crosswalk striping, landscaping, pavement markings, and trail markers. This trail was originally part of a 110-year-old trail system that crossed Tacoma paralleling the old water ditch and




flume that carried water to the city. Remaining project phases will restore the entire 6.5-mile trail, providing the only trail linking south Tacoma with downtown Tacoma.

Staff Share their Knowledge Nationwide

- **Marguerite Austin** gave a presentation on RCO grants to the more than 30 people participating in the Yakima County Regional Funders' Forum in March. The event, hosted by the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, was held in the Yakima Valley Historical Museum. Federal, state, and local funding agencies shared information about grant and loan programs that support renovation and development of infrastructure. Participants also were given the opportunity to meet one-on-one with funders to have more specific project discussions. Marguerite spent most of the afternoon discussing proposed projects with Selah, Wapato, and the Yakima Greenway Foundation.
- **Leslie Connelly** attended the National Outdoor Recreation Conference in Annapolis, MD. She made a presentation on "The Recreation Economy in Washington State." She gave an overview of the *Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and the *Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State*.
- **Greg Tudor** gave a presentation about building the first geographic information systems (GIS)-based public lands inventory for Washington at a national conference hosted by Esri, an international company that develops GIS.
- **Adam Cole, Cindy Gower, Kyle Guzlas, Karl Jacobs, and Marguerite Austin** attended the Washington Recreation and Park Association Conference in Tacoma in April. The association and the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington State's first independent park district, hosted the 3-day meeting, which provided an opportunity for park and recreational professionals to discuss ways to better connect people with recreational opportunities. The 500 attendees at this conference participated in sessions on resource management and park planning, recreational programming, professional development, and business administration. Several sessions offered opportunities for people to learn more about designing and building accessible facilities for all ages and abilities.
- **Adam Cole, Dan Haws, Karl Jacobs, and Darrell Jennings** attended the 2015 International Trails Symposium in Portland, OR, in May. The symposium was hosted by the American Trails Association and had dozens of educational sessions and mobile workshops addressing every aspect of trails, greenways, and blueways. Washington's Office of the Chief Information Officer presented a session on Washington State's first generation statewide GIS trails map (funded through RCO's Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities grant program).
- **Darrell Jennings** attended the National State Trails Administrators Meeting in Portland, OR in May. This 2-day meeting, sponsored by the National Association of State Trails Administrators and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provided an opportunity for meaningful dialog about the Recreational Trails Program. Darrell met with other state trails administrators from around the country and discussed program policies, funding, and FHWA's plans for implementing the new Super-Circular, which governs federal funding awards. The most popular session at the meeting was "Stump the Feds" where participants had the opportunity to discuss their most challenging program issues with the folks that run the program for FHWA.
- **Marguerite Austin** presented an overview of RCO and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) at a work session in Cle Elum for the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The presentation focused on what the board funds, its grant programs, grants awarded to State Parks over the years, and the long-term compliance responsibilities for funded sites. The board has awarded more than \$190 million in grants for over 500 State Parks projects. The Commissioners were very interested in their partnership with the board and RCO and asked for a copy of the presentation for future reference.

Meetings with Partners

- **Earth Day** – RCO commemorated Earth Day this year, on its 45th anniversary, by attending the dedication of the new education and interpretive area at the Department of Natural Resources' Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area near Olympia. The facility was funded with \$878,900 from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and \$716,678 from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.
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- **Boating Stakeholders:** The RCO director met with representatives of the Washington Boating Alliance, Recreational Boating Association of Washington, and Northwest Marine Trade Association to discuss current legislation, the budget, and the gas tax lid-lift. Updates were provided on the recent Boating Infrastructure Grant awards and future plans for the Washington Water Cruiser App. The meeting also included discussions regarding the draft Boating Grant Programs Plan and general feedback supporting the draft plan.
 - **Washington Recreation and Parks Association:** The RCO director met with representatives from the association to discuss legislation, the budget, and funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. An update was provided on the draft Boating Grant Programs, the draft policies and criteria for the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program, the recent survey results from grant applicants and how we plan to respond to the feedback, and the state trails coalition's request for proposals for a host city for the 2016 conference.
 - **Ruckelshaus Center:** The RCO director met with staff from the Ruckelshaus Center, which is a consortium of interests at both the University of Washington and Washington State University focused on resolving big policy issues. They are interested in potentially picking up a recommendation from the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation to unify access permits for all state and federal recreation. Discussions centered on the issues and players, and what they are doing to decide whether this is a suitable project for them to take on.

Update on Sister Boards

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

- **Salmon Recovery Conference:** The 2015 Salmon Recovery Conference was held on May 27-29 in Vancouver, co-hosted by the SRFB, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Long Live the Kings. The conference sold out, breaking all previous attendance records with more than 760 attendees. This year's conference invited Oregon salmon recovery folks and focused on what has worked in salmon recovery, what could work better, and how to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of projects, habitat restoration, and hatchery reform in Washington and the Pacific Northwest.
- **Monitoring Videos:** A series of monitoring videos were produced to help decision-makers and salmon recovery partners gain a better understanding of the SRFB's monitoring program. The videos are: [Finding the Salmon Signal](#), [Effectiveness Monitoring](#), [Intensively Monitored Watersheds](#), and [Salmon Cycles: Fish In – Fish Out](#).

Washington Invasive Species Council

- **Clean, Drain, Dry: Invasive Species Message at Boat Launches near You:** In April, council staff painted the message “Clean, Drain, Dry” to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species at the Kenmore Lake Washington boat launch. This was a collaborative project with the Departments of Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and Transportation. The project was a success and additional painting will be done at more boat launches this season.
- **Federal Funding for Aquatic Invasive Species:** The Legislature sent a memorial to Congress requesting federal support for aquatic invasive species prevention. Specifically, the memorial requested Congressional appropriation of Water Resource Reform and Development Act funds for zebra and quagga mussel prevention activities in the Columbia River basin. With the passage of this memorial and significant regional outreach from council members and partners, this appropriation was included in the House and Senate budgets.
- **Invasives in SEPA:** The Department of Ecology has added invasive species language to the State Environmental Protection Act’s Environmental Checklist. The council had urged Ecology to do so for several years and were very pleased that Ecology took the opportunity to incorporate consideration of invasive species.



Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

The Lands group met in March and discussed the JLARC report on public lands. The Lands group will form a small group of agency representatives to modify the information presented in the upcoming State Land Acquisition Coordinating Forum to better address some of the committee’s recommendations.

Legislative Update

On Capitol Hill

Following the 2015 regular legislative session, Governor Jay Inslee called legislators into a special session, lasting from April 29 to May 28, and a second special session on May 29. Before adjourning during the regular session, the Legislature did pass RCO’s request bill changing the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program’s administrative rate. It was signed by the Governor on May 7th (see picture on right).



Another bill of note that passed is Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5843, which establishes the outdoor recreation policy lead position in the Governor’s Office. This bill also funds the No Child Left Inside grant program at \$1 million for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to administer.

Grant Management Report

RCO Opens Recreation Grant Round

Grants are being accepted now through July 1 for the [Youth Athletic Facilities \(YAF\)](#) Program. YAF funds the purchase of land and renovation of outdoor athletic facilities such as ball fields, sport courts, swimming pools, and other facilities used for competitive sports. The program focuses on serving people through the age of 18 who participate in sports and athletics. Eligible applicants include only those who

submitted a Letter of Intent in August. Although RCO does not know how much money will be available, the proposed capital budgets for both the House and the Senate include funding (ranging from \$3 million to \$10 million) for this grant program.

Pre-applications for Tier 2 [Boating Infrastructure Grant \(BIG\)](#) projects were due May 15 (see Item 7). BIG grants allow applicants to develop and renovate boating facilities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Each year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) accepts applications for funding under the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. This year, USFWS expects to distribute nearly \$12 million to projects submitted by September for this national competition.

Project Administration

Staff currently administers outdoor recreation and habitat conservation projects as summarized in the table below. Active projects are under agreement. Staff are working with sponsors to place the "Director Approved" projects under agreement, which are alternates on the approved funding list that receive return funds and become active.

Program	Active Projects	Board Funded Projects	Director Approved Projects	Total Funded Projects
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	11	0	1	12
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	22	0	0	22
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)	2	0	1	3
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	7	0	0	7
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	2	0	3	5
Marine Shoreline Protection (MSP)	2	0	0	2
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	85	0	0	85
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	56	0	0	56
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	116	0	1	117
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	3	0	0	3
Total	306	0	6	312

In addition, staff is securing the materials needed to issue agreements for funded projects after legislative approval of the 2015-17 State Capital Budget and board approval of the ranked lists and grant awards for 2014 projects. Staff has several hundred completed projects that they monitor for long-term compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Fiscal Report

The following financial reports reflect Recreation and Conservation Funding Board activities as of May 22, 2015. You will see:

- The budget status of board activities by program.
- The budget status of the entire agency by board.
- Revenue collections. We are on track to meet our projections.
- A Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) summary and history of committed and expenditures. Since 1990, \$651 million have been spent in WWRP.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Activities by Program

For July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015, actuals through May 23, 2015 Fiscal Month 23. Percentage of biennium reported: 95.8 percent.

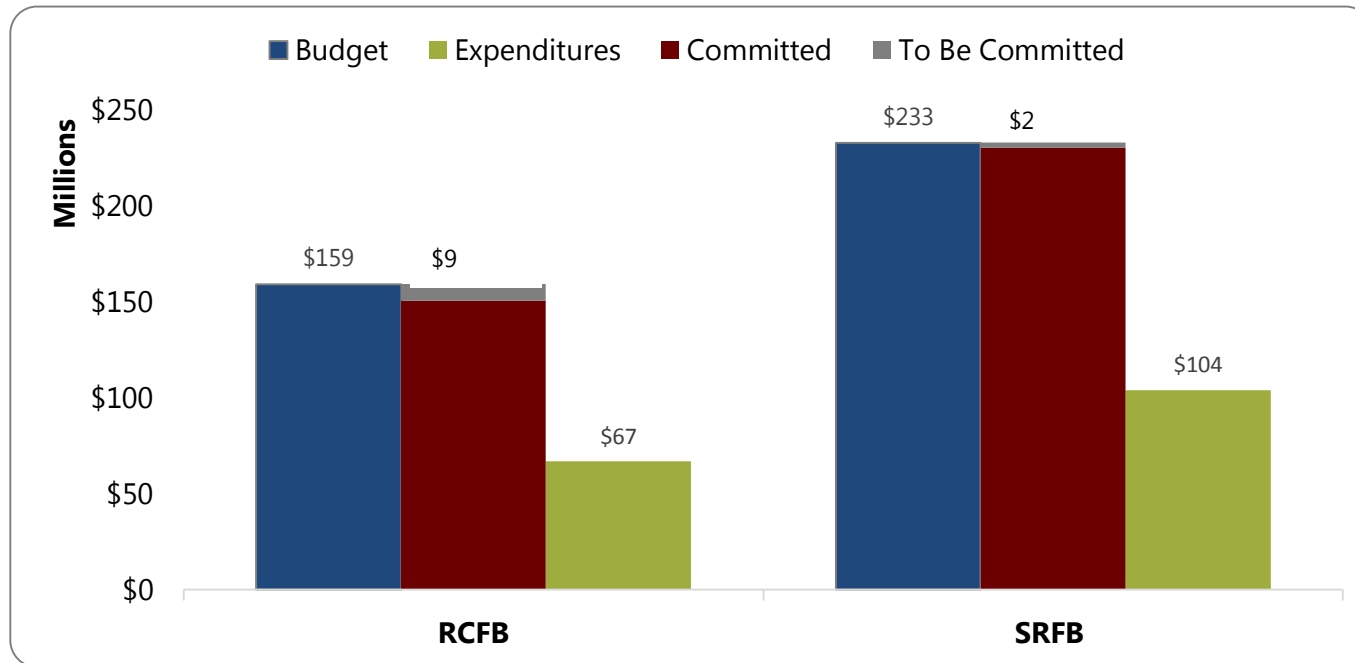
Grant Programs	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	New and Re-appropriation 2013-2015	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% Expended of Committed
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)							
WWRP Re-appropriations	\$43,402,789	\$36,439,988	84%	\$6,962,801	16%	\$15,342,692	42%
WWRP New 13-15 Funds	\$63,050,000	\$62,122,481	99%	\$927,519	1%	\$21,671,027	35%
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)							
BFP Re-appropriations	\$4,767,400	\$4,564,758	96%	\$202,642	4%	\$3,149,620	69%
BFP New 13-15 Funds	\$6,363,000	\$6,318,492	99%	\$44,508	1%	\$2,705,308	43%
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)							
NOVA Re-appropriations	\$3,912,066	\$3,773,273	96%	\$138,794	4%	\$2,766,903	73%
NOVA New 13-15 Funds	\$8,075,900	\$8,075,900	100%	\$0	0%	\$4,206,785	52%
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)							
LWCF Re-appropriations	\$807,276	\$807,276	100%	\$0	0%	\$752,042	93%
LWCF New 13-15 Funds	\$1,713,150	\$1,713,150	100%	\$0	0%	\$250,000	15%
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)							
ALEA Re-appropriations	\$3,160,577	\$3,094,588	98%	\$65,989	2%	\$2,125,188	69%
ALEA New 13-15 Funds	\$6,000,000	\$5,929,963	99%	\$70,037	1%	\$2,880,071	49%
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)							
RTP Re-appropriations	\$1,550,604	\$1,544,655	99.6%	\$5,949	0.4%	\$1,140,613	74%
RTP New 13-15 Funds	\$3,415,822	\$3,410,447	99.8%	\$5,375	0.2%	\$1,290,248	38%
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)							
YAF Re-appropriations	\$395,675	\$193,559	49%	\$202,116	51%	\$163,290	84%
YAF New 13-15 Funds	\$3,480,444	\$3,480,444	100%	\$0	0%	\$2,440,769	70%
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)							
FARR Re-appropriations	\$389,563	\$389,563	100%	\$0	0%	\$183,813	47%
FARR New 13-15 Funds	\$800,000	\$799,112	99.1%	\$888	0.1%	\$511,149	64%
Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)							
BIG Re-appropriations	\$495,104	\$495,104	100%	\$0	0%	\$183,515	37%
BIG New 13-15 Funds	\$0	\$0	100%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
Marine Shoreline Protection (MSP)							
MSP New 13-15 Funds	\$1,431,329	\$1,431,329	100%	\$0	0%	\$231,239	16%
Sub Total Grant Programs	\$153,210,700	\$144,584,081	94%	\$8,626,618	6%	61,994,362	43%
Administration							
General Operating Funds	\$6,121,924	6,121,924	100.0%	0	0%	4,820,609	79%
Grant / Administration Total	159,332,624	150,706,005	95%	\$8,626,618	5%	66,814,971	44%

Note: The budget column shows the state appropriations and any received federal awards.

2013-15 Capital and Operating Budget Status for the Recreation and Conservation Office

For July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015, actuals through May 22, 2015 Fiscal Month 23. Percentage of biennium reported: 95.8 percent.

Board/Program	New	Re-appropriation	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
			New and Re-appropriation 2013-2015	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Committed
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board	\$97,170,920	\$62,161,704	\$159,332,624	\$150,706,005	95%	\$8,626,618	5%	\$66,814,971	44%
Salmon Recovery Funding Board	\$89,156,611	\$143,825,895	\$232,982,506	\$230,558,870	99%	\$2,423,637	1%	\$104,018,228	45%
Governor's Salmon Recovery Office	\$885,380	\$0	\$885,380	\$885,380	100%	\$0	0%	\$706,451	80%
Invasive Species Council	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	100%	\$0	0%	\$180,377	90%
Total	\$187,412,911	\$205,987,599	\$393,400,510	\$382,350,255	97%	\$11,050,256	3%	\$171,720,028	45%



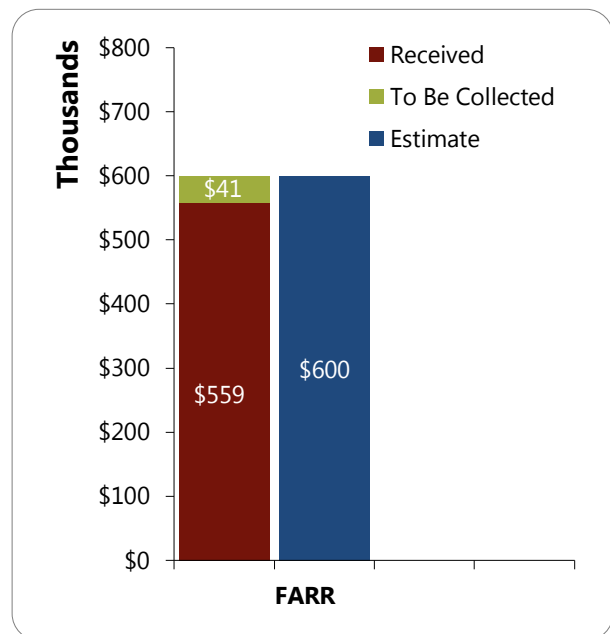
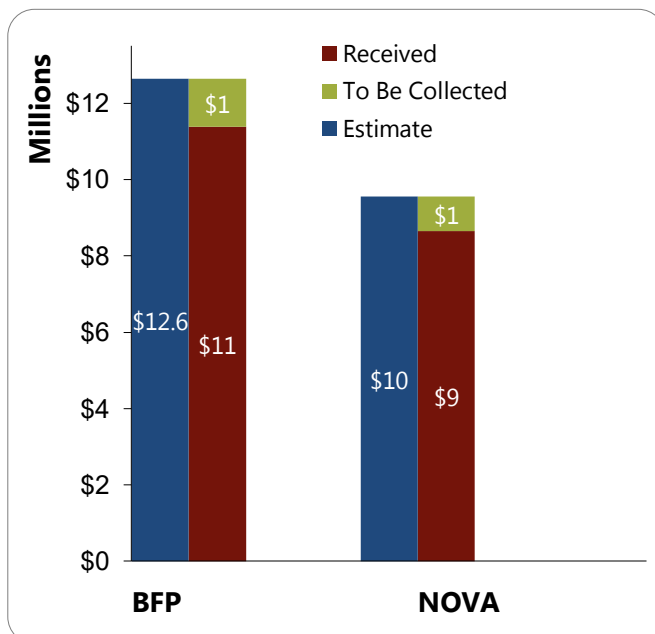
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Revenue Report

For July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015, actuals through April 30, 2015 Fiscal Month 22. Percentage of biennium reported: 91.7 percent.

PROGRAM	BIENNIAL FORECAST	COLLECTIONS	
	Estimate	Actual	% of Estimate
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	\$12,650,607	\$11,388,253	90.0%
Nonhighway, Off-Road Vehicle Program (NOVA)	\$9,552,677	\$8,650,664	90.6%
Firearms and Archery Range Rec Program (FARR)	\$600,000	\$558,501	93.1%
Total	\$22,803,284	\$20,597,418	90.3%

Revenue Notes:

- BFP revenue is from marine gasoline taxes that were not refunded.
- NOVA revenue is from the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by users of off-road vehicles and non-highway roads and from the amount paid for by ORV use permits.
- FARR revenue is from \$3 for each concealed pistol license fee.
- This reflects the most recent revenue forecast of March 2015. The next forecast is due in June.



Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) Biennial Appropriations Summary

Biennium	Appropriation
89-91 Biennium	\$53,000,000
91-93 Biennium	\$61,150,000
93-95 Biennium	\$65,000,000
95-97 Biennium ¹	\$43,760,000
97-99 Biennium	\$45,000,000
99-01 Biennium	\$48,000,000
01-03 Biennium	\$45,000,000
03-05 Biennium	\$45,000,000
05-07 Biennium ²	\$48,500,000
07-09 Biennium ³	\$95,491,955
09-11 Biennium ⁴	\$67,344,750
11-13 Biennium ⁵	\$40,740,000
13-15 Biennium ⁶	\$63,050,000
Total	\$721,036,705

Notes:

¹Original appropriation was \$45 million.

²Entire appropriation was \$50 million; 3 percent (\$1.5 million) went to administration.

³Entire appropriation was \$100 million; 3 percent (\$3 million) went to administration, \$981,000 was removed by 2010 Supplemental Capital Budget, and \$527,045 was removed by the 2011 Supplemental Capital Budget.

⁴Entire appropriation was \$70 million; 3 percent (\$2.1 million) went to administration, \$555,250 was removed by the 2011 Supplemental Capital Budget.

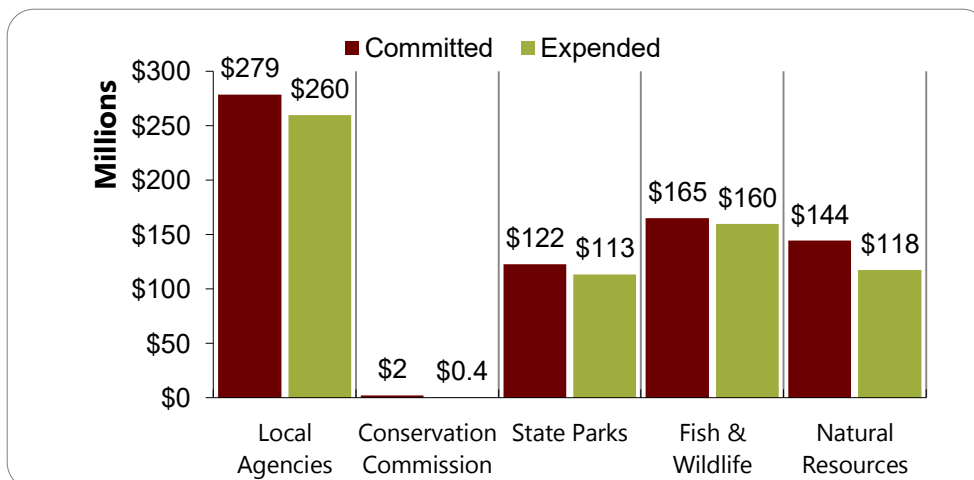
⁵Entire appropriation was \$42 million; 3 percent (\$1.26 million) went to administration.

⁶Entire appropriation was \$65 million; 3 percent (\$1.95 million) went to administration.

WWRP Expenditure Rate, by Agency or Organization

Agency	Committed	Expenditures	Percent Expended
Local Agencies	\$278,526,236	\$259,920,369	93%
Conservation Commission	\$2,084,232	\$378,559	18%
State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$122,400,769	\$113,132,296	92%
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$165,226,581	\$159,806,469	97%
Department of Natural Resources	\$144,173,556	\$117,583,272	82%
Riparian Habitat Administration	\$185,046	\$185,046	100%
Land Inventory	\$549,965	\$549,965	100%
Subtotal Committed	\$713,146,385	\$651,555,976	91%








History of Committed and Expended WWRP Grants



Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2015

The following performance data are for recreation and conservation projects in fiscal year 2015. Data are current as of May 26, 2015.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Fiscal year-to-date	Status	Notes
Percent of Projects Issued Agreement within 120 Days of Board Funding	85-95%	88%		A total of 42 projects were scheduled to come under agreement this fiscal year. Thirty-seven agreements were issued within 120 days.
Percent of Projects Under Agreement within 180 Days of Board Funding	95%	78%		A total of 46 projects were scheduled to be under agreement so far this fiscal year. Thirty-six agreements were issued within 180 days.
Percent of Progress Reports Responded to On Time	65-75%	83%		To date, a total of 415 progress reports have been due this fiscal year. Of these, 343 were responded to within 15 days or less.
Percent of Bills Paid within 30 days	100%	84%		To date, a total of 726 bills have come due this fiscal year. Of these, 610 were paid within 30 days.
Percent of Projects Closed on Time	60-70%	56%		Fifty-eight of the 104 total projects closed on time.
Number of Projects in Project Backlog	0	13		Staff continue to work with sponsors to get the proper documentation to close backlog projects.
Number of Post-Completion Inspections	No target set	71	N/A	
Percent of Project Sponsors Submitting Annual Bill	100%	85%		Of the 279 active recreation and conservation projects, 237 have submitted a bill this fiscal year. The remaining sponsors have until June 30 to submit a bill.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24-25, 2015
Title: Follow-up From April 2015 Board Retreat:
Review Performance Measures from Strategic Plan
Prepared By: Scott Robinson, Deputy Director

Summary

Attached is an overview of the key performance measures, with outputs, for the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). Attachment A relates the board's entire portfolio of grant programs. Attachment B are those performance measure specifically called out in the board strategic plan adopted June 27, 2012. The key performance measures provide a basis for discussion to determine if the board believes these are the correct measures to be tracking in order to meet its established goals. Attachment C is a portfolio for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program only.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
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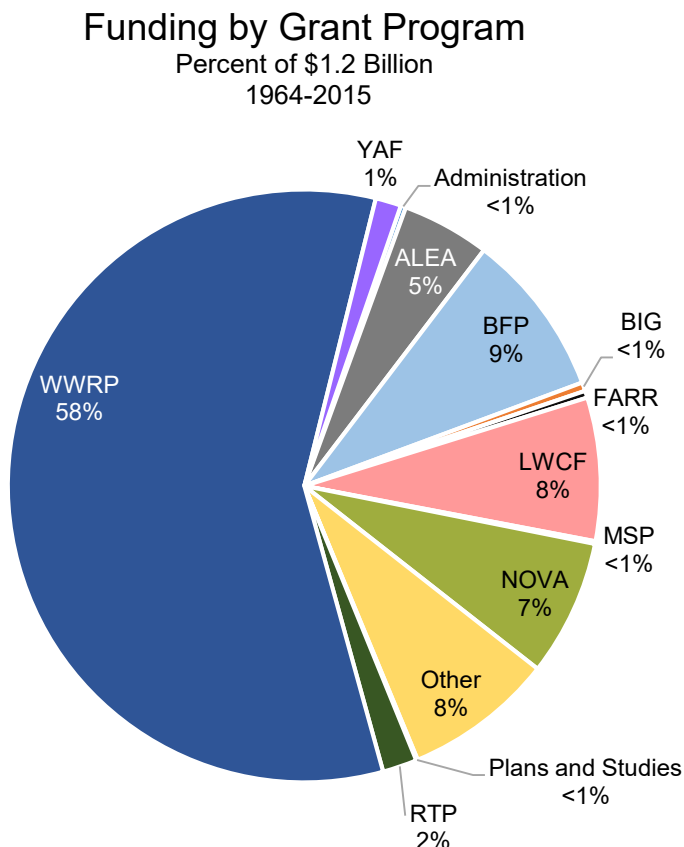
Attachments

- A. Portfolio of All Grant Programs
- B. Performance Measures
- C. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Portfolio

Portfolio and Performance Measures



Funding by Grant Program



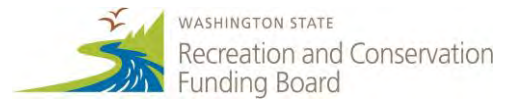
ACRONYMS

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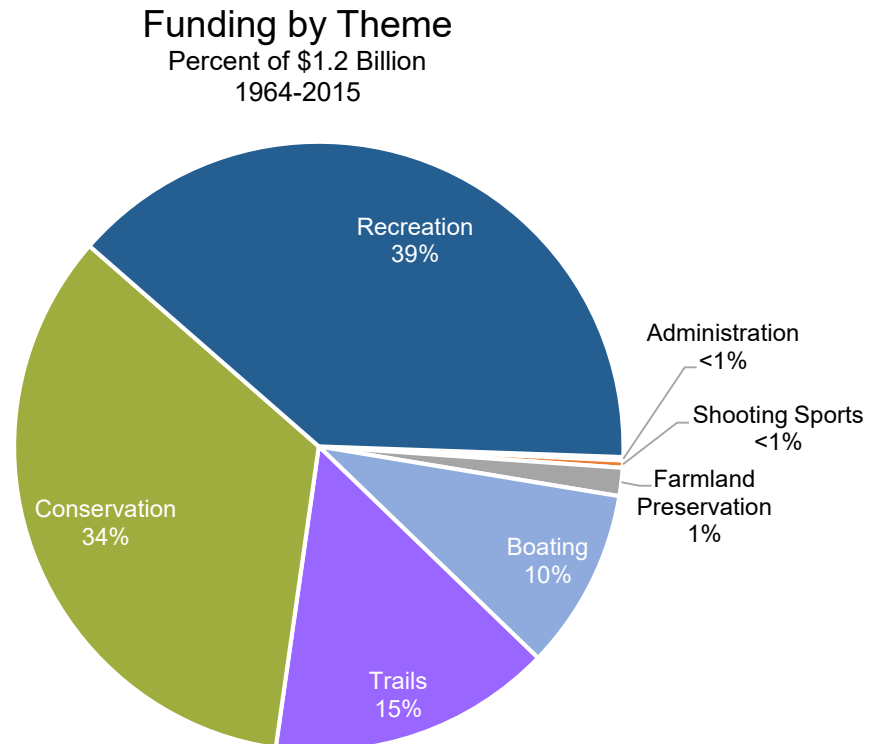
NOTES

- ADMINISTRATION includes funding for information technology, communications and graphic services, interns, and consultants.
- OTHER includes funding through bonds and federal allocations such as the Housing and Urban Development grants.
- Funding does not include grant recipient match or RCO's administrative fee.

Portfolio and Performance Measures



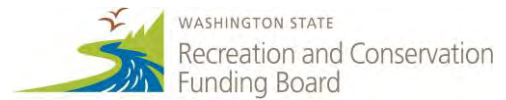
Funding By Theme



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- CONSERVATION includes ALEA.
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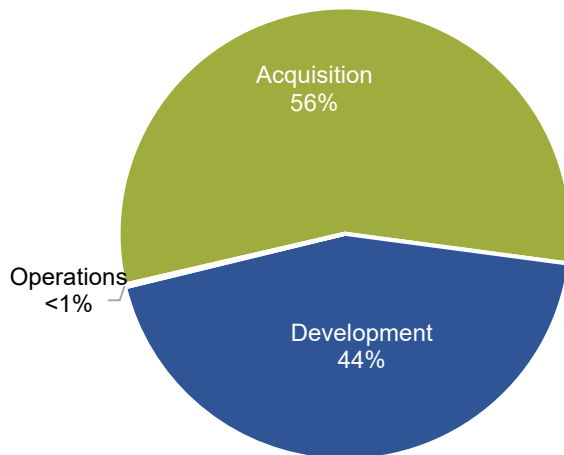
Portfolio and Performance Measures



Theme Breakdown

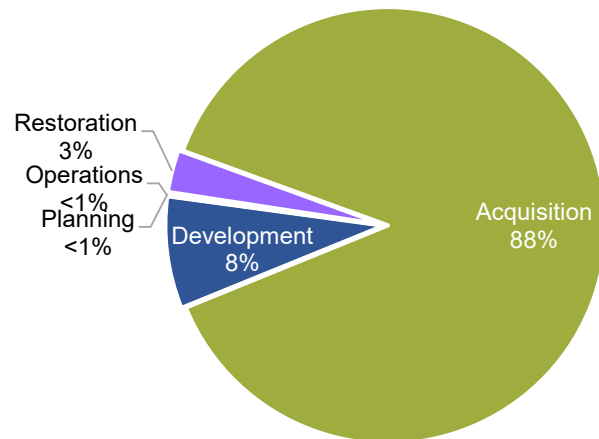
Types of Recreation Projects

Percent of \$480 Million
(1964-2015)



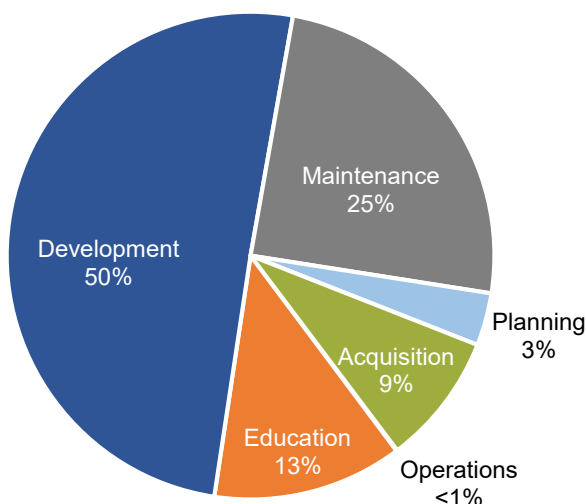
Types of Conservation Projects

Percent of \$419 Million
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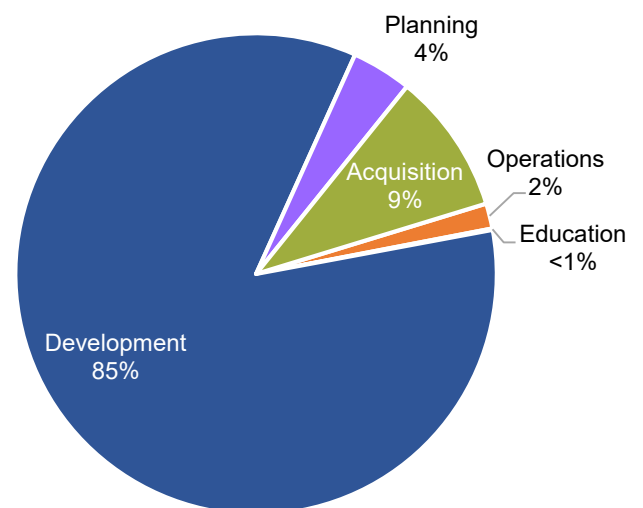
Types of Trail Projects

Percent of \$184 Million
(1964-2015)



Types of Boating Projects

Percent of \$117 Million
(1964-2015)



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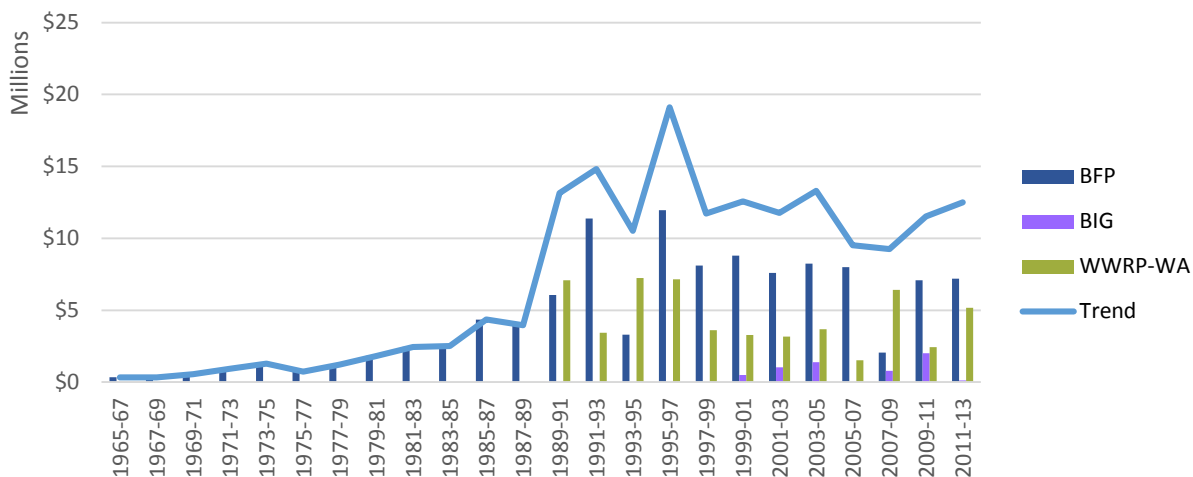
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Portfolio and Performance Measures

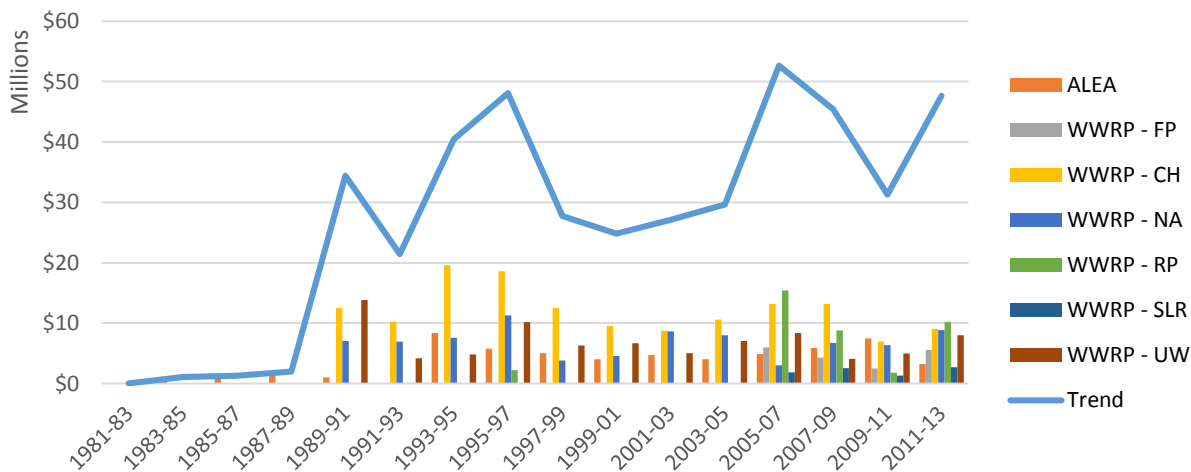


Funding Trends

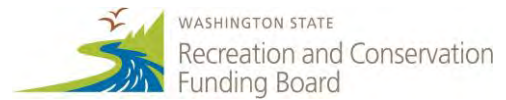
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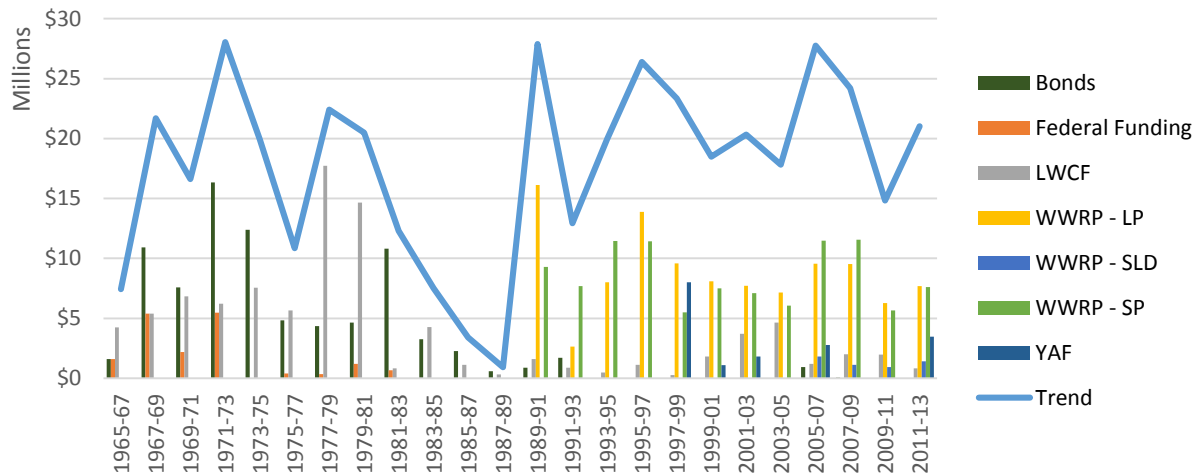
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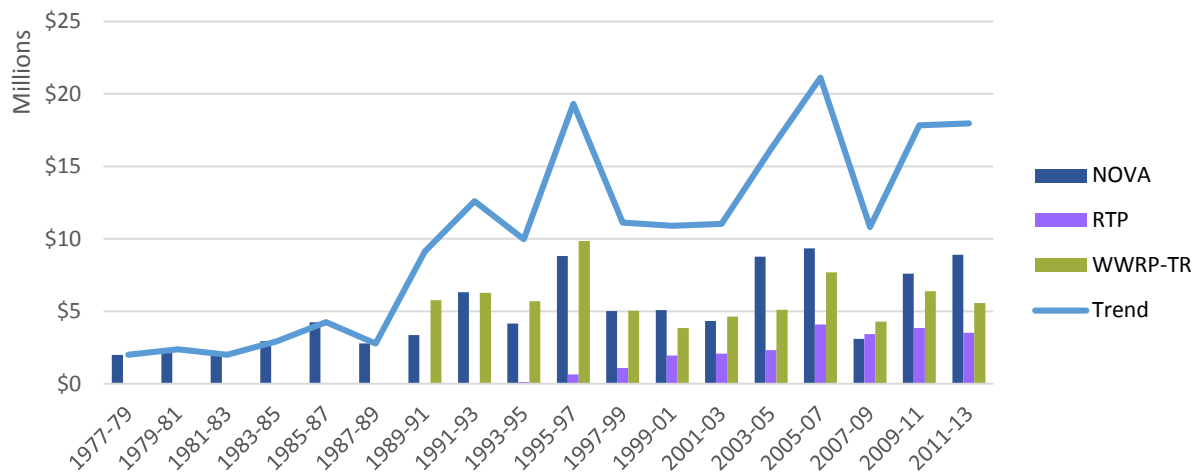
Portfolio and Performance Measures



Recreation Funding Trends



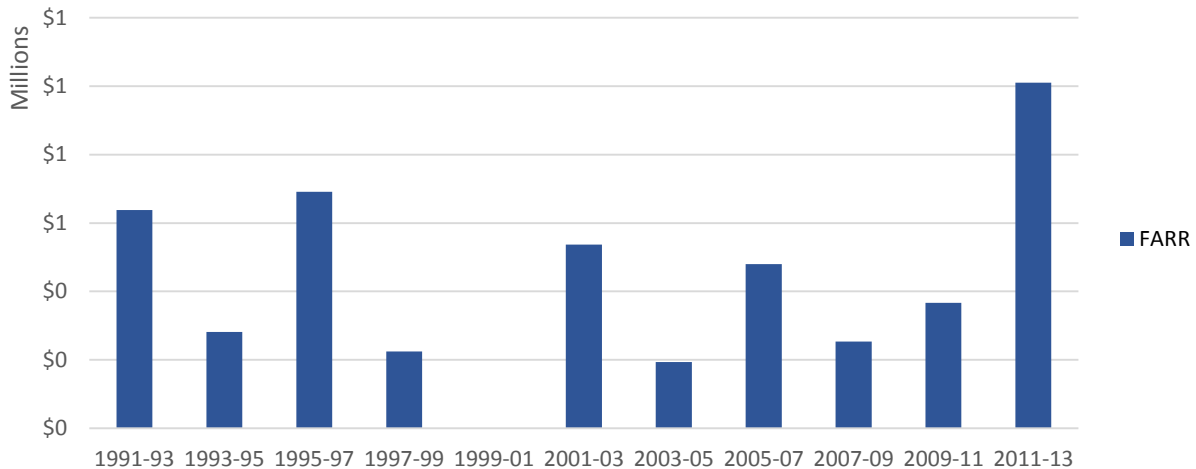
Trails Funding Trends



Portfolio and Performance Measures



Shooting Sports Funding Trends



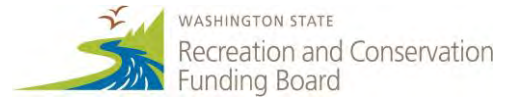
ACRONYMS

In WWRP, CH=Critical Habitat, FP=Farmland Preservation, LP=Local Parks, NA=Natural Areas, RP=Riparian Protection, SLD=State Lands Development and Renovation, SLR=State Lands Restoration and Enhancement, SP=State Parks, TR=Trails, WA=Water Access, UW=Urban Wildlife

NOTE

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RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures



Goal: We help our partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation Opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems.

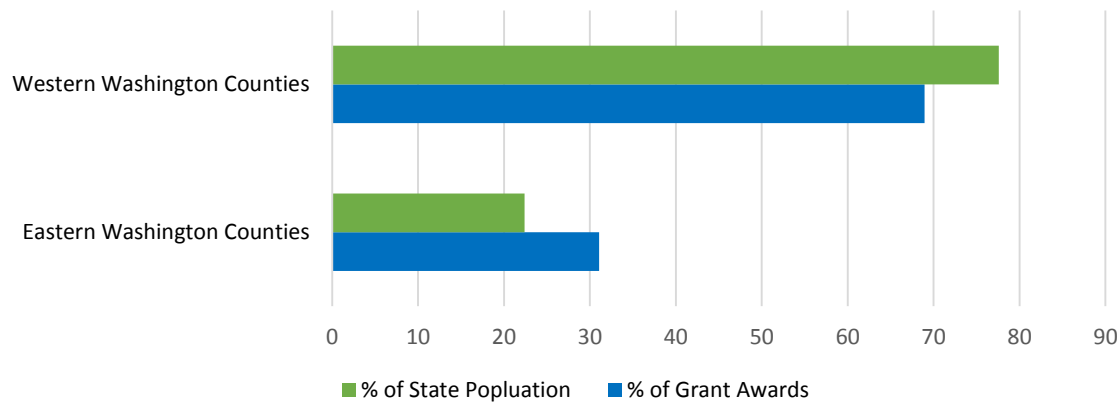
Is the board creating opportunities for recreation?

Measure: Projects Funded by Type and Location

For projects funded by type, see earlier pie chart of "Funding by Theme."

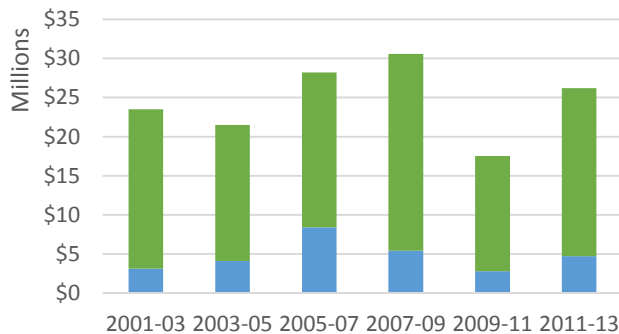
Funding by Location

Percent of \$1.2 Billion
1964-2015



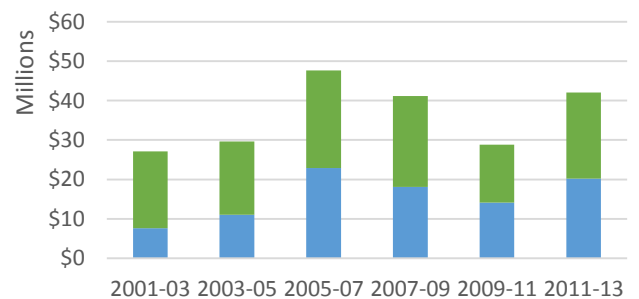
Recreation Funding by Location

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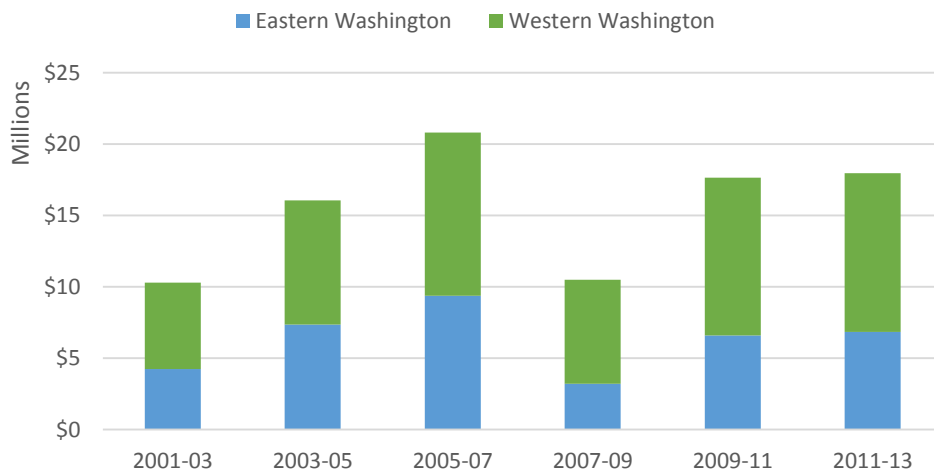
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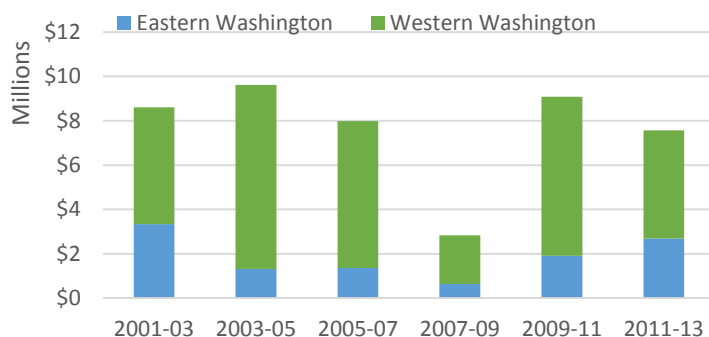


RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

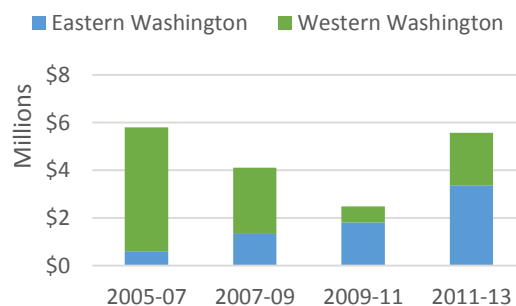
Trail Funding by Location



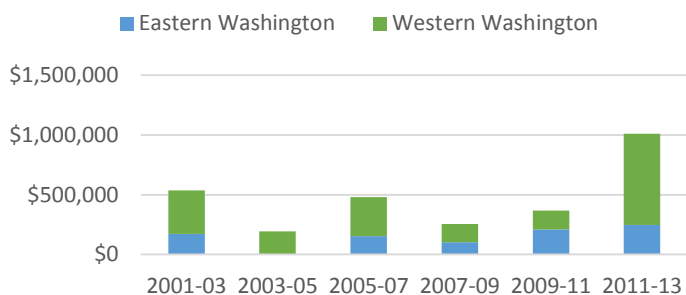
Boating Funding by Location



Farmland Preservation Funding by Location



Shooting Sports Funding by Location



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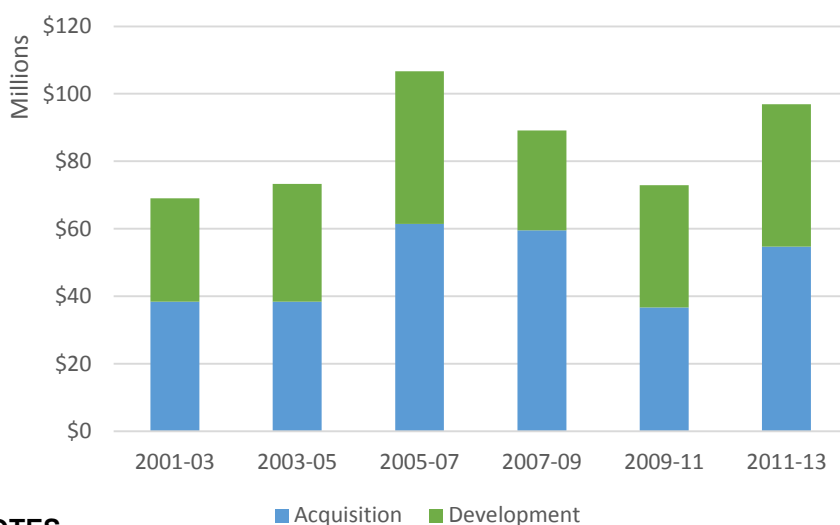
- ... Charts do not include statewide projects.
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RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Is the board protecting natural systems and landscapes?

Measure: Areas protected through acquisition or restored.

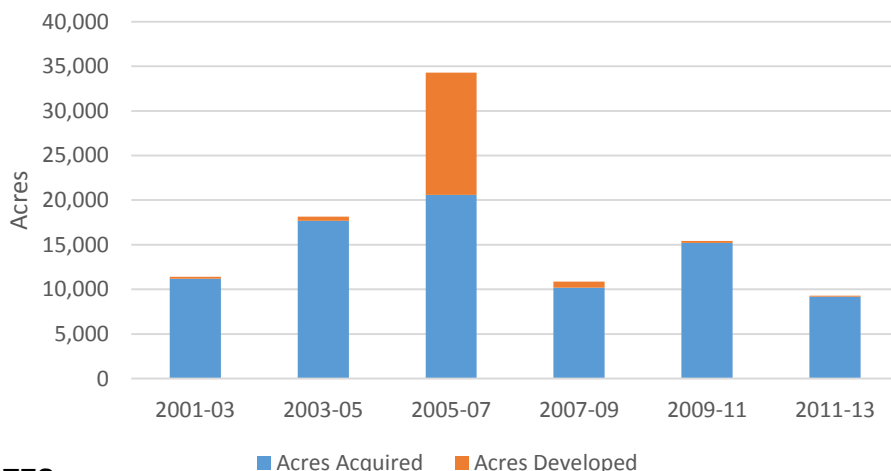
Acquisition vs. Development



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- DEVELOPMENT includes maintenance and restoration projects. These figures do not include planning, education, and operations projects.
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Acres Purchased and Developed



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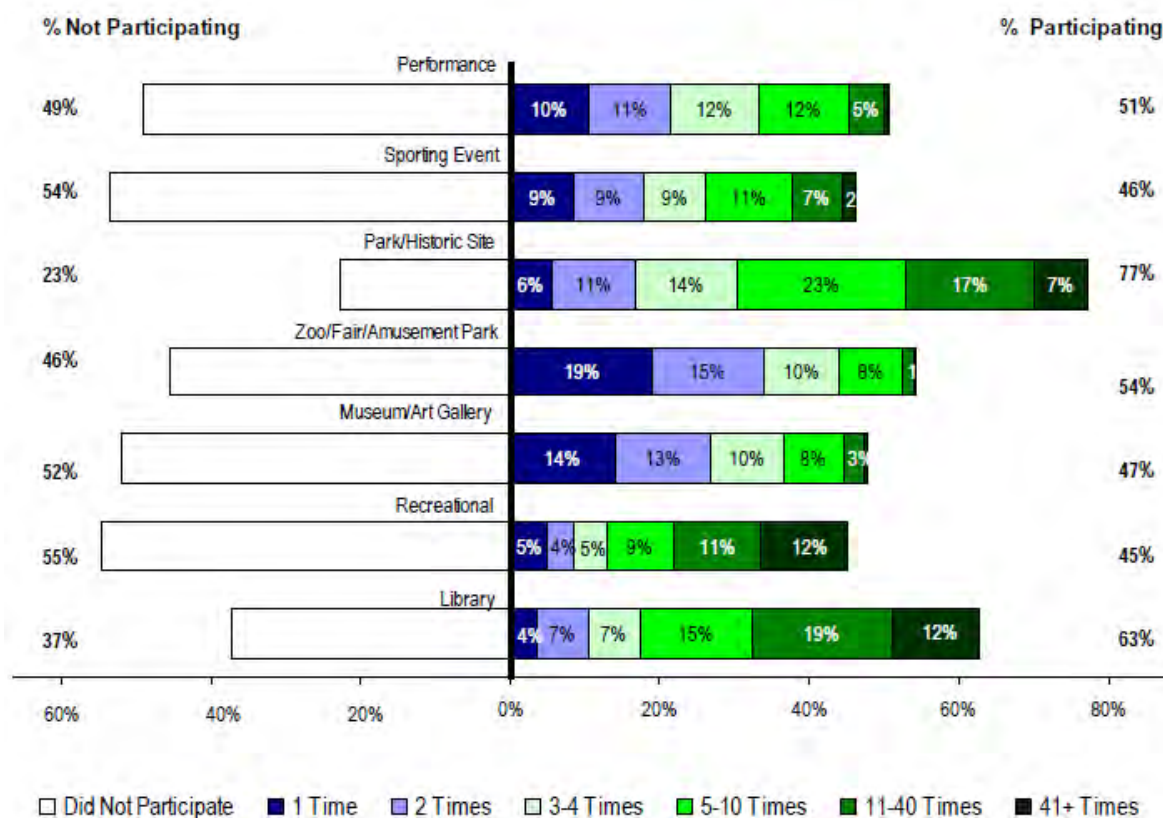
- DEVELOPMENT includes maintenance and restoration projects.
- The acres could be duplicated. For example, a sponsor could buy 5 acres and develop them. The 5 acres would show up both as "Acres Acquired" and "Acres Developed."

RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Are we affecting the health of Washingtonians?

Measure: Percent of respondents to OFM and statewide recreation surveys reporting participation in active recreation.

Figure 1: Frequency of Participation in Various Recreation and Cultural Activities (2008)



NOTE

- 2008 Washington State Population Survey: Participation in Recreation and Culture in Washington State, Office of Financial Management.

RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Figure 2: Participation Rates in Recreation and Cultural Activities: 2004-2008

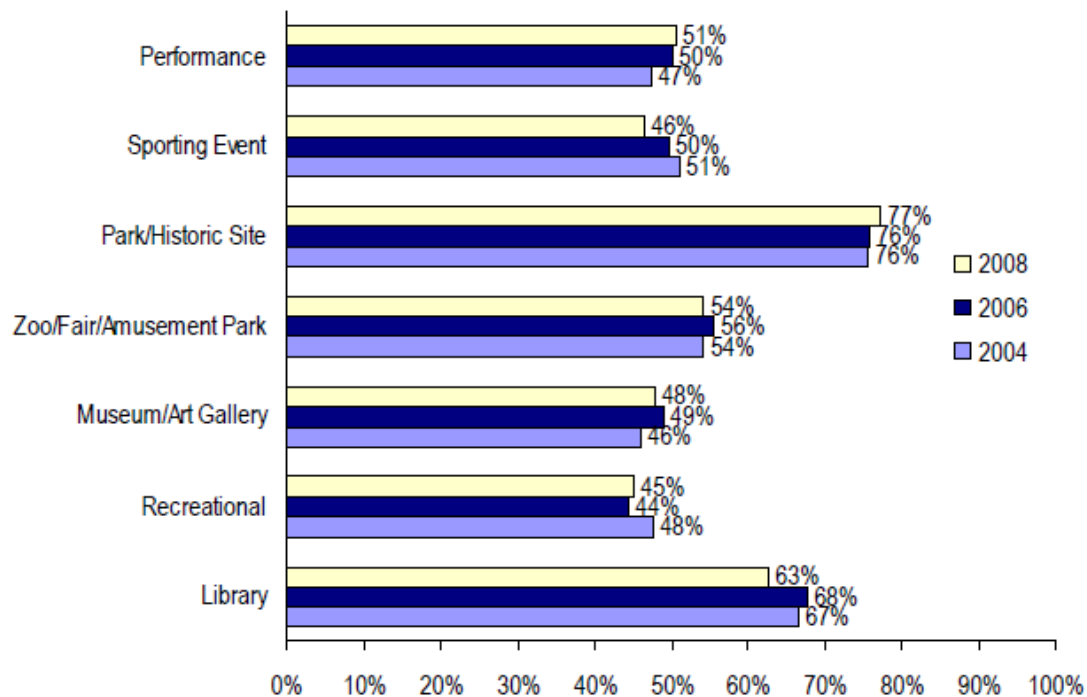


Table 1. Participant Days and Expenditures on All Recreational Land Types (2015)

Land Type	Participant Days ('000s)	Expenditures*** ('000s, 2014 USD)	Per-Person Per-Day Expenditures (2014 USD)
Federal Lands	32,853	\$1,323,545	\$40
Washington State Lands	49,095	\$1,347,192	\$27
Public Waters	101,701	\$4,630,986	\$46
Local Parks	189,915	\$1,439,096	\$8
Events*	44,516	\$1,986,312	\$45
Private Lands**	27,946	\$1,933,961	\$69
Total	446,027	\$12,661,092	

*Events occurring on public lands

**A limited number of private lands were included in this analysis

***Excludes equipment expenditures

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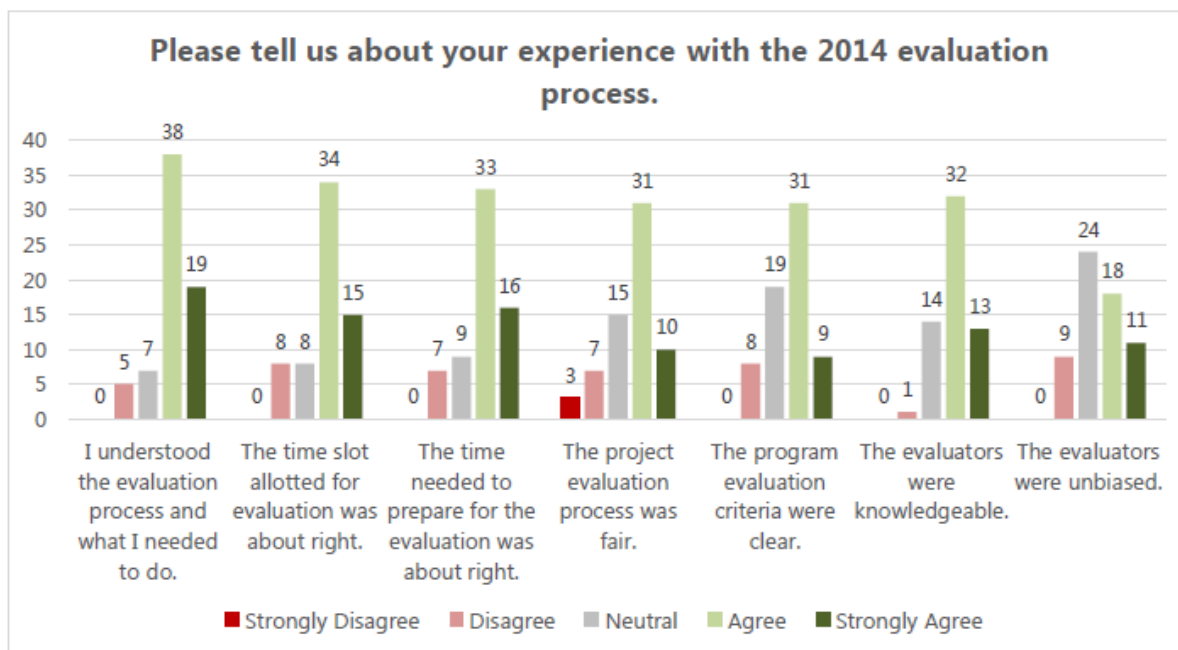
- The first chart is from the *2008 Washington State Population Survey: Participation in Recreation and Culture in Washington State*, Office of Financial Management.
- The second chart is from the *Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State*, Recreation and Conservation Office, 2015.

RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Goal: We achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to us.

Is the evaluation process objective and fair?

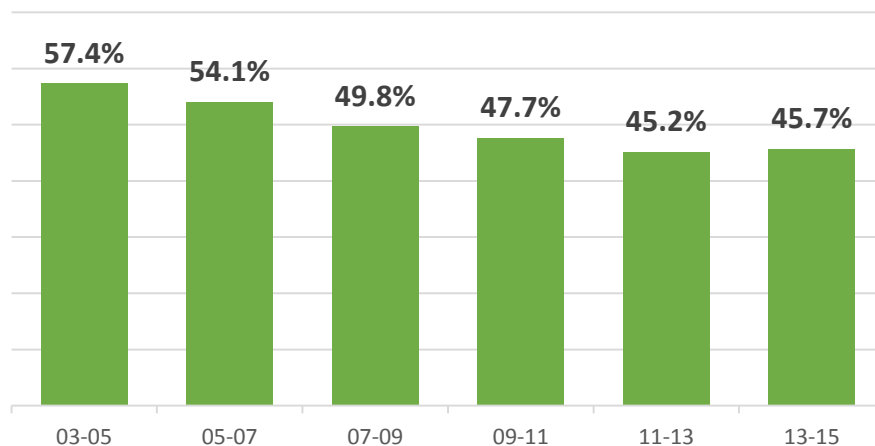
Measure: Percent of applicants reporting that the evaluation is objective and fair



Are we managing grants efficiently and reducing project delays?

Measure: Agency re-appropriation rate.

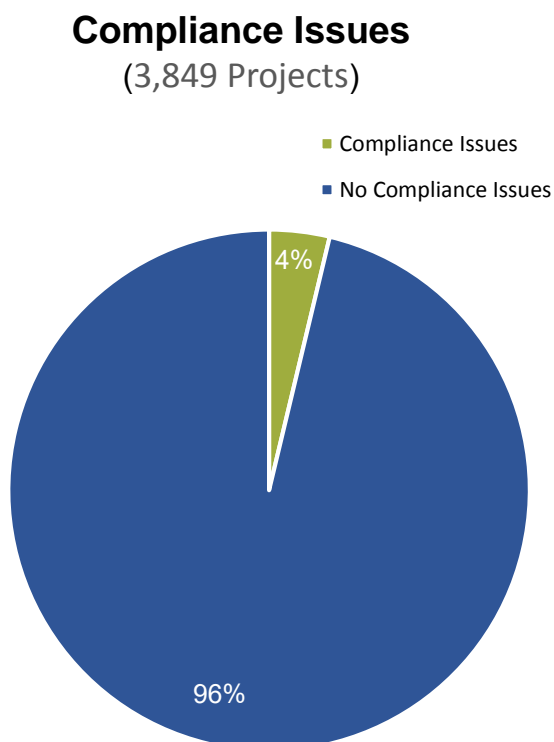
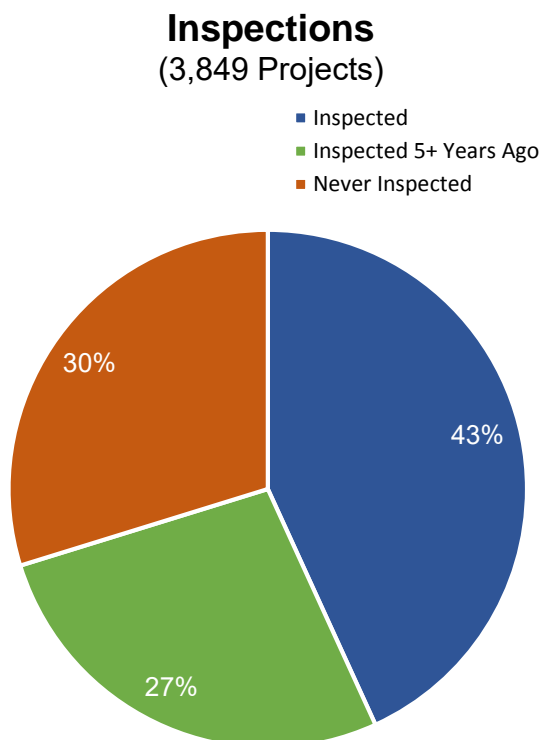
Re-appropriation Rate by Biennium



RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures

How well do we maintain the state's investments?

Measure: Percent of grants in compliance



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- RCFB managed projects only.
- Acquisition, Development, Restoration, or combination of those projects types only. These are the only projects which we inspect.
- Data includes only completed projects, whether closed or active. Active completed projects are projects that are closed but have been re-opened for a reason, usually a compliance issue.
- Inspections includes interim (done when the projects is being constructed), final (done to ensure the grant recipient purchased what was expected or built what was expected), and compliance inspections (done after a project is closed to ensure it has stayed in recreation or conservation use).

RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures



Goal: We deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management.

Are stakeholders involved in policy development?

Measure: Percent of sponsors agreeing with the survey question that "The Board considers input before making policy decisions."

Board Meeting Date	Topic	Method for Soliciting Public Comment	# of E-mails Sent
January	Washington State Trails Plan	Web site, e-mail	2,400
January	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Plan	Web site, e-mail	1,200
January	Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program Policy changes	Web site, e-mail	3,200
January	Grant programs and criteria policy changes for 2014	Web site, e-mail	3,200
January	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's State Parks Category evaluation process and criteria changes	Web site, e-mail	3,200
April	Recreational Trails Program technical changes to definitions for maintenance and development projects	Board meeting	0
April	NOVA evaluation criteria technical correction for planning grants	Board meeting	0
April	Washington Administrative Code (WAC) rule-making	Web site, e-mail	3,536
April	FARR conversion policies - Follow-up to WAC public hearing	Board meeting	0
July	Technical correction to resolution 2014-06; consent calendar item	Board meeting	0
October	WAC Phase 2 public hearing; notice sent only to WAC notification list	Web site, e-mail	72

Are we achieving statewide participation in our grant programs?

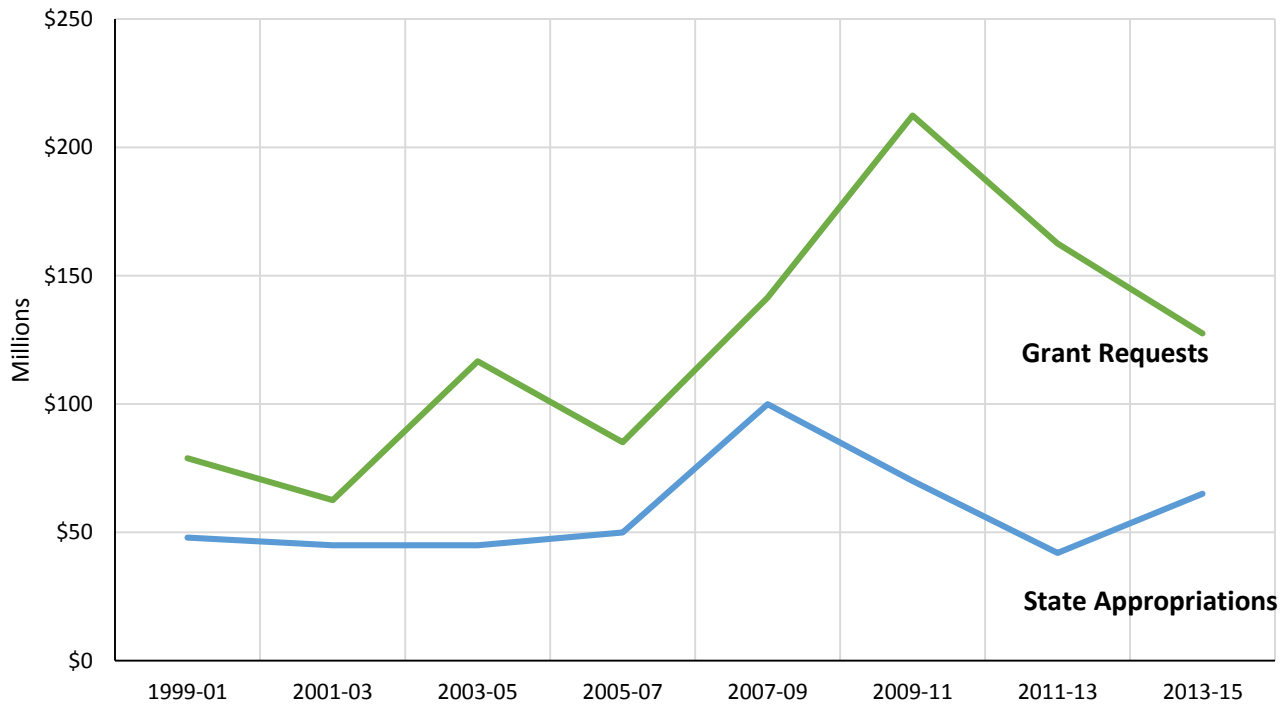
Measurement: Number of funded projects by location.

Please see previous charts on "Funding by Location."



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Grant Demand
1999-2014



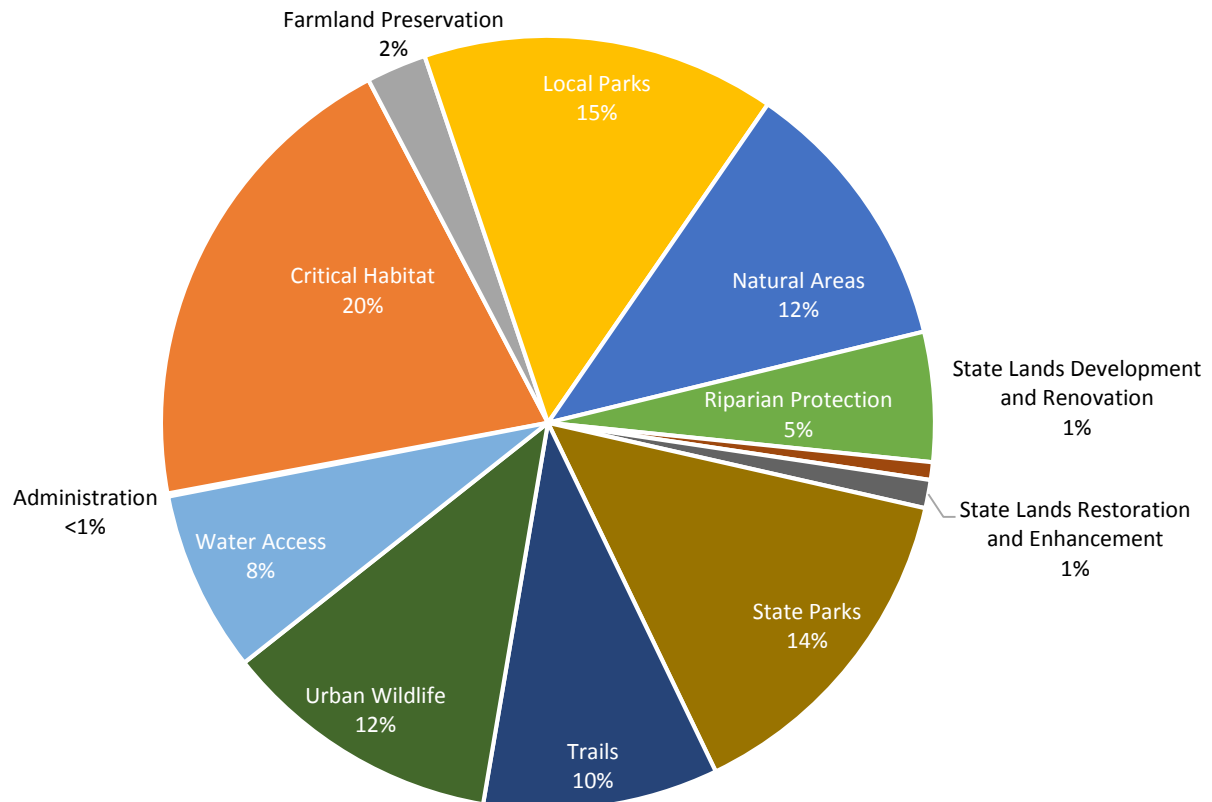
NOTE

- This chart, unlike the rest in this document, displays grant awards only since 1999. Information for earlier years was not readily available. The state appropriation includes RCO's administrative fee.

Grants Awarded by Category

Grant Awards by Category

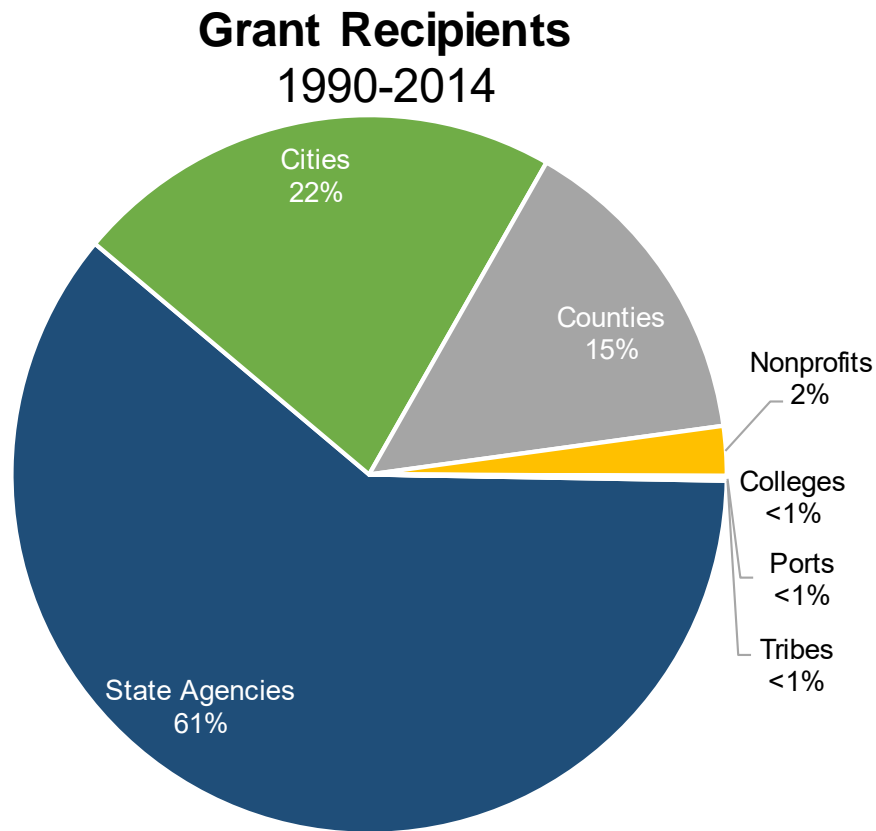
1990-2014



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- Grant amounts do not include grant recipient match or RCO's administrative fee.
- Administration are grant awards to state agencies for farmland preservation projects, mitigation banking, public lands inventory, and riparian habitat management.

Grant Recipients



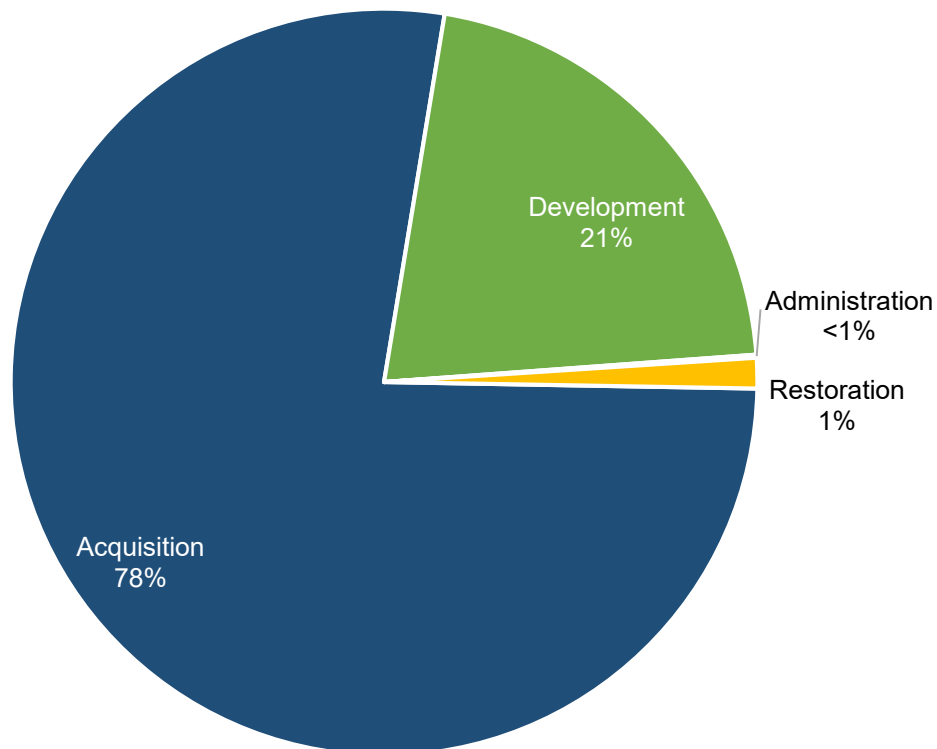
Grant Recipient	\$	%
State Agencies	\$434,357,314	61
Cities	\$158,431,084	22
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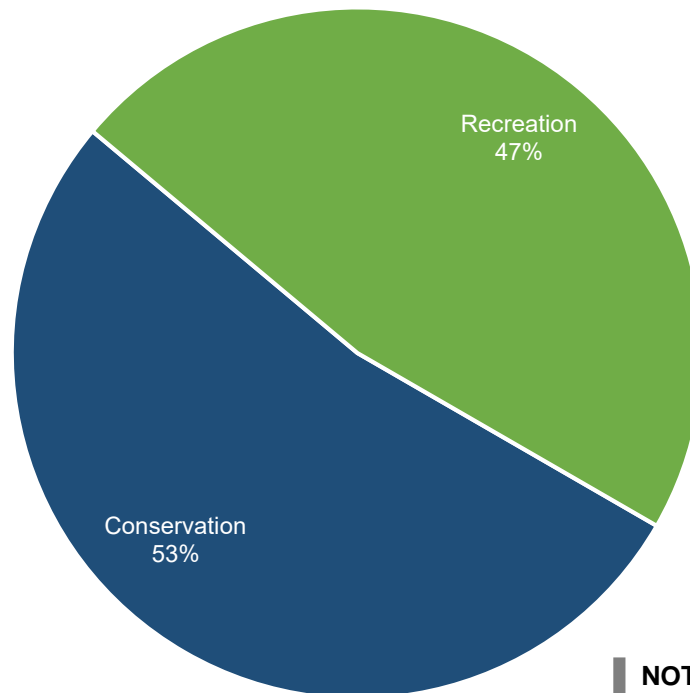
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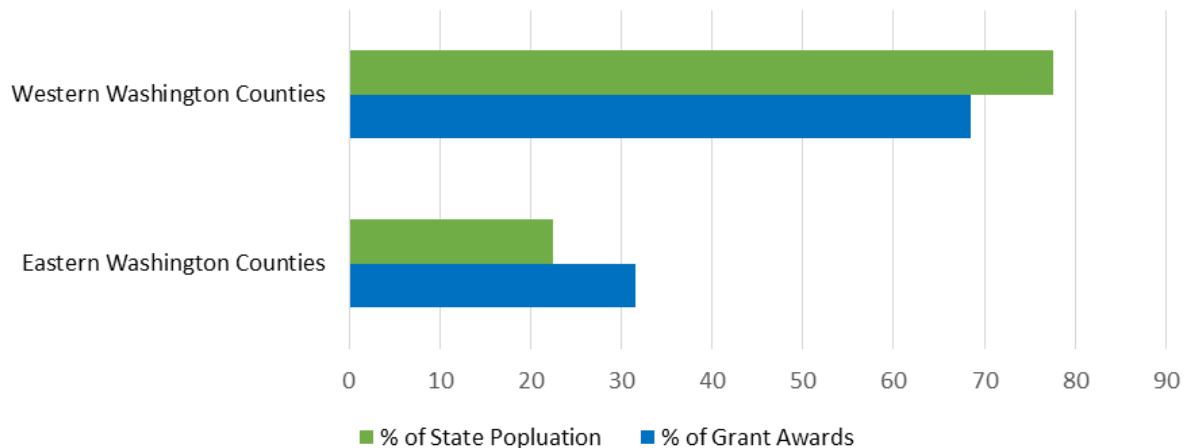
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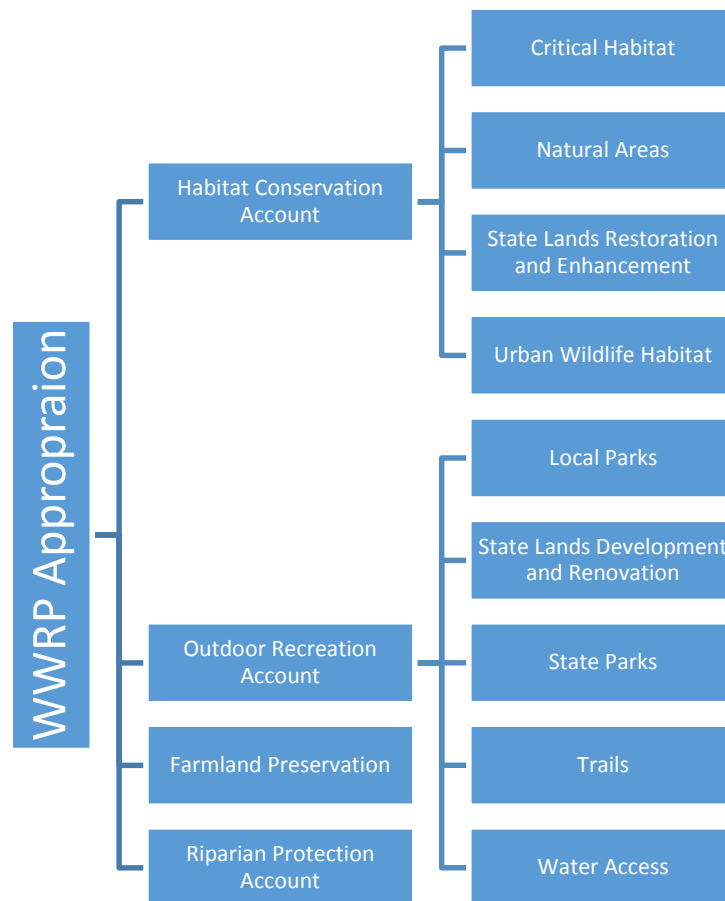
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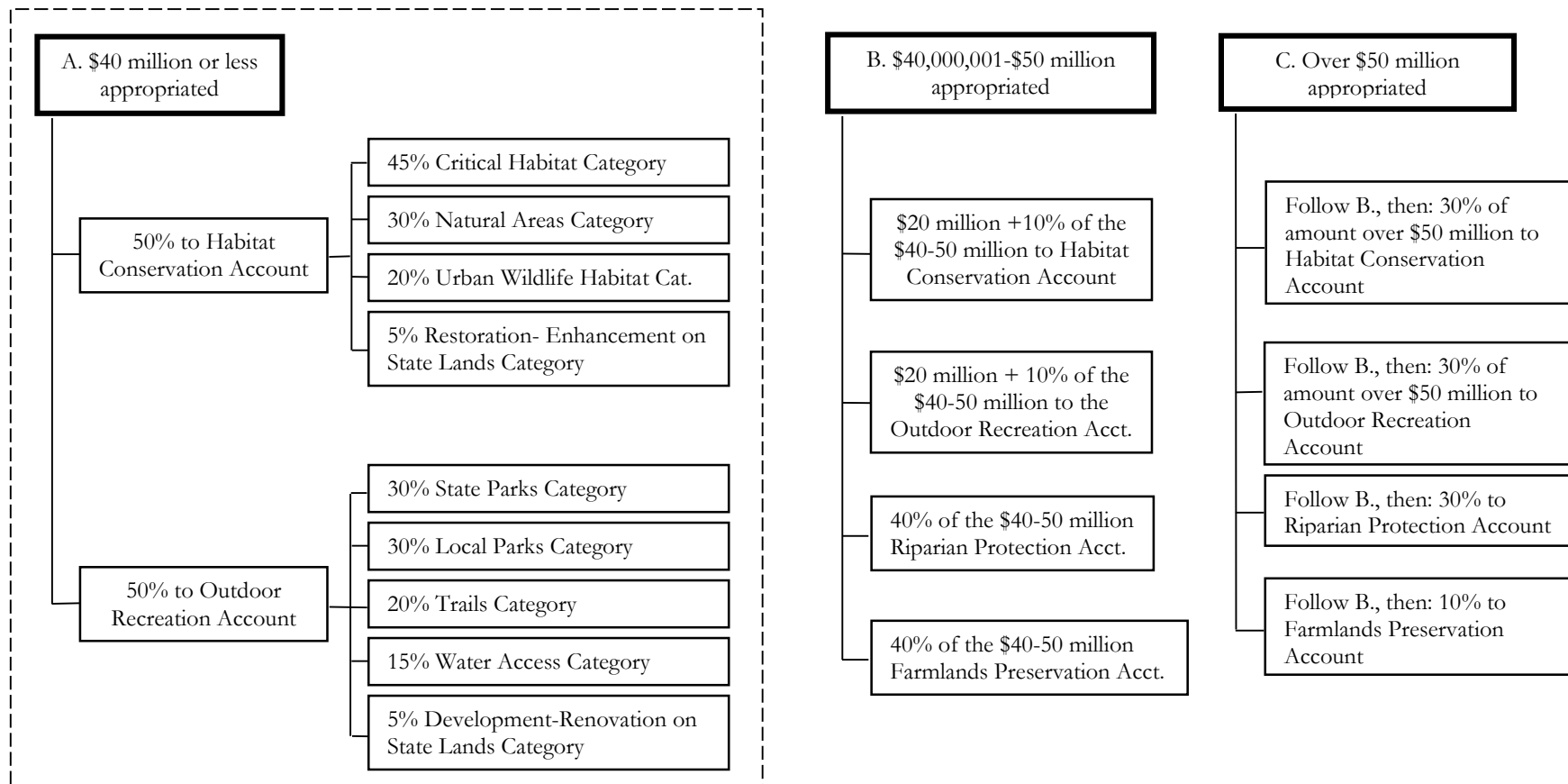
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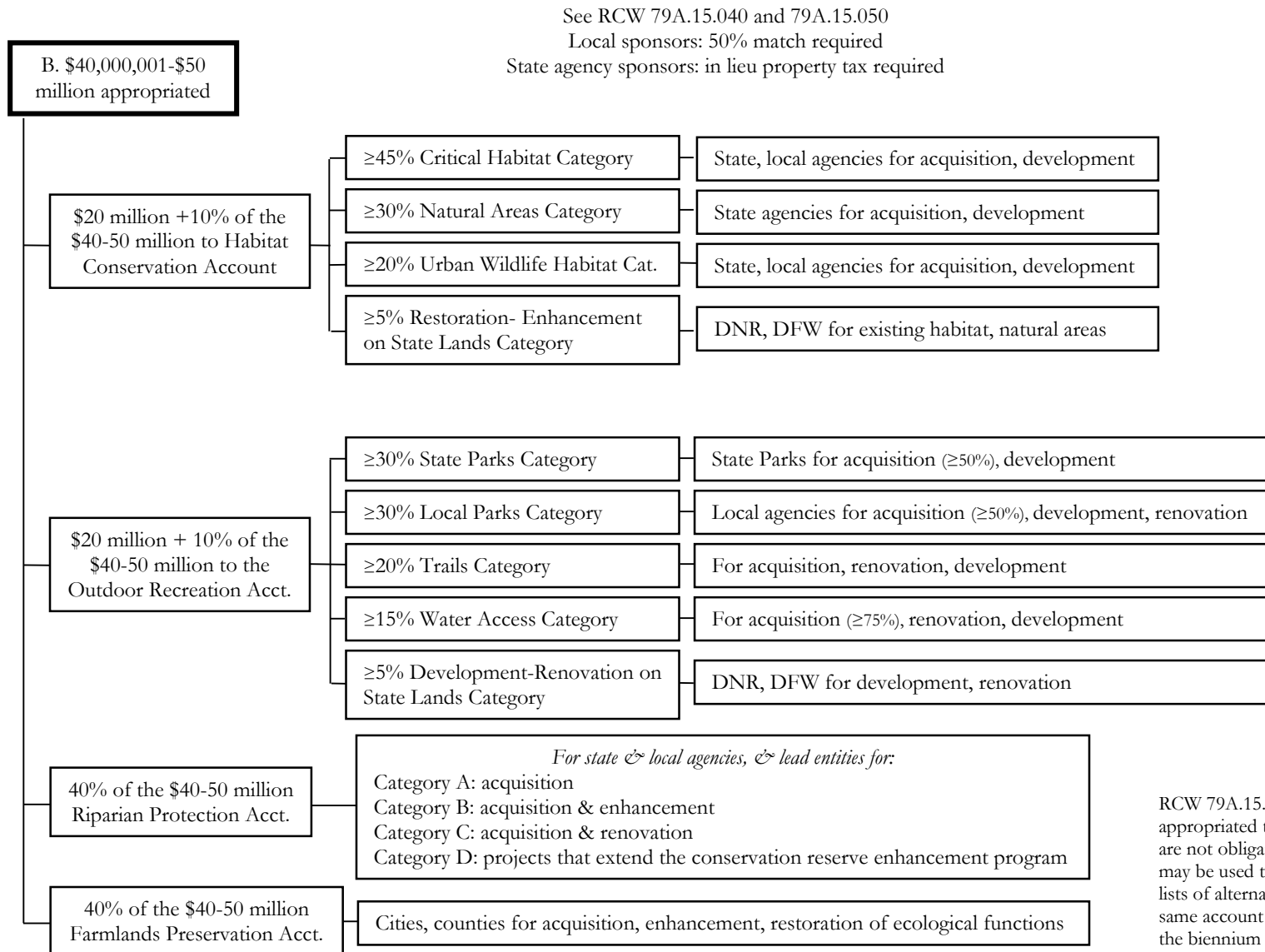
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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24-25, 2015
Title: Follow-up From April 2015 Board Retreat:
Review Performance Measures from Strategic Plan
Prepared By: Scott Robinson, Deputy Director

Summary

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Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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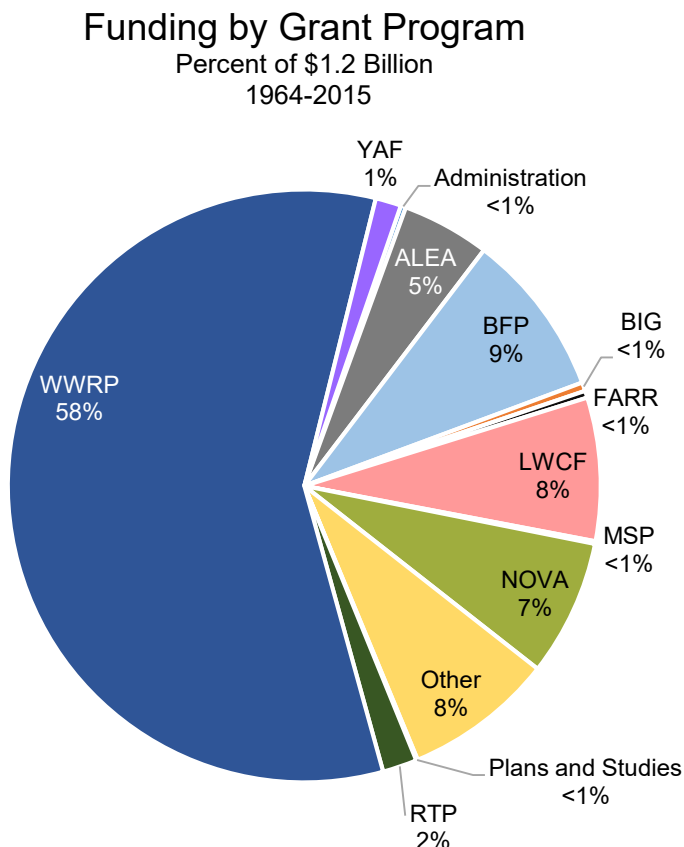
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- A. Portfolio of All Grant Programs
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Portfolio and Performance Measures



Funding by Grant Program



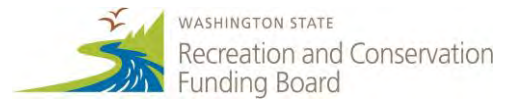
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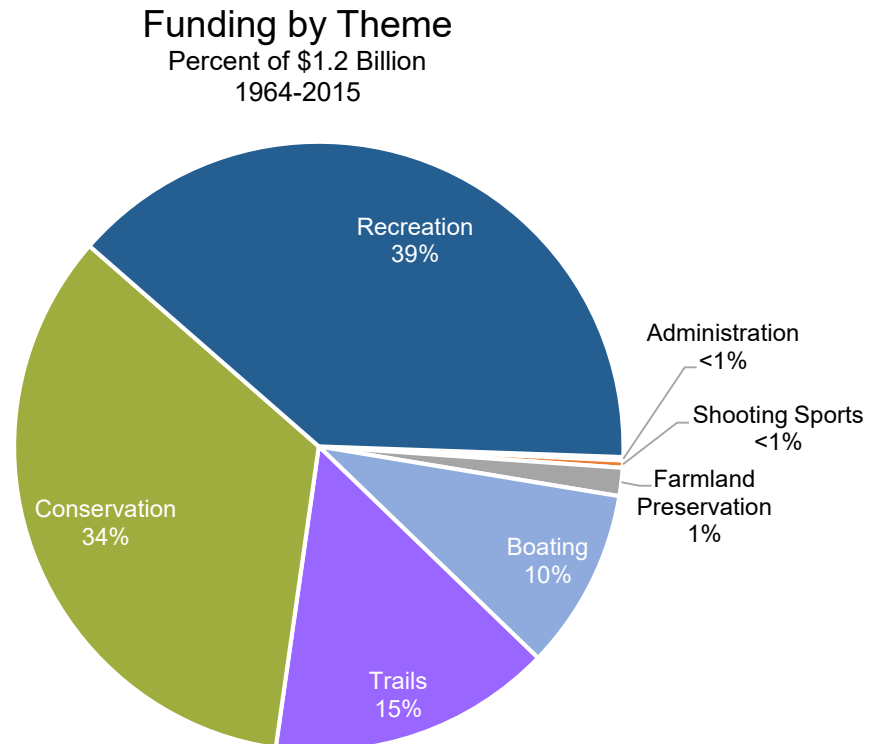
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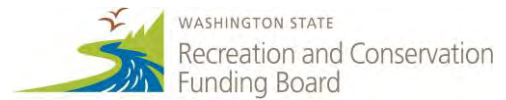
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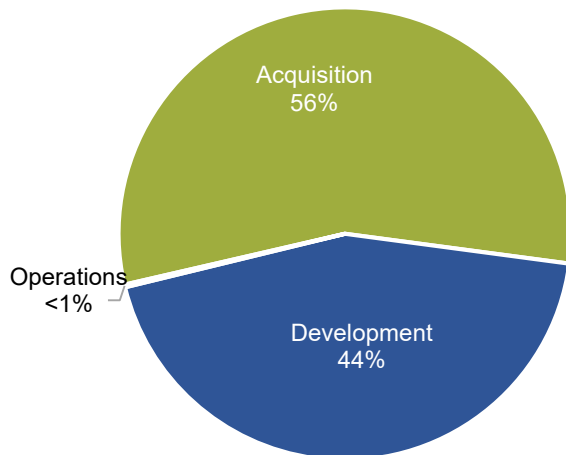
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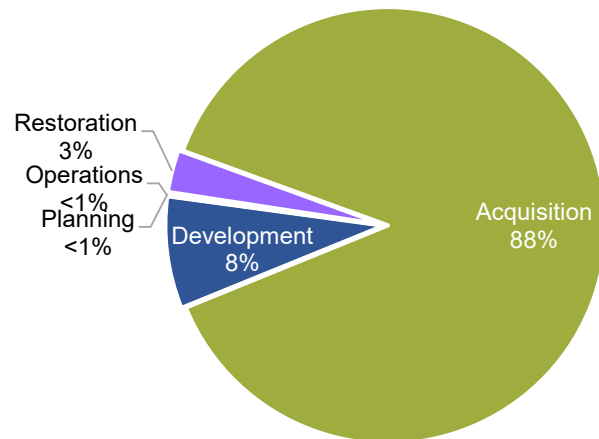
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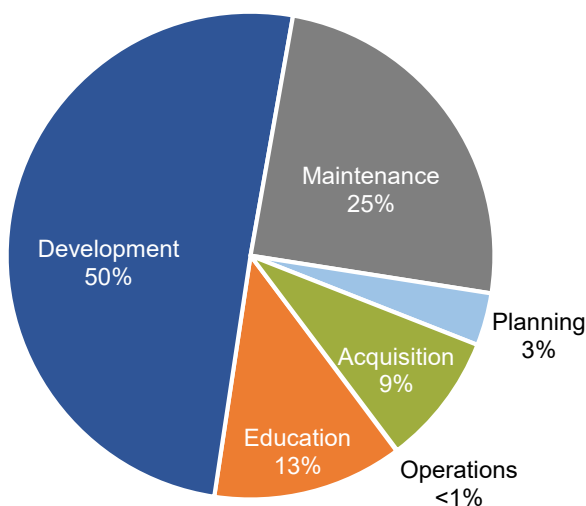
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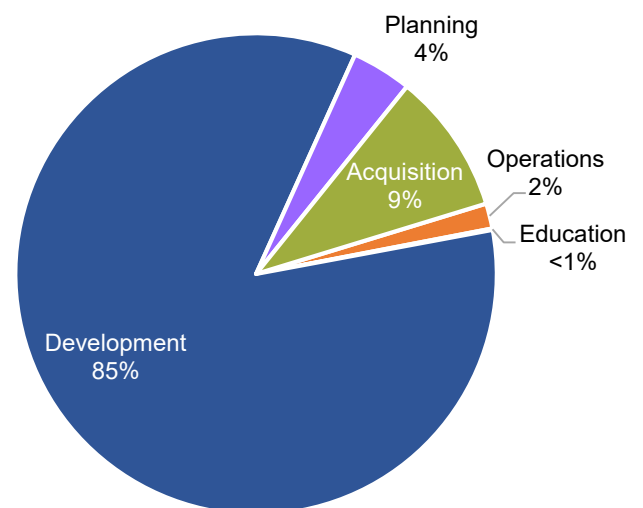
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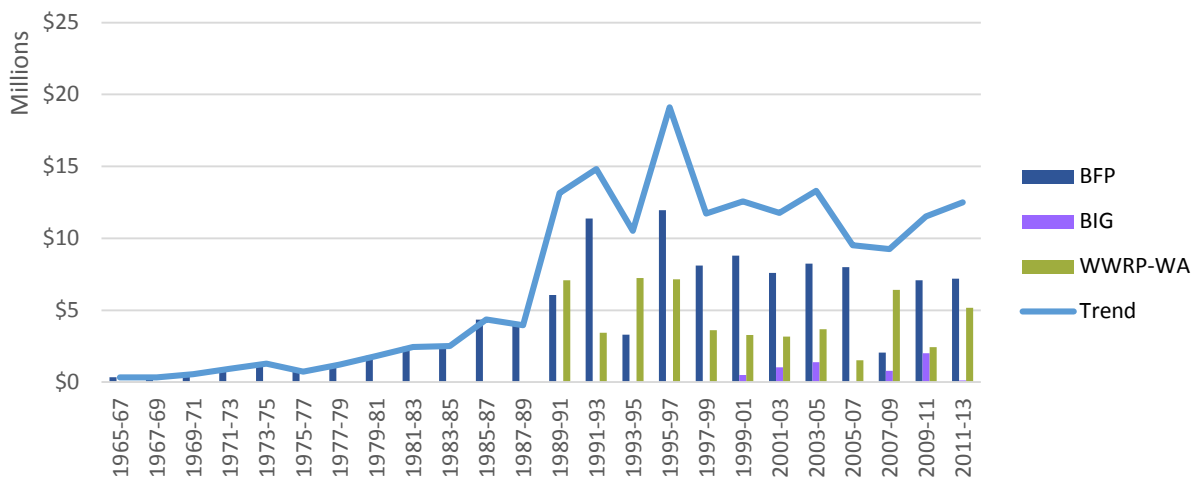
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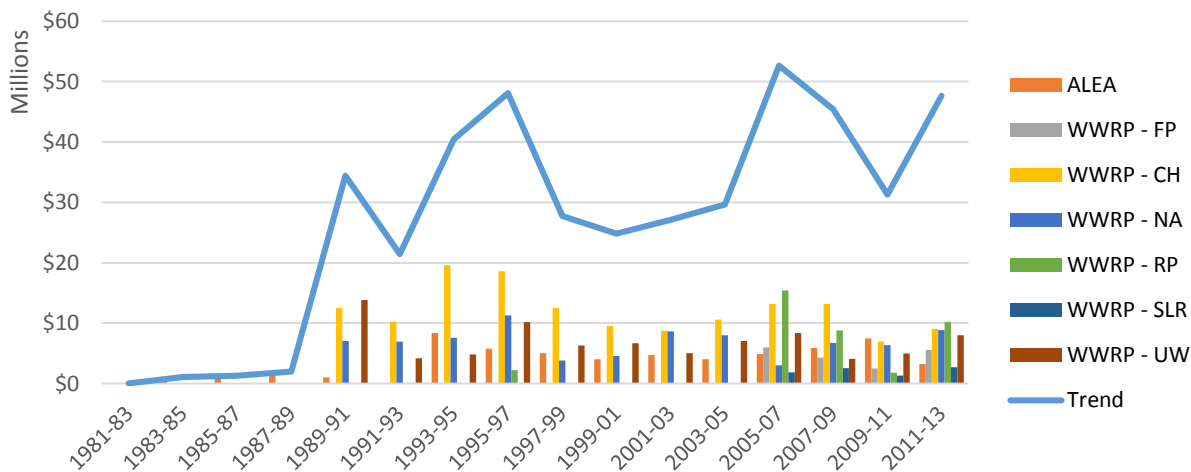


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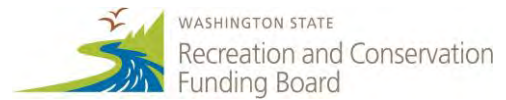
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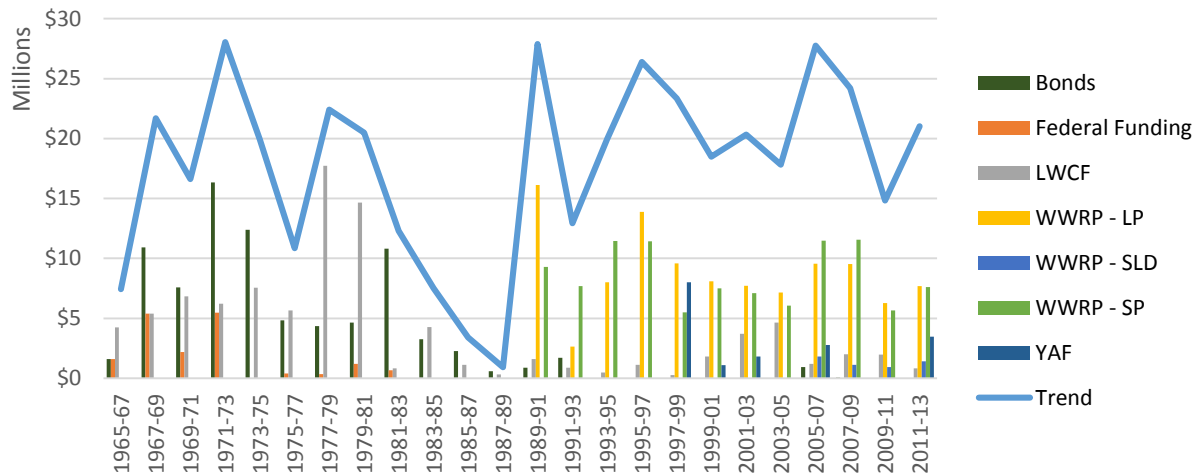
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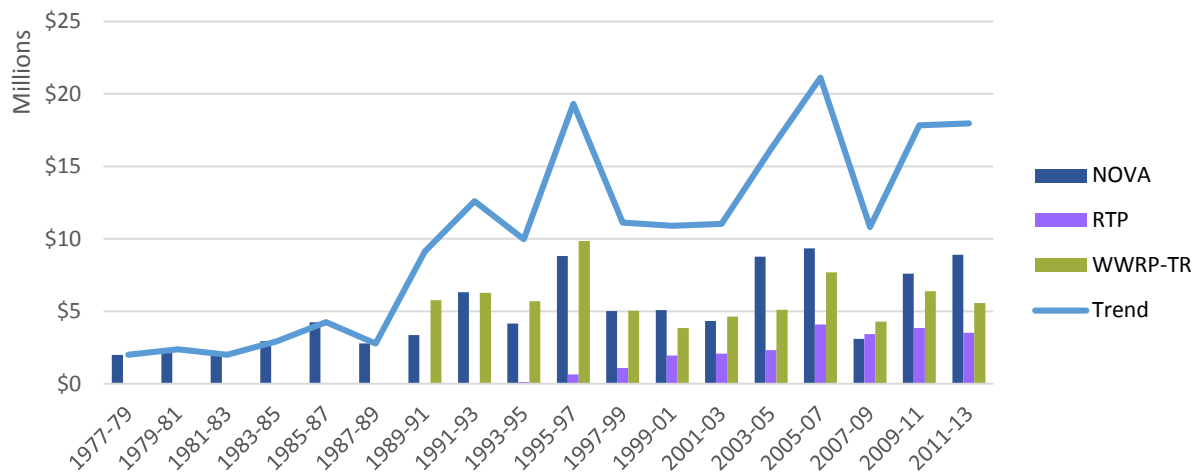
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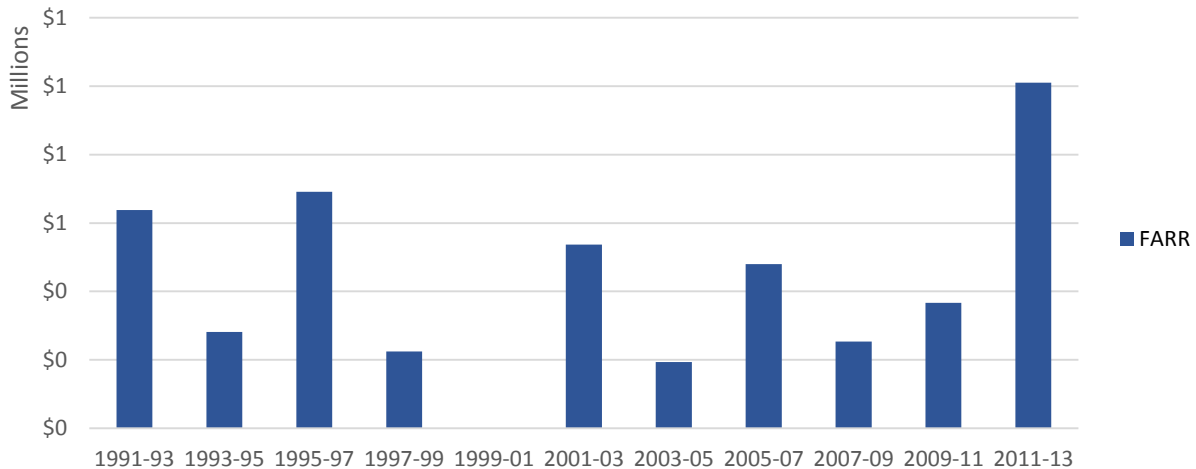
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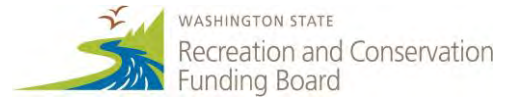
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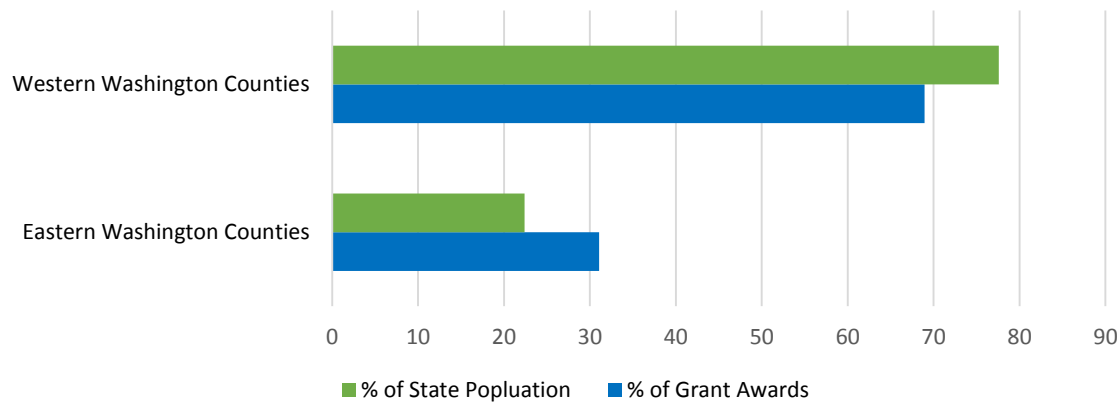
Is the board creating opportunities for recreation?

Measure: Projects Funded by Type and Location

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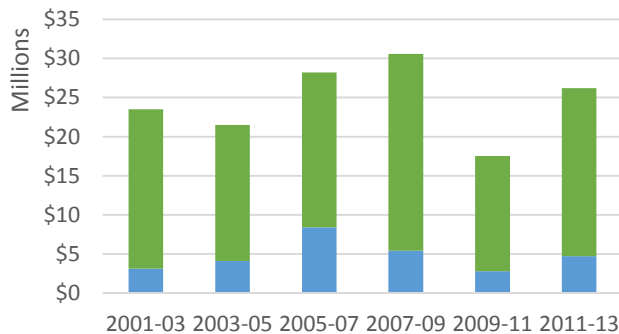
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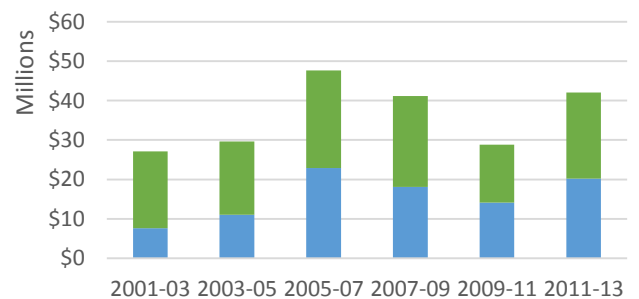
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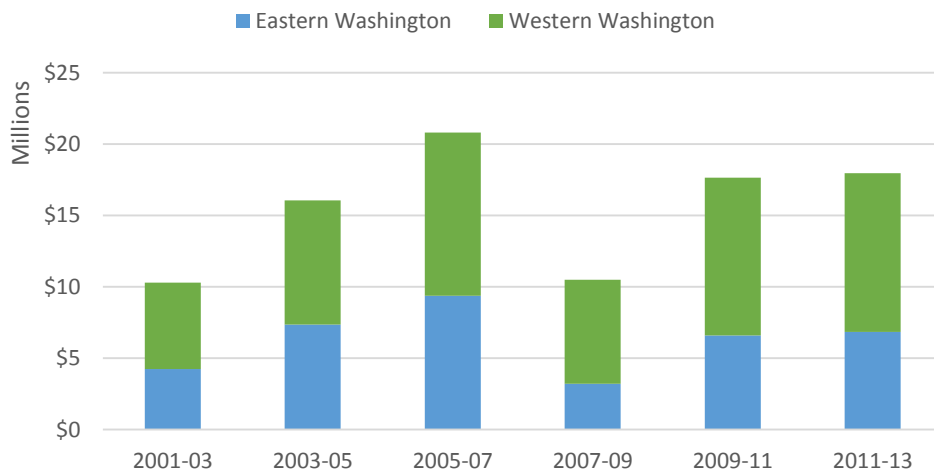
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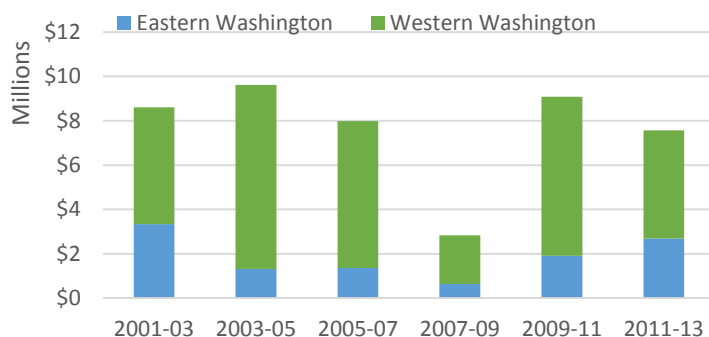
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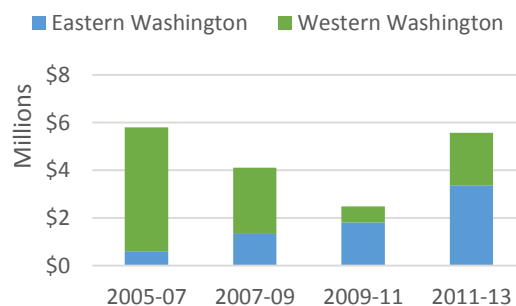
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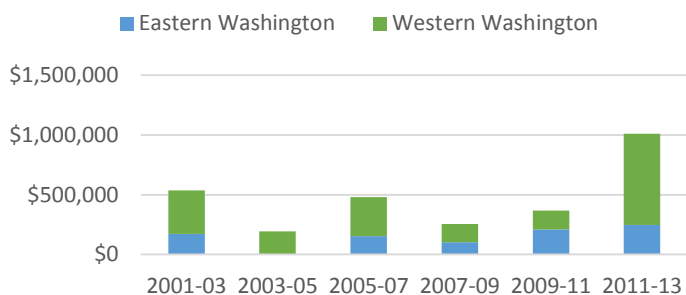
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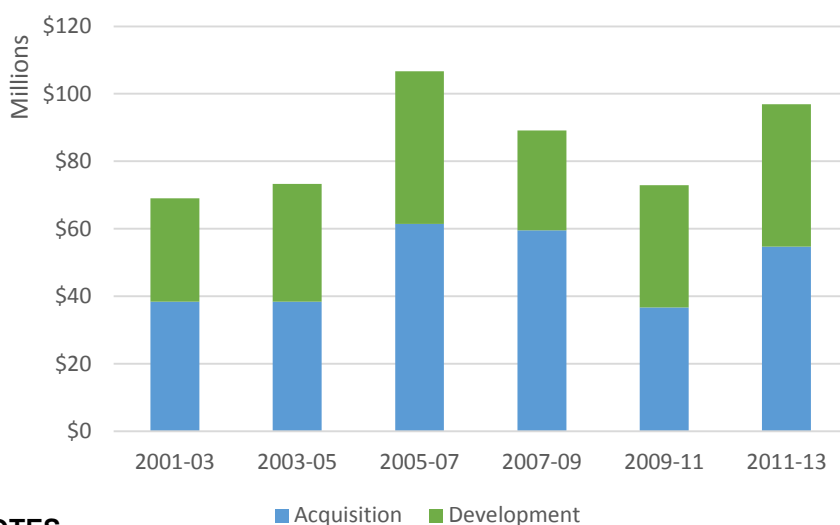
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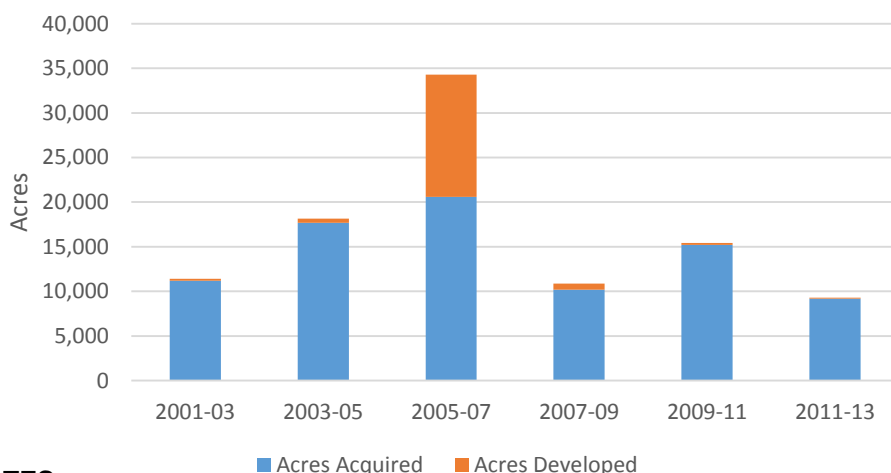
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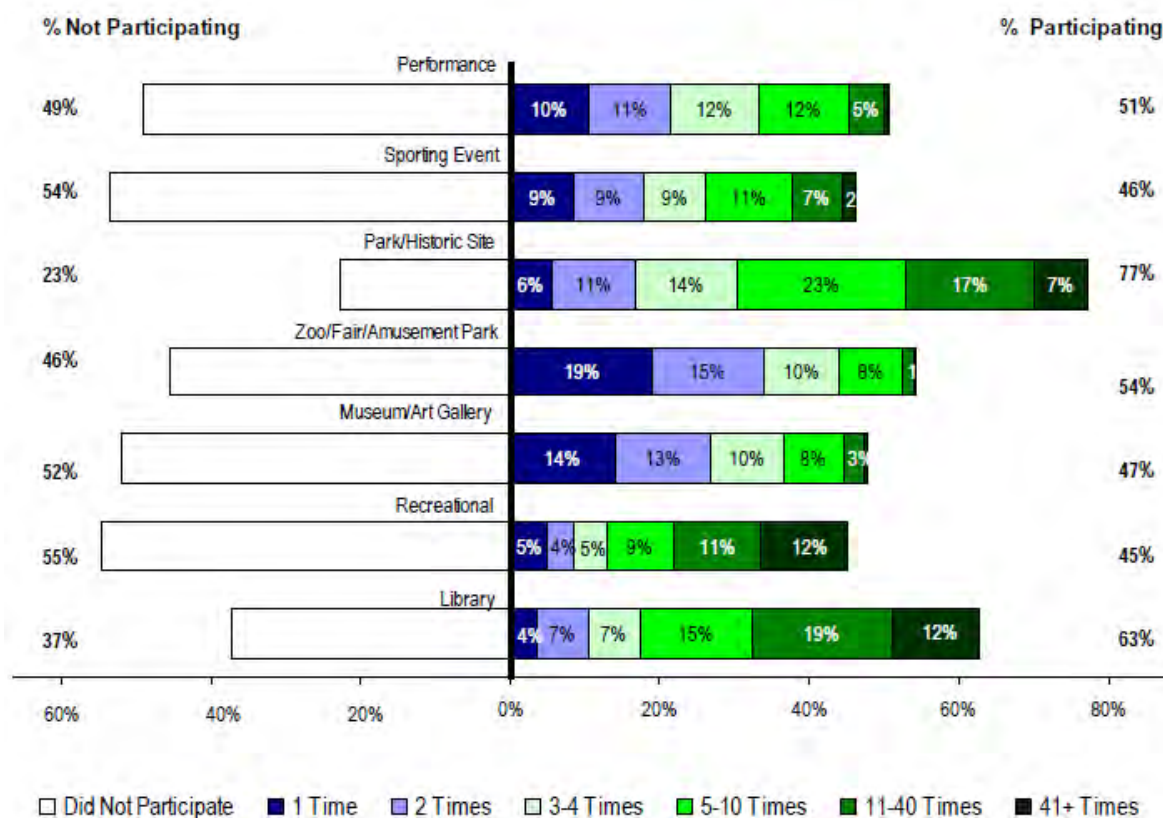
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Measure: Percent of respondents to OFM and statewide recreation surveys reporting participation in active recreation.

Figure 1: Frequency of Participation in Various Recreation and Cultural Activities (2008)



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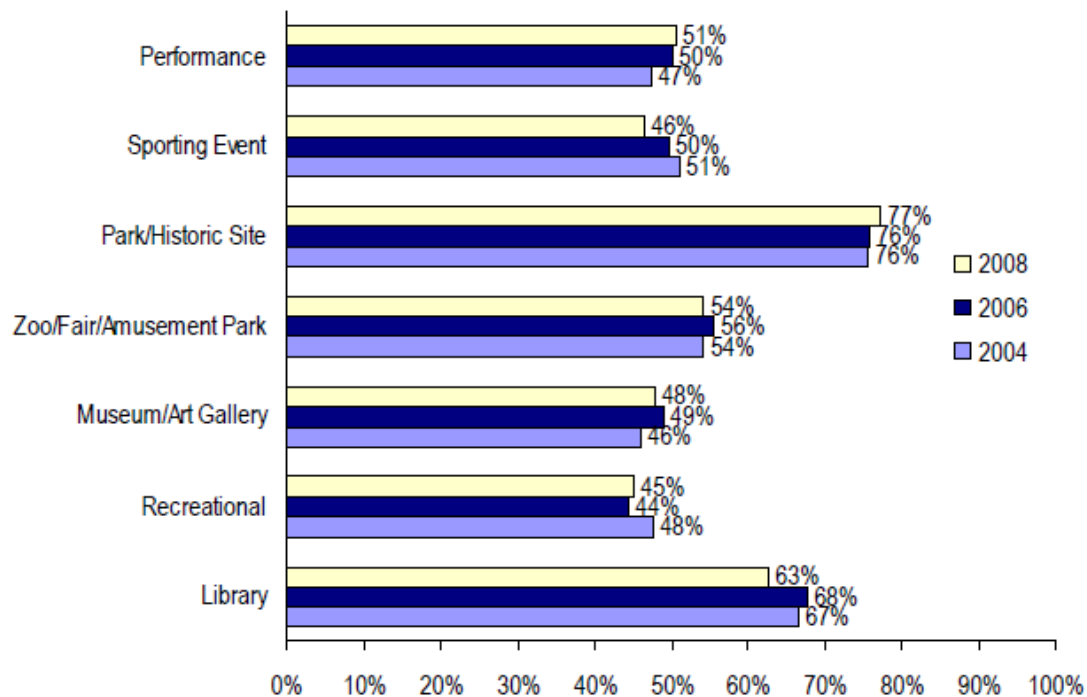


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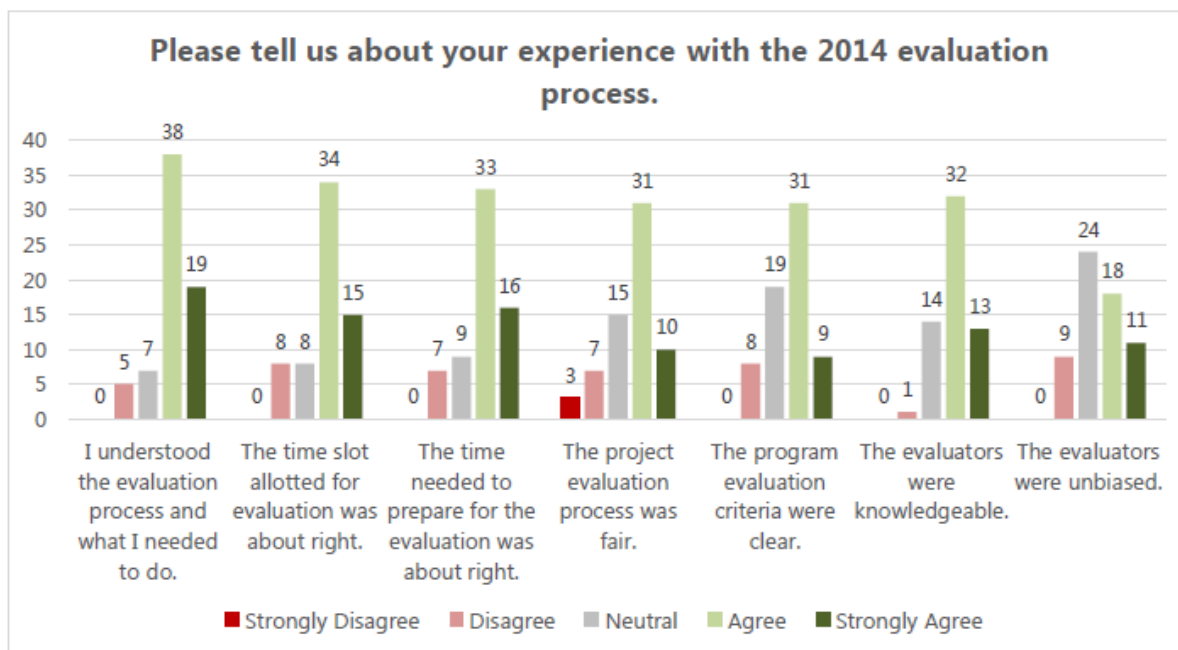
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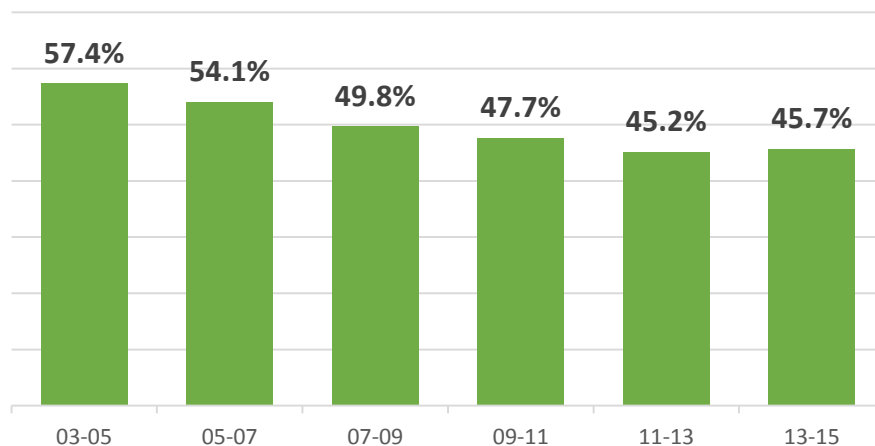
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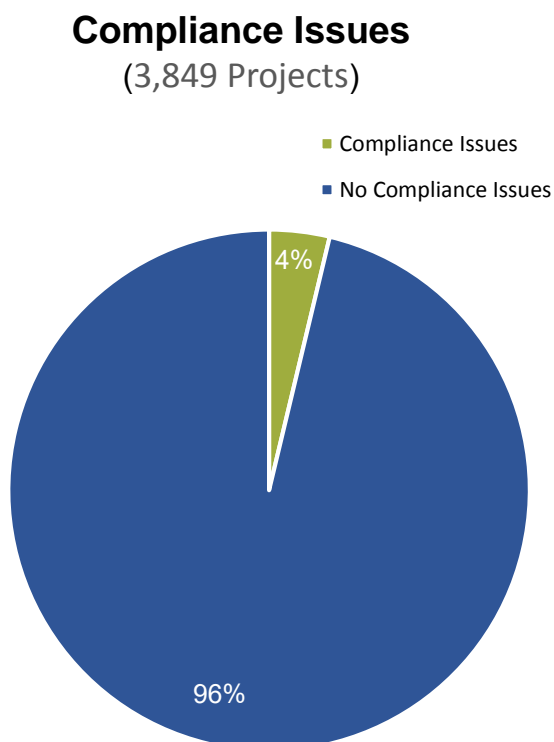
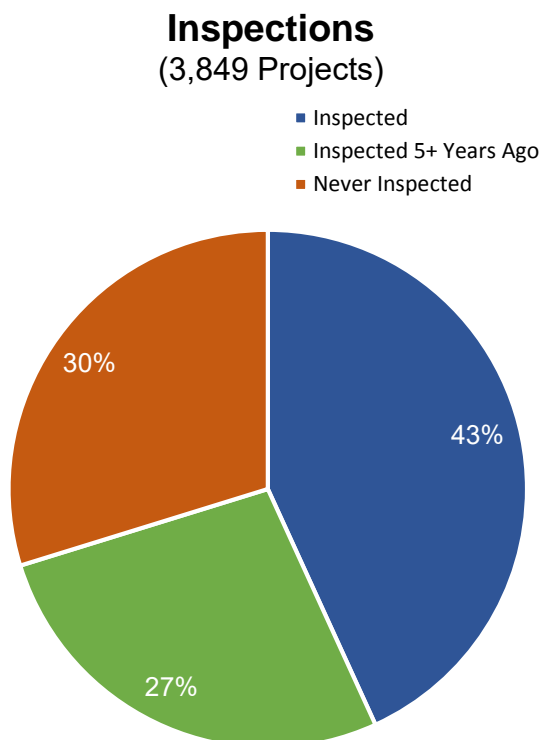
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RCFB Strategic Plan Performance Measures



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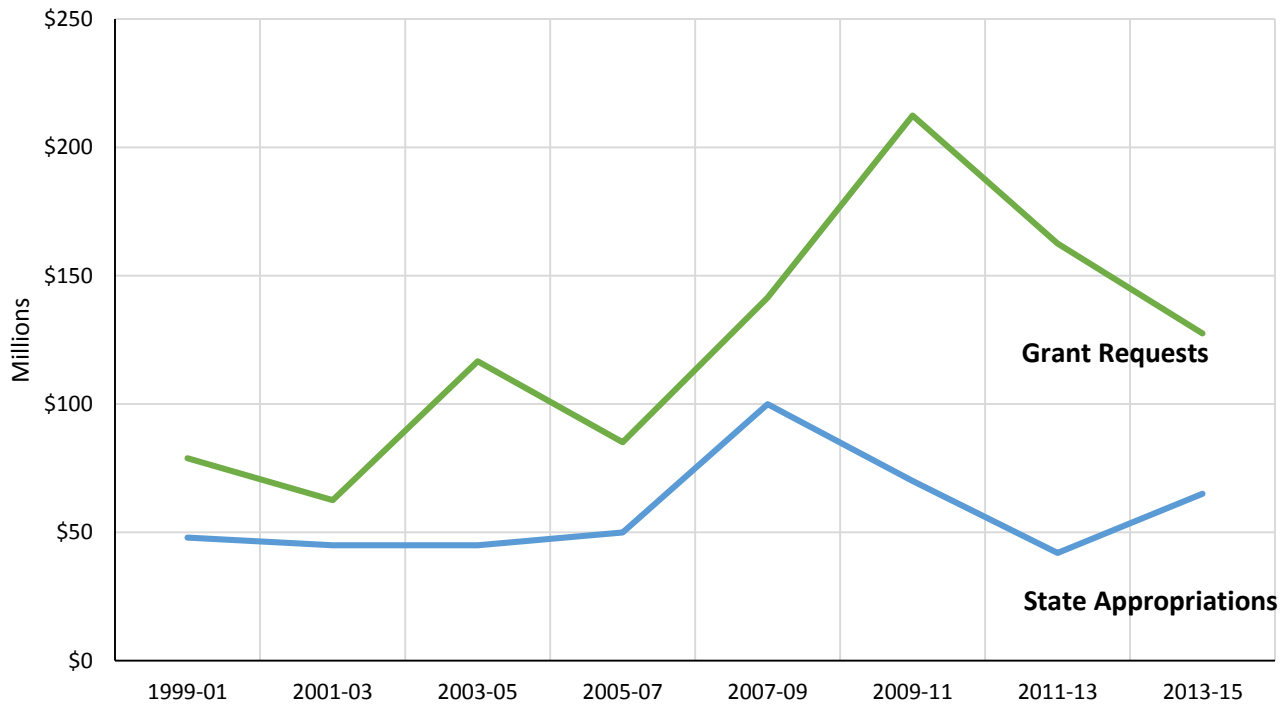
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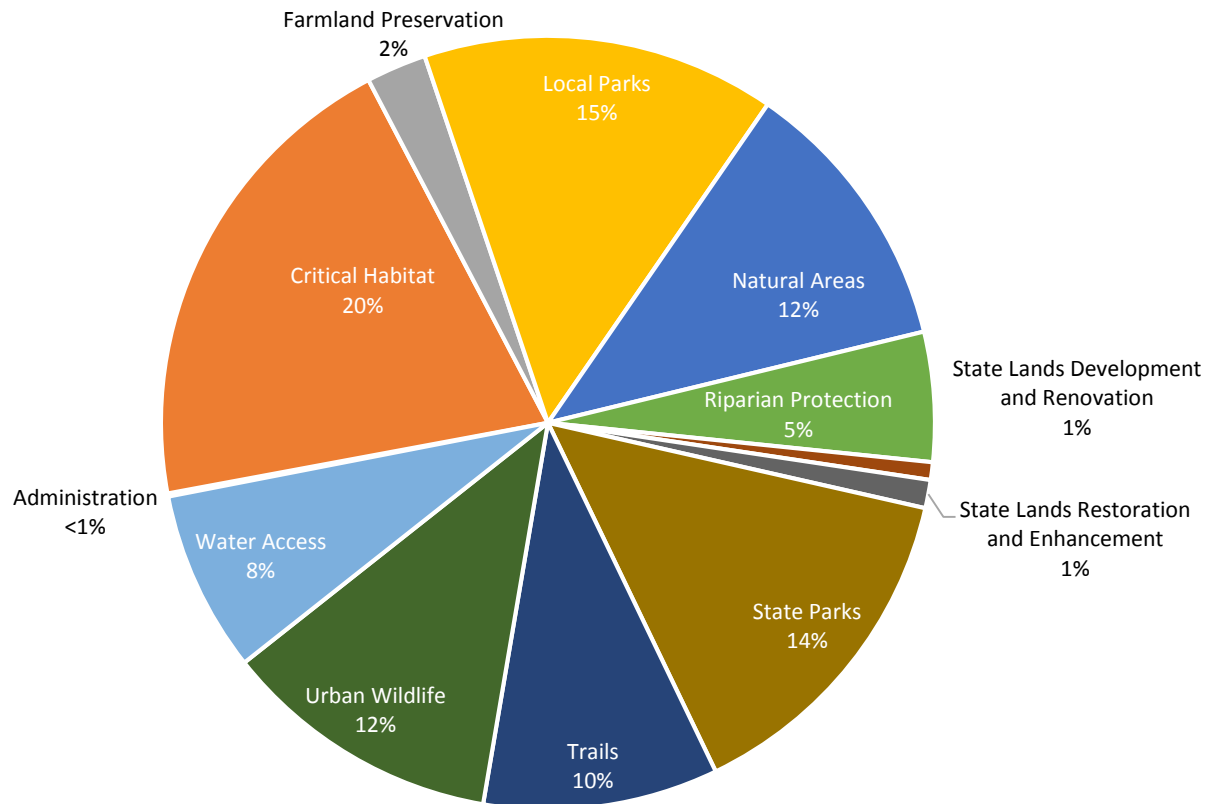
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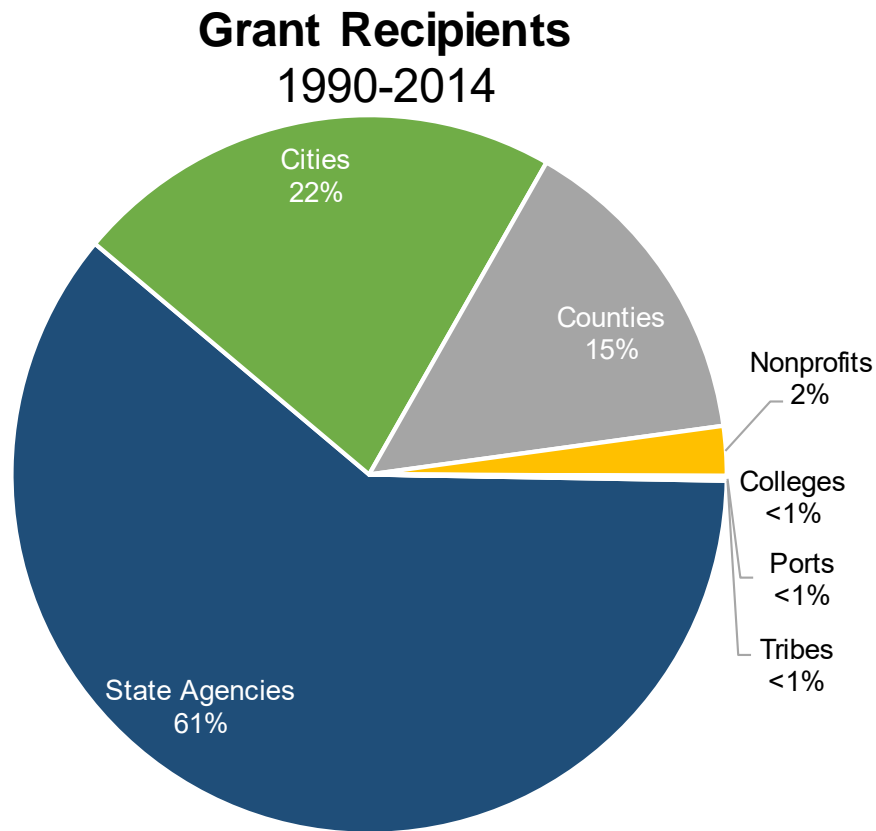
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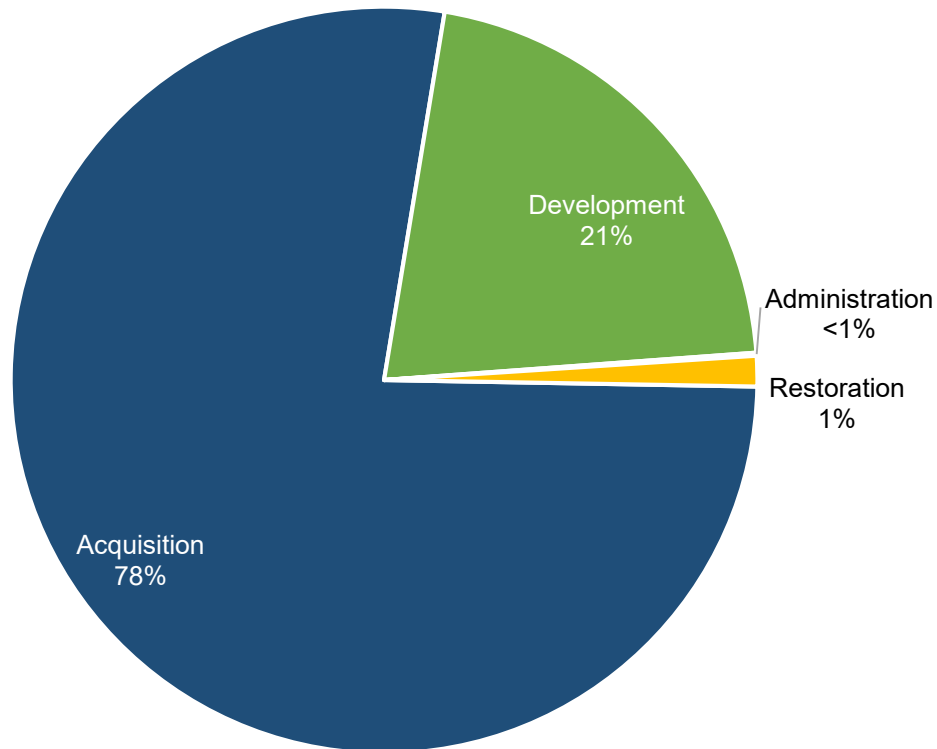
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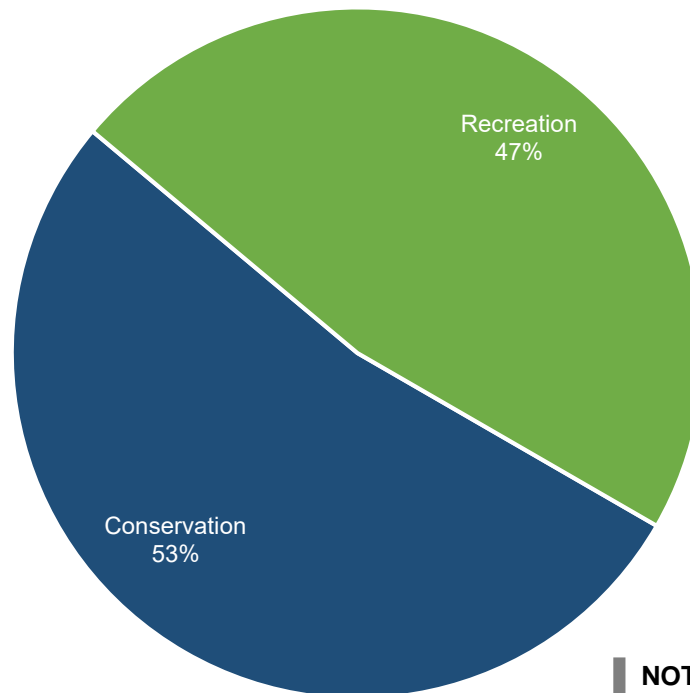
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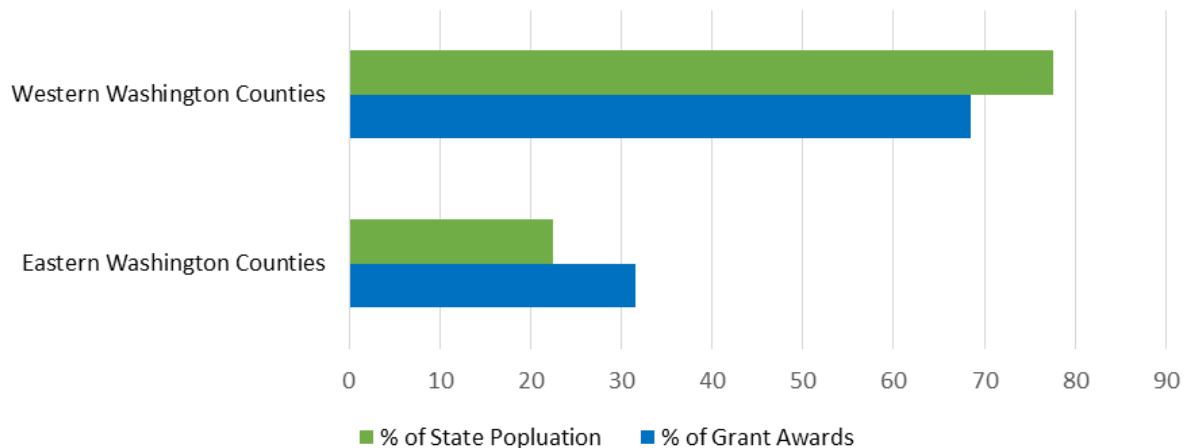
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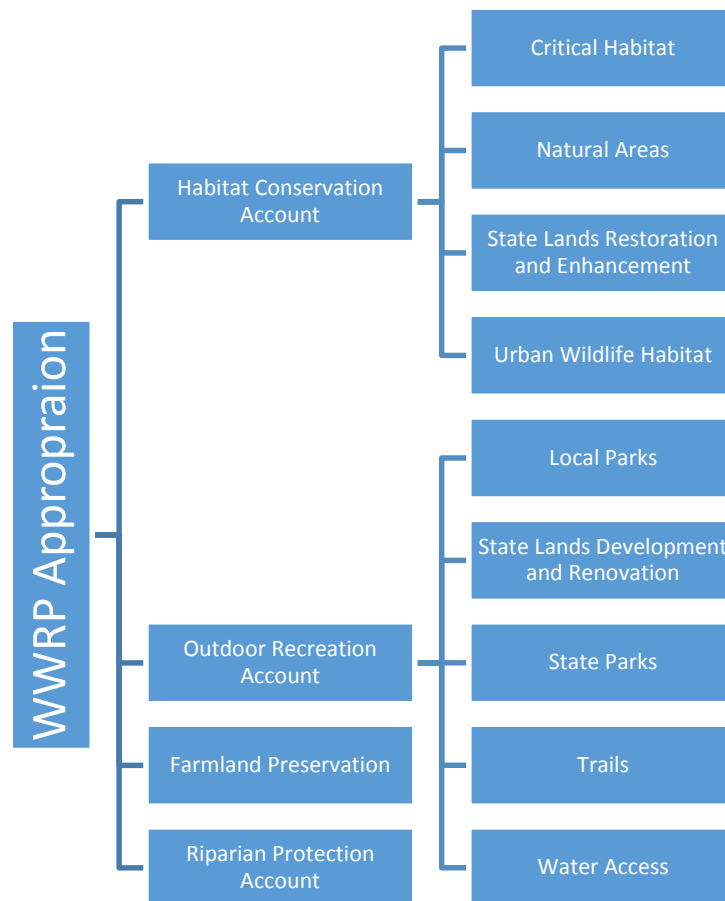
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Island	\$23,063,203	3	W	Wahkiakum	\$314,347	<1	W
Jefferson	\$18,810,544	3	W	Walla Walla	\$202,836	<1	E
King	\$101,335,913	14	W	Whatcom	\$21,144,489	3	W
Kitsap	\$41,958,323	6	W	Whitman	\$1,886,740	<1	E
Kittitas	\$20,623,344	3	E	Yakima	\$17,794,584	2	E
Klickitat	\$15,320,782	2	E	Statewide	\$933,537	<1	

WWRP Portfolio

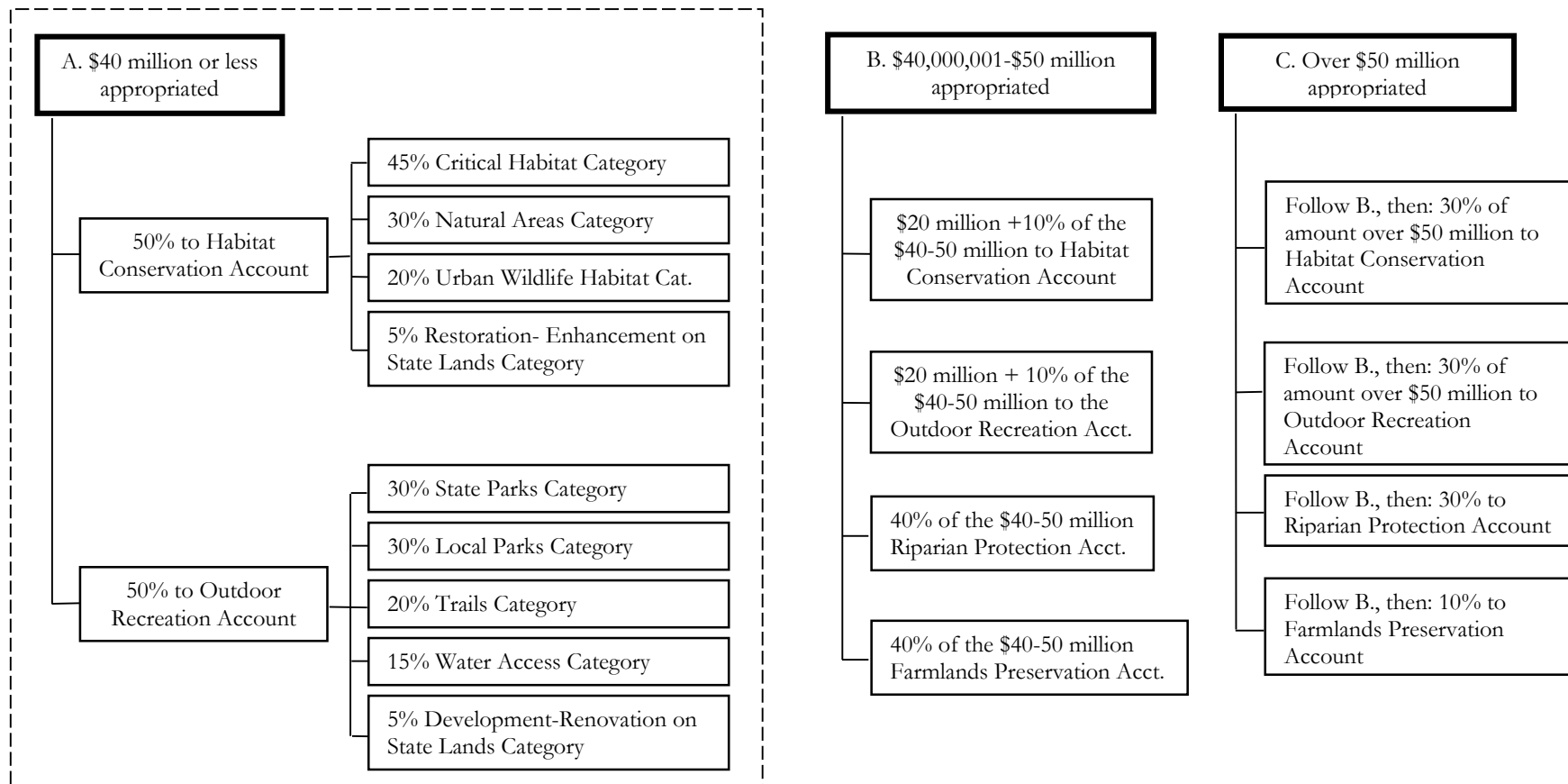
Allocation Formula (Set by State Law)



Precise funding formula is on next two pages.

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Figure 1: Allocation of WWRP Funds by Account



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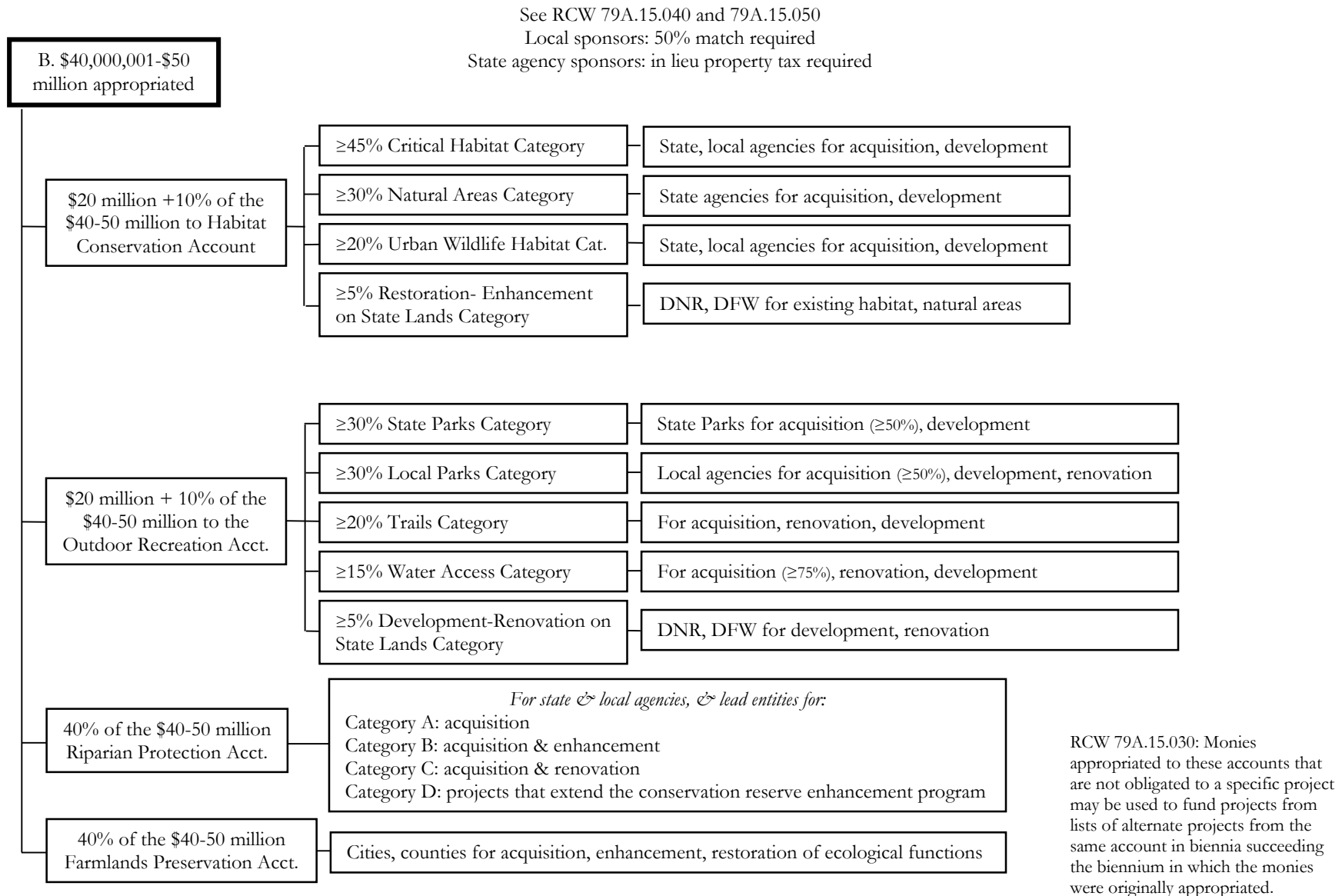
- (a) Appropriations for a biennium of *\$40 million or less* must be allocated equally between HCA and ORA.
- (b) If appropriations for a biennium total *more than \$40 million*, the money must be allocated as follows:
 - (i) \$20 million to HCA and \$20 million to ORA;
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Under distribution scenarios B and C, Habitat Conservation Account and Outdoor Recreation Account funds are distributed as shown in the nine categories under scenario A.

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Figure 2: Allocation of WWRP Funds by Category



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Prepared By: Leslie Connelly, Natural Resource Policy Specialist

Presented By: Meg O'Leary, Policy Administrator

Summary

This memo summarizes proposed changes to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation Account (FPA) evaluation criteria and program policies. It also summarizes next steps for soliciting input on the changes from the WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee and from the general public. Staff seeks direction from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in preparation for the next grant cycle in 2016.

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Background

In April, Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff briefed the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) on the scope and purpose of revising the evaluation criteria and some of the program policies in the Farmland Preservation Account (FPA) in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Please refer to Item 6 of the [April 2015 meeting materials](#) for information on the background of the program and funding to date.

Proposed Changes

Policies

Staff proposes the board consider revising two existing policies and adding three new policies to the Farmland Preservation Account. A summary of the policy changes are in Table 1; draft policies are in Attachment A.

Table 1. Summary of Proposed Changes to Policies in the Farmland Preservation Account

Proposed Policy	Reason for Change
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Proposed Policy	Reason for Change
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C. Amount of Impervious Surface within the Farmland Conservation Easement Area is Limited	Current policy limits the amount of the land that is impervious and not available for cropland or rangeland use. The revised policy clarifies when the director may allow for an exception to the limit: 1) when matching funds are from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and 2) on an individual project basis.
D. Public Trails are Allowed within a Farmland Conservation Easement Area	This new policy would allow for the current or future development of a public recreational trail on protected farmland if agreeable to the landowner. The cost to protect the right to develop the trail is an allowable cost as part of acquiring the conservation easement. The footprint of the trail counts toward the impervious surface limit.
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Evaluation Criteria

Staff proposes the board consider revising the evaluation criteria to address feedback from the WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee and applicants. A summary of the revised evaluation criteria is in Table 2. The draft evaluation criteria are in Attachment B. A comparison of the current evaluation criteria to the proposed evaluation criteria is in Attachment C.

Table 2. Summary of Proposed Evaluation Criteria in the Farmland Preservation Account

Questions	Total Points	Percent of Total
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1B. Land – What is the likelihood the land will not stay in an agricultural use?	10	18%
2A. Infrastructure - How is the land’s agricultural productivity supported by access to markets?	4	7%
2B. Infrastructure - How well is the land’s agricultural productivity supported by on-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, housing, livestock sheds, and other farming infrastructure?	4	7%
3. Stewardship - What stewardship practices are in place to benefit fish and wildlife habitat?	6	11%

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4. Community Values - How will protection of the land for agricultural purposes provide other benefits to the community? Does the community support the project?	10	18%
5. Building Envelope - How much of the property is included in the building envelope?	4	7%
6. Match - Is the applicant providing additional match above the minimum requirement?	2	3%
7. Easement Duration - What is the Duration of the Conservation Easement?	0	0%
Total Points Available	56	

Public Review Process

First, staff will seek input from the Farmland Advisory Committee on the changes proposed and make revisions based on their feedback. Next, staff will solicit formal comment from other stakeholders, applicants and the interested public this summer. Staff will notify people of the public comment opportunity via email and RCO's website. After receiving and evaluating the public comments, staff will prepare final draft policies and evaluation criteria for the board's consideration at the September 2015 meeting where additional public comment is accepted.

Request for Direction

RCO seeks direction from the board on:

- The proposed changes to the policies,
- The revised evaluation criteria; and
- Whether to proceed with the public review process as outlined in this memo.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Changes to Policies in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account
- B. Proposed Evaluation Criteria in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account
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Proposed Changes to Policies in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account

A. Definition of Farmland

CURRENT POLICY:

Farmland is interpreted as “farm and agricultural land” and is defined in Appendix A. [Appendix A is the text from the Open Space Tax Act.]

REVISED POLICY: PARCELS ELIGIBLE IN THE WWRP FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACCOUNT

This policy applies to each parcel included in a grant application to the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account.

1. State Law Defines “Farmland” in WWRP¹ the Same as “Farm and Agricultural Land” in the Open Space Tax Act²

The Director will ensure each parcel included in a grant application for funding from the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account meets the definition of farm and agricultural land in the Open Space Tax Act.

2. Staff Relies on the Open Space Tax Enrollment Status of a Parcel to Determine Whether it is Eligible

When determining whether a parcel meets the definition of farm and agricultural land in the Open Space Tax Act, staff relies on the information provided by the grant application. Applicants must provide the necessary information as part of their grant application.

3. Open Space Tax Enrollment Status as Farm and Agricultural Land is Determined at the Application Due Date

To be eligible for funding, each parcel must meet the definition of farm and agricultural land in the Open Space Tax Act by the application due date.

4. Parcels Not Enrolled as Farm and Agricultural Land in the Open Space Tax Act Are Not Eligible for Funding

A parcel not enrolled as farm and agricultural land in the Open Space Tax Act is not eligible for funding.

EXCEPTION: an applicant may seek a preliminary determination from the county assessor where the parcel is located as to whether the parcel would be eligible for enrollment as farm and agricultural land in the Open Space Tax Act if the landowner applied. Preliminary determinations from the county assessor are due by the Technical

¹ RCW 79A.15.010(4)

² RCW 84.34.020(2)

Completion Deadline. The landowner is not required to participate in the Open Space Tax Act if they are eligible but are not enrolled.

B. Project Scope May Include One or More Parcels

NEW POLICY: APPLICATIONS MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE PARCELS IN THE WWRP FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACCOUNT

This policy applies to each grant application to the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account.

1. All Parcels Proposed for Acquisition Must be Identified in the Grant Application

The Director will ensure each application identifies all parcels proposed for acquisition in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account.

2. Each Parcel Must be Identified by a Map and a County Parcel Number

Each application must include a map that identifies each parcel in the application and the parcel's identification number.

3. All Parcel Must Be Contiguous or Owned by the Same Landowner

If there is more than one parcel in an application, the parcels must be:

- Contiguous, if the parcels are owned by different landowners, or
- Contiguous or non-contiguous, if the parcels are owned by the same landowner.

4. A Separate Conservation Easement is Required for Each Landowner

If there is more than one landowner in the application, the director will enter into separate farmland conservation easements with each landowner.

C. Limits on the Amount of Impervious Surface

CURRENT POLICY:

For the purpose of the agricultural conservation easement, "impervious surfaces" means all hard surface areas that either prevent or retard water runoff and absorption. Impervious surfaces have the effect of removing soil from cultivation. Because the goal of this program is to preserve the opportunity for agriculture, impervious surfaces limits will be based on a sliding scale related to farm size.

Farm Size	Amount of Impervious Surfaces Allowed
50 acres	6 percent+
51-100 acres	6 percent
101-200 acres	5 percent

Farm Size	Amount of Impervious Surfaces Allowed
201-500 acres	4 percent
501-1,000 acres	3 percent
1,001+ acres	2 percent

This sliding scale is a general guideline, with adjustments made on a case-by-case basis.

If the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program is a funding partner, the limit is 2 percent. The 2 percent maximum may be waived by the easement program's state conservationist on a case-by-case basis.

REVISED POLICY: THE AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE WITHIN THE FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA IS LIMITED

This policy applies to each farmland conservation easement in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account.

1. Impervious Surface is All Hard Surface Areas

The board defines impervious surface as all hard surface areas that either prevent or retard water absorption into the soil and have the effect of removing soil from cultivation.

2. Impervious Surface Limits are Based on Farm Size

The maximum percent land within the farmland conservation easement area allowed to be impervious surface is:

Size of the Easement Area	Percent of Land Allowed to be Impervious Surface
50 acres	6 percent or more
51-100 acres	6 percent
101-200 acres	5 percent
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EXCEPTION: When the Natural Resources Conservation Service partially funds a WWRP Farmland Preservation Account farmland conservation easement, the director may use the definition of impervious surface used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service as long as it does not exceed the maximum amount as described in the table above.

EXCEPTION: The director may approve a higher percentage of land as impervious surface on an individual project basis.

D. Trails on Farms Encouraged

NEW POLICY: PUBLIC TRAILS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN A FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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1. Public Recreational Trail Systems Are Allowed Within a WWRP Farmland Conservation Easement

The board encourages sponsors and landowners to include current or future development of public trail systems as a permitted use within the farmland conservation easement. The landowner may wish to defer for a certain period the right to develop a trail as a condition on the permitted use.

2. Trail Systems Are Impervious Surfaces

If the footprint of the trail system meets the definition of an impervious surface, the trail system must be included in the amount of impervious surface in the farmland conservation easement.

3. Preserving the a Trail is an Eligible Cost

The cost for preserving the development right for a trail in the future is an eligible cost as part of acquiring the farmland conservation easement from the landowner. Development of the trail is not an eligible cost.

E. Amendments to the Project Scope Must be Reviewed by the Advisory Committee (new)

NEW POLICY: THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEWS ALL REQUESTS TO CHANGE A PARCEL IN A WWRP FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECT

This policy applies to projects funded in the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account during the project agreement period of performance.

1. The Director Consults with the WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee on all Requests to Change a Parcel

The director will consult with the WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee on a request to change a parcel in a project funded in the Farmland Preservation Account. A parcel change includes requests to remove parcels or add new parcels to the scope of a project.

2. WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee Provides a Recommendation to the Director on all Requests to Change a Parcel

The WWRP Farmland Advisory Committee reviews a request to change a parcel to determine whether the change would result in similar conservation values as those presented in the application. The Committee provides one of the following types of recommendations to the director:

- The change provides similar conservation values as the parcel(s) presented in the application,
- The change provides less conservation value compared to the parcel(s) presented in the application, or
- The change provides more conservation values compared to the parcel(s) presented in the application.

3. Requests to Change a Parcel Must Comply with the Scope Change Policy

A request to change a parcel in a project funded from the WWRP Farmland Preservation Account must comply with the board's policy on scope changes as described in Manual 3: *Acquisition Projects*.

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A. What percent of the land contains prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or farmland of unique importance? ^{3,4}

- Less than 60 percent (0 points)
- 60 – 69.99 percent or more (1 – 4 points)
- 70 – 79.99 percent or more (5 – 8 points)
- 80 – 89.99 percent or more (9 – 12 points)
- 90 percent or more (13 – 16 points)

B. What is the likelihood the land will not stay in an agricultural use? ⁵

Score the question based on the severity of the threat that the property will be converted to some other use than agriculture.

- Low likelihood it will not stay in agricultural use (0 point)
- Medium likelihood it will not stay in agricultural use (1 – 5 points)
- High likelihood it will not stay in agricultural use (6 – 10 points)

2. Infrastructure

A. How is the land's agricultural productivity supported by access to markets? ⁶

Available markets may include formal private markets, commodity exchanges and auctions, and public markets.

- There are little to no market opportunities that support agricultural productivity of the land. (0 points)
- There are adequate market opportunities that support agricultural productivity of the land. (1-2 points)
- There are superior market opportunities that support agricultural productivity of the land. (3-4 points)

³ See maps at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/GIS/maps/county/soils/soils.htm>

⁴ The viability of the site for continued agricultural production, including, but not limited to: Soil types; suitability for producing different types or varieties of crops; and water availability. (RCW 79A.15.130(9(h))

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⁶ Farm-to-market access. (RCW 79A.15.130(9(h))

B. How well is the land's agricultural productivity supported by on-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, housing, livestock sheds, and other farming infrastructure?⁷

- There are no on-site production and support facilities, even though they are needed, to support the agricultural productivity of the land.
- The agricultural productivity of the land is supported by production and support facilities off-site.
- There are on-site production and support facilities to support the agricultural productivity of the land.

Score 0 - 4 points based on how well the land's agricultural productivity is supported.

3. Stewardship

What stewardship practices are in place to benefit fish and wildlife habitat?

The focus of the stewardship practices is on providing habitat for salmon, other fish and wildlife species, migratory birds, and endangered, threatened or sensitive species.⁸

Types of stewardship practices may include:

- ✓ Enrollment in one or more conservation incentive programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service,
 - ✓ Participation in the voluntary stewardship program administered by the Washington State Conservation Commission, and
 - ✓ Agreements or voluntary commitments made to support habitat for specific species.
- There are no specific stewardship practices in place. (0 points)
 - There are one or more stewardship practices planned for the future. (1-2 points)
 - There are one or more stewardship practices in place. (2-4 points)
 - The conservation easement permanently protects the stewardship practices implemented.⁹ (4-6 points)

⁷ The viability of the site for continued agricultural production, including, but not limited to: On-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, housing, livestock sheds, and other farming infrastructure. (RCW 79A.15.130(9(h)))

⁸ Benefits to salmonids (RCW 79A.15.130(9(e))), benefits to other fish and wildlife habitat (RCW 79A.15.130(9(f))), integration with recovery efforts for endangered, threatened, or sensitive species (RCW 79A.15.130(9(g))), and migratory bird habitat and forage area (RCW 79A.15.130(9(i)(v))).

⁹ RCW 84.34.020(2)(e) limits the amount of a farm or agricultural land that may be set aside for incidental uses, including habitat preservation, to 20 percent of the land

4. Community Values

How will protection of the land for agricultural purposes provide other benefits to the community? Does the community support the project?¹⁰

- The project will provide few additional benefits to the community. (0 - 4 points)
- The project will provide many additional benefits to the community. (5 - 8 points)
- One or more letters of support included in the application that demonstrate community support for the project. (2 additional points)

Benefits to the community include:

- ✓ The project is identified as a recommendation in a:
 - Coordinated region-wide prioritization effort,
 - Critical pathways analysis,
 - Habitat conservation plan,
 - Limiting factors analysis, or
 - Watershed plan.¹¹
- ✓ The project is consistent with a:
 - Local land use plan, or
 - Regional or statewide recreational or resource plan.¹²
- ✓ The project assists in the implementation of:
 - A local shoreline master plan updated according to RCW 90.58.080, or
 - A local comprehensive plan updated according to RCW 36.70A.130.¹³
- ✓ The project provides protection of a view or an aquifer recharge.¹⁴
- ✓ The project will provide occasional or periodic collection of storm water runoff.¹⁵
- ✓ The project will create agricultural jobs.¹⁶
- ✓ The project will provide some educational opportunities.¹⁷

¹⁰ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(a))

¹¹ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(b))

¹² (RCW 79A.15.130(9(d))

¹³ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(d))

¹⁴ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(i))

¹⁵ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(i))

¹⁶ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(i))

¹⁷ (RCW 79A.15.130(9(i))

5. Building Envelope

How much of the property is included in the building envelope?

- The size of the building envelope is not appropriate for the size of the farm. (0 points)
- The size of the building envelope is appropriate for the size of the farm. (1 - 4 points)

OBJECTIVE SCORED QUESTIONS

6. Match

Is the applicant providing additional match above the minimum requirement?

- The applicant is not providing additional match above the minimum requirements. (0 points)
- The applicant is providing 5 percent or more additional match above the minimum requirements. (2 points)

7. Easement Duration

What is the Duration of the Conservation Easement?

- The duration of the conservation easement is forever (perpetual). (0 points)
- The duration of the conservation easement is not forever (less than perpetual). (-12 points)

Comparison of Current Evaluation Criteria to Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Current Criteria	Current Points	Proposed Criteria	Proposed Points
A. Agricultural Values: Preservation of farmlands in order to maintain the opportunity for agricultural activity.			
1. Importance. How important is this farmland to the region and state?			
A. Soil types; percent of property with important soil types.	5	1A. Land - What percent of the land contains prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or farmland of unique importance?	16
B. Suitability for producing the current or anticipated agricultural products.	5	Suitability is a component of prime farmland and reflected in question 1A.	
C. Size. Consider whether the size of the commercially productive portion of the property is adequate for the intended agricultural use.	5	Discretionary criteria removed.	
D. Economic productivity.	5	Discretionary criteria removed.	
E. Fit of the project to local priorities.	5	Discretionary criteria removed.	
2. Viability: The viability of the site for continued agricultural production and the likelihood it will remain in production:			

Current Criteria	Current Points	Proposed Criteria	Proposed Points
A. On-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, housing, livestock watering, rangeland fencing, livestock sheds, and other farming or ranching infrastructure.	3 points for cropland projects, 2 points for rangeland	2B. Infrastructure - How well is the land's agricultural productivity supported by on-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, housing, livestock sheds, and other farming infrastructure?	4
B. Farm-to-market access.	3	2A. Infrastructure - How is the land's agricultural productivity supported by access to markets?	4
C. Cropland projects only: Proximity to roads and utilities.	3	Discretionary criteria removed.	
D. Rangeland projects only: Carrying capacity.	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
E. Water availability.	3	Water availability is a component of prime farmland and reflected in question 1A.	
F. Drainage.	0 points if no such feature. Maximum deduction -5 points.	Discretionary criteria removed.	
G. Presence of other features that could hinder or restrict use for agriculture.	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
H. Zoning.	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
I. Likelihood that the farm will remain in agriculture if protected.	16	1B. Land – What is the likelihood the land will not stay in an agricultural use?	10
J. Likelihood that the region will continue to support agriculture.	7	Discretionary criteria removed.	
B. Environmental Values (Acquisition-only Projects)			

Current Criteria	Current Points	Proposed Criteria	Proposed Points
1. Species and Habitat Support: Which species does the property support? How does the property support the species that use it?	10	3. Stewardship - What stewardship practices are in place to benefit fish and wildlife habitat?	6
2. The Bigger Picture: How does protecting this property fit with local, regional, statewide conservation objectives?	8	Local, regional, and statewide conservation priorities incorporated in question 4 Community Values.	
3. Agricultural Productivity: How does the agricultural productivity of this property enhance its environmental values?	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
-- OR --			
B. Environmental Values (Combination Projects)			
Enhancement or restoration projects must further the ecological functions of the farmlands.			
Briefly describe the restoration/enhancement activity.			
1. Species and Habitat Support: How will the project further the ecological function of the land?	8	Removed from the evaluation criteria and incorporated as eligibility criteria because state law requires enhancement or restoration projects to further the ecological functions of the farmland to receive funding. By definition, enhancement or restoration projects improve ecological function.	
2. The Bigger Picture: How will protecting this property fit with local, regional, and/or statewide conservation objectives?	6	Discretionary criteria removed.	
3. Likelihood of Success: What is the likelihood that the restoration or enhancement will achieve the anticipated benefits for species and habitat?	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
4. Agricultural Productivity: How will the restoration or enhancement promote agricultural productivity?	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	

Current Criteria	Current Points	Proposed Criteria	Proposed Points
C. Community Values and Priorities			
1. Community support for the project.	6	4. Community Values - How will protection of the land for agricultural purposes provide other benefits to the community? Does the community support the project?	10
2. Consistency with a local land use plan, or a regional or statewide recreational or resource plan.	2		
3. Other community values provided by the property when used as agricultural land.	4		
Building Envelope is not in the current criteria.		5. Building Envelope - How much of the property is included in the building envelope?	4
D. Other			
1. Cost benefit.	5	Discretionary criteria removed.	
2. Local match. Consider the amount of local (non-state, non-federal) match to be provided by the grant recipient.	2	6. Match - Is the applicant providing additional match above the minimum requirement?	2
3. Sponsor's ability to acquire, manage, monitor and enforce conservation easements.	4	Discretionary criteria removed.	
4. Term (Staff Scored Question). The following formula will be used to determine points for duration of lease or easement:	20	7. Easement Duration - What is the Duration of the Conservation Easement?	0 ¹⁸
Total Points Available	133		56

¹⁸ The current criteria awards 20 points for easements that are perpetual. The proposed criteria awards 0 points for easement that are perpetual and negative 20 points for easements that are less than perpetual. The reason for the change is create a negative incentive for less than perpetual easements rather than a positive incentive for perpetual easements. All easements to date have been perpetual. Awarding twenty points to all application unnecessarily created an inflated score.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier 2 Project Preview

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

This memo presents the applications that have been submitted for federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program funding in 2015. The June 2015 meeting provides an opportunity for review of the applications in an open public meeting of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is expected to announce its request for proposals for the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program in June 2015. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) has delegated the following authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director for the BIG program:

- The director may approve funding for Tier 1 projects after the Boating Programs Advisory Committee (BPAC) reviews the grant applications. If there are multiple applications, the committee evaluates and ranks the projects.
- The director may submit Tier 2 projects to the USFWS for the national competition following review of the projects by the BPAC and presentation of the applications at a regular meeting of the board.

At the board meeting in June, staff will present the grant applications submitted for funding consideration and fulfill the open public meeting requirement.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Policies

The U.S. Congress created the BIG Program under the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. The program is managed by the USFWS and provides funds for developing and renovating boating facilities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Sponsors may also use funds to provide directional information and enhance boater education. Facilities eligible for funding include transient moorage docks, breakwaters, and buoys.

The USFWS has established two “tiers” of grants.

- Tier 1 is for projects that request \$100,000 or less. Each year the state of Washington may submit an unlimited number of projects requesting funds on behalf of the state or eligible sub-sponsors. However, the total may not exceed \$100,000. Tier 1 applications are not guaranteed, but have a high probability of funding approval.
- Tier 2 is for projects that request between \$100,001 and \$1.5 million. States may submit applications for any number of Tier 2 grants on behalf of itself or an eligible sub-sponsor. These projects are submitted for national competition with no assurances of success.

Rules governing Washington’s program are in Manual #12, *Boating Infrastructure Grant Program*.

Eligible Applicants:	Local governments, state agencies, port districts, tribal governments, and private marinas and nonprofit organizations with facilities open to the general public
Eligible Projects:	Development, renovation, education, and information
Match Requirements:	Grant recipients must provide at least 25% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.
Funding Limits	Tier 1: The minimum fund request is \$5,000 with a maximum request of \$95,000. ¹ Tier 2: The minimum fund request is \$100,001 with a maximum request of \$1,455,000. ²
Public Access:	Required for a minimum of 20 years
Other Program Characteristics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects must be located on navigable waters.• Transient moorage is limited to 10 days.• Key priorities in the evaluative process include partnerships, percent of sponsor match, innovation, and access to sites of national, regional, or local significance.

RCO accepts grant applications for Tier 1 projects during the even-numbered year as part of the biennial grants cycle. Applicants may submit Tier 2 projects each year for the national competition.

New Program Rules

On May 6, USFWS published updated rules for the program. The new rules go into effect on June 5, 2015. At the June board meeting, staff will provide a brief summary of changes to the program.

Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Grant Cycle

RCO received two grant BIG Tier 2 applications for funding consideration during this grant cycle. The proposals are described in Attachment A.

¹ The board’s adopted policy is to set aside \$5,000 for program administration.

² The USFWS adopted a \$1.5 million grant limit. \$45,000 is set aside for program administration.

BIG Tier 2 Technical Review and Evaluation

The Boating Programs Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives from state and local agencies and citizens with expertise in boating access facilities. It is their responsibility to review the project proposals. This technical review will occur in July after applicants submit their complete applications. Applicants will have two weeks to update their proposals and submit changes following advisory committee review.

After considering the recommendations of the advisory committee, the director will submit the Tier 2 project applications to the USFWS in September 2015 for the national competition.

Program Funding

BIG receives a percentage of the annual revenues to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The revenue comes from excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, fuel taxes attributable to motorboats, and import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft.

Although the state capital budget has not yet passed, RCO staff anticipates that it will include authorization to expend any federal funds that we receive. The USFWS anticipates awarding approximately \$12 million for BIG Tier 2 projects in federal fiscal year 2016.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's goal to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for BIG support board adopted priorities in the *Boating Grant Programs Plan* and the *Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Next Steps

The director will submit the Tier 2 projects to the USFWS for federal fiscal year 2016 fund consideration following public comment and final review by the committee.

Attachments

- A. Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2016
- B. Map of Project Locations

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 2 Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2016

Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
15-1295					
Development	Point Hudson Jetty Replacement 2	Port of Port Townsend	\$352,189 ³	\$575,112	\$927,301
<p>Description: The Port of Port Townsend will use this grant to replace the existing north and south jetties that protect the entrance to the Point Hudson Marina on Puget Sound. The marina provides 66 moorage slips for recreational boaters and can accommodate vessels up to 70 feet in length. A recent engineer's assessment of both the north and south jetties concluded that they are severely compromised and that their failure could jeopardize use of this historic marina facility. By replacing this critical breakwater structure, the Port will ensure the long-term protection of the marina from the damaging wind and wave action of Port Townsend Bay.</p> <p>The marina is located adjacent to the Northwest Maritime Center, home of the first and largest wooden boat festival in North America. This educational center is a resource for wooden boat enthusiasts worldwide and attracts hundreds of recreational boaters each year.</p>					
15-1253					
Development	Eagle Harbor City Dock Replacement	City of Bainbridge Island	\$243,000	\$82,000	\$325,000
<p>Description: The City of Bainbridge Island will use this grant to expand its guest moorage dock in Eagle Harbor for visiting boaters. The city plans to add a total of 200 feet of new transient side-tie moorage. They will install new galvanized steel piles to anchor the float system and install one new sewage pump-out station. Fire suppression and dock-side water and electric utilities will also be provided.</p> <p>The dock is located at Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park in the historic Winslow town center. The ferry providing service to Seattle is a short walk from the park.</p>					

³ In 2014, the Port requested \$1,455,000 for this \$3,831,000 project. The USFWS awarded \$1,102,811 in February 2015. This application seeks the difference (\$352,189) between the prior BIG request and the award amount.

State Map of Boating Infrastructure Grant Projects



● 15-1253D, City of Bainbridge Island, Eagle Harbor City Dock Replacement

▲ 15-1295D, Port of Port Townsend, Point Hudson Jetty Replacement

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopted the ranked lists of projects for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in October 2014. As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget or appropriated funding for the program. Recreation and Conservation Office staff is asking the board to delegate authority to the director to award grant funding to the ranked lists of projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution: 2015-06

Purpose of Resolution: Delegates authority to the director to award grants to the ranked lists of projects as approved by the board, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

Approval Process

Applicants submit Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) project proposals to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) during the even-numbered year of each biennium. In 2014, WWRP advisory committees evaluated and ranked projects in each of the eleven categories using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In October 2014, the board adopted the ranked lists of WWRP projects for submittal to the Governor (resolutions #2014-19 through #2014-29) by November 1, 2014. The Governor submitted the lists to the Legislature without changes.

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium. Staff will update the board regarding the appropriation amount at the June 2015 meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting.¹ Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available. However, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

- Rank 22, WWRP Farmland Preservation –Upper Naneum Creek Farm (#14-1456A): Kittitas County did not certify match for this project because they do not have a willing seller.
- Rank 25, WWRP Farmland Preservation – Hofstra Farm (14-1472A): Forterra did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 29, WWRP Local Parks – Snoqualmie Skate Park (14-1592D): Snoqualmie did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 30, WWRP Local Parks – Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool (14-1606D): Centralia did not certify match for this project because it does not have enough matching resources for a viable project.
- Rank 36, WWRP Local Parks – Ilwaco City Park Rejuvenation (14-1729D): Ilwaco did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 48, WWRP Local Parks – Mukilteo Athletic Fields (14-1323D): Mukilteo did not certify match for this project. The city's major partner, the Boys and Girls Club, is seeking other sources of funding.
- Rank 54, WWRP Local Parks – Hanford Legacy Park Multi-Purpose Sports Fields (14-1428D): Richland did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 69, WWRP Local Parks – Park at Bothell Landing Expansion and Renovation (14-1750D): Bothell did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

Changes to the Ranked Lists since the Board Approval

There have been a few changes since the board adopted the ranked lists in October 2014. Three sponsors have asked that their projects be removed from consideration, as follows:

- Rank 40, WWRP Local Parks – Karl Grosch Field Replacement (14-1590D): Federal Way has completed the project. Because of its low ranking, they used city resources to renovate the field this spring.
- Rank 13, WWRP Trails - Willapa Hills Trail (14-1640D): State Parks received unused WWRP funds in December 2014 for this project and it is currently in the design and permitting phase. Construction is planned for this fall. It was an alternate on the 2011-13 ranked list.
- Rank 20, WWRP Trails - Centennial Trail Bryant Trailhead Acquisition (14-1243A): Snohomish County has withdrawn this project. The landowner sold the Bryant property to another buyer.

Because of the circumstances described above, these eleven projects are no longer under consideration for funding and will be listed as "not funded" on the final ranked list.

At this time, staff does not know if the Legislature will change any of the lists. If the Legislature removes projects from a list, those projects will be listed as "not funded" on the final ranked list.

¹ WAC 286-13-040(3)

Analysis

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's goals to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities.

Public Comment

The board received public comment about these projects in October 2014. No additional public comment has been received.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the program funding level and the timing for final budget approval, RCO staff recommends that the board delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked lists of projects in Table 1. This table, which the board approved in October, has been modified to indicate the projects where the sponsor has not certified match or that have been withdrawn. The director's approval authority is contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget and any legislative modifications to the ranked lists.

Funding would be awarded according to existing board policy and rules, subject to any changes made by the Legislature. For example, projects that (1) are withdrawn from consideration by the sponsors, (2) do not meet pre-agreement requirements, or (3) are removed from consideration by the Legislature or Governor would not be eligible for funding.

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the board meeting, staff may revise the resolution and table so that the board can make the funding decisions.

Next Steps

If the board approves the delegation of authority, the RCO director would be authorized to award grants and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements, if funds are made available for this program.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2015-06
 - Table 1 – *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17*
- B. Critical Habitat Project Summaries
- C. Farmland Preservation Project Summaries
- D. Local Parks Project Summaries
- E. Natural Areas Project Summaries
- F. Riparian Protection Project Summaries
- G. State Lands Development and Renovation Project Summaries
- H. State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Project Summaries
- I. State Parks Project Summaries
- J. Trails Project Summaries
- K. Urban Wildlife Habitat Project Summaries
- L. Water Access Project Summaries

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-06
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects and
Delegation of Authority to the Director to Award Funding

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved the ranked lists of Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects reflected in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* at their October 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the board recommended ranked lists of eligible WWRP projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2015-17 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) address a variety of critical habitat needs, (b) restore existing lands to self-sustaining functionality, (c) protect areas that have retained their natural character and are important in preserving species or features of value, and (d) have been evaluated based on long-term viability, thereby supporting the board's goal to help agencies maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems, sustain Washington's biodiversity, or protect "listed" species and natural settings; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and renovation of properties for recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide, including bicycling and walking facilities and facilities most conducive to improved health; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Riparian Protection Account provide habitat benefits for a variety of fish and wildlife species, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity; protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Farmland Preservation Account meet criteria that demonstrate preference for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goals to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the approval of these projects occurred in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner, and the board's principles to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established priorities; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal, and.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the 2015-17 biennium; and

WHEREAS, RCW 79A.15.030 (7) authorizes RCO to use a portion of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, contingent on funds being appropriated for the WWRP in the 2015-17 biennial budget, that the total amount allowed by the Legislature to be used to administer the

program be subtracted from the appropriation and the remaining funds be distributed to the eleven WWRP categories according to statutory requirements and board policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the modified ranked lists in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* pursuant to existing board policy and rules, and subject to any changes made by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	40.60	14-1085A	Mountain View	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	40.20	14-1096A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000
3	39.90	14-1087A	Mid Columbia - Grand Coulee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$11,000,000
4	39.70	14-1090A	Heart of the Cascades	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$15,000,000
5	37.20	14-1091A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,200,000		\$2,200,000	\$17,200,000
6	36.80	14-1089A	Tunk Valley	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$19,200,000
7	35.40	14-1099A	Kettle River Corridor	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$20,200,000
8	23.70	14-1609C	Sage Grouse Habitat Acquisition in Deep Creek	Foster Creek Conservation District	\$302,000	\$303,152	\$605,152	\$20,502,000
					\$20,502,000	\$303,152	\$20,805,152	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination

Table 1 - WWRP, Farmland Preservation Account, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	123.50	14-1510A	Vander Voet Farm	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$564,100	\$1,150,000	\$1,714,100	\$564,100
2	123.25	14-1526A	Olma South Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$277,354	\$283,353	\$560,707	\$841,454
3	122.25	14-1527A	Strandberg Farm and Ranchland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$758,563	\$765,562	\$1,524,125	\$1,600,017
3	122.25	14-2178A	Skagit County Farmland	Skagit County	\$1,379,712	\$1,379,713	\$2,759,425	\$2,979,729
5	122.13	14-1629A	Nelson Ranch Easement Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,729,729
6	121.75	14-1359A	Bishop Dairy Preservation	Jefferson Land Trust	\$481,225	\$481,225	\$962,450	\$4,210,954
7	121.63	14-1293A	Lust Family Farm and Ranch Preservation	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$1,704,153	\$8,333	\$1,712,486	\$5,915,107
8	121.50	14-1756A	Maple K Meyers Place	Palouse Land Trust	\$540,250	\$540,250	\$1,080,500	\$6,455,357
9	121.25	14-1443A	Dungeness Watershed Farmland Protection Phase 3	North Olympic Land Trust	\$343,875	\$343,875	\$687,750	\$6,799,232
10	121.13	14-1522A	Olma North Ranchland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$762,000	\$763,000	\$1,525,000	\$7,561,232
11	120.00	14-1652A	Soriano Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$2,115,250	\$2,154,250	\$4,269,500	\$9,676,482
12	119.88	14-1400A	Smith Family Farms Protection Phase 1	North Olympic Land Trust	\$627,000	\$627,000	\$1,254,000	\$10,303,482
13	119.75	14-1295A	Stevenson Farm and Ranch Preservation	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$513,780	\$8,333	\$522,113	\$10,817,262
14	117.50	14-1719C	Schweickert Farm Easement Acquisition-Restoration	Capitol Land Trust	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$330,000	\$10,982,262

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
15	117.38	14-1476A	Bailey Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$591,275	\$591,275	\$1,182,550	\$11,573,537
16	115.13	14-1297A	Emerick Rangeland Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$1,300,114	\$8,333	\$1,308,447	\$12,873,651
17	114.00	14-1557A	Double R Bar Ranch Conservation Easement	San Juan County Land Bank	\$379,000	\$379,000	\$758,000	\$13,252,651
18	113.38	14-1235A	Quilcene Farm Center	Jefferson Land Trust	\$295,451	\$295,451	\$590,902	\$13,548,102
19	110.50	14-1478A	Harman Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$165,000	\$205,550	\$370,550	\$13,713,102
20	109.75	14-1477A	Olson Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$228,300	\$228,300	\$456,600	\$13,941,402
21	108.50	14-1541A	Sather Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$319,100	\$319,100	\$638,200	\$14,260,502
22	108.25	14-1456A	Upper Naneum Creek Farm ¹	Kittitas County	\$187,500	\$187,500	\$375,000	\$14,448,002
23	107.25	14-1128A	Imrie Ranches Rock Creek Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$5,171,135		\$5,171,135	\$19,619,137
24	107.13	14-1140A	Kelley Ranches Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$2,437,826		\$2,437,826	\$22,056,963
25	107.00	14-1472A	Hofstra Farm ¹	Forterra	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$610,000	\$22,361,963
					\$22,361,963	\$11,939,403	\$34,301,366	

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Table 1 - WWRP, Local Parks Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1 of 70	64.83	14-1135D	Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area	Wenatchee	\$480,648	\$480,648	\$961,296	\$480,648
2 of 70	63.50	14-1513C	Springbrook Park Acquisition and Development	Lakewood	\$193,950	\$193,950	\$387,900	\$674,598
3 of 70	62.33	14-1274D	Kasch Park Synthetic Turf Replacement	Everett	\$500,000	\$1,605,000	\$2,105,000	\$1,174,598
4 of 70	61.72	14-1143D	Volunteer Park Development	Selah	\$359,000	\$380,000	\$739,000	\$1,533,598
5 of 70	61.28	14-1111A	Candy Mountain Acquisition	Benton County	\$695,377	\$695,377	\$1,390,754	\$2,228,975
6 of 70	60.83	14-1331D	John Storvik Spray Park and New Restroom	Anacortes	\$335,000	\$347,500	\$682,500	\$2,563,975
7 of 70	59.67	14-1182D	Inspiration Playground Construction, Downtown Park	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,365,000	\$3,063,975
8 of 70	58.50	14-1121D	Randall Park Renovation	Yakima	\$500,000	\$670,100	\$1,170,100	\$3,563,975
9 of 70	58.22	14-1465D	Spokane-Adaptive Baseball Field at Mission Park	Spokane	\$238,055	\$238,056	\$476,111	\$3,802,030
10 of 70	58.11	14-1471D	Columbia River Waterfront Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,615,590	\$2,115,590	\$4,302,030
11 of 70	57.39	14-1434D	Skate Darrington	Darrington	\$296,081	\$302,081	\$598,162	\$4,598,111
12 of 70	57.22	14-1542D	Waughop Lake Trail at Fort Steilacoom Park	Lakewood	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$4,848,111
12 of 70	57.22	14-1616D	Covington Community Park Phase 2	Covington	\$500,000	\$3,045,100	\$3,545,100	\$5,348,111
14 of 70	57.17	14-1701C	Prairie View Park Expansion	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$568,665	\$1,068,665	\$5,848,111
15 of 70	56.78	14-1357D	Beach Park Picnic Shelter and Restroom	Des Moines	\$293,243	\$293,244	\$586,487	\$6,141,354

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15 of 70	56.78	14-1072D	Hartwood Park Red Barn Playground	Washougal	\$78,946	\$78,947	\$157,893	\$6,220,300
17 of 70	56.72	14-1415D	Prosser City Park Restrooms	Prosser	\$87,800	\$87,800	\$175,600	\$6,308,100
18 of 70	56.33	14-1631A	Esperance Park Acquisition	Snohomish County	\$508,600	\$670,000	\$1,178,600	\$6,816,700
19 of 70	55.78	14-1618D	Big Rock Sports Park Improvements	Duvall	\$500,000	\$839,093	\$1,339,093	\$7,316,700
19 of 70	55.78	14-1509D	Twisp Tennis Court Development	Twisp	\$34,025	\$34,765	\$68,790	\$7,350,725
21 of 70	55.56	14-1131C	Hale Park Acquisition and Development	Wenatchee	\$523,000	\$531,923	\$1,054,923	\$7,873,725
22 of 70	55.28	14-1449D	John Dam Plaza Amphitheater	Richland	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$8,173,725
23 of 70	55.00	14-1398A	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	Bothell	\$1,000,000	\$1,410,800	\$2,410,800	\$9,173,725
24 of 70	54.89	14-1120D	Meadowdale Playfields Renovation	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$2,545,336	\$3,045,336	\$9,673,725
25 of 70	54.78	14-1444A	Refuge Road Neighborhood Park Acquisition	Ridgefield	\$225,300	\$225,301	\$450,601	\$9,899,025
26 of 70	54.61	14-1484A	Port Gamble Ride Park-Kitsap Forest and Bay	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$570,000	\$1,070,000	\$10,399,025
27 of 70	54.11	14-1199A	Civic Center Field Acquisition	Edmonds	\$1,000,000	\$1,965,500	\$2,965,500	\$11,399,025
28 of 70	54.06	14-1630D	Lake Stickney Park Phase 1	Snohomish County	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$590,000	\$11,694,025
29 of 70	53.67	14-1592D	Snoqualmie Skate Park ¹	Snoqualmie	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$350,000	\$11,869,025
30 of 70	53.61	14-1606D	Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool ¹	Centralia	\$500,000	\$1,125,150	\$1,625,150	\$12,369,025

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
31 of 70	53.33	14-1623A	SoCo Park	Covington	\$558,915	\$558,915	\$1,117,830	\$12,927,940
31 of 70	53.33	14-1543D	Mirror Pond Pathway	Spokane	\$91,500	\$91,500	\$183,000	\$13,019,440
33 of 70	53.28	14-1218D	Star Park Playground Development	Ferndale	\$230,666	\$230,685	\$461,351	\$13,250,106
34 of 70	53.17	14-1512A	Cougar-Squak Corridor Acquisition	King County	\$500,000	\$3,800,000	\$4,300,000	\$13,750,106
35 of 70	52.89	14-1499D	Island Crest Park Renovation	Mercer Island	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$1,150,000	\$14,250,106
36 of 70	52.67	14-1729D	Ilwaco City Park Rejuvenation ¹	Ilwaco	\$320,000	\$323,118	\$643,118	\$14,570,106
37 of 70	52.44	14-1290D	Moorlands Neighborhood Park Renovation	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$951,325	\$1,451,325	\$15,070,106
38 of 70	51.67	14-1265D	Central Park Multipurpose Sport Field Improvements	Issaquah	\$500,000	\$2,636,228	\$3,136,228	\$15,570,106
39 of 70	51.22	14-1463D	Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Playground Renovation	Fircrest	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$73,000	\$15,606,606
40 of 70	50.67	14-1590D	Karl Grosch Field Replacement ²	Federal Way	\$150,000	\$430,000	\$580,000	\$15,756,606
41 of 70	50.56	14-1173D	Crow Butte Park Playground Development	Port of Benton	\$167,200	\$182,047	\$349,247	\$15,923,806
42 of 70	50.22	14-1280D	Cashmere's Riverside Park Revitalization	Cashmere	\$249,925	\$249,925	\$499,850	\$16,173,731
42 of 70	50.22	14-1696D	Russell Road Athletic Field Conversion	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,528,259	\$2,028,259	\$16,673,731
44 of 70	49.50	14-1873C	Snoqualmie Riverview Park Expansion	Snoqualmie	\$500,000	\$506,700	\$1,006,700	\$17,173,731
45 of 70	49.22	14-1695D	Point Defiance Off Leash	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$17,673,731

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46 of 70	49.17	14-1361D	Hansen Park Completion-Pathway and Amenities	Kennewick	\$360,198	\$360,199	\$720,397	\$18,033,929
47 of 70	48.56	14-1467D	Sandhill Park Renovation	Mason County	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$450,000	\$18,258,929
48 of 70	48.33	14-1323D	Mukilteo Athletic Fields ¹	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$900,000	\$1,400,000	\$18,758,929
49 of 70	48.28	14-1367D	Civic Field Lighting Replacement	Port Angeles	\$226,500	\$226,500	\$453,000	\$18,985,429
50 of 70	48.11	14-1763D	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	Mossyrock	\$71,450	\$72,550	\$144,000	\$19,056,879
51 of 70	48.00	14-1790D	Concrete Water Spray Park	Concrete	\$199,013	\$243,237	\$442,250	\$19,255,892
51 of 70	48.00	14-1613A	Squire's Landing Park Expansion (Twedt Property)	Kenmore	\$340,485	\$340,485	\$680,970	\$19,596,377
53 of 70	47.94	14-1533D	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	Island County	\$163,140	\$163,140	\$326,280	\$19,759,517
54 of 70	47.83	14-1428D	Hanford Legacy Park Multi-Purpose Sports Fields ¹	Richland	\$500,000	\$575,685	\$1,075,685	\$20,259,517
55 of 70	47.78	14-1144D	Meydenbauer Bay Park Upland Development	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$2,616,942	\$3,116,942	\$20,759,517
56 of 70	46.33	14-1524D	Yesler Neighborhood Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$21,259,517
57 of 70	46.11	14-1408D	Lake Tye Park Skate Park Improvements	Monroe	\$120,000	\$122,000	\$242,000	\$21,379,517
58 of 70	46.00	14-1438D	McCormick Village Park Phase 2	Port Orchard	\$385,500	\$385,500	\$771,000	\$21,765,017
59 of 70	45.89	14-1399D	Conner Waterfront Park	La Conner	\$105,400	\$106,400	\$211,800	\$21,870,417
60 of 70	45.72	14-1503D	Gateway Park Development Phase 1	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$500,000	\$537,500	\$1,037,500	\$22,370,417

Table 1 - WWRP, Local Parks Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
61 of 70	43.50	14-1107D	Kiwanis Park Renovation	College Place	\$195,340	\$200,000	\$395,340	\$22,565,757
62 of 70	43.17	14-1213C	Washington Boulevard Park Phase I	Port of Kingston	\$400,000	\$424,292	\$824,292	\$22,965,757
63 of 70	42.89	14-1581D	North Mason Soccer-Football Field Renovation	Mason County	\$485,280	\$485,280	\$970,560	\$23,451,037
64 of 70	42.67	14-1424D	SERA Campus Multi-Use Field Development	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,750,000	\$23,951,037
65 of 70	40.33	14-1469D	Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park Phase 1 Improvements	Bainbridge Island	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$24,451,037
66 of 70	38.44	14-1529D	Foss Waterway 21st Street Park Play Area	Tacoma	\$60,000	\$63,996	\$123,996	\$24,511,037
67 of 70	37.67	14-1516D	Swan Creek Park Gateway	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,434,040	\$1,934,040	\$25,011,037
68 of 70	35.78	14-1745A	Van Doren's Landing Park Expansion	Kent	\$746,025	\$746,025	\$1,492,050	\$25,757,062
69 of 70	33.67	14-1750D	Park at Bothell Landing Expansion and Renovation ¹	Bothell	\$500,000	\$5,075,850	\$5,575,850	\$26,257,062
70 of 70	31.11	14-1679D	Foss Waterway Central Park Development	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$509,282	\$1,009,282	\$26,757,062
					\$26,757,062	\$57,144,031	\$83,901,093	

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¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

²Federal Way has used its own resources to complete this project.

Table 1 - WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	43.00	14-1249A	Dabob Bay Natural Area Shoreline	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,240,955		\$3,240,955	\$3,240,955
2	40.13	14-1254A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$849,659		\$849,659	\$4,090,614
3	39.50	14-1252A	Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek Natural Area Preserves	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,214,554		\$2,214,554	\$6,305,168
4	37.88	14-1722A	Queets River	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,643,135	\$560,000	\$2,203,135	\$7,948,303
4	37.88	14-1247A	South Lake Ozette Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,588,360		\$1,588,360	\$9,536,663
6	37.38	14-1253A	Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$648,164		\$648,164	\$10,184,827
7	35.88	14-1245A	Marcellus Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$215,118		\$215,118	\$10,399,945
8	33.75	14-1094A	Merrill Lake Natural Area	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	\$12,899,945
					\$12,899,945	\$560,000	\$13,459,945	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition

Table 1 - WWRP, Riparian Protection Account, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	98.10	14-1480A	Mashel Shoreline Protection Phase 4	Nisqually Land Trust	\$1,100,000	\$1,479,500	\$2,579,500	\$1,100,000
2	97.20	14-1150A	Willapa Bay-Seal Slough Conservation Acquisition	Columbia Land Trust	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,975,000
3	95.10	14-1092A	Taneum Creek Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,700,000		\$1,700,000	\$3,675,000
4	92.30	14-1097A	Reardan Audubon Lake	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$600,000		\$600,000	\$4,275,000
5	89.70	14-1095A	Merrill Lake Riparian Protection	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$7,275,000
6	88.80	14-1702A	Clearwater Riparian Protection Phase 3	The Nature Conservancy	\$986,565	\$990,518	\$1,977,083	\$8,261,565
7	88.70	14-1689A	Skookum Estuary Fletcher Acquisition Phase 2	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$140,000	\$145,000	\$285,000	\$8,401,565
8	88.10	14-2179A	Hoh River Riparian	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,199,400	\$1,425,000	\$2,624,400	\$9,600,965
9	82.60	14-1741C	Jacobs Point Addition	Anderson Island Park District	\$67,000	\$100,612	\$167,612	\$9,667,965
9	82.60	14-1587A	Grover's Creek Acquisition Phase 2	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$398,000	\$439,250	\$837,250	\$10,065,965
11	73.30	14-1283A	Carbon River Valley Expansion	Pierce County	\$612,500	\$911,250	\$1,523,750	\$10,678,465
12	67.00	14-1350A	Little Skookum Inlet Riparian Habitat Protection	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$951,300	\$977,700	\$1,929,000	\$11,629,765
					\$11,629,765	\$7,343,830	\$18,973,595	

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Table 1 - WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	55.80	14-1453D	East Tiger Mountain Trail System Development Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$300,000	\$37,000	\$337,000	\$300,000
2	53.00	14-1751D	Heller Bar Access Site Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500	\$624,500
3	51.30	14-1548D	Riverside Access Site Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$949,500
4	50.80	14-1520D	Mailbox Peak Trail Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$178,400	\$25,000	\$203,400	\$1,127,900
5	48.70	14-1172D	Oak Creek Tim's Pond Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500	\$1,452,400
6	47.00	14-1589D	North Olympic Wildlife Area Public Access Facility	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$86,000		\$86,000	\$1,538,400
7	46.90	14-1279D	Samish River Unit Public Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$190,000		\$190,000	\$1,728,400
8	44.10	14-1425D	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$285,000		\$285,000	\$2,013,400
9	43.20	14-1644D	Sprague Lake Fishing Platform Phase 5	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$154,000		\$154,000	\$2,167,400
10	40.20	14-1743D	Shumaker Road and Access Site Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$283,000		\$283,000	\$2,450,400
11	38.70	14-1664D	4-O Ranch McNeill Campground Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$2,775,400
					\$2,775,400	\$62,000	\$2,837,400	

*Project Type: D = Development

Table 1 - WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	50.22	14-1697R	Grassland Restoration in South Puget Sound	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$387,700		\$387,700	\$387,700
2	48.67	14-1485R	Lacamas Prairie Oak and Wet Prairie Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$507,700
3	48.00	14-1508R	Sinlahekin Ecosystem Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$534,500		\$534,500	\$1,042,200
4	47.44	14-1525R	Trout Lake Meadow Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,000		\$72,000	\$1,114,200
5	44.89	14-1482R	Coastal Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$188,800		\$188,800	\$1,303,000
6	44.22	14-1355R	LT Murray Forest and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$375,000		\$375,000	\$1,678,000
7	44.11	14-1518R	Klickitat Canyon NRCA Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$71,000		\$71,000	\$1,749,000
8	44.00	14-1670R	Phantom Butte Shrub-Steppe and Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$62,500		\$62,500	\$1,811,500
9	40.33	14-1535R	Admiralty Inlet Preserve Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$96,937		\$96,937	\$1,908,437
10	39.67	14-1507R	Selah Cliffs Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$37,000		\$37,000	\$1,945,437
11	39.11	14-1610R	Colockum Wildlife Area Fire Rehabilitation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,200	\$5,000	\$205,200	\$2,145,637
12	37.22	14-1447R	Pogue Mountain and Chesaw Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$235,000	\$35,000	\$270,000	\$2,380,637
					\$2,380,637	\$40,000	\$2,420,637	

*Project Type: R = Restoration

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Rank	Score	Number and	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	67.26	14-1681A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2014	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	62.73	14-1621D	Kukutali Preserve Day Use Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$360,210	\$93,750	\$453,960	\$1,360,210
3	60.31	14-1486A	Westport Park Connection	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,905,000		\$1,905,000	\$3,265,210
4	58.78	14-1555D	Larrabee Clayton Beach Railway Overpass	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,331,365		\$2,331,365	\$5,596,575
5	58.67	14-1622D	Willapa Hills Trail - Trail Development Pe Ell Area	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$962,400		\$962,400	\$6,558,975
6	57.37	14-1682D	Lake Sammamish Sunset Beach Picnic Area	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$3,168,979		\$3,168,979	\$9,727,954
7	56.73	14-1626D	Tolmie State Park Parking	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$553,420		\$553,420	\$10,281,374
8	55.59	14-1634D	Klickitat Trail	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,229,000		\$2,229,000	\$12,510,374
9	52.50	14-1603A	Fudge Point Additional Uplands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$497,623		\$497,623	\$13,007,997
10	52.13	14-1454A	Saint Edward State Park Kenmore Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,164,680		\$2,164,680	\$15,172,677
11	50.99	14-1680A	Nisqually State Park University of Washington Forest Lands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,619,928		\$2,619,928	\$17,792,605
12	45.97	14-1645D	Sacajawea State Park Trail Connection	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,092,401		\$1,092,401	\$18,885,006
13	45.20	14-1723A	Manchester State Park Additional Uplands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$508,380		\$508,380	\$19,393,386
14	43.41	14-1635D	John Wayne Pioneer Trail Malden and Rosalia Trailhead Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$700,352		\$700,352	\$20,093,738
					\$20,093,738	\$93,750	\$20,187,488	

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Table 1 - WWRP, Trails Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	72.25	14-1124D	Spruce Railroad McFee Tunnel Restoration	Clallam County	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$920,000	\$460,000
2	69.25	14-1514D	East Lake Sammamish Trail Phase 4	King County	\$500,000	\$2,980,000	\$3,480,000	\$960,000
3	68.67	14-1137C	Twisp Community Trail	Twisp	\$199,504	\$201,650	\$401,154	\$1,159,504
4	68.08	14-1419D	Squalicum Creek Trail	Bellingham	\$500,000	\$1,215,914	\$1,715,914	\$1,659,504
5	67.83	14-1439A	Bay Street Pedestrian Path Mosquito Fleet Trail	Port Orchard	\$105,750	\$105,750	\$211,500	\$1,765,254
6	67.42	14-1461D	Naches Rail to Trail Final Phase	Yakima County	\$810,700	\$810,700	\$1,621,400	\$2,575,954
7	66.92	14-1677D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 3	Ferry County	\$98,000	\$99,000	\$197,000	\$2,673,954
8	66.17	14-1442D	Foothills National Recreation Trail Final Phase	Pierce County	\$2,755,063	\$2,755,063	\$5,510,126	\$5,429,017
9	65.58	14-1349D	Washougal Waterfront Trail	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$672,264	\$1,172,264	\$5,929,017
10	65.33	14-1694D	Point Defiance Loop Trail	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$6,500,000	\$9,179,017
11	64.08	14-1136D	Appleway Trail Phase 3	Spokane Valley	\$813,000	\$813,000	\$1,626,000	\$9,992,017
12	63.08	14-1353A	Sound to Olympics North Kitsap Gap	Kitsap County	\$740,500	\$949,500	\$1,690,000	\$10,732,517
13	61.92	14-1640D	Willapa Hills Trail ¹	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$400,000	\$80,000	\$480,000	\$11,132,517
14	61.58	14-1711D	Olympic Discovery Trail Discovery Bay	Jefferson County	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$11,382,517

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15	57.75	14-1515D	Woodland Creek Community Park Trail	Lacey	\$53,172	\$53,172	\$106,344	\$11,435,689
15	57.75	14-1126D	Harris Creek Vosper Multi Use Trail	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	\$140,405	\$140,406	\$280,811	\$11,576,094
17	57.58	14-1796D	Whitehorse Trail Design and Development	Snohomish County	\$2,000,000	\$2,244,000	\$4,244,000	\$13,576,094
18	56.75	14-2031D	Port Angeles Waterfront Trail	Port Angeles	\$500,000	\$1,692,232	\$2,192,232	\$14,076,094
19	53.75	14-1266A	Whitehorse Trail Trailhead Acquisition Oso Mill	Snohomish County	\$236,250	\$236,250	\$472,500	\$14,312,344
20	52.58	14-1243A	Centennial Trail Bryant Trailhead Acquisition ²	Snohomish County	\$83,400	\$83,400	\$166,800	\$14,395,744
					\$14,395,744	\$19,092,301	\$33,488,045	

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¹State Parks received unused WWRP funds in December 2014 for this project, which was an alternate on the 2011-13 ranked list.
²Snohomish County has withdrawn this project because the landowner sold the property to another buyer.

Table 1 - WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	63.90	14-1098A	West Rocky Prairie	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
2	60.50	14-1276A	Bass-Beaver Lake Acquisition	King County	\$748,000	\$748,000	\$1,496,000	\$3,748,000
3	58.30	14-1130A	Sage Hills Gateway Acquisition	Wenatchee	\$510,000	\$513,000	\$1,023,000	\$4,258,000
4	58.20	14-1251A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,765,352		\$3,765,352	\$8,023,352
5	57.70	14-1250A	Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,147,269		\$3,147,269	\$11,170,621
6	48.20	14-1093A	Ebey Island	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$12,170,621
7	47.10	14-1441A	Hooven Bog Conservation Area	Snohomish County	\$492,750	\$492,750	\$985,500	\$12,663,371
					\$12,663,371	\$1,753,750	\$14,417,121	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition

Table 1 - WWRP, Water Access Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	57.70	14-1347D	Washougal Waterfront Water Access Area	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$700,000	\$890,624	\$1,590,624	\$700,000
2	54.10	14-1534A	Glendale Shoreline Acquisition and Public Access	Island County	\$565,000	\$587,000	\$1,152,000	\$1,265,000
3	53.10	14-1965D	Meydenbauer Park Shoreline Access Development	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$3,582,700	\$4,082,700	\$1,765,000
4	51.50	14-1427D	Edmonds Pier Renovation 2014-2015	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,465,000
5	51.00	14-1643D	Battle Ground Lake State Park Americans with Disabilities Act Docks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$516,500	\$100	\$516,600	\$2,981,500
6	50.60	14-1627D	Wenber County Park Water Access Improvements	Snohomish County	\$614,123	\$614,123	\$1,228,246	\$3,595,623
7	50.10	14-1546D	Waterman Fishing Pier Access and Seawall Renovation	Port of Waterman	\$575,000	\$753,000	\$1,328,000	\$4,170,623
8	49.00	14-1731D	Lake Meridian Dock Replacement	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,244,800	\$1,744,800	\$4,670,623
9	48.10	14-1687A	Coulter Creek Phase 2	Mason County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,670,623
10	46.20	14-1693D	Owen Beach	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,670,623
11	45.85	14-1170C	Sultan River Access	Sultan	\$374,663	\$374,663	\$749,326	\$9,045,286
12	45.50	14-1724D	Wapato Lake Dock Reconstruction	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$451,416	\$451,416	\$902,832	\$9,496,702
13	45.40	14-1100C	Kettle River Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$995,000		\$995,000	\$10,491,702
14	42.60	14-1617D	Ancich Water Access Park	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,600,000	\$10,991,702
15	38.60	14-1686D	Point Defiance Boardwalk	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$1,600,000	\$11,791,702
					\$11,791,702	\$15,198,426	\$26,990,128	

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Mountain View Ranch

Grant Requested: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 1,900 acres of a 12,000-acre ranch that is home to many plants and animals in Asotin County. The project will conserve land that drains the lower Grand Ronde River and is next to a U.S. Forest Service roadless area to the north and Bureau of Land Management-owned canyon lands to the south. The department already has acquired 6,433 acres in the area. The land to be purchased includes portions of Wenatchee Creek, Cougar Creek, and the Grande Ronde River, as well as a diverse array of land types, such as grasslands; stands of ponderosa pine, aspens, and curleaf mahogany; wetlands; basalt cliffs, and talus slopes. The area is used by many animals, such as bull trout, Chinook salmon, Snake River steelhead, Rocky Mountain tailed frogs, golden eagles, Lewis' woodpeckers, flammulated owls, bighorn sheep, gray wolves, and numerous game species. The purchase will conserve the land before it's developed or damaged. This is the fourth of a six-phase project. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1085)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Simcoe Mountains

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 2,700 of 22,000 acres on the Simcoe Mountains in Klickitat County. The land includes forests, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 10 miles of shoreline along upper Rock Creek and its tributaries. The purchase would conserve habitat for steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, Chinook salmon, western gray squirrels, mule deer, burrowing owls, and western toads. The purchase will protect habitat connections from the Columbia River to the Cascade Mountains, and open the land for hiking, fishing, and hunting, which are unavailable in this area. Threats to this property include conversion into small recreational properties. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1096)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the Grand Coulee Ranch for Grouse Habitat

Grant Requested: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 8,200 acres of a planned 20,500-acre purchase of shrub-steppe habitat used by Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in Douglas County. The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse are the rarest of six subspecies of sharp-tailed grouse, a close relative of prairie-chickens, and were the most abundant and important game bird in eastern Washington during the 1800s. Their numbers declined dramatically when the places they lived were turned into farms. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission declared sharp-tailed grouse as threatened with extinction in 1998. The land to be purchased contains one of the largest, active, leks (dancing grounds where males conduct courtship displays) in the state and connects grouse in Douglas, Okanogan, and Lincoln counties. Located on the south shore of the Columbia River, the land boasts a diversity of habitats and is used by a variety of priority species including greater sage-grouse, sage thrasher, golden eagle, and mule deer. The size, location, quality, and diversity of habitats on the land enable the department to provide some of the things grouse need, such as winter and breeding habitat. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1087)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$4,000,000

Conserving Wildlife Habitat in the Heart of the Cascades Mountains

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,014 acres of wildlife habitat on the eastern slope of the central Cascade Mountains in Kittitas County. The land is about 20 miles southwest of Ellensburg, between the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area to the east and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to the west. It is used as a breeding and foraging area by northern spotted owls, supports large herds, and contains streams used by steelhead and salmon. Conservation of this land will protect critical habitat in a biologically rich and high priority area, help the department coordinate management of its land, and protect public access. Longstanding and popular access through these lands to public lands is under threat. Previous land purchases in this area have totaled nearly 22 square miles, and this purchase will secure a critical remaining gap. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1090)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$2,200,000

Conserving the Cowlitz River Watershed

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve 3,292 acres of critical habitat northwest of Yakima, in Yakima County. The land, which is between two wildlife areas and next to other public lands, has valuable habitats including shrub steppe, stream, aspen, oak woodlands, and big game winter range. It is used by raptors, bats, woodpeckers, mid-Columbia River steelhead, mule deer, and elk. Development can break connections between habitats for many wildlife species and make it more difficult for the department to manage wildfires and invasive species. The land also supports recreation and is used for hunting, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, and mountain biking. This project has strong support from the Cowlitz Canyon Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1091)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Conserving the Tunk Valley for Wildlife

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve more than 2 miles of river shoreline and 3,100 acres of mostly shrub-steppe habitat for sharp-tailed grouse in Okanogan County. Sharp-tailed grouse are a close relative of prairie-chickens and once were the most abundant and important game bird in eastern Washington. Their numbers declined dramatically when the places they lived were turned into farms. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission declared sharp-tailed grouse as threatened with extinction in 1998. The department will pay landowners not to develop their land using voluntary land preservation agreements.² The grant not only will protect important sharp-tail ground, but also will conserve habitat for at least 46 other priority species and habitats, including several considered at risk of extinction. The land will connect with department wildlife areas or other public land, allowing wildlife to

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cross between them. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1089)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Kettle River Corridor's Old Growth Forest

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve old-growth ponderosa pine forest, eastside steppe, and other diverse habitats on 614 acres in northern Ferry County. The department will pay the landowner not to develop the land using voluntary land preservation agreements.³ The land is used by wildlife, such as golden eagles, pileated and Lewis woodpeckers, western toads, mule deer, and elk, and plants such as narrowleaf skullcap. The land connects large, contiguous areas of public land, expanding protection of an important wildlife corridor between two federally-designated roadless areas. The property has unique ecological and biological characteristics making it worthy of long-term conservation. The property has never been logged and represents old-growth forest in its natural state and it has been maintained in a roadless, unfragmented condition. As a result, the site supports intact eastside steppe vegetation, including several high quality rare plant communities. The landowner wants to sell and the old-growth forest makes the property appealing to commercial timber companies. Existing land use regulations will not protect the property from impacts associated with logging, road construction, or other development. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1099)

Foster Creek Conservation District Conserving Sage Grouse Habitat in Deep Creek

Grant Requested: \$292,826

The Foster Creek Conservation District will use this grant to conserve 860 acres in northeast Douglas County near Leahy Junction. The district will pay the landowner to not develop his property using a voluntary land preservation agreement.⁴ The land has rolling hills with rocky buttes, three wet meadows, and the start of three branches of Deep Creek. The land is accessible only by foot and is home to big sage and bunchgrass communities with water birch and cattails in the streams. The land is between two active leks (dancing grounds where sage grouse males conduct courtship displays) and provides a significant opportunity to protect critical sage grouse nesting and rearing habitat. The district wants to protect and enhance the quality of the habitat and increase the quantity of nesting and brood rearing habitat in the region. The Foster Creek Conservation District will contribute \$292,826 in donated property interest. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1609)

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Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the Vander Voet Farm

Grant Requested: \$564,100

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to conserve the historic 254-acre Vander Voet Farm. The farm is on Whidbey Island, near Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and the National Scenic Byway (State Highway 20). It is just 2 miles south of the city of Oak Harbor. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁵ to ensure one of the largest working farms in Island County – more than six times larger than the average county farm – will remain available for farming forever. The farm has all prime farmland soils, an economically viable and productive operation, and provides local food, aquifer recharge, and wildlife habitat. Protecting the farm is a very high priority for residents, the National Park Service, and Ebey's Trust board and is consistent with Island County's mandate to protect important farmland. The farm is between two Audubon Important Bird Areas (Crescent Harbor to the north and Penn Cove to the south) and two Island County-owned conservation lands to the east and west making it a key wildlife corridor used by a variety of native animals that require large habitat areas. The farm is threatened by development because of its incredible views, zoning, and proximity to Oak Harbor. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$1.1 million in a federal appropriation and conservation futures.⁶ For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1510)

Okanogan Land Trust Conserving Olma Farmland

Grant Requested: \$277,354

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 280 acres of farmland owned by the Olma family. The farm is east of Tonasket in Okanogan County. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁷ to ensure the working farm remains available for farming forever. The farm produces corn and hay, and is used for cattle ranching. The agreement will enable the Olmas to expand their farm by buying adjacent farmland and it will protect two unique wildlife habitats: a spring-fed grassland meadow and about 2 miles of Siwash Creek, a tributary to the Okanogan River that provides critical cold water for rainbow trout, steelhead, and spring Chinook. In addition, this project will protect the most important water rights on Siwash Creek. The farm is a prime target for a large residential development because of its closeness to Tonasket, and likely would be subdivided in the future without the agreement. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$283,353 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1526)

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Okanogan Land Trust **Protecting the Strandberg Farm and Ranchland**

Grant Requested: \$758,563

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁸ that will conserve permanently 866 acres of the Strandberg family farm, which is next to or near Highway 21 immediately north of Malo in Ferry County. The farm includes irrigated farmland, high quality grazing land, a forest, and a section of fish-bearing Saint Peters Creek. The farm supports one of the most successful hay farm and cattle ranching operations in Ferry County. The agreement will enable the Strandbergs to transition the farm to the next generation. In addition to protecting prime agricultural land, the project links large tracts of public land, expanding the area available for cattle ranching and wildlife travel. Due to the farm's closeness to the town of Malo and its location along Highway 21, it is prime for industrial or residential development. The land trust's agreement will prevent the farm from being developed. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$765,562 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1527)

Skagit County **Conserving Skagit County Farmland**

Grant Requested: \$1,379,712

Skagit County will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements⁹ that will conserve permanently 1,069 acres across 11 farms in the Samish basin and Skagit River delta. The farmers own multiple parcels of land that are not contiguous, leading to unique cooperation among the farmers for specific plantings and crop rotations. The farms mainly produce potatoes rotated with grains, cabbage, spinach, tulips, corn, beets, cucumbers, and other crops, in addition to supporting pasture land and a dairy. Agriculture is embedded in Skagit County's culture, is one of the top revenue producing industries, and has very strong community support. Protecting farmland also will benefit wildlife by providing land for nesting and roosting migratory fowl, shorebirds, and raptors, including endangered species. Skagit County will contribute \$1.3 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2178)

Capitol Land Trust **Protecting the Nelson Ranch and Mima Mounds**

Grant Requested: \$750,000

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to protect a strategic and historically important farm by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement.¹⁰ The agreement will ensure the 550 acres of prime agricultural

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land bisected by the Deschutes River about 2 miles south of East Olympia remains available for farming forever. The majority of the farm lies in the Deschutes River floodplain and includes 3.5 miles of shoreline and river bank, a native oak-prairie, more than 56 acres of Mima Mounds, and forest habitat. The Nelson family has operated the farm for more than 150 years. The farm also plays a key role in providing wildlife habitat, supporting steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, coho salmon, which are listed as species of concern under the federal act, and cutthroat trout. The Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$750,000 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1629)

Jefferson Land Trust Preserving Bishop Dairy

Grant Requested: \$481,225

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement¹¹ for the historic Bishop Dairy, located south of Chimacum in Jefferson County. The agreement will preserve the last operating dairy in the fertile Beaver Valley. With the agreement, the land trust will ensure that 264 acres of farmland will remain a farm forever. The land includes 198 acres of pasture and grazing land, 36 acres of working forest, and nearly a mile of shoreline habitat for coho salmon, cutthroat trout, and steelhead. Trumpeter swans, raptors, and other wildlife also use the farm. The highly visible, scenic vistas define the rural character of this area, and protection of this farm will greatly enhance the viability of the agricultural community. Bishop Dairy has been in the family for five generations, has a long history of dairy farming, and is one of the first farms to be certified organic by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This project builds on the land trust's agricultural land preservation program, which already has conserved nearly 600 acres in the Chimacum area. If not preserved, the farm could be developed with seven additional houses. Farms nearby are being subdivided for residential use. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$481,225 in Conservation Futures¹² and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1359)

Washington State Conservation Commission Preserving the Lust Family Farm and Ranch

Grant Requested: \$1,704,153

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement¹³ to conserve 358 acres next to the main road linking Yakima with the communities of Cowiche and Tieton. New homes are being built in the area, and smaller farms are being converted to homes and hobby farms. The land is valued as farmland because of its water right, upgraded irrigation system, and proximity to roads and other pastures, orchards, and berry operations. Protection of this property will maintain the area's agricultural character and will build a buffer between houses and intensive agriculture. The farm

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contains more than a half-mile of Cowiche Creek, which is important to salmon recovery in the Yakima River Basin. The Conservation Commission will contribute \$8,333 in a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1293)

Palouse Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$540,250

Preserving Farmland near Colfax

The Palouse Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement¹⁴ to conserve 520 acres of farmland near Colfax on Highway 195 in Whitman County. The land has been farmed for 120 years but its proximity to Colfax has meant pressure to develop. Houses have been built next to the farm and two public streets end at the farm, suggesting future development. Nearby hilltops are being developed as view lots. The agreement will ensure the farmland, which currently grows barley, wheat, peas, and lentils, remains available to farming forever. The Palouse Land Trust will contribute \$540,250 in a federal grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1756)

North Olympic Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$343,875

Protecting Farmland in the Dungeness Watershed

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to preserve forever 60 acres of working farmland in the Dungeness watershed less than 2 miles from Sequim by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement¹⁵ that will ensure the land remains available to farming forever. The farm contains prime farmland soils, is in the Agricultural Retention Zone, and is farmed by Nash's Organic Produce, which employs many people in the county. The Dungeness River watershed spans 215 square miles in the northeast corner of the Olympic Peninsula, and the land north of U.S. Highway 101 is almost all prime farmland soils with a year-round growing season. This is where the North Olympic Land Trust and other groups have focused farmland conservation efforts. In the lower Dungeness basin alone, more than 550 acres of prime farmland has been conserved. The North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$343,875 in cash and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1443)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$762,000

Conserving Okanogan County Ranchland

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to preserve forever 1,117 acres of ranchland east of Oroville in Okanogan County. The land trust will preserve the land by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement¹⁶ on the ranchland, which is owned by the Olma family. The land is composed of high quality

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grasslands characteristic of the Okanogan Highlands region. This particular project is a key piece in a larger effort to protect contiguous ranchland in the Okanogan Highlands for future livestock ranching, which can be greatly inhibited when grazing areas become broken into housing subdivisions. This project begins to link the land trust's previous land preservation agreements in the Okanogan Highlands, protect habitat for a wide range of wildlife, and maintain scenic views along Molson Road, a frequently travelled byway in the Okanogan Highlands. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$763,000 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1522)

Okanogan Land Trust Preserving Tunk Valley Ranchland

Grant Requested: \$2,115,250

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to preserve forever 5,500 acres of ranchland east of Riverside in Okanogan County. The land trust will conserve the land by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement¹⁷ for the ranchland. The land is prime agricultural land and habitat for sharp-tailed grouse. This and adjoining land support some of the most robust active sharp-tail leks in Washington State, and are an integral part of one of the largest remaining blocks of contiguous shrub-steppe habitat in north central Washington. Leks are collections of male sharp-tailed grouse that gather to compete for female partners. Connected habitats is imperative to the survival of diminishing species such as the sharp-tailed grouse. The land trust's goal is to keep this land as private working farms and ranches, with owners who will work toward species survival. Running through the ranchland is Tunk Valley Creek, which is being restored and protected by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$2,154,250 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1652)

North Olympic Land Trust Protecting Smith Family Farms

Grant Requested: \$627,000

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to preserve forever 132 acres of the Smith Family Farms in the Washington Harbor area of eastern Clallam County. The land trust will conserve the land by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,¹⁸ which will ensure the land remains farmland forever. The Washington Harbor area primarily has large tracts of farmland, wetlands, and important wildlife habitat. In other parts of eastern Clallam, much of the farmland has been converted into housing. This agreement will support the operation of one of county's two remaining dairy farms. Smith Family Farms produces vegetable seed crops, barley, orchard grass and fescue, corn, and forage feed needed for the dairy cows.

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The North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$627,000 in cash and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1400)

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving the Stevenson Farm and Ranch

Grant Requested: \$513,780

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to conserve 102 acres of agricultural land along a busy road linking Yakima to farmland in Cowiche and Tieton, in Yakima County. The commission will conserve the land by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,¹⁹ which will ensure the land remains farmland forever. New homes are being built in the area, and smaller farms are being converted to homes and hobby farms. The farm includes a water right, an upgraded irrigation system, and proximity to roads and other pastures, orchards, and berry operations. Fragmentation of land is the top threat to agriculture in the county and protection of this property, along with the neighboring 358-acre Lust Family Farm, will ensure the agricultural characteristics are not diminished. Protection also will build an agricultural buffer between houses and intensive agriculture. The farm contains Cowiche Creek, which is important for salmon recovery in the Yakima River Basin. The Conservation Commission will contribute \$8,333 in a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1295)

Capitol Land Trust Conserving the Schweickert Farm and Restoring Scatter Creek Banks

Grant Requested: \$165,000

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 85 acres of prime farmland and important salmon and wildlife habitat near Rochester, in southern Thurston County. The land trust will conserve the land by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,²⁰ which will ensure the land remains farmland forever. The Schweickert Farm includes a quarter-mile along both sides of Scatter Creek, which will be planted to improve salmon habitat. The land trust also will install a fence creating a 100-foot buffer on each bank of the creek. This stretch of Scatter Creek is used by fall Chinook, coho, and winter steelhead. The Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$165,000 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1719)

PCC Farmland Trust Conserving Bailey Farm

Grant Requested: \$591,275

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve forever more than 300 acres of Snohomish County's best farmland by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,²¹ which will ensure the land

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remains farmland forever. The Bailey Farm is a fifth-generation family farm in the scenic Snohomish River Valley, and was Snohomish County's 2013 Centennial Farm. The Bailey family has been farming in the Snohomish Valley since 1913 and their farm provides opportunities for the surrounding communities to experience a farm firsthand through school field trips, a large u-pick vegetable operation, and farm stand. In recognition of this farm's importance in the community, this project is supported by Snohomish County. The PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$591,275 in conservation futures²² and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1476)

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Rangeland near Yakima

Grant Requested: \$1,300,114

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to protect 2,576 acres of rangeland 5 miles west of Yakima by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement²³ to ensure the land remains farmland forever. The land provides high quality forage for spring and early summer grazing and can support 150 cow and calf pairs. New homes are being built in the area, and smaller farms are being converted to homes and hobby farms. Fragmentation of agricultural land has been identified as the largest threat to farmland in the county and restricting the conversion of agricultural lands has been identified as the one of the most effective way to preserve farmland. This rangeland is part of a large shrub-steppe landscape west of Yakima and is within the larger sage grouse recovery area of Eastern Washington. In addition, recent research identified 58 species of butterflies, including many rare ones. The Conservation Commission will contribute \$8,333 in a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1297)

San Juan County Land Bank Conserving the Double R Bar Ranch for Ranching and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$379,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to conserve 145 acres of the Double R Bar Ranch on Lopez Island by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement²⁴ to ensure the land remains farmland forever. Double R Bar primarily raises cattle and lamb, which are sold in the Natural Foods Store, to the school lunch program on Lopez Island, or at a farmer's co-op in Bow. The ranch is part of a wetland, with water flowing from the northeast and arcing through the property to the southeast. In the winter, the wetland hosts a wide variety of waterfowl, which migrate to or through the area, including trumpeter swans, wood ducks, and mergansers. Bald eagles are common year-round. Conservation of this property has been a high priority for the land bank since its inception in 1990. The land bank already has conserved nearly 150 acres where the wetlands originate. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$379,000 in

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voter-approved bonds and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1557)

Jefferson Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$295,451

Preserving the Quilcene Farm Center

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 95 acres on three farms – the Midori Farm, Little Quil Farm, and Serendipity Farm – in Quilcene by buying voluntary land preservation agreements²⁵ to ensure the land remains farmland forever. Conservation of the three adjacent, centrally located farms in Quilcene will help preserve the prime soils and habitat, provide funding for the farmers to grow their businesses, prevent conversion of farmland into houses and other development, and protect the highly visible, scenic vistas that define the rural character of the area. The farms include 85 acres of prime soils and a quarter-mile of shoreline used by migrating coho salmon and steelhead. The Quilcene Farm Center preservation effort is a top priority for Jefferson County. The three farms are all successful operations that produce diverse products for local farmers' markets, restaurants, retail businesses, and customers. The project builds on the land trust's farmland preservation efforts, which already have conserved nearly 600 acres in Chimacum and 144 acres in Quilcene. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$295,451 in federal and local grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1235)

PCC Farmland Trust

Grant Requested: \$165,000

Conserving Orting Valley Farmland

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve forever 44 acres of Pierce County's best farmland for agricultural use by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement²⁶ to ensure the land remains farmland forever. Located along the Carbon River just outside Orting, the farm is owned by the Harman family, which has been farming in the Puyallup Valley for more than 140 years. PCC Farmland Trust is working with the Harman family to transfer the property to a next generation farmer. Conserving the Harman Farm would add another 44 acres to a 200-acre corridor of permanently conserved, prime farmland in the Orting Valley. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$205,550 in a federal grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1478)

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PCC Farmland Trust

Grant Requested: \$228,300

Conserving the Third-Generation Olson Farm

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve forever 122 acres of Lewis County's best farmland for farming by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement²⁷ that will ensure the land remains farmland forever. Outside Napavine, the farm is owned by third generation farmers – the Olson family and is almost double the size of the average Lewis County farm. In spite of surrounding commercial and residential development, the Olson Family is seeking to conserve their family farm to continue their commitment to Lewis County's deep agricultural heritage and ensure that the property is available for their next generation of family farmers. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$228,300 in a federal grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1477)

PCC Farmland Trust

Grant Requested: \$319,100

Conserving the Sather Farm

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to preserve forever 76 acres of Snohomish County's best farmland for farming by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement²⁸ to ensure the land remains farmland forever. Outside Marysville, the farm is owned by the Sather family, which has farmed the land since the 1960s but now is retiring. This farm is double the size of the average Snohomish County farm. PCC Farmland Trust is working with the family to protect the farm's great soil and water resources permanently, while helping transfer the property to a next generation farmer. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$319,100 in a federal grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1541)

Kittitas County

Grant Requested: \$187,500

Conserving an Organic Potato Farm

Kittitas County will use this grant to conserve the 146.5-acre Upper Naneum Creek Farm by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,²⁹ which will ensure the land remains farmland forever. Northeast of Ellensburg in Kittitas County, the farm produces organic potatoes under a multi-year lease to Irish Eyes Garden Seeds, a well-established local organic company that has seeds in the White House Garden in Washington, D.C. The farm previously was a cattle pasture, dairy, and hay producer. Kittitas County will contribute \$187,500 in donation of property interest. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#).(14-1456)

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Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Klickitat County Ranches

Grant Requested: \$5,171,135

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to conserve 11,920 acres in Klickitat County by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,³⁰ which will ensure the land remains ranchland forever. The land, which has been used for livestock management for nearly 100 years, has soils and features that make it valuable farm and ranch land, including a diversity of grass species and forbs, open forests suitable for grazing, offsite watering for livestock, fenced pastures for management, and a diversity of topographic features. The land is managed under a Grazing Management Plan and can support 300 cow and calf pairs over 11 months. The land also includes a significant portion of the Rock Creek watershed, 5.7 miles of Rock Creek, 4.4 miles of Squaw Creek, and .5 mile of Luna Gulch, all of which are critical to salmon species. The upland and shoreline areas benefit many wildlife species, including steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as Chinook salmon and western gray squirrels. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1128)

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving the Kelley Ranch

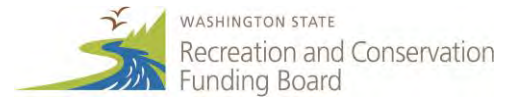
Grant Requested: \$2,437,826

The Conservation Commission will use this grant to conserve 6,124 acres in Klickitat County by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement,³¹ which will ensure the land remains farmland forever. The land, which has been used for livestock management for nearly 100 years, has soils and features that make it valuable farm and ranch land, including a diversity of grass species and forbs, open uplands suitable for grazing, offsite watering for livestock, fenced pastures for management, and a diversity of topographic features. The land is managed under a Grazing Management Plan and can support 225 cow and calf pairs. The land includes 6.7 miles of Chapman Creek and a portion of the Rock Creek watershed. The Rock Creek watershed is used by steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as Chinook salmon. The Chapman Creek watershed is used by western gray squirrels, Lewis' and white-headed woodpeckers, mule and black tail deer, black-tailed jack rabbits, burrowing owls, flammulated owls, golden eagles, western toads. Chapman Creek watershed also contains white oak, shrub-steppe, and white alder. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1140)

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Forterra

Grant Requested: \$305,000

Conserving the Hofstra Farm in Snohomish County

Snohomish County and Forterra will use this grant to conserve 100 acres of prime farmland by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement³² that will prevent eight homes from being built. Located 2 miles west of Sultan, Hofstra Farm sits in an agricultural corridor along State Highway 2. On the property's south border, more than 1,000 feet of the Skykomish River flows through a high quality forest with buffers protecting the fields from flood scouring and debris. The Hofstras have managed the land as a dairy farm and for dairy cow production since 1968. Nearing retirement, they want to ensure the farm is not developed and affordable for a next generation farmer. Hofstra Farm contains prime farmland soils, suitable for cow, grass, hay, silage, or corn production. The farm is particularly vulnerable to conversion because about 8 acres of fenced upland next to the road offers dry winter field access as well as flood-safety for a large herd. Developers have made offers to create eight lots on this section of the farm. Forterra will contribute \$305,000 in federal and local grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1472)

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Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$480,648

Improving the Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to provide parking, restrooms, and an outdoor classroom at the Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area at Saddle Rock, in Chelan County. The City will expand the limited street-end parking that is often overflowing and causes neighborhood issues, as well as develop a trail accessible to people with disabilities and install educational stations and shade structures. Finally, the City will plant native and drought-tolerant landscaping. Saddle Rock is a year-round outdoor recreation and education destination in the Wenatchee Valley. From snowshoeing to horseback riding and hiking, the area is used by thousands of residents and visitors each year. Saddle Rock also is the site of the Wenatchee School District's award winning, Shrub Steppen' Up Program in which every fifth-grade student visits the site and learns about the natural environment. Parking and support facilities at the site are inadequate for the use it receives. The Wenatchee School District, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Dry Gulch Preserve, Alcoa Foundation, and community support this project. The community is donating more than \$450,000 as match for the project. Wenatchee will contribute \$480,648 in staff labor and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1135)

Lakewood

Grant Requested: \$193,950

Expanding Springbrook Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to buy 1.2 acres next to Springbrook Park, allowing the City to connect the park to city land across Clover Creek. The City will remove a house and garage from the land, improve habitat near the creek, move the fence, add pathways around the property, and connect the land to Springbrook Park, which offers trails, play equipment, a family picnic area, and a community garden. In the southeast corner of Lakewood, Springbrook Park is just outside the Joint Base Lewis McChord Field gate and isolated from Lakewood by a freeway and Clover Creek. Besides the current park, there are no other public open spaces, community centers, schools, churches, or similar facilities where the neighborhood can build a sense of community. Lakewood will contribute \$193,950 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1513)

Everett

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Replacing Kasch Park Synthetic Turf

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to redevelop two aging fields that are configured solely for soccer, into multi-purpose athletic fields at Kasch Park. The synthetic turf, which was installed in 2001, is at the end of its playable life, and restricts the hours of play when it rains. By replacing the turf, the fields will be able to host up to 16 hours of daily play. Kasch Park is in southwest Everett, and the Kasch Park athletic complex, with its two current synthetic soccer fields, one multi-sport synthetic field redeveloped in 2012, and six natural surface baseball and softball fields is positioned to be a prime location for both local and regional multi-sport events in Western Washington. Everett will contribute \$1.6 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1274)

Selah

Grant Requested: \$359,000

Developing the Fully Accessible Volunteer Park

The Selah Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop the first fully accessible park in Yakima County. The City will build the new park, called Volunteer Park, on 5.3 acres, which the City acquired in 1967 for a park. The City will pave a 9-foot-wide walking path around the perimeter, install workout stations, plant grass, add an irrigation system, pave a parking lot, and build a gazebo, restroom,

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and playground. The entire park will be accessible to people with disabilities. This will be the first park of its kind in Yakima County. Selah will contribute \$380,000 in cash, materials, other grants, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1143)

Benton County

Grant Requested: \$695,377

Buying Land on Candy Mountain for a Park

Benton County will use this grant to buy nearly 195 acres on Candy Mountain, south of West Richland, to create a new regional park. Visitors will enjoy native sagebrush landscape and commanding 360-degree views of the surrounding area. The park will be similar to Benton County's Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve, which had nearly 200,000 visits in 2013. By buying the land, Benton County will secure a key trail linkage between Candy and Badger Mountains. The County plans to build a 20-mile trail on the ridge, linking Badger Mountain to Candy Mountain to Red Mountain. This long-distance trail connectivity is a key goal in the county's comprehensive park plan. The purchase also will allow the county to preserve native shrub-steppe habitat and provide the public with access to the summit of Candy Mountain. The land is home to sagebrush-dependent animals such as Townsends ground squirrel and black tailed jackrabbit, which are listed as sensitive species. The project will protect the view by preserving the city-facing side of Candy Mountain. Benton County will contribute \$695,377 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1111)

Anacortes

Grant Requested: \$335,000

Building a Spray Park and Restroom at John Storvik Municipal Park

The City of Anacortes will use this grant to design, permit, and build a spray park and restroom at John Storvik Municipal Park. The 8.7-acre park was built in 1974 and has a baseball field, basketball courts, playgrounds, and a horse shoe pit. The spray park will be the first spray park in the city's park system and will provide a new outdoor recreation experience in one of most populated, low income neighborhoods. Anacortes will contribute \$347,500 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1331)

Bellevue

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop Inspiration Playground, a playground accessible to people with disabilities, in Bellevue's Downtown Park. This first phase of construction will add 25,000 square feet of additional playground and renovate existing support facilities such as the parking lot and restrooms, to better accommodate people with disabilities. The playground will feature sensory-rich play experiences and equipment, including a water spray and interactive walkway with music. The Bellevue Rotary Club has committed money for construction. Bellevue will contribute \$1.8 million in cash, a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1182)

Yakima

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Randall Park

The Yakima Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate Randall Park, a 40-acre, 60-year-old park in central Yakima. The improvements will make the park safer, more accessible, and more aesthetically pleasing. The department will renovate the natural area, duck pond, pathways, bridges, parking, and restroom. Additionally, the department will install a new picnic shelter and playground.

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Randall Park was identified in the city's comprehensive parks plan as one of the most popular and most used parks in Yakima. Yakima will contribute \$670,100 in donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1121)

Spokane

Grant Requested: \$238,055

Building a Mission Park Field for Players with Disabilities

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a multipurpose, sports field at Mission Park that is fully accessible to people with disabilities. The City also will expand the accessible pathways through the park and create six van-accessible parking spaces. Mission Park has been targeted by the City to provide universal access for multiple recreational opportunities including an aquatic center, sport court, and playground. Spokane will contribute \$238,056 from a private grant from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1465)

Vancouver

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing a Columbia River Waterfront Park

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build viewpoints, a fishing pier, pathways, festival lawn and gathering areas, informal play areas, and interpretive displays in a 7.3-acre park on the Columbia River in downtown Vancouver, west of the Interstate 5 bridge. The project will transform a former industrial site into the city's signature waterfront park that provides new public access to the river with a half-mile of shoreline. It will achieve the city's vision to reconnect downtown Vancouver to the Columbia River with an active, recreation-oriented waterfront and re-establish public access that has been blocked for more than 100 years. The future waterfront park is part of a large, mixed-use redevelopment of the downtown waterfront. The city and development partners are investing more than \$5.5 million in first phase of improvements on shoreline restoration, pedestrian and bike access, and construction of a half-mile extension of the city's Columbia River Renaissance Trail, which extends through this site. The department will contribute \$1.3 million in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1471)

Darrington

Grant Requested: \$296,081

Building a Skate Park

The Town of Darrington will use this grant to build a 6,500-square-foot, concrete skate park at Old School Park. The skate park will replace the basketball courts in the southeast portion of the park and a full-size basketball court will be built in the southwest corner connected by accessible pathways from a new parking lot. Skate Darrington has been working with Grindline Skateparks to design a park geared for beginner and intermediate users of all ages. Old School Park is centrally located in Darrington and provides restrooms, picnic areas, playground, dirt jumps, T-ball fields, and tennis courts, making it the obvious choice for the new skate park location. In a recent town survey, 95 percent of adults acknowledged a lack of recreational activities for youth; 85 percent of those same adults support the skate park. Through bake sales, Valentine dinners, auctions, and raffles \$10,000 has been raised for the skate park. Darrington will contribute \$302,081 in a local grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1434)

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Lakewood

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Renovating the Waughop Lake Trail in Fort Steilacoom Park

City of Lakewood will use this grant to renovate the trail around Waughop Lake at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City will pave a mile-long path around the lake and install drainage, benches, a picnic shelter, interpretive signs, and parking for people with disabilities. Work also will include improving the habitat by removing dead and invasive plants, and planting grass and native plants. The 350-acre Fort Steilacoom Park in northwest Lakewood is visited by about 950,000 people a year. The lake trail was a road until it was closed in the 1970s and now is a link to cross-country courses, races, and walk-a-thon events. Improving the lake trail and surrounding area is the highest priority development project in the city's 20-year strategic plan and improving the lake trail is the number one project in its 6-year *Capital Improvement Plan*. Lakewood will contribute \$250,000 in cash, staff labor, another grant, and donations of cash and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1542)

Covington

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Continuing Development of Covington Community Park

The City of Covington will use this grant to build the second phase of a community park. Work will include developing an outdoor stage and grass seating area, trails, picnic shelters, a tennis court, and parking, as well as installing outdoor fitness equipment. These improvements will provide a location for community events, which is one of the top-ranked recreation needs in the city, and expand the city's trail system. All of these elements are priorities in city's *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* and are included in the overall master plan for this park. Covington does not have a suitable location to hold public events. The city's population has grown 40 percent since incorporation and needs more than the existing 8 miles of community trail to serve the recreation and transportation needs of its residents. The first phase of development included building a soccer field, spectator amenities, parking, and trails. Expanding Covington Community Park will address a dream of citizens who have been working on this project since 2003, when the property was donated to the city. Covington will contribute \$3,049,100 in cash and a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1616)

Spokane County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Expanding Prairie View Park

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy and develop 10 acres next to Prairie View Park, which is within walking distance to residents of a rapidly-growing area in southern Spokane. The County will build one joint softball and Little League field, one multi-purpose open field area, four sand volleyball courts, and a half-mile walking trail. The expansion of this park will eliminate a deficit of developed park acres in the area and will provide the community with outdoor recreation and athletic facilities. The department will contribute \$568,665. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1701)

Des Moines

Grant Requested: \$293,243

Renovating the Historic Picnic Shelter and Restroom in a Beach Park

City of Des Moines will use this grant to renovate the historic picnic shelter and restrooms in the 19-acre Des Moines Beach Park, also known as the Covenant Beach Camp, which is listed on both the Washington and National Historic Registers. The picnic shelter built in the 1920s served as the camp's auxiliary hall, and the restrooms, built in 1945, served as a woodshop and washroom. The buildings have been closed

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for many years because of extensive earthquake and flood damage and they cannot be moved or demolished because of the park's landmark status. New buildings also cannot be built because the park is within a flood plain with numerous overlapping critical areas. Surface water facilities and modifications to Des Moines Creek have stopped the flooding and laid the groundwork for the restoration of the Beach Park's historic structures. The city's *Parks Master Plan* identifies this project as a Number 1 priority. Des Moines will contribute \$293,244 from a voter-approved King County parks levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1357)

Washougal

Grant Requested: \$78,946

Developing Hartwood Park's Red Barn Playground

The City of Washougal will use this grant to develop a new playground in Hartwood Park. The City will install picnic tables and a barnyard-themed playground that will complement existing farm animal pieces that the city got with private funding. The City also will install parking and pathways. With separate funding, the City will install retaining walls between the existing big red barn, used for park maintenance, and the playground to reduce erosion and to double as seating for park visitors. Nestled to the west of the red barn, the existing play elements provide just a tidbit of farm-themed play. Visitors have requested a more complex and challenging playground to capture youngsters' attention. Washougal will contribute \$78,947. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1072)

Prosser

Grant Requested: \$87,800

Replacing Prosser City Park Restrooms

The City of Prosser will use this grant to build new restrooms, and demolish the old, in Prosser's City Park. The City also will improve access routes from the picnic shelters, playground, 7th Street, and Sommers Avenue. A storm water infiltration trench will be installed, existing utility lines will be routed underground to the building, two security lights will be installed, and minor changes will be made to sewer and water lines to accommodate connections to the new building. One new parking place for people with disabilities will be designated on 7th Street with a smooth access route to the restroom. Prosser will contribute \$87,800 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1415)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$508,600

Expanding Esperance Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 3.4 acres next to Esperance County Park in Edmonds, three blocks west of State Route 99. The land is owned by the Edmonds School District and will be put up for sale if the County cannot buy it. Esperance Park is the only park in the Esperance Community and loss of the school land to private development would represent a major reduction to the quantity and quality of public open space in the neighborhood. Recent community input identified a number of recreational needs that cannot be met on the existing 6.2-acre county park. The County is working with community partners, including the Friends of Esperance Park, to secure additional money for site redevelopment. Snohomish County will contribute \$670,000 in conservation

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futures³³ and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1631)

Duvall

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Improving the Big Rock Park Sports Fields

The City of Duvall will use this grant to install synthetic turf and improve drainage to 150,000 square feet of soccer and baseball fields at Big Rock Park in southeast Duvall. Most of the soccer and baseball fields have poorly draining grass and aren't used much as a result. The Snoqualmie Valley Little League and Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association are committed to long-term support of this site and have aided the development of a skate park, west ball field, parking lot, and playground at the park. Duvall will contribute \$839,093 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1618)

Twisp

Grant Requested: \$34,025

Developing Tennis Courts

The Town of Twisp will use this grant to develop a tennis court in its downtown riverfront Twisp Park. Currently, there are no tennis courts in town. Twisp also will create spur path from the court to an existing path leading to a parking lot, picnic shelter, and pedestrian trailhead. Twisp Park includes a pool, basketball court, playground, picnic shelter, and access to the Twisp and Methow Rivers. Twisp will contribute \$34,765 in equipment, staff labor, materials, a private grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1509)

Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$523,000

Buying and Building a Dog Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy nearly 5 acres of riverfront property in south Wenatchee and develop the first public off-leash dog area in north central Washington. The City also will develop the land with a large grassy area with shade trees for activities and picnicking. The land will provide the only park along the Columbia River in south Wenatchee. The acquisition helps satisfy more than a dozen goals, objectives, and needs contained in the City's parks and recreation comprehensive plan. A long-term maintenance agreement with a local dog park organization, FIDO, has been prepared for the off-leash area. Wenatchee will contribute \$531,923 in cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of cash and land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1131)

Richland

Grant Requested: \$300,000

Building the John Dam Plaza Amphitheater

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a covered stage and amphitheater at John Dam Plaza, which is in the city's downtown business district and has served as the town square for community gatherings since the 1940s. The City will replace the flat grassy area and small raised knoll that has served as a stage for events by building a 1,200-square-foot covered stage along with a bowl-shaped grassed seating area for 2,000 spectators. The City will install power to the stage and

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around the perimeter of the amphitheater for vendors participating in events there. This new covered stage with the increased power source will provide a greatly needed venue for hosting plays, concerts, fund-raising events, rallies, speeches, award ceremonies, recitals, movies, and many more special events. Richland will contribute \$300,000 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1449)

Bothell

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Completing Land Purchases for the North Creek Forest

The City of Bothell will use this grant to buy up to 22 acres to complete the acquisition of the 64-acre urban forest known as the North Creek Forest. The land is along Interstate 405, just south of the King-Snohomish County line and is divided into three parcels - 8.8 acres bounded on the north and south by city-owned land, 8.2 acres adjacent to city-owned land, and another 4.80 acres. The City already owns 41.56 acres of the forest. The North Creek Forest is a mature forest that filters surface water above North Creek, which is used by Chinook salmon. The forest is home to at least two priority bird species – pileated woodpecker and band-tailed pigeon. People use the forest for hiking and walking. Bothell will contribute \$1.4 million in Conservation Futures³⁴ and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1398)

Lynnwood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating the Meadowdale Playfields

The City of Lynnwood will use this grant to renovate the surfaces of two soccer fields from sand to synthetic turf at Meadowdale Playfields. The 27-acre sports field was developed as a joint project with the City of Edmonds, Edmonds School District, and Snohomish County, on property owned by the school district. The City maintains and operates the facility, and shares use with the school district and Edmonds. The goal is to provide competitive, multipurpose fields that are available for year-round youth soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and football. Lynnwood will contribute \$2.5 million in voter-approved bonds, and local grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1120)

Ridgefield

Grant Requested: \$225,300

Buying Land for the New Refuge Road Neighborhood Park

The City of Ridgefield will use this grant to buy 20.6 acres for a new neighborhood park, named Refuge Road Park. As the third fastest growing city in Washington, Ridgefield's population has increased 27 percent since 2010 and this purchase will provide a park in a rapidly developing area. The land will be Ridgefield's first neighborhood park large enough to support a range of recreational uses and eventually will include a picnic shelter, restroom, playground, community gardens, trails, and interpretive displays. About 11 acres of the park includes steep slopes and will stay as natural habitat. The park offers a spectacular view of Mount Saint Helens - the only city-owned property with such a view – and will serve as a gateway to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Ridgefield will contribute \$225,301. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1444)

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Kitsap County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Buying Land for a Mountain Bike Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 200 acres for the future development of a mountain bike trail with riding loops and skill obstacle elements in Port Gamble Ride Park. The land is a tree farm, which the landowner has platted into 20-acre, single family lots. The park is in the north part of the county, next to the 543-acre Port Gamble Shoreline Park and near Port Gamble. It links to the Sound to Olympics regional trail. Kitsap County's goal is to create a system of connected multi-surface and multi-use trails to promote healthy lifestyles and serve citizens of all ages and abilities with diverse outdoor recreation activities. Private, non-profit trail and mountain bike partners are ready with labor and funds to complete the park trails. Kitsap County will contribute \$570,000 in cash, and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1484)

Edmonds

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Acquiring the Civic Center in Downtown Edmonds

The City of Edmonds will use the grant to buy the Civic Center, formerly the Edmonds Junior High School Athletic Field, in downtown Edmonds. The nearly 8 acres are the last, large piece of open area in the city's downtown. While owned by the Edmonds School District, the Civic Center is a highly visited site that many residents consider a city park. The land contains a playground, basketball and tennis courts, a football field, soccer fields, a track, a skate park, petanque courts, restrooms, and a stadium. The City has leased and operated the Civic Center since 1977, but the school district intends to sell the land and has received an offer. The City has a first right of refusal to purchase. Located a block from the downtown commercial area, the land is in a prime location for private development as the surrounding area is mainly condominiums and townhomes. Edmonds will contribute \$1.9 million in cash and a private grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1199)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$295,000

Developing Lake Stickney Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to begin development of Lake Stickney Park, near Lynnwood and Interstate 5. The County will build a nature-based playground, water and wetland viewing areas, and walking paths. The park will give the community access to a diverse ecosystem in an area with limited opportunities to interact with nature. Many young people in the community live in apartments and during a recent volunteer event, several kids enjoyed their first use of a shovel. In addition to the lake, the park contains wetlands and part of Swamp Creek. The County will develop the park in an environmentally friendly way by treating the storm water for the existing parking lot, reducing impervious surfaces, and restoring native plants. This project is supported by the Lake Stickney Community Club, the Lake Stickney Conservancy, and many local residents. Snohomish County will contribute \$295,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1630)

Snoqualmie

Grant Requested: \$175,000

Building the Snoqualmie Skate Park

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to design and build the first skate park in the city, planned as a 6,000- to 7,000-square-foot facility in Snoqualmie Community Park, next to the community center. Many youth will benefit from the skate park: 35 percent of city's population is under 18-years-old, and the nearest skate park is 7 miles away. The skate park will accommodate beginner and intermediate

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skateboarders and likely will include an above-grade design with concrete mini ramps, stair sets, banks, ledges, and rails. Snoqualmie will contribute \$175,000 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1592)

Centralia

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Rebuilding the Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool

The City of Centralia will use this grant to repair the Pearl Street Veterans Pool and replace the bathhouse. Built in the 1950s, and updated in the 1980s, the pool is deteriorating and has inadequate and broken mechanical equipment, a crumbling barrier wall, and a bathhouse that is inadequate, in disrepair, and lacking modern amenities. In 2011, Centralia closed the pool and only has performed routine maintenance to slow deterioration and keep the pool viable should it be reopened. The non-profit organization, Save The Outdoor Pool and Swim (STOP and Swim), will repair the pool, replace the bathhouse, and install mechanical equipment and storage. Centralia will contribute \$1.1 million in a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1606)

Covington

Grant Requested: \$558,915

Buying Land for SoCo Park

The City of Covington will use this grant to buy 3.4 acres for the future SoCo Park. Named after its location in south Covington, SoCo park will be between Jenkins Creek and Wax Road in the newly developing downtown. It will be the neighborhood park for new multi-family residences and an existing neighborhood. This project helps address a significant shortage of neighborhood parks for residents in the area. Covington will contribute \$558,915 in Conservation Futures³⁵ and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1623)

Spokane

Grant Requested: \$91,500

Building a Path around Mirror Pond in Manito Park

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop about 1 acre around Mirror Pond in Manito Park. Manito Park, with its five specialized gardens and conservatory, is visited by more than 500,000 people a year. The City will create a recreational path around the pond taking visitors to viewpoints of the pond, through a landscape of aquatic and shoreline plants. Plants will have identifying signs in the same style as the gardens in the park. Pathways connecting to sidewalks through the neighborhood also will be built. Spokane will contribute \$91,500 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1543)

Ferndale

Grant Requested: \$230,666

Building Ferndale's STAR Park

The City of Ferndale will use this grant to build STAR Park in the city's downtown Pioneer Park. The park will serve as a major playground for children of all ages and abilities. All of the city's playgrounds are dated, have minimal accessibility for people with disabilities, and serve only their immediate neighborhoods. The playground will combine imagination, education, cooperation, fitness, and

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community spirit (the five points of the star) in one location through a connected series of play houses, jungle gyms, forts, and sitting areas. The overall design of the park is based on the imagination and feedback of local children, as interpreted by professional playground design professionals. Community volunteers, including local contractors donating their time, will build the playground. Ferndale will contribute \$230,685 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1218)

King County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Preserving Cougar-Squak Corridor for Hikers and Wildlife

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 224 acres of mature forest in a recreation area and wildlife corridor known as the Issaquah Alps, the region's most heavily used hiking destination. Located 1.2 miles south of Issaquah on State Route 900, the land will become a year-round regional destination for hikers and families, providing a much-needed trailhead, parking lot, and miles of new trail connections through the land to the adjacent 5,300 acres of county and state parks. In 2012, a logging company purchased the land, which had been a private campground for decades, and proposed to cut almost all the trees to make room for building 43 homes, massive engineered walls, and roads. With an outpouring of public support, community members mobilized to prevent these actions and save the land as a park. The Trust for Public Land bought the land this year. The site's 40- to more than 80-year-old forests are a major wildlife corridor supporting bears, bobcats, cougars, and deer. King County will contribute \$3.8 million from a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1512)

Mercer Island

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Island Crest Park

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to replace the lighting at Island Crest Park and convert one baseball field to synthetic turf. The park has the only regulation baseball fields in the city, serving as the home field for the high school and for other regional groups, including Mercer Island Little League, National Adult Baseball Association, and the Puget Sound Senior Baseball League. These same fields are used by city camps, youth soccer teams, and Boys and Girls Club Football in the summer and fall. The work will enhance playability, improve safety, and reduce rain-outs, closures, and maintenance at the field. The new lights will increase safety, reduce light spill to nearby homes, and improve energy efficiency. Mercer Island will contribute \$650,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1499)

Ilwaco

Grant Requested: \$320,000

Renovating Ilwaco's City Park

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to develop a community park named City Park at the east end of Lake and Spruce Streets. The City will renovate the 3-acre community park by building new softball fields, installing playground equipment, adding park amenities, and adding a trail around the park perimeter. Given the park's proximity to the downtown and Baker Bay, it has the potential to revitalize the economically depressed city. The city's parks plan identified this as the number one priority project. Community groups such as Ocean Beach School District, Ocean Beach Hospital, Port of Ilwaco, Peninsula Little League, Boys and Girls Club, and local grant foundations are in overwhelming support of this project. Ilwaco will contribute \$323,118 in staff labor, a local grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1729)

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Kenmore **Renovating Moorlands Neighborhood Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to renovate the Moorlands Neighborhood Park, a 3.6-acre, underdeveloped neighborhood park in the southeast corner of Kenmore next to Moorlands Elementary School. The City will redevelop a baseball field, renovate a T-ball practice field, install fencing and a children's playground, renovate a small shelter for protection from the weather, pave the parking lot and pathways, improve the park entry, build restrooms and a picnic shelter, install park furniture, landscape the park, and build a stage for community programs. The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality of the existing recreation facilities, improve access for people with disabilities, and increase the opportunities for outdoor recreation in the park. Moorlands Neighborhood Park is the only park in the southeast corner of Kenmore. Kenmore will contribute \$951,325. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1290)

Issaquah **Improving Central Park's Multipurpose Sport Field**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to improve a multi-purpose sports field in Central Park. The park has a grass field with a baseball diamond that is under-used and often very wet. The City would convert the field into two, multi-purpose turf sports fields that could be used for a variety of activities, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and football, among others. The City will install lights and fencing as well. As Issaquah's population continues to grow quickly and the number of youth participating in sports programs climbs, the demand for year-round fields far exceeds the available supply. Additional fields would enable expanded use of the park for tournament play. Issaquah Soccer Club, Issaquah Little League, Issaquah Youth Lacrosse, and Issaquah Youth Football have all expressed support for this project. Issaquah will contribute \$2.6 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1265)

Fircrest **Renovating the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Playground**

Grant Requested: \$36,500

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to renovate a playground structure and perimeter fence at the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Neighborhood Park, one of the most popular family parks in the region. The .5-acre park is at Ramsdell Street and Contra Costa Avenue, next to Fircrest Park. The City will replace a worn-out play structure for children ages 2 to 5 as well as the fence to ensure that children remain safely contained to the playground. The tot lot draws families from Fircrest, Tacoma, and University Place. But the 50-year-old park is showing its age. This project would give the city its best opportunity to replace two worn-out features and greatly enhance the experience families have at this beloved neighborhood park. The City's *Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan* identifies this project as a high priority. The Fircrest Kiwanis Club supports this project and has been raising money to help. Fircrest will contribute \$36,500 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1463)

Federal Way **Replacing Karl Grosch Field Turf**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The City of Federal Way will use this grant to replace the worn artificial playing surface at the Karl Grosch Soccer Park in Steel Lake Park, the most intensively used soccer field in the city. The original surface was installed in 2002 and is nearing the end of its usable life. The City will remove nearly 100,000 square feet of existing turf and replace it with a new surface. Without replacing the turf, the community will lose 2,900

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hours of artificial surface playing capacity, and one of three such fields in the city. This will affect high school soccer programs, youth soccer teams at all levels, and adult recreational teams. Federal Way will contribute \$430,000 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1590)

Port of Benton

Grant Requested: \$167,200

Installing a Playground at Crow Butte Park

The Port of Benton will use this grant to buy and install playground equipment in Crow Butte Park, a 275-acre destination park on the Columbia River in southwestern Benton County. The new playground will feature a nature-inspired, inclusive play area with individual and group swings, a spinner, two slides, a wiggle ladder, climbing panel, freestanding play panels, a zip line, and a large rock for climbing. In addition, the Port will designate three new parking spaces for people with disabilities and lay a concrete pathway complete with guardrails and solar lights from the new playground to the restrooms, swimming area, parking, and campground. A retaining wall will be built on one side of the play area, providing access for people with disabilities to the deck of the largest play feature. The park has no play equipment, although surveys show that more than two-thirds of park users bring children to the park. The combination of new pathway and playground will promote park connectivity and walking for all ages, along with active play for children. The Port of Benton will contribute \$182,047 in staff labor and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1173)

Cashmere

Grant Requested: \$249,925

Revitalizing Cashmere's Riverside Park

The City of Cashmere will use this grant to complete renovation of its downtown Riverside Park. The City has spent the past 5 years fixing the park and this grant will allow work on the last 2 acres of the 7.32-acre park. The City will install an in-ground, concrete skate park; restrooms; paved parking lot; an educational and natural learning playground structure; picnic areas; open lawn; and pathways. Riverside Park is next to the Wenatchee River. Once completed, the park will provide great walking, fishing, kayaking, rafting, picnicking, skateboarding, soccer, softball, and playground structures. Cashmere will contribute \$249,925 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1280)

Kent

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Installing Synthetic Turf at a Russell Road Baseball Field

The City of Kent will use this grant to convert the baseball field at Russell Road Park to a synthetic turf, multi-use field. The park is used for baseball and softball from April through September. By installing synthetic turf, this project would allow the baseball field to be used year-round for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and flag football. It would make Russell Road only the second city park to have synthetic turf fields, and double the use of the sports field while reducing operating costs. This project was identified as a priority project by the Kent Parks Citizen's Advisory Board. Russell Road Park is host to a number of local, regional, state, and national baseball, and softball tournaments. Kent will contribute \$1.5 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1696)

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Snoqualmie

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Expanding Snoqualmie's Riverview Park

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy one-third acre to expand its downtown Riverview Park, re-landscape the new area, add a scenic viewpoint, and install picnic tables, interpretive signs, and pathways to all park amenities. These enhancements will allow people to picnic near the river and learn about local ecology. The work also will improve habitat for elk, bald eagles, mountain whitefish, and rainbow and cutthroat trout. The park feels cramped, with play equipment close to structures, no developed scenic viewpoint to take in the surrounding mountains, little open space, and no educational components. The City wants to make Riverview Park a marquee downtown feature and develop a riverfront trail that will connect to the Snoqualmie Valley Regional Trail and the John Wayne Trail to Idaho. Snoqualmie will contribute \$506,700 in cash, two grants, and Conservation Futures.³⁶ For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1873)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Moving the Off-Leash Dog Area at Point Defiance Park

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to move the unfenced, 3-acre, off-leash dog area and create a new, fenced, 15-acre area for dogs next to the second entrance to Point Defiance Park. The park district also will add parking, separate meadows for large and small dogs, shelters, an agility course, walking trails, and a pond specifically designed for dogs. The park district will contribute \$1 million in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1695)

Kennewick

Grant Requested: \$360,198

Completing Hansen Park

The Kennewick Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to complete Hansen Park, a 25-acre park in the west end of the city. The City will install two picnic shelters, a 1-mile pathway around the park, park furniture, more parking, a restroom, and two gardens – a heritage garden and a community garden. The *2013-18 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* selects Hansen Park development as a top priority because the area doesn't have enough parks. The heritage garden will be a teaching tool used by the school district. Kennewick will contribute \$360,199 in cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1361)

Mason County

Grant Requested: \$225,000

Renovating Sandhill Park

Mason County will use this grant to restore two fields in Sandhill Park in Belfair. Sandhill Park has seven baseball and softball fields and the County has renovated five of them. At the last two fields, the County will install new dugouts, fencing, and infields and outfields, and pave around the fields to improve access for people with disabilities. Sandhill Park is the only baseball-softball complex in the northern part of the county. It was built by volunteers and community organizations in 1980. Mason County will contribute

³⁶Conservation 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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\$225,000 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1467)

Mukilteo

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the First City-Owned Athletic Fields

The City of Mukilteo, in partnership with the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club, will use this grant to build the first, city-owned athletic fields on 12 acres in the heart of Mukilteo. The City recently acquired the land from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The City will build two fields, which can be used for soccer, lacrosse, T-ball, baseball, rugby, and flag football. While the Mukilteo School District owns several fields in the community, there is high demand and not enough fields for youth sports. Mukilteo will contribute \$900,000 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1323)

Port Angeles

Grant Requested: \$210,000

Replacing Lighting at Civic Field

The City of Port Angeles will use grant to replace the 36-year-old field lighting at its multi-purpose stadium, Civic Field. The City's Light Division has done an outstanding job keeping the lights running for years but, because of age and lack of available parts, some part of the lights had to be removed or have fallen off on their own. Parts are no longer available for the floodlights. It is just a matter of time before the entire lighting system fails and evening games and day games during bad weather will no longer be an option. The current lighting system also does not meet the minimum safety standard. This project is a high priority for the city and the Port Angeles School District, both of which have set aside money for it, and it's listed in both parks comprehensive plan and the city's capital facilities plan. Port Angeles will contribute \$210,000, including money from the school district. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1367)

Mossyrock

Grant Requested: \$71,450

Developing Klickitat Prairie Park

The City of Mossyrock will use this grant to further develop Klickitat Prairie Park. The City will install a large picnic shelter, a path leading to it, 1 mile of walking trails, informational and historical signs, and free-standing barbecues near the picnic shelter and throughout the park. Mossyrock will contribute \$72,550 in cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1763)

Concrete

Grant Requested: \$199,013

Building a Water Spray Park

The Town of Concrete will use this grant to build a water spray park, restroom, and pathways in Silo Park. The Town also will install a drinking fountain and picnic tables, improve parking, and complete landscaping in the park. Silo Park is just north of State Route 20, east of Superior Avenue and South of Main Street. With this development, the town hopes to increase the amount of outdoor recreational opportunities it offers, encourage its residents to participate in more outdoor activities, and increase tourism. Concrete will contribute \$243,237 in cash, a state grant and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1790)

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Kenmore **Expanding Squire's Landing Park**

Grant Requested: \$340,485

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to buy .65 acre at the confluence of Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River, including about 100 feet of waterfront, to expand Squire's Landing Park. The land will allow the City to provide space for passive recreation such as picnicking as well as creek and river access for non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, interpretive education, and fishing. Kenmore will contribute \$340,485. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1613)

Island County **Developing a Trailhead in Trillium Community Forest**

Grant Requested: \$163,140

Island County will use this grant to build a trailhead at the Trillium Community Forest, a county park on south-central Whidbey Island. The park includes 700 acres of forest and miles of horse, bike, and walking trails. There is only one trailhead access to the northeast part of the park and it's limited to passenger cars. The County will build a new trailhead off a county road on the west park boundary, where there is no public access. The trailhead will include a parking lot accommodating horse trailers and buses and a half-mile of new trail connecting to the existing trail system. The County's park and recreation element of its comprehensive plan specifically identifies this trailhead project as a very high priority to meet the needs of equestrians and mountain bikers. Island County will contribute \$163,140 in donations of cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1533)

Richland **Building Sports Fields Hanford Legacy Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build five multi-purpose fields and parking for nearly 300 vehicles on 25 acres in Hanford Legacy Park. The sports fields will be built to accommodate various sports including soccer, lacrosse, and football. The new fields will be the second phase of construction at the nearly 118-acre Hanford Legacy Park. In 2009, the City developed four baseball fields. Richland will contribute \$575,685 in cash and donated materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1428)

Bellevue **Developing a Meydenbauer Bay Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to complete a park on the shore of Lake Washington's Meydenbauer Bay. The City will build a play area, informal outdoor classroom, grand viewing terrace, trails through natural areas and along a creek, pathways to the waterfront, and areas for sunbathing, picnicking, interpretation, and education. The development will occur at the same time that the shoreline part of the park is developed for swimming and non-motorized boating and fishing. Bellevue began at Meydenbauer Bay, and remnants of Bellevue's history remain there. The City has long desired to reconnect the downtown and nearby neighborhoods to the water, which up until recently, has been in private ownership. Bellevue will contribute \$2.6 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1144)

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Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing Yesler Neighborhood Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to help develop the 1.75-acre Yesler Park. The City will build a plaza with a water feature, gathering and play areas, a play structure, and pathways. The City also will install benches, picnic tables, barbecues, and table game spaces. The park is next to the Yesler Community Center and will serve residents and visitors to Harborview Hospital and nearby shops. A population density of 19,809 people per square mile makes Yesler Terrace more than twice as densely populated as the rest of Seattle, and the future density of the area compares to the west side of New York City. The area lacks open park space. Seattle will contribute \$3 million from a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1524)

Monroe

Grant Requested: \$120,000

Renovating Lake Tye Park Skate Park

The City of Monroe will use this grant to renovate the skate park at Lake Tye Park. The City will create permanent concrete ramp and ledge features that mimic the diversity of elements and materials found in some of the world's most beloved urban skate spots. Monroe's current skate park offers limited skating opportunities on well-worn, portable, modular ramps. The current park no longer meets the skating need for the community. The proposed street plaza-style skate park will function as a regional destination by offering a unique alternative to the ramp-oriented parks commonly found in Washington. Monroe will contribute \$122,000 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1408)

Port Orchard

Grant Requested: \$385,500

Developing McCormick Village Park

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to design and develop the second phase of McCormick Village Park, a partially developed, 30-acre park on Old Clifton Road. The City will complete a 1-mile loop trail with pedestrian bridge, build the entry plaza and a children's playground, construct a wetland boardwalk with interpretive signs and a wetland viewing platform, and make other minor landscape and access improvements. The park is on a ridge between a wetland and open area to the east and Anderson Creek ravines to the west. It contains mostly 45- to 50-year-old Douglas Fir forests and wetlands. The improvements would provide recreational, educational, and interpretive opportunities in a natural setting that are not available in the city. Port Orchard will contribute \$385,500. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1438)

La Conner

Grant Requested: \$105,400

Developing Conner Waterfront Park

The Town of La Conner will use this grant to begin developing a waterfront park on Conner Way. The Town will build a children's play area, kayak access, a shoreline walkway, and a raised crosswalk connected to Pioneer Park. The Town also will stabilize the shoreline bank and begin creating a picnic area and landscaping. The land was formerly a fish processing facility and marina. La Conner will contribute \$106,400 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1399)

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Beginning Development of Gateway Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Key Pen Parks will use this grant to build a playground, picnic shelter, restroom, and trailhead to the adjoining 360 Trails at Gateway Park, which is on the north end of the Key Peninsula along State Route 302. Gateway Park is fairly level, with rolling hills and Little Minter Creek meandering through it. There are no developed parks in the area that serves more than 10,000 people. The development of the park will allow for expanded use of the 360 Trails by providing a trailhead with amenities such as parking for horse trailers and a restroom. The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$537,500 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1503)

College Place Renovating Kiwanis Park

Grant Requested: \$195,340

The City of College Place will use this grant to build new restrooms, a court for basketball and tennis, and a parking lot at Kiwanis Park. The park is in the heart of a multi-family residential neighborhood between Whitman Street, Date Street, and Third Street. College Place is lacking in active recreation opportunities and its residents identified basketball and tennis as desired activities in the city's park plan. College Place will contribute \$200,000 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1107)

Port of Kingston Creating a Washington Boulevard Park

Grant Requested: \$400,000

The Port of Kingston will use this grant to buy .35 acre on Washington Boulevard, adjacent to State Highway 104 and Saltair Beach, and develop it into a park. The Port will replace the asphalt and concrete with permeable surfaces and build walkways with interpretive signs, a Puget Sound viewing platform, an entry plaza, play areas, interactive outdoor musical instruments, a picnic shelter, and rain gardens. The park is the only public park with a Puget Sound view in the area. This grant will allow the Port of Kingston to develop a water view community park, improve water quality, preserve the water corridor from commercial development, and preserve wildlife. The Port of Kingston Marina is nearby and its 2,200 guests enjoy Mike Wallace Park and will have easy access to the new park during their stay. The Port of Kingston will contribute \$424,292 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1213)

Mason County Renovating the North Mason Soccer and Football Field

Grant Requested: \$485,280

Mason County will use this grant to renovate the turf at the North Mason High School Football Soccer Stadium. The County will remove the grass and install synthetic turf. The existing field turns to mud in November each year when the rains begin. The County's parks plan discovered a large need for football and soccer fields for youth, a situation that will increase when a new middle school is built on two practice fields. This project is a partnership between the North Mason School District, Mason County, and the local youth football and soccer associations. Mason County will contribute \$485,280. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1581)

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Developing a Multi-Use Field

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Metro Parks Tacoma will use this grant to design and develop a multi-use, all-weather field on about 4 acres in the South End Recreation and Adventure Campus (SERA). The land is at 66th and Adams and is surrounded by the STAR Center, Gray Middle School, and the Boys and Girls Club. This project expands the adventure park concept and creates a link between the existing facilities. The new field will provide for year-round play for sports such as soccer, cricket, rugby, lacrosse, track, and bocce ball. Metro Parks Tacoma will contribute \$1.2 million in a state appropriation, voter-approved bonds, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1424)

Bainbridge Island Improving Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Bainbridge Island will use this grant to renovate Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park to improve access between park amenities and provide views of the water and space for events. Work will involve renovating the lawn areas with improved drainage; clearing invasive species and planting disturbed areas with native plants; improving the bollard lighting, kiosks, and park furnishings; building pathways; and improving the open areas for events and general use. The park is the only one on Bainbridge Island in the Winslow town center that is on a city-wide trail system connecting to the state ferry terminal, and it has the only public dock on Bainbridge Island. The resulting connected terraces and flat open areas will provide multiple views to the water and also a place for events. Bainbridge Island will contribute \$500,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1469)

Tacoma Building a Play Area on the Foss Waterway

Grant Requested: \$60,000

The City of Tacoma and Foss Waterway Development Authority will use this grant to build a children's play structure at 21st Street Park on the Foss waterway in downtown Tacoma. Work will include leveling the play area and installing play equipment. There is no children's play area on the Foss Waterway. The area serves more than 13,000 people within 3 miles of the park. The Waterway visually and physically connects four surrounding downtown districts. The Waterway's historic past and working waterfront, combined with the new cultural, recreational, residential, office, and retail uses creates a lively, urban environment. Tacoma will contribute \$63,996. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1529)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Improving Swan Creek Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Metro Parks Tacoma will use this grant to continue development of Swan Creek Park by building an entry, a main parking lot, a restroom, a picnic shelter, and a dog park, and installing park furniture and signs. This phase will improve access to the mountain bike and hiking trails and community gardens. Swan Creek Park is a 383-acre natural area park on the east side of Tacoma. The work will be done in the Lister uplands area of the park. These improvements will continue the park district's efforts to convert the World War II housing road network into natural and planned recreation space that is accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchair users. Metro Parks Tacoma will contribute \$1.4 million in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1516)

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Kent

Grant Requested: \$746,025

Expanding Van Doren's Landing Park

The City of Kent will use this grant to buy 2.47 acres next to Van Doren's Landing Park, the city's largest riverfront park. The park is part of a largely publicly-owned corridor along the Green River that includes the Green River Trail, the Puget Power Trail, Russell Road, and the Green River Natural Area. On nice days, cars fill the parking lot and spill onto Russell Road. This property will give Kent the space necessary to expand parking without shrinking the size of the park, add park space, give park users better views of the Green River, and preserve the Green River Trail's connection to Van Doren's Landing Park. Kent will contribute \$746,025 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1745)

Bothell

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Expanding and Renovating the Park at Bothell Landing

The City of Bothell will use this grant to expand and renovate the Park at Bothell Landing. Located between State Highway 522 and the Sammamish River in the city's downtown, the park serves as the heart of the city. The City will develop two vehicle access points serving both the east and west ends of the parks, and add two parking lots that will accommodate nearly 150 cars. The City also will build a new plaza and lawn to serve as a gathering space and place to picnic. Being central to Bothell's downtown, the plaza will become a "civic living room," where the city's growing multi-generational population will socialize, recreate, and connect with the community. The work will add 3 developed park acres to the 14-acre park. For the past 35 years, The Park at Bothell Landing has hosted community events including the summer concert series, the re-enactment of the Battle of Concord, and the Greater Bothell Arts Fair. But in the past 3 years, these events have either been canceled or moved. The new parking lots will enable the events to return to the park. Bothell will contribute \$5 million in cash and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1750)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing Foss Waterway's Central Park

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, in partnership with the Foss Waterway Development Authority and the local artist in residence program, will use this grant to develop .75 acre into a pocket park that tells the story of the history, restoration, and rebirth of this urban waterfront. The park district will extend the existing waterfront esplanade and build a viewing platform, picnic and sitting areas, restroom, and educational displays using interpretive and interactive art installations. This project is a continuation of the redevelopment of the Foss Waterway located at the base of downtown Tacoma. The project is part of the mile-long waterfront esplanade that links parks, housing developments, the Museum of Glass, and the Maritime Center. In a bigger context, this project is part of the 6-mile-long linkage connecting downtown Tacoma to Point Defiance Park along the Ruston Way Waterfront. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$509,282 in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1679)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Dabob Bay Natural Area Shoreline

Grant Requested: \$3,240,955

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 100 acres of shoreline in Dabob Bay Natural Area along Hood Canal in Jefferson County. The land includes coastal bluffs and shorelines that provide sediment and fallen trees and other woody debris, which are important building blocks for coastal spits. Additionally, the land is home to high quality types of forest plants listed in the natural heritage plan, which are under-conserved. The land has multiple owners and purchase will allow the department to remove shoreline bulkheads and restore natural stream function. The land will provide access for education and research and possibly low-impact recreation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1249)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Kennedy Creek Preserve to Conserve a Salt Marsh

Grant Requested: \$849,659

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 80 acres off U.S. Highway 101, about 12 miles west of Olympia, to increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds and salmon. The purchase also will protect a segment of Schneider Creek, which supports the health of the salt marsh ecosystems. The land will provide opportunities for education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1254)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek Preserves to Conserve Wetlands

Grant Requested: \$2,214,554

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 114 acres in two natural area preserves to protect imperiled wetlands. The department will buy 100 acres at Ink Blot Natural Area Preserve, north of Shelton and west of U.S. Highway 101 in Mason County, to conserve land that contains rare and important wetlands. The Douglas' spirea and sphagnum community found at Ink Blot is considered imperiled in Washington. Its occurrence in Ink Blot is the highest quality example remaining in the state. The land also is one of the largest blocks of this wetland habitat type left in the Puget Sound region. The department also will buy 14 acres at Schumacher Creek Natural Area Preserve, north of Shelton and west of U.S. Highway 101 in Mason County, to conserve wetlands that are extremely rare in the Puget trough eco-region; there are no other opportunities to protect such a feature. One of the plant communities found at Schumacher Creek, the Mountain alder-Sitka alder and skunk cabbage-water parsley community, is found only in the Puget trough eco-region and is critically imperiled. The wetland systems at both Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek remain intact with little evidence of human disturbance or exotic species invasion. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1252)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land along the Queets River

Grant Requested: \$1,643,135

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 585 acres along the Queets River, next to Olympic National Park, in Jefferson County. The Queets River is one of the most pristine coastal rivers in the western United States mostly because its headwaters and main stem are protected within the Olympic National Park. The river system has been recognized as one of the best opportunities to protect and restore native salmon and coastal rainforests in the nation. The river is used by five Pacific salmon stocks: Coho, winter steelhead, fall Chinook, chum, and spring Chinook. It also is used by summer steelhead salmon; bull trout, which are listed by the federal government under the Endangered Species

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Act; coastal cutthroat trout; Olympic mudminnow; western brook lamprey and river lamprey; and Pacific lamprey. The forested portions of the property are Sitka spruce forest habitat, which supports northern spotted owl, Pacific fisher, and marbled murrelet. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$560,000 in donated land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1722)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving South Lake Ozette Forest

Grant Requested: \$1,588,360

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 465 acres of forest near the south end of Lake Ozette, 12 miles northwest of Forks, in Clallam County. The land boasts old-growth forests, natural second-growth forest, and forest plantations. There is little state or federal protection for such high quality Sitka spruce forest communities mixed with old-growth western red cedar-western hemlock forests. The land also is home to plants such as salal with Alaska huckleberry, deerfern, and swordfern. The land will provide opportunities for environmental education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1247)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Creating the Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$648,164

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 300 acres, creating the Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve that was designated in 2012. The purchase will protect habitat for rare plant species (including hoary willow, yellow mountain-avens, and steller's rockbrake), stream habitat, scrub-shrub and emergent wetlands, and limestone cliffs (including limestone-dependent species). This site is mostly undisturbed and offers an uncommon opportunity for study of natural ecological processes. The land is southeast of Northport, in Stevens County. The purchase will add under-represented natural heritage features to the statewide system of natural areas and provide opportunities for environmental education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1253)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Shrub-Steppe

Grant Requested: \$215,118

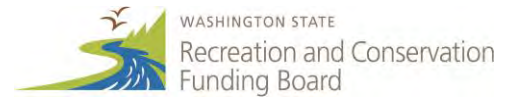
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 271 acres of high quality, shrub-steppe habitat, 7 miles north of Ritzville, in Adams County. The land provides the most extensive and highest quality example of sagebrush habitat. Ponds on the land are excellent examples of the driest, shallowest ponds called vernal ponds, found in the Columbia River Basin. The site helps complete the statewide system of natural areas and will provide opportunities for environmental education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1245)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land around Merrill Lake

Grant Requested: \$2,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 882 acres in Cowlitz County between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River. The land has many unique features including lava beds, small old growth forests, and a 40-foot waterfall on the Kalama River. The purchase will allow the department to protect wildlife habitat and provide public access, particularly along the shorelines of the lake and river. Merrill Lake is a fishing lake and the land connects with a national forest to the north and a state protected area to the south. Many types of wildlife will benefit from this project including steelhead, coho and Chinook

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salmon; elk; marten; western toads; spotted owls; and osprey. The land is threatened by development into a resort and logging. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1094)

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Nisqually Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$1,100,000

Buying Mashel River Shoreline for Salmon Recovery

The Nisqually Land Trust will use this grant to buy more than 1,000 acres, which includes part of the Mashel River and surrounding forest near Eatonville to protect important salmon habitat. The land trust will buy land that includes 3.5 miles of the Mashel River, 6.2 miles of feeder streams, 884 acres of shoreline, and 128 acres of forest in the middle reach of the Mashel River and the upper reach of its headwater tributary, Busy Wild Creek. The Mashel River is the largest tributary to the Nisqually River and the salmon recovery plan for the area calls out these sections of the Mashel River as the highest priority for protection. The river is used by Chinook salmon, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and steelhead trout. The land has steep, unstable slopes and is part of a larger industrial forest. Buying the land would prevent further habitat degradation from logging and development and would extend protected habitat for northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The purchase also will connect two substantial blocks of Mashel shoreline already protected, creating nearly 6 miles of protected river corridor. The purchase also helps recreation by providing room for expansion of the Mashel Greenbelt Trail and protecting a key section of the popular Mount Tahoma Trails cross-country ski trail. The Nisqually Land Trust will contribute \$1.4 million in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1480)

Columbia Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$875,000

Conserving Willapa Bay and Seal Slough

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 564 acres on Willapa Bay in Pacific County that includes 2 miles of Willapa Bay shoreline, 15 miles of sloughs and streams including Seal Slough, 70 acres of wetlands, and a forest. This project is part of a multi-year effort to conserve forever the last remaining undeveloped Willapa Bay shoreline for wildlife and people. Willapa Bay is the second largest estuary on the United States' Pacific Coast after San Francisco Bay. The land is just south of 900 acres of already protected land, extending habitat connectivity. Willapa Bay and its streams and wetlands are important habitat for migratory birds, including waterfowl and shorebirds, and for salmon species, including Chinook, chum, coho, steelhead, and coastal cutthroat. Juvenile salmon need this type of estuarine habitat as a place to rest before migrating to the ocean. Other benefiting species include green sturgeon, eulachon (smelt), and bald eagles. In the long term, the restored forest could support marbled murrelet and Northern spotted owl, which currently nest 1 mile away. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$875,000 in federal and private grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1150)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$1,700,000

Conserving Taneum Creek Shoreline

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 370 acres of Taneum Creek shoreline, including nearly a mile of Taneum Creek and more than 2 miles of tributary streams, about 10 miles west of Ellensburg. Taneum Creek is critical habitat for mid-Columbia River steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and is used for coho salmon reintroduction efforts in the upper Yakima River basin. Bisected by Taneum Creek, the land lies at the transition of mixed forest and shrub steppe and contains a strong suite of habitats and species. River shoreline, wetlands, shrub steppe, cliffs, caves, snags, and talus habitats are found across the property. Coho and Chinook salmon, Columbia spotted frog, sharp-tailed snakes, golden eagle, elk, mule deer, and

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historic western gray squirrels also use the land. This acquisition helps implement actions identified in several salmon and bull trout recovery plans. The land is an inholding in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area. Conserving this area removes threats that the land will be developed or logged. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1092)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Expanding the Reardan Audubon Lake Wildlife Area

Grant Requested: \$600,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 150 acres to expand its 277-acre Reardan Audubon Lake Wildlife Area, north of Reardan and 20 miles from Spokane. The land is used by more than 125 species of birds and is the last stop during spring migration before the Canadian wetlands. The land contains prairies with small mounds and shallow dips that fill with water in the spring and dry out in the summer, mima mounds, several large permanent ponds, and shoreline forests. The land also forms the headwaters of Crab Creek, a Columbia River tributary, and Deep Creek, a Spokane River tributary. The property is used by 11 priority habitat species, 5 state candidate species, 2 federal candidate species, and 5 Department of Fish and Wildlife habitat types or elements of special concern. Wildlife viewing would be the primary recreation at this site. The land is for sale for housing. This project implements the state Legislature's directive to develop wildlife viewing sites near rural communities. The department will partner with Inland Northwest Land Trust, Spokane Audubon, Ducks Unlimited, and the City of Reardan to cooperatively preserve and develop this unique wildlife viewing site. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1097)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Wildlife Habitat Near Merrill Lake

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 549 acres in Cowlitz County between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River, including shorelines along the Kalama River, Merrill Lake, and Dry Creek. The land, which is 5 miles north of Cougar and east of Woodland, has many unique features including lava beds with tree casts, high volume springs feeding the Kalama River, small old-growth stands, waterfalls, and high quality native plant communities. This site has large old-growth cedar or fir trees and includes land at a 40-foot waterfall on the Kalama River. The department wants to buy the land to provide public access, particularly along the shorelines of the lake and river, and to conserve wildlife habitat for a diverse suite of animals including steelhead, coho and Chinook salmon, elk, marten, western toad, spotted owls, and osprey. The land connects with Gifford Pinchot National Forest to the north and Washington Department of Natural Resources' Natural Resources Conservation Area to the south. Merrill Lake is managed as a fishing lake for catch and release trout. The land is threatened by logging and development into recreational lots or resorts. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1095)

The Nature Conservancy Conserving Clearwater River Shoreline Forests

Grant Requested: \$986,565

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 740 acres, including 561 acres of shoreline forest and wetland habitat, and two inholdings along the Queets and Clearwater Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula, about 15 miles northwest of Clearwater. This purchase is part of a multi-year project to conserve shoreline forests from the headwaters of the Clearwater to its confluence with the Queets. The Nature Conservancy already has purchased 3,000 acres and soon will acquire more than 1,000 acres. The two rivers support some of the healthiest, most viable, and genetically diverse salmon populations in the lower 48 states, making these rivers an essential anchor for conservation of salmon habitat and critical areas for

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biodiversity conservation on the Washington Coast. The rivers drain an area of more than 287,383 acres and are home to wild populations of Chinook, coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon and steelhead, cutthroat, and bull trout. The rivers and associated shoreline forests also support numerous other animals, such as the Pacific lamprey, Olympic mudminnow, and marbled murrelet. The project will address the two most significant threats to these river systems – logging and rural development. The Nature Conservancy will contribute \$990,518 in cash donations. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1702)

Squaxin Island Tribe

Grant Requested: \$140,000

Conserving the Skookum Creek Estuary

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy nearly 23 acres of estuary and shoreline at the mouth of Skookum Creek and at the head of Skookum Inlet, in Mason County. The land is next to the 143-acre Washington Department of Natural Resources' Skookum Inlet Natural Area Preserve. This acquisition will protect more than a half-mile of shoreline habitat and 7 acres of high quality saltmarsh. Skookum Inlet provides rearing and transition habitat for coho, chum, and Chinook salmon and cutthroat and steelhead trout. The land also is used by migratory birds including waterfowl and shorebirds. The Squaxin Island Tribe will contribute \$145,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1689)

The Nature Conservancy

Grant Requested: \$1,199,400

Conserving Hoh River Shorelines

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,168 acres of shoreline, floodplain, and tributary habitat in the Hoh River watershed on the Olympic Peninsula. Because its headwaters begin in Olympic National Park, the Hoh River is recognized as one of the healthiest coastal rivers and salmon fisheries on the West Coast. The Hoh's extensive floodplain is critical to riverine salmon. The Hoh supports some of the healthiest, most viable, and genetically diverse salmon populations in the lower 48 states, making the river an essential anchor for the conservation of salmon habitat and a critical area for biodiversity conservation on the Washington Coast. Salmon are widely distributed in the Hoh River basin with wild populations of coho, Chinook, and chum salmon and steelhead. The Hoh also has been identified as a core recovery area for bull trout, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The river and its shoreline forest habitat also support other important species, including Pacific lamprey, Olympic mudminnow, and marbled murrelet. The purchase will reduce the threats of logging and rural development. This project builds upon the conservation efforts of the Hoh River Trust, which has conserved more than 8,000 acres in the watershed. The Nature Conservancy will contribute \$1.4 million in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2179)

Anderson Island Park District

Grant Requested: \$67,000

Buying Land on Jacobs Point

The Anderson Island Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy and permanently protect 17.61 acres at Jacobs Point on Anderson Island in south Puget Sound, completing the land acquisitions for Jacobs Point Park. The land is on the east side of a peninsula and includes about one-third mile of pristine Puget Sound shoreline, 4 acres of tidelands and 13 acres of second-growth forest. The land will provide 1.2 miles of trails and shoreline access for hikers and boaters. The shoreline here supports a diverse array of fish, invertebrate, bird, and mammal species. Oro Bay and East Oro Bay border Jacobs Point on three sides and are part of the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve marine protected area. The land is identified in

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regional and local plans as a priority for acquisition to protect its ecological values and meet identified public needs on Anderson Island. The Anderson Island Park District will contribute \$100,612 in a private grant, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1741)

Great Peninsula Conservancy Conserving Grover's Creek Shoreline

Grant Requested: \$398,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to protect forever 111 acres of shoreline in the Grover's Creek watershed in north Kitsap County. The purchase will conserve interconnected, highly functioning shoreline habitat along 1.13 miles of fish-bearing stream and tributaries in the lower reach of Grover's Creek. The purchase also will protect mature Sitka spruce-western red cedar forests, scrub-shrub, and wetlands. The conservancy will buy 60 acres directly and buy a voluntary land preservation agreement³⁷ for the remaining 51 acres. The property's habitat provides spawning and rearing areas for migrating fish, including steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act; linked land and water habitat for amphibians; nesting and foraging area for birds; and a migratory corridor for mammals. The land is essential to the long-term protection of Miller Bay because it provides sediment storage, pollution filtration, and collection and slow release of water to maintain the flows needed at different salmon life cycles. The Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$439,250 in a private grant, a salmon recovery grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1587)

Pierce County Expanding Carbon River Valley Park

Grant Requested: \$612,500

The Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 500 acres of forest and shoreline along the Carbon River near Carbonado to protect the high quality habitat and views at this popular recreation corridor leading to Mount Rainier National Park. The land abuts the Carbon River Valley county park, extending downstream from the State Highway 165 Carbon River Bridge to Carbonado. The land contains forests ranging in age from 45 years old to more than 80 years old. These forests provide critical habitat for migrating Rocky Mountain elk. They also help protect the water quality of the Carbon River, a significant salmon-bearing stream in the Puyallup River watershed, which is home to Puget Sound Chinook and steelhead, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. In addition to these species, the property's mature conifer forest provides ideal habitat for a variety of mammals, cavity-nesting birds, and amphibians. Pierce County plans to provide public access to the property, which now is restricted to those who buy passes. Pierce County will contribute \$911,250 in conservation futures.³⁸ For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1283)

³⁷A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

³⁸Conservation 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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Squaxin Island Tribe Conserving Little Skookum Inlet Shorelines

Grant Requested: \$951,300

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement³⁹ to conserve 816 acres of forests, wetlands, and shorelines, including nearly 2 miles of Puget Sound shoreline along Little Skookum Inlet, about 20 miles west of Olympia. The shorelines are used by chum, Chinook, and coho salmon and steelhead and cutthroat trout. They also host shellfish growing areas. The conservation of the land will prevent development and help protect water quality in the salmon-bearing streams and shorelines. The Squaxin Island Tribe will contribute \$977,700 in a private grant and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1350)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing East Tiger Mountain Trails

Grant Requested: \$300,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop four new trails in the east Tiger Mountain State Forest, 25 miles east of Seattle. The department will design and build 6 miles of new trails to complete the east Tiger Mountain trail system. The new trails will link to existing trails, giving visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, and will connect to a regional trail and future access to the Raging River State Forest. The trails are used mostly by mountain bikers and hikers. This project has widespread support from user groups, recreation non-profit organizations, public advisory committees, local jurisdictions, and nearby communities. The department will contribute \$37,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1453)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Building a New Boat Ramp at Heller Bar

Grant Requested: \$ 324,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a new boat ramp and improve the boat launch site at Heller Bar, which is on the Snake River next to the mouth of the Grand Ronde River in southeast Asotin County. Heller Bar is a major launching site for powerboats destined for Hell's Canyon and a primary take-out site for river rafters floating down the Snake, Salmon, and Grande Ronde Rivers. In addition, Heller Bar is used for camping and fishing. During the summer and fall, congestion, conflicts, and safety issues are common on the existing ramp. The department will build a second boat ramp to alleviate congestion, install new signs, and renovate a gravel parking lot. [For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1751)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Riverside Boat Launch

Grant Requested: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop the 1-acre Riverside Access Site on the Okanogan River, in the city of Riverside in Okanogan County. The department will build a boat launch, create a gravel parking lot for up to eight vehicles with boat trailers, pave the entrance drive and a parking lot for nine vehicles, install an outhouse and a picnic shelter, build pathways, landscape with shade trees, and install an informational kiosk, an entrance gate and sign, and rocks to guide vehicles. The Riverside Access Site is the only public access site with a boat launch between Tonasket and Omak, a distance of 25 river miles. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1548)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Finishing the Mailbox Peak Trail

Grant Requested: \$178,400

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to finish the last 1.3 miles of a 5-mile non-motorized trail to Mailbox Peak in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. Work will include excavation, surfacing, and installing water drainage features and high-elevation alpine trail features such as rock steps and viewpoints. This project is identified in the *Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan* as a high priority for implementation and has strong support from local recreation groups. The department will contribute \$25,000 in donated and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1520)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing Tim's Pond Access Site

Grant Requested: \$324,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop the Tim's Pond Access Site in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, in Yakima County. The department will build fishing platforms and campsites, install toilets and picnic tables, and pave a parking lot and path around the lake with turnouts for fishing areas. Currently, the access site has only a gravel parking lot, user-built trails, and dispersed campsites. The site is visible from State Route 12 and is used for fishing, wildlife and nature viewing, picnics, camping, and rafting access. Previous surveys of users of Tim's Pond showed that most want to see the area improved and would use it more often if it had amenities like restrooms, picnic tables, and paved trails. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1172)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Building a North Olympic Wildlife Area Public Access Site

Grant Requested: \$86,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a parking area, restroom, interpretive kiosk, and beach trail at the North Olympic Wildlife Area's Lower Dungeness Unit in northeast Clallam County. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1589)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Samish River Unit Public Access

Grant Requested: \$190,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to design, permit, and build a half-acre parking lot and install a portable toilet and fencing at a Samish River access site in the 103-acre Skagit Wildlife Area. The work will improve public access and safety for wildlife viewers and photographers, waterfowl hunters, and anglers on the Samish River, near the city of Bow. The department also will improve wetland habitat on an adjacent department property. The Samish River site doesn't have any parking or restrooms. Visitors park on the road shoulder, creating unsafe conditions. Neighbors complain that facilities are inadequate for the number of visitors. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1279)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Opening Lake Tahuya to the Public

Grant Requested: \$285,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to make Lake Tahuya accessible to the public by building a small parking lot, a gravel trail to the lake, and a launch for non-motorized boats, and installing an outhouse, fencing, an entrance gate, and signs. Lake Tahuya is the third largest lake in Kitsap County and is inaccessible to the public even though the department first acquired land in 1939. Development of this public access will provide additional recreational opportunity near major population centers, producing hundreds of hours of recreation each year through year-round fishing and boating. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1425)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Building a Fishing Platform at Sprague Lake

Grant Requested: \$154,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve shore-based fishing at Sprague Lake. The department will build a fishing platform accessible to people with disabilities on the lake shoreline and pave a path to the platform. These improvements will complement the previous four phases of development, which included building a boat ramp, trailer turnaround, parking, and wildlife viewing area and installing a toilet, kiosk, and interpretive signs. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1644)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Improving a Chief Joseph Wildlife Area Access Site

Grant Requested: \$283,000

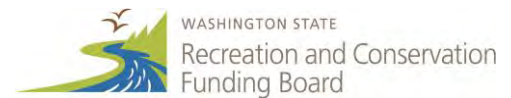
The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve an access site and 1.5 miles of road along the Grande Ronde River in the Shumaker Unit of the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area, 25 miles south of Asotin. The department will install an outhouse, signs, and an informational kiosk at an existing parking area, build pull-off areas for parking along the road, and place boulders to prevent vehicles from entering the Grande Ronde River and other sensitive areas. The department also will grade the road near the bottom of Shumaker County Road, install drainage features, and lay gravel. This project will protect shoreline habitat by keeping cars out of the river and reducing the sediment that erodes from the primitive road into the river. The river is used by steelhead and Chinook salmon. The access site is used by anglers, hunters, boaters, and recreational campers. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1743)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing 4-O Ranch McNeill Campground

Grant Requested: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a campground and equestrian facilities in the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area in Asotin County. The department will build a gravel parking lot, seven camping sites with fire pits, and equestrian facilities, as well as install an outhouse, informational kiosk, gate, and fencing. The 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area is one of Washington State's newest land acquisitions and offers access to hunting, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding along with access to adjoining U.S. Forest Service lands. The area is known for its robust elk population, but also is used by whitetail and mule deer, bighorn sheep, black bears, and many bird species. Visitors enjoy hunting, wildflower viewing, photography, wildlife watching, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1664)

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

Grant Requested: \$387,700

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 446 acres that are remnants of South Puget Sound grasslands and oak woodlands in the Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie areas. The areas are homes to rare plants and animals and are being invaded by nonnative wildlife. The department will restore these rare habitats by acquiring native seeds and transplants, preparing the areas for seeding through controlled fires and herbicide use, replanting the area, and controlling exotic grasses, forbs, and Scot's broom. The department also will enhance Oregon spotted frog habitat in the West Rocky Prairie. The department has partnered with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the Joint Base Lewis McChord, and the Center for Natural Land Management to provide native seeds in for the grassland and oak woodland restoration. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1697)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Lacamas Prairie Oak and Wet Prairie

Grant Requested: \$120,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 79 acres of imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak woodland habitat in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve was created in 2012 to protect the last remaining example of Willamette Valley wet prairie in the state as well as habitat for five rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. These habitats are threatened by encroachment of invasive trees, shrubs, and grasses; alteration of the fire regime; and modifications of hydrology. This project will address these threats and improve conditions by controlling invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation, using site preparation techniques including fire, rehabilitating the hydrology, and restoring native wet prairie and oak woodland vegetation. Accomplishing these restoration objectives will protect and enhance habitat for rare species known to occur on the site, including Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1485)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area through Logging and Controlled Fires

Grant Requested: \$534,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore habitat in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area near Osoyoos in Okanogan County by logging and burning to thin out trees and brush in the area. Most of the site being restored hasn't been burned for nearly 100 years causing an uncharacteristic buildup of trees and brush, which choke out other plants that are more beneficial to wildlife. The department will log or burn about 1,820 acres, which will improve conditions for many wildlife species, particularly flammulated owls, pygmy nuthatches, and white-headed woodpeckers. The project will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, rejuvenate mule deer winter range, improve forest health, increase ecosystem resiliency to climate change, and provide jobs benefiting the local economy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1508)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Trout Lake Meadows

Grant Requested: \$72,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to kill or remove nonnative plants and replant 45 acres of the 1,800-acre Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, 24 miles north of White Salmon in the northwest corner of Klickitat County. The preserve hosts breeding and nesting areas used by a large population of the Oregon spotted frog, a state endangered species and proposed federal threatened species, and the

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greater sandhill crane, a state endangered species. In addition, two rare plants, pale blue-eyed grass, a state threatened and federal species of concern, and rosy owl clover, a state endangered species, are found in the preserve's seasonally wet meadows. The department also will install three interpretive signs in the western portion of the preserve explaining the restoration work. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1525)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring a Coastal Forest

Grant Requested: \$188,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 800 acres of Pacific Northwest coastal forest in the Bone River and Niawiakum River Natural Area Preserves and the Elk River and Ellsworth Creek Natural Resources Conservation Areas. These sites are in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties and include rare salt marshes and forests, including significant pockets of mature and old-growth forest. These areas represent a large portion of a quickly disappearing mature and old-growth forest landscape in southwest Washington. Restoration will focus on thinning the densely planted commercial forest, which provides little habitat for diverse plant and animal communities and are not representative of a natural coastal forest ecosystem. Goals for the restoration include reducing stand density, increasing understory vegetation and plant diversity, increasing the amount of large woody materials on the forest floor, and creating wildlife snags. Doing so will dramatically improve the quality of habitat for a variety of plant and animal species, including marbled murelet, spotted owl, cavity dwelling birds, amphibians, and Roosevelt Elk. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1482)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Improving the L.T. Murray Forest and Creek

Grant Requested: \$375,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin trees and improve wildlife habitat in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area Unit, 15 miles west of Ellensburg and south of Cle Elum in Kittitas County. The department will thin about 500 acres of forest to improve the lands' resilience to catastrophic fire and place large logs and tree root wads in the North Fork Manastash Creek to restore habitat diversity. The logs and root wads will slow the river and create places for fish to rest and hide from predators. The department is partnering with The Nature Conservancy, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1355)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Requested: \$71,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 45 acres in Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area, 5 miles north of Glenwood in Klickitat and Yakima Counties. This work will include restoring about 5 miles of the logging roads back to natural conditions; removing or killing nonnative plants on 25 acres in the old landings, wet meadows, and roads; thinning 10 acres of small trees and burning about 10 acres in the meadows. The work will continue the meadow and dry forest habitat restoration to benefit several sensitive plants and animals. This conservation area includes a 3-mile stretch of the free-flowing Klickitat River, talus habitats, a unique wet meadow and ponderosa pine complex, and mixed coniferous forest. The areas targeted for restoration include meadow communities and open ponderosa pine forest used by greater Sandhill cranes, Mardon skipper butterfly, and several rare plants including rosy owl-clover, Pusifer's monkey-flower, dwarf rush, Kellogg's rush, and long-

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bearded sego lily. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1518)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Phantom Butte Shrub-Steppe and Grassland

Grant Requested: \$62,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore about half of a 250-acre field on Phantom Butte, which is in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area in Lincoln County. This former wheat field was planted with grass in the mid-1980s. The department will remove the wheatgrass and weeds by light tilling and chemical fallowing and then replant the area with a native-like grassland and forb mix. The resulting grassland will resemble native meadows in the surrounding shrub-steppe habitat. This field is part of a larger area that supports Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and greater sage grouse, both listed by the state as threatened with extinction. There is an extensive recovery program being conducted in this general area for both species, with more than 30 birds wearing radio transmitters, which will allow an evaluation of the effectiveness and use of this restored field. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1670)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Admiralty Inlet Preserve

Grant Requested: \$96,937

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 6 acres of rare, native habitat in the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve, 2.5 miles south of Coupeville on Whidbey Island. The department will remove invasive and nonnative species by a controlled burn, then plant up to 60,000 native prairie plants and use a local seed mixture to establish native plant cover. The department also will remove 3 acres of dense shrubs in the old-growth forest and replant with young conifer trees to help perpetuate the forest. The prairie restoration will increase habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees. The preserve has two populations of golden paintbrush, which is listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction and state government as endangered. The preserve also has a very rare moist prairie community and rare old-growth forest association; both have been nearly exterminated in the state. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1535)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Selah Cliffs

Grant Requested: \$37,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 40 acres of shrub-steppe habitat in the 300-acre Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve in the Yakima River canyon, near Selah in Yakima County. The work will conserve the ecological integrity and biological diversity of the natural area. Portions of the valley bottom and riverbanks have been severely damaged by past grazing and invasive species. The preserve, established in 1993, protects the largest known population of *Erigeron basalticus* (basalt daisy), a state threatened and federal species of concern known to exist only in a 10-mile stretch of the Yakima River Canyon. The daisy makes its home on the basalt cliffs where few other plants grow, rooting into cracks and fissures on the rock faces. The cliffs, many covered by lichens, also provide nesting and roosting habitat for raptors including prairie falcons, red-tailed hawks, and kestrels. An interpretive trail in the preserve meanders through the area to be restored, and this project will include installation of two additional interpretive signs that discuss the restoration project. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1507)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Replanting the Colockum Wildlife Area after a Fire

Grant Requested: \$200,200

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore about 1,000 acres of forest burned by a 2013 wildfire in the Colockum Wildlife Area, 15 miles south of Wenatchee in Chelan and Kittitas Counties. The fire burned the trees and bushes, whose roots prevented sediment from entering the streams. The department will place large logs in the streams and replant the burned forest with a combination of conifer and shrub species. The wildlife area is a mix of shrub-steppe, stream bank, and forest habitats and is used by mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, cougars, black bears, bobcats, grey wolves, wild turkeys, forest grouse, woodpeckers, falcons, hawks, and eagles. The streams in the area provide habitat for rainbow trout; upper Columbia River steelhead trout, which are listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction; and Chinook salmon, which are endangered. The Colockum Wildlife Area is a popular destination for hunting, hiking, camping, horse-back riding, motorized recreation, and wildlife watching. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1610)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Pogue Mountain and Chesaw Habitat

Grant Requested: \$235,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to burn 1,274 acres in the Pogue Mountain and Chesaw Wildlife Areas, 110 miles north of Wenatchee in Okanogan County, to stimulate fire-dependent vegetation and to restore function to priority habitats. The two areas conserve native shrub-steppe plant communities and are in the sharp-tail grouse recovery zone. The *Conservation Strategy* identifies upland aspen forest, shrub-steppe, eastside grasslands and ponderosa pine forest and woodlands as the highest priority for conservation, all of which are found within the project area. The goal of the project is to restore fire as a natural process. The department will contribute \$35,000 from a private grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1447)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Land In or Near State Parks

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy up to 100 acres within or next to existing state parks. From time-to-time during each biennium, State Parks learns of desirable adjacent or inholding properties. Some of these properties are small and would not score well in a competitive grant process. Others require immediate response to buy the property. This grant will help State Parks respond more quickly to acquisition opportunities as they arise. In the past, these grants have been used to purchase property to resolve management conflicts in a park, obtain legal access to a park, buy desirable property that is up for sale, and buy land with high natural resource value. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1681)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Developing the Kukutali Preserve Day-Use Area

Grant Request: \$360,210

State Parks will use this grant to finish development of the Kukutali Preserve, located near Deception Pass State Park between Fidalgo and Whidbey Islands. State Parks will build trails, picnic areas, a picnic shelter, and viewing platforms and install vault toilets and interpretive signs. Currently, the preserve has only a parking lot, portable toilets, and two trails. State Parks co-owns and co-manages the preserve with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, an arrangement that is believed to be the first and only of its kind in the United States. The preserve protects diverse and rare natural resources, including lowland old growth forest, rocky balds, feeder bluffs, forage fish spawning areas, and a pocket estuary. State Parks will contribute \$93,750 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1621)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Land to Connect Three State Parks near Westport

Grant Request: \$1,905,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy about 270 acres outside Westport to connect three state parks. The land is bordered on three sides by three different state parks – Westhaven State Park, Westport Light State Park, and the Seashore Conservation Area. The purchase not only will connect the parks but will add a significant amount of new park land including more than a quarter-mile of ocean shoreline. The land is made up mostly of wetlands in a coastal dune landscape. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1486)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building a Railroad Overpass to get to Clayton Beach

Grant Request: \$2,331,365

State Parks will use this grant to design and develop safe and legal pedestrian access to Clayton Beach in Larrabee State Park. Larrabee is a 2,600-acre camping park 10 miles south of Bellingham. The park has 1.5 miles of shoreline but only a portion can be accessed legally via a railroad underpass in the park's day-use area. Tides and shoreline rocks prevent users from reaching the rest of the shoreline, including Clayton Beach. Currently, visitors park at the Lost Lake Trailhead, cross busy Chuckanut Drive (State Route 11), walk braided, user-built trails to the active railroad tracks, and cross the tracks to get to the beach. State Parks will develop a pedestrian overpass over the railroad tracks, improve the pedestrian crossing on Chuckanut Drive, create a single trail from the Lost Lake Trailhead to the beach, and improve a nearby restroom. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1555)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Developing the Willapa Hills Trail near Pe Ell**

Grant Request: \$962,400

State Parks will use this grant to develop 9 miles of the Willapa Hills Trail, centered in the Pe Ell area. State Parks will deck bridges, install safety rails on three bridges, and add a hardened gravel surface. The trail will accommodate a multitude of users including hikers, bikers, and equestrians. With this work, about 26 miles of the 53-mile trail will have been developed. The trail runs from Chehalis to Raymond. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1622)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Refurbishing Lake Sammamish's Sunset Beach Picnic Area**

Grant Request: \$3,168,979

State Parks will use this grant to redevelop the 40-year-old recreation area at Sunset Beach in Lake Sammamish State Park. State Parks will build three picnic shelters, replace the lawn and trees in the adjacent lawn picnic area, add two sand volleyball courts, and install barbecues and picnic tables. This is one of several projects in progress to redevelop the area. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1682)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Improving Parking in Tolmie State Park**

Grant Request: \$553,420

State Parks will use this grant to add parking and eliminate a traffic bottleneck in Tolmie State Park, a 105-acre day-use park with more than a half-mile of saltwater shoreline on Puget Sound near Olympia. State Parks will build a parking lot for 30 cars and a roundabout to keep vehicles moving. State Parks also will increase parking for people with disabilities, improve pedestrian pathways, and build a beach viewpoint at the end of a paved trail. The easily accessible beach is a year-round attraction with stunning views and diverse sea life visible at low tides. The beach is a major summer destination for swimmers, waders, sunbathers, kayakers, picnickers, and scuba divers. Summer visitors often find themselves in a traffic jam trying to enter the park and frequently are turned away because the parking lot is full. Only one of two kitchen shelters can be rented at a time due to the lack of parking. The inadequate parking places a burden on staff who have to direct traffic, ticket illegally parked vehicles, and appease displeased customers. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1626)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Improving the Klickitat Trail**

Grant Request: \$2,229,000

State Parks will use this grant to improve continuity of the Klickitat Trail between Lyle and Warwick. State Parks will build two trailheads, replace a bridge, resurface 13 miles of the trail, and do some work on trestles and bridges such as laying new decking, install railings, and re-grading a bridge approach. Improvement of the trail will increase accessibility to what has been voted the Number 1 trail in The Columbia River Gorge for the past 3 years. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1634)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Conserving Fudge Point**

Grant Request: \$497,623

State Parks will use this grant to buy 48 acres at Fudge Point, on Harstine Island in Mason County. The land will be used for roads, parking, and recreation amenities for a future park at the site. State Parks already has purchased 136 acres at Fudge Point, including nearly 1 mile of saltwater shoreline. Fudge

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Point has unique biological and recreational resources, including forests, wetlands, tidelands, bluffs, unarmored shoreline, pocket estuaries, and a flat, sandy beach. The park eventually will conserve some of the natural features and provide day use and camping or cabins in part of the park. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1603)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Waterfront near Saint Edward State Park

Grant Request: \$2,164,680

State Parks will use this grant to buy about 9.77 acres of undeveloped land with more than 450 feet of Lake Washington shoreline near Saint Edward State Park. The land is one of only two undeveloped forested shoreline properties on Lake Washington. This purchase will provide additional shoreline within the park for swimming, fishing, kayaking, and wildlife viewing, along with preserving habitat for freshwater clams and spawning salmon. The water along the shoreline of this property is shallower than in the park, making it warmer and more ideal for swimming. Purchase of this land also will preserve two park trails; one which connects the neighborhood north of the property to the park along the beach and the other which provides a hiking loop within the park. Saint Edward State Park is a 316-acre, day-use park with a half-mile of Lake Washington shoreline, an oasis of green among the highly developed Kenmore and Kirkland area. Saint Edward State Park is one of the top ten most visited parks in the state park system and is extremely popular for special events, weddings, family picnics, bicycling and hiking. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1454)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Land for Nisqually State Park

Grant Request: \$2,619,928

State Parks will use this grant to buy about 530 acres in the long-term park boundary of Nisqually State Park near Eatonville. The land is identified in the park's master plan as a site for a horse campground, a mountain bike skills park, trails, and access to the confluence of the Nisqually and Mashel Rivers. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1680)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting the Sacajawea State Park Trail

Grant Request: \$1,092,401

State Parks will use this grant to develop nearly three-quarter mile of trail connecting the 284-acre Sacajawea State Park day-use facilities to the 23-mile Sacajawea Heritage Trail, which ends at the Sacajawea Park Road. Development of the trail will help an unsafe site condition, enhance access to the trail for people with disabilities, and complete the east end of the trail within the park. The Sacajawea Heritage Trail continues along the Columbia River through Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1645)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Expanding Manchester State Park

Grant Request: \$508,380

State Parks will use this grant to buy 38 acres next to Manchester State Park in Kitsap County. The land is included in the park's long-term boundary and was identified as a location for expanded recreational vehicle camping. The land also would be a natural area buffer between the park and a residential neighborhood. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1723)

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**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission****Grant Request: \$700,352****Developing Trailheads in Malden and Rosalia for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to develop trailheads at Malden and Rosalia on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, in Iron Horse State Park, in north central Whitman County. The trailheads will include a gravel parking lot for up to 10 trailers and 15 cars, toilets, picnic shelters and tables, horse tie-downs, and informational signs. Development of the trailheads will formalize access to the trail and complete the first phase of development of the 9-mile trail between Malden and Rosalia. The trail is for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and dog sledding. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1635)

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Clallam County

Grant Requested: \$460,000

Restoring the Spruce Railroad and McFee Tunnel

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to reconstruct a half-mile of the historic Spruce Railroad Trail, restore the 96-year-old McFee Tunnel, and expand the trailhead on the north shore of Lake Crescent. In 1918, the U.S. Army's Spruce Production Division built 36 miles of railroad west of Port Angeles, including two railroad tunnels, which were used to deliver spruce for World War I airplanes. The McFee Tunnel was closed by blasting in the 1960s. The blocked tunnel, steep trail, rocky and muddy trail surfaces, and poor drainage prevent touring bicyclists from using the trail, forcing them to take a dangerous route on U.S. Highway 101 on the south side of the lake. The County will restore the tunnel and trail so it can be used by people with disabilities as well as by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The work will create a safe, traffic separated, non-motorized trail on the north shore of Lake Crescent that will connect to 60 miles of trail east of the project site and 20 miles west of the site. Clallam County will contribute \$460,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1124)

King County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building another Segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to complete 1.3 miles of the 11-mile East Lake Sammamish Trail, which runs along an abandoned railroad corridor on the east side of Lake Sammamish. The trail segment runs from Southeast 43rd Street north to Southeast 33rd Street in the city of Sammamish. The paved trail will be 12 feet wide with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side. The County also will improve drainage and install retaining walls, landscaping, fences, and traffic controls. This is the fourth phase of a multi-phase plan to complete the entire East Lake Sammamish Trail and connect the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. The East Lake Sammamish Trail is a vital part of a 44-mile trail system extending from Puget Sound in Seattle to the Cascade Mountain foothills. Project supporters include the cities of Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish; Cascade Bicycle Club; Bicycle Alliance of Washington; Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; and Transportation Choices Coalition. King County will contribute \$2.9 million in a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1514)

Twisp

Grant Requested: \$199,504

Building the Twisp Community Trail

The Town of Twisp will use this grant to acquire about a half-mile of right-of-way to develop a community, non-motorized trail along the Methow River. Twisp also will develop viewpoints on the west side of the Methow River and south of Twisp Park as well as trail linkages between Twisp Park and nearby neighborhoods. By acquiring and developing these trail rights-of-way, Twisp will complete the first phase of a trail system connecting neighborhoods, parks, business districts, town facilities, the airport, and a sports complex while providing public access to the Methow River shoreline. Twisp will contribute \$201,650 in equipment, labor, and donations of labor, land, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1137)

Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the Squalicum Creek Trail

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop more than 1.25 miles of trail along Squalicum Creek. The trail is part of the proposed 45-mile Nooksack Loop Trail,

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which will connect Bellingham to Ferndale, Everson, and Lynden, and part of the regional Bay-to-Baker trail. Work includes converting an abandoned railroad grade into a trail. The completed project will connect neighborhoods to two parks and a regional health care campus, and provide a safe crossing under Interstate 5. This is the first phase of a trail that will eventually connect Bellingham's waterfront to the outer city limits. Bellingham will contribute \$1.2 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1419)

Port Orchard

Grant Requested: \$105,750

Buying Land to Extend the Mosquito Fleet Trail

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to buy land and an easement next to city right-of-way for the Bay Street Pedestrian Path, which is a waterfront walkway that is part of the regional Mosquito Fleet Trail system. The purchase will allow the city to extend by 500 feet the .6-mile trail. Eventually, the trail will be 1.5 miles in length. Used by pedestrians and bicyclists, the path makes it easier for people to walk safely into downtown along the water. The trail also will connect historic travel and trade routes with other areas of Kitsap County outside the city. Port Orchard will contribute \$105,750. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1439)

Yakima County

Grant Requested: \$810,700

Completing the Naches Rail to Trail

Yakima County will use this grant to build the final 2.1 miles of the Naches "Rail to Trail," including two intersection crossing systems and bridge improvements over the Naches River and Cowiche Creek. This new segment will complete the 10-mile trail system between Naches and Yakima, which connects to the 10-mile Yakima Greenway Trail System. The end result will be a paved trail and parks system boasting more than 20 miles of non-motorized transportation routes connecting several communities and neighboring trail systems including the William O Douglas Trail and Yakima's Powerhouse Trail. These trails are visited by more than 700,000 users annually. Yakima County will contribute \$810,700 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1461)

Ferry County

Grant Requested: \$98,000

Improving the Ferry County Rail Trail

Ferry County will use this grant to develop 5.4 miles of the 25-mile-long Ferry County Rail Trail, a former railroad grade that has been converted into a non-motorized trail. The County will develop 2.28 miles of trail along the west side of Curlew Lake and 3.14 miles through the town of Curlew. The County will place compacted crushed rock on the trail surface to create an accessible surface for all non-motorized use. This project will expand Ferry County's trail system and allow for uses including biking, walking, and winter activities such as cross-country skiing. The trail offers a safe trail away from traffic and links the Golden Tiger Pathway and the city of Republic with Curlew Lake and the towns of Malo and Curlew to the north. Ferry County will contribute \$99,000 in a federal grant and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1677)

Pierce County

Grant Requested: \$2,755,063

Constructing the Final Segment of the Foothills National Recreation Trail

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build the last 2.3 miles of the Foothills National Recreation Trail, which begins in the town of South Prairie and extends east toward Buckley. The trail, which is a paved trail and equestrian path, is used for walking, hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

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The trail is on a railroad right-of-way that winds through scenic countryside and farmland offering views of Mount Rainier and the Cascade Mountain foothills. The foothills trail is the spine of the Pierce County trail network, linking urban and rural cities and providing recreation opportunities for thousands. Pierce County will contribute \$2.7 million in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1442)

Port of Camas-Washougal

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the Washougal Waterfront Trail

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use this grant to build a half-mile of trail along the Columbia River on the south side of the Lewis and Clark Highway 14. The Port will build a 12-foot-wide, concrete trail, a viewpoint plaza, and three soft-surface trails to the shoreline; install benches and historical interpretive signs; and build a trailhead on the east end with parking, a small plaza, and a kiosk. The project will increase access to the Lower Columbia River Water Trail and address a core community value to preserve the remaining developable waterfront in Washougal for community use. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$672,264 in cash, a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1349)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Requested: \$3,250,000

Expanding the Point Defiance Loop Trail

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop more than 5 miles of a loop trail around the 765-acre park to separate walkers, runners, and cyclists from cars. Work includes developing a trailhead with parking and a restroom, striping, installing barriers and pedestrian bridges, and improving the Pearl Street entrance. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$3.2 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1694)

Spokane Valley

Grant Requested: \$813,000

Building the Third Phase of the Appleway Trail

The City of Spokane Valley will use this grant to design and build 1 mile of the 12-foot-wide Appleway Trail, from State Route 27 east to Evergreen Road. The Appleway Trail is used by pedestrians and bicyclists. When complete, the trail will extend from University Avenue on the west through the entire city of Spokane Valley, to the eastern border at Liberty Lake, about 6 miles in length. The work will help transform the underused former railroad corridor to a non-motorized trail enlivened by plazas, art, gardens, community and educational signs, play areas, and public spaces. Spokane Valley will contribute \$813,000 in cash and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1136)

Kitsap County

Grant Requested: \$740,500

Expanding the Sound to Olympics Trail

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 24 miles of the Sound to Olympics Trail. The regional trail runs across the Kitsap Peninsula and connects to the Cross State Trail, linking the eastside of Puget Sound to the westerly Olympic Discovery Trail. This purchase will complete the east-west trail connection from the Kingston ferry terminal to the Hood Canal Bridge. The Sound to Olympics Trail, from Kingston and Bainbridge Island through Poulsbo to the Hood Canal Bridge, is a scenic trail corridor with water access and views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains. The trail

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eventually will be paved and used by walkers, bicyclists, joggers, and equestrians. The North Kitsap Trails Association and West Sound Evergreen Mountain Bike Association support this project and will provide volunteer labor. Kitsap County will contribute \$949,500 through a state appropriation, cash, and a donation of land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1353)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Improving a Bridge on the Willapa Hills Trail

Grant Requested: \$400,000

State Parks will use this grant to install a new wood surface and safety railing on a 1,000-foot-long bridge and trestle on the Willapa Hills Trail. The 56-mile-long trail includes numerous bridges and trestles. The work on Bridge 5 will open 18 miles of the trail in Lewis County and establish a link between Chehalis and Rainbow Falls State Park. The bridge surface will be rough-hewn lumber and the railings likely be metal. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will contribute \$80,000 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1640)

Jefferson County Extending Olympic Discovery Trail around Discovery Bay

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Jefferson County will use this grant to build a quarter-mile of the Olympic Discovery Trail along the shoreline of south Discovery Bay. The 126-mile Olympic Discovery Trail is a non-motorized trail that runs across the Olympic Peninsula. More than half of it is complete. The county also will install interpretive signs to educate trail users about the value of the surrounding environment and habitat restoration. Jefferson County will contribute \$250,000 in cash, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1711)

Lacey Connecting Woodland Creek Community Park to the Woodland Trail

Grant Requested: \$53,172

The City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a trail that will connect two other paved trails and a pedestrian and bicycle bridge in Woodland Creek Community Park. Connecting the pathways will create a non-motorized trail through the park to the heavily used Woodland Trail. The park is at the eastern end of the regional Woodland Trail and already serves as a trailhead. Lacey will contribute \$53,172 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1515)

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Building the Harris Creek-Vosper Multi-use Trail

Grant Requested: \$140,405

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation will use this grant to build a quarter-mile long, walking and bicycling trail from the Vosper neighborhood to Oakville. The trail will be built next to Southbank Road at the reservation boundary near Merritt Lane to south of the intersection of Slickman Loop and Balch Roads. The Harris Creek-Vosper Multi-Use Trail will provide Oakville residents with access to the Vosper Community Playground and support two reservation pedestrian and trail system goals: A connected, non-motorized, multi-use system and support for the promotion of good health. Currently, residents must walk on the road shoulder because there is no pedestrian or bike facilities at this location. A walking path was voted the highest priority for families in the *Chehalis Tribal Park Plan*. The path will offer views of the fish-bearing Harris Creek, shoreline forest, and Capitol State Forest in the distance. A sign will mark the trail entrance and signs will be placed along the path to educate trail users about the

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lifecycle of fish and native plants. The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation will contribute \$140,406. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1126)

Snohomish County Developing the Whitehorse Trail

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to design and develop a 12-mile section of Whitehorse Trail between Oso and Darrington. The Whitehorse Trail extends 27 miles along a railroad corridor from Arlington to Darrington and connects to the Centennial Trail. This rural trail is used for biking, hiking, walking, and horseback riding. It connects the Blue Grass and Rodeo sites, campgrounds at Squire Creek Park, and White Horse Community Park in Darrington. In addition, the trail offers a scenic route with rich cultural history, including the Fortson Mill trailhead. Whitehorse Mountain and pastoral landscapes can be viewed at most points along the trail. The County will lay gravel, pave the trail, add bridge decking and railings, restore the embankment and bridge, install signs, and plant. Snohomish County will contribute \$2.2 million in cash and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1796)

Port Angeles Developing a Waterfront Park and Trail

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to develop 1.04 acres of trail and 3.25 acres into a waterfront park. This project is part of a larger project that includes two large parks at each end of a quarter-mile long waterfront esplanade. In addition to developing the trail, the City will plant native plants, and provide access to Peabody Creek Estuary. Port Angeles will contribute \$1.6 million in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2031)

Snohomish County Buying the Oso Mill Site for Multi-Use Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$236,250

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy the 3.2-acre Oso Mill site for a trailhead along the Whitehorse Trail, which stretches 27 miles from the Arlington to Darrington. The purchase will fill a gap in trailhead spacing and provide equestrian access. The project is west of the Oso slide and is intended to support the Oso community. Residents have discussed developing the slide area as a memorial park. The proposed acquisition would serve this memorial opportunity and provide recreational and economic benefits to the area. The site is an ideal location for a trailhead because it is near the midpoint of the trail and because it is already paved with asphalt and gravel. Snohomish County will contribute \$236,250. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1266)

Snohomish County Buying Land for the Bryant Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$83,400

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 1.32 acres for a Centennial Trail trailhead in the community of Bryant. The land is next to the Centennial Trail and across from the current, undersized parking area. The existing trailhead provides only 12 parking spaces, is regularly full, and does not provide equestrian access, which is a major use of the Centennial Trail. Recent development of the Centennial Trail has extended it from the Skagit County border to the city of

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Snohomish. Snohomish County will contribute \$83,400. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1243)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the West Rocky Prairie and Mima Mounds

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 220 acres in Maytown, 5 miles south of Tumwater, in Thurston County, as part of a larger project to protect one of the last native outwash prairies remaining in Washington. Rare and a local treasure, the West Rocky Prairie includes the Mima Mounds, which are considered an ecological wonder and prized by the residents of south Puget Sound. This purchase would create a 3,632-acre conservation network between Millersylvania State Park, McIntosh Tree Farm, Rocky Prairie Natural Area Preserve, and West Rocky Prairie Wildlife Area. The land in this area is used by many wildlife species that the state has declared at risk of extinction or in need of watching. The expanded wildlife area (1,555 acres) will be open to the public for hiking, wildlife watching, and hunting. The local community values this land because of its size and availability in urbanizing south Puget Sound. Friends of West Rocky Prairie formed in 2007 to conserve this land and presented Thurston County with 2,000 signatures requesting the site be protected from industrial use. The local Black Hills Audubon also strongly supports site conservation. The Evergreen State College and the University of Washington will use the site for prairie research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1098)

King County

Grant Requested: \$748,000

Conserving Land along Bass and Beaver Lakes for Birds and Other Wildlife

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to conserve 136 undeveloped acres in the Bass-Beaver Lake complex, next to state parks in the Green River Gorge. The lake complex provides the highest bird species diversity in the county. The land is used by state priority bird species including bald eagle, pileated woodpecker, wood duck, bufflehead, great blue heron, common loon, and band-tailed pigeon. Other bird species using the area include golden eagle, turkey vulture, osprey, green heron, kingfisher, ruffed grouse, least sandpiper, goldfinch, Bewick's/marsh/Pacific wren, Swainson's thrush, rufous hummingbird, and spotted towhee. The complex and gorge are an important part of the range of one the state's 10 registered elk herds. It also is used by cougars, bobcats, and minks. The Green River supports Chinook, steelhead, and four other salmon species. Two forested wetland plant communities also are on the land and are designated as state priority habitats. This acquisition would complement King County's and State Parks' efforts to protect land in the lake complex. King County will contribute \$748,000 in conservation futures⁴⁰ and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1276)

Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$510,000

Conserving Access to the Wenatchee Foothills through the Sage Hills Gateway

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy nearly 139 acres, protecting centrally located access to the Wenatchee Foothills and a critical north-south connection to its trail system. The popular trail system is near cities and offers spectacular views of the Wenatchee Valley and Columbia River, abundant spring wildflowers, and easy access. Historically, the land owner has allowed hiking, mountain biking, and winter

⁴⁰Conservation 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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mule deer on the land but these uses are in jeopardy because the land is being considered for housing development. If developed, trail access from the south would be cut off and wildlife habitat would be destroyed. The land contains shrub-steppe habitat that supports a diverse community of wildlife including mule deer, migratory songbirds, and raptors. Through an extensive public outreach effort conducted over several years, the Sage Hills Gateway was identified as a priority for acquisition by the community. It is contained in the *Wenatchee Foothills Community Strategy*, *Wenatchee Foothills Trails Plan*, and parks and recreation comprehensive plan. The City is working with the Trust for Public Lands, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, and the landowner, to buy the land. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$513,000 in staff labor and donations of labor and land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1130)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Stavis and Kitsap Forest Areas

Grant Requested: \$3,765,352

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy more than 436 acres to add to the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, which includes the Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve near Silverdale and Bremerton in Kitsap County. The purchase will fill important gaps in a large forested landscape that supports wildlife near cities; protect forests along Stavis and Harding Creeks, which provide spawning and rearing habitat for fall chum and coho salmon; protect a pocket estuary on the Hood Canal and an upland forest near Stavis Bay; and protect 1,600 feet of Hood Canal shoreline. The land will provide opportunities for low-impact public use, recreation, environmental education, and scientific research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1251)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Conservation Areas

Grant Requested: \$3,147,269

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 1,181 acres in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in east King County. The department will focus on lands in the Mountains to Sound Greenway that are threatened by housing development and are crucial wildlife habitat. The Greenway is a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90, a National Scenic Byway. Distinctive physical features of the lands include talus, high and low elevation lakes, streams and wetlands, old-growth and mature forests, and cliffs. A variety of birds, mammals, amphibians, and fish call this area home as do cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, black bears, coyotes, and elk. Red-tailed hawks, osprey, barred owls, pygmy owls, and pileated woodpeckers have been observed there as well. The purchase will allow the department to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, natural resources, and wildlife habitat connections, and to provide low-impact public use. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1250)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Expanding Ebey Island Wildlife Areas

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 104 acres, expanding the 1,237-acre wildlife area unit on Ebey Island in Snohomish County. The department's long-term vision calls for the grassland to be restored to wetlands for waterfowl, song and shorebirds, beavers, and other wildlife. The land is in the Pacific Flyway and used by migrating and wintering waterfowl. By buying the land, the department will be able to offer permanent public access to 440 acres of the department's Ebey Island Unit for waterfowl hunting, wildlife viewing, and outdoor education. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1093)

Urban Wildlife Habitat Project Summaries (In Ranked Order)



Snohomish County Conserving Hooven Bog

Grant Requested: \$492,750

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 29 acres of important bog, fen, wetland, and forested habitats in Snohomish County. These habitats are threatened by a proposed housing development. They are important because they are rare: It is uncommon to find four distinct plant communities in such an area. Rare plants such as *Utricularia intermedia* (Bladderwort) and *Hippuri vulgaris* in such numbers is not commonly seen. Different pine species and a variety of trees thrive here. There is a rich herbaceous layer that provides food and shelter for many wildlife species. Animals sited include bobcat, red legged frogs, kingfisher, vireo, thrushes, garter snakes, and many more. The land will provide a research and educational tool. In addition, Hooven Bog is identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program and the Department of Natural Resources as high quality, undisturbed wetlands that support state threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species mentioned above. Snohomish County will contribute \$492,750. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1441)

Water Access Project Summaries (In Ranked Order)



Port of Camas-Washougal Developing Access to the Columbia River in Washougal

Grant Request: \$700,000

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use this grant to develop a 2.4-acre water access site on the last piece of publicly-owned waterfront in Washougal along the Columbia River. Located on the south side of Lewis and Clark Highway 14 and the 2nd Street intersection, the site will include a paved and rocked trail to the Columbia River shoreline for non-motorized boaters and pedestrians, a parking lot with a rounded staging area for kayakers and canoeists, a large lawn and shelter for picnicking, a viewing plaza to enjoy the spectacular views, energy-efficient restrooms, and historical and educational kiosks and signs. It is a core community value to preserve the waterfront area in Washougal for the public and to increase access to the water. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$890,624 in cash, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1347)

Island County Increasing Public Access to the Possession Sound Shoreline at Glendale

Grant Request: \$565,000

Island County will use this grant to create permanent public access to 420 feet of shoreline on an otherwise privately-owned stretch of Possession Sound in the southeast Whidbey Island community of Glendale. In an innovative partnership, Island County will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁴¹ from the Whidbey Camano Land Trust that ensures the land will be open to the public. The land trust will own and manage the land. The property was for sale and, to seize on this one-time opportunity, with Island County approval, the land trust secured contracts to purchase it with loans and private donations. Public uses will include fishing, swimming, non-motorized boating, nature viewing, picnicking and beachcombing. The county parks plan identifies securing public beach access to this underserved area of Whidbey Island as a top priority. Two buildings will be removed and replaced with a parking area paid for by the land trust. Island County will contribute \$587,000 in a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and donated property interest. [For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1534)

Bellevue Developing a Meydenbauer Bay Park

Grant Request: \$500,000

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop a waterfront park on the shore of Lake Washington's Meydenbauer Bay in Bellevue and improve the area for fish. The City will redevelop and expand a swim beach; add a curved pier to protect the swimming area and provide moorage for non-motorized boats and views of the city; build a shoreline promenade and a boat launch for canoes, kayaks, and other non-motorized boats; and build picnic and sunning areas. To make environmental improvements, the City will remove armoring on 660 feet of shoreline, restore the shoreline to a natural state, open about 500 feet of a piped stream and develop an estuary-like shallow pool at the outflow to cleanse storm water and improve fish habitat; remove invasive plants; and replant the area with native plants. The work will provide

⁴¹ A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

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substantial recreational access to what has been largely privately owned. Bellevue will contribute \$3.5 million in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1965)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Renovating Edmonds Pier

Grant Request: \$700,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate Edmonds Pier, extending its life for 30 years. Work will include reinforcing the deck with new concrete and rebar, rebuilding the connections between the pilings and the deck, and replacing corroded hardware. Located 17 miles north of Seattle, in the heart of Puget Sound, the pier is integral to the Edmonds waterfront and receives up to 100,000 visitors a year. The pier provides a destination for a diverse array of saltwater fishing as well as crabbing and shrimping. The pier provides an opportunity to fish without chartering a fishing trip or owning a boat. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$800,000 in a state appropriation, council bonds, and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1427)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building a Boat Dock and Fishing Pier at Battle Ground Lake State Park

Grant Request: \$516,500

State Parks will use this grant to build a new boat dock and fishing pier at Battle Ground Lake State Park. The park features a volcanic crater lake surrounded by 280 forested acres. The spring-fed lake is stocked to provide year-round trout fishing. The park has no shoreline fishing facilities so anglers use a 35-year-old boat dock, which is not stable and partially sinks when occupied. Visitors have been injured after being accidentally tossed off the dock. State Parks will build a boat dock closer to the park's boat launch, which will make it easier to launch and haul out boats. The bare embankment becomes extremely slick when wet. Several injuries have occurred to anglers as a result. On the other side of the swimming beach, State Parks will install a fishing pier that will better accommodate groups. State Parks also will pave a place for bank fishing just beyond the fishing pier. Finally, State Parks will add additional parking for people with disabilities and link the shoreline facilities with pathways. This work will improve safety, reduce conflicts of use, better serve people with disabilities, and increase recreational use of the park. State Parks will contribute \$500 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1643)

Snohomish County Improving Routes to the Wenberg County Park Waterfront

Grant Request: \$614,123

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to improve travel routes to the waterfront and revise the waterfront area of the park. The County will build a dock for fishing and swimming activities, construct a picnic shelter, and develop a half-mile of pathways that connect park features. Located on Lake Goodwin near Stanwood, the 45-acre park offers camping, picnicking, swimming, and boating. There are about 70,000 visitors annually to this popular destination. The park doesn't have accessible routes to get park visitors with disabilities to the waterfront and there is no designated parking for people with disabilities in the waterfront area of the park. The County will add parking and install accessible pathways from the parking lot to the swimming beach, boat launch, and fishing dock. Complimenting this project, Snohomish County also has applied for grants to improve the boating facilities of the park including the boat launch, the courtesy floats, and the access drive to the boat launch area. Snohomish County will contribute \$614,123 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1627)

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Port of Waterman

Grant Request: \$575,000

Renovating the Waterman Fishing Pier

The Port of Waterman will use this grant to replace a failing bulkhead, parking, signs, and its 90-year-old pier. The 230-foot-long pier is one of only two public piers on the west side of Puget Sound that doesn't serve boats. It is used by people for fishing, crabbing, squid jigging, scuba diving, beach access, and special events. The Port will use the grant to complete the design, construct a bulkhead, and rebuild the pier. The Port of Waterman will contribute \$753,000 in cash, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1546)

Kent

Grant Request: \$500,000

Replacing the Lake Meridian Dock

The City of Kent will use this grant to replace a swimming and fishing dock at Lake Meridian Park. Lake Meridian Park is a community park serving residents of the east hill of Kent and the surrounding cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Auburn. The park has the only swimming beach with lifeguards in the city and typically attracts 100,000 visitors a summer. The dock, which was built in 1985, is the dominant feature of the park and provides 640 linear feet of water access used by park users for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating access, and walking. The dock is in need of replacement. It is listing in several spots, the connections between floats are beginning to fail, and the concrete decking is crumbling. This project was identified as a priority project in 2012 by the Kent Parks Citizen Advisory Board. Kent will contribute \$1.2 million in cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1731)

Mason County

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

Conserving Land Next to Coulter Creek Park

Mason County will use this grant to buy 58.25 acres at the head of North Bay, between Allyn and Victor. Mason County, Capitol Land Trust, and partners are joining forces to buy this land, which includes about 36 acres of forest, 18 acres of shoreline forest, 3.25 acres of tidal wetlands, three-quarter mile of unnamed freshwater tributaries, and more than a half-mile of North Bay shoreline. The land purchase will conserve the property's extensive shorelines and tidelands for public purposes, allow passive recreation, and provide access to the water for the public and non-motorized activities. The majority of the property will be left undisturbed except for trails to the water and more than a half-mile of the planned North Bay Trail that will pass through the property. Future boardwalks or forested trails would connect to a small parking area with restrooms and water viewpoints on Mason County's adjacent Coulter Creek Park and community shellfish area. Project partners include Capitol Land Trust, Squaxin Island Tribe, and Taylor Shellfish. Mason County will contribute \$1 million in a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1687)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

Renovating Point Defiance's Owen Beach

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to renovate one of the oldest and most popular areas in Point Defiance Park – Owen Beach. For more than 126 years, Owen Beach has been one of the few, true water access areas in Tacoma. Swimming, beachcombing, boating, and renting kayaks are just a few of the water-related activities offered there. The park district will renovate the Works Progress Administration shelter, build two more shelters, construct restrooms, expand the lawn, and improve the

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playground, sand volleyball court, parking, and storm water facilities. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$3 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1693)

Sultan Improving Access to the Sultan River

Grant Request: \$374,663

The City of Sultan will use this grant to build a paved trail with five access points to the Sultan River, install a pedestrian bridge across the river's side channel, upgrade trail head parking and install interpretive signs. The trail will connect Osprey Park, Sultan River Park, downtown Sultan, and local schools providing recreational opportunities such as fishing, rafting, wading, nature watching, and gold panning. Osprey Park and Sultan River Park both have limited access to the shoreline and neither have a fully accessible route to the river. The existing route from the Osprey Park parking lot also will be modified at key locations to allow use by people with disabilities. Sultan will contribute \$374,663 in Conservation Futures⁴² and revenue from a Local Improvement District. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1170)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Rebuilding Wapato Lake Dock

Grant Request: \$451,416

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to rebuild two docks at Wapato Park, in south Tacoma east of Interstate 5. The docks are used by a youth fishing program and by model boat enthusiasts, paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, and other human-powered craft. Replacing the treated wood docks, the new docks will be a combination of fixed pier and floating docks using steel pilings and composite and grated decks. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$451,416 in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1724)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Increasing Access to the Kettle River

Grant Request: \$995,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 115 acres, including 3.4 miles of undeveloped shoreline, along the Kettle River in northern Ferry County, and then build a primitive launch for non-motorized boats there. The land, located about 10 miles northwest of Curlew, will increase public access to the Kettle River for a variety of non-motorized, water-related recreational activities. The Kettle River is popular for trout fishing, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, and bird watching. There are only three public access points in the 29-mile reach of the river between Ferry and Danville and none with developed boat launches. The land purchase will conserve important habitat, critical to a variety of rare species such as Columbia spotted frog, western toad, California floater, interior redband trout, Lewis' woodpeckers, and two pairs of breeding bald eagles. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1100)

⁴² 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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Gig Harbor

Grant Request: \$500,000

Developing the Ancich Waterfront Park

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to design and develop a new 3-acre park along the waterfront, midway between Gig Harbor's downtown waterfront centers. Ancich Park will include access to the water, a lawn, viewing areas, kayak and canoe storage, public restrooms, a water fountain, and amenities such as benches, picnic tables, and space for public art. The City also will build a shoreline boardwalk and a street-level overlook with seating and spectacular views of the harbor. Gig Harbor will contribute \$1.1 million in cash and a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1617)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Request: \$800,000

Building a Boardwalk in Point Defiance Park

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to build a boardwalk at the front door to Point Defiance Park. The park district will remove a bulkhead and road and replace it with a boardwalk, storm water treatment, public access to the Puget Sound, and education signs. The park district also will add lighting, signs, parking, landscaping, and habitat enhancements. The beach habitat will be a learning laboratory for Tacoma School District's Science and Math Institute (SAMI), which will be involved in its design, development, maintenance, and monitoring. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$800,000 in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1686)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopted the ranked lists of projects for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account in October 2014. As of this writing, the Legislature had not yet adopted a budget or appropriated funding for the program. Recreation and Conservation Office staff is asking the board to delegate authority to the director to award grant funding to the ranked list of projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution: 2015-07

Purpose of Resolution: Delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked list of projects as previously approved by the board, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

Approval Process

Applicants submit Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) project proposals to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) during the even-numbered year of each biennium. In 2014, the ALEA Advisory Committee evaluated and ranked twenty-three projects for acquisition, development, and restoration of aquatic lands using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In October 2014, the board adopted the ranked list of ALEA projects for submittal to the Governor (Resolution 2014-30). The Governor submitted the list to the Legislature without changes.

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium. Staff will update the board regarding the appropriation amount at the June meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting¹.

¹ WAC 286-13-040(1)(c)

Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. All applicants were able to certify that their matching funds are available.

Changes to the Ranked Lists since the Board Approval

There have been no gubernatorial changes to the ranked list since the board adopted it in October 2014. At this time, staff does not know if the Legislature will change the list.

Analysis

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance habitat and recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities.

Public Comment

No public comment was received regarding these projects at the October 2014 meeting and no public comment has been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the program funding level and the timing for final budget approval, RCO staff recommends that the board delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked list of projects as previously approved by the board, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Funding would be awarded according to existing board policy and rules, subject to any changes made by the Legislature. For example, projects that (1) are withdrawn from consideration by the sponsors, (2) do not meet pre-agreement requirements, or (3) are removed from consideration by the Legislature and/or Governor would not be eligible for funding.

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the board meeting, staff may revise the resolution and table so that the board can make the funding decisions.

Next Steps

If the board approves the delegation authority, the RCO director would be authorized to award grants and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements, if funds are made available for this program.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2015-07
 - Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-07
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Delegation of Authority to the Director to Award Funding**

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved the ranked list of projects reflected in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17* at their October 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the board recommended the ranked list of eligible ALEA projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2015-17 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting the board's strategies to provide partners with funding for both conservation and recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 capital budget, so funding for the 2015-17 biennium is unknown;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked lists in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17* pursuant to existing board policy and rules, and subject to any changes made by the Legislature, if funds are appropriated for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	60.30	14-1531C	Glendale Shoreline Access and Restoration	Island County	\$587,500	\$715,000	\$1,302,500	\$587,500
2	59.10	14-1521D	Waterman Fishing Pier and Seawall Renovation	Port of Waterman	\$500,000	\$828,000	\$1,328,000	\$1,087,500
2	59.10	14-1395C	Discovery Bay Restoration and Trail Construction	Jefferson County	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,587,500
4	58.70	14-1030C	Damon Point Restoration and Signs	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,500	\$98,500	\$171,000	\$1,660,000
5	58.40	14-1103D	Edmonds Pier Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,160,000
5	58.40	14-1278D	Washougal Waterfront Aquatic Access Area	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$1,090,624	\$1,590,624	\$2,660,000
7	55.50	14-1789A	Coulter Creek Acquisition Phase 2	Mason County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,660,000
8	54.60	14-1358C	Hidden Cove Park Phase 1	Bainbridge Island Park District	\$299,000	\$299,000	\$598,000	\$3,959,000
9	53.90	14-1086D	South Willapa Bay Access	Pacific County	\$30,998	\$30,998	\$61,996	\$3,989,998
10	53.80	14-1492D	Qwuloolt Estuary Trail Development	Marysville	\$342,369	\$342,370	\$684,739	\$4,332,367
11	53.40	14-1240C	Jacobs Point Phase 2	Anderson Island Park District	\$82,556	\$82,556	\$165,112	\$4,414,923
12	52.80	14-1125C	Stevenson Shoreline Restoration and Recreation Enhancement	Port of Skamania	\$354,000	\$354,000	\$708,000	\$4,768,923
13	50.60	14-1470D	Columbia River Waterfront Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,615,590	\$2,115,590	\$5,268,923
14	50.50	14-1457D	Ancich Waterfront Park	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,600,000	\$5,768,923

Table 1 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	49.90	14-1582C	Meydenbauer Park Development and Restoration	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$3,582,700	\$4,082,700	\$6,268,923
16	49.30	14-1455C	Poulsbo's Fish Park Phase 3	Poulsbo	\$426,750	\$486,500	\$913,250	\$6,695,673
17	48.30	14-1227C	Calkin's Point Restoration and Access Improvements	Mercer Island	\$161,000	\$171,607	\$332,607	\$6,856,673
18	47.40	14-1190C	Port Angeles Waterfront Park and Trail	Port Angeles	\$500,000	\$1,725,592	\$2,225,592	\$7,356,673
19	47.10	14-1647D	Friday Harbor Waterfront Esplanade	Port of Friday Harbor	\$441,900	\$441,901	\$883,801	\$7,798,573
20	45.50	14-1748D	Waverly Beach Park Renovation	Kirkland	\$325,665	\$325,665	\$651,330	\$8,124,238
21	44.30	14-1341D	Arboretum Waterfront Trail	Seattle	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$950,000	\$8,599,238
22	41.90	14-1474D	Log Boom Park and Water Trail Bridge Development	Kenmore	\$105,702	\$105,703	\$211,405	\$8,704,940
23	34.10	14-1450D	Central Docks Public Trail Enhancements	Port of Everett	\$500,000	\$1,940,000	\$2,440,000	\$9,204,940
					\$9,204,940	\$17,811,306	\$27,016,246	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination; D = Development

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Land and Water Conservation Fund, Review and Approve the Ranked List for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted 16 projects for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. This memo describes the program, evaluation process and ranked list. Staff will present more information about the projects at the June meeting. As of this writing, the Legislature had not yet adopted a budget or approved funding authority for the program. Staff is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to approve (1) the ranked list and (2) delegate authority to the director to award grants, contingent on Congressional approval of funds and funding authority through a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2015-08

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked list of projects as shown in Table 1 and delegate authority to the RCO director to award grants and to submit these projects to the National Park Service for final funding, contingent on approval of funds and funding authority in the 2015-17 state capital budget

Background

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program provides matching grants to states to preserve and develop quality outdoor recreation resources. Rules governing the program are in the [Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Financial Assistance Manual](#).

A prerequisite for a state's participation in this program is the adoption of a State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and development of an open project selection process. The National Park Service approved Washington's current SCORP, [Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#), in November 2013. The SCORP sets the priorities used to develop policies and the evaluation criteria. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) LWCF policies and adopted evaluation criteria are in Manual #15, *Land and Water Conservation Fund Program*.

Eligible Applicants	State agencies, municipal governments, and Native American tribes
Eligible Project Types	Acquisition, development, and renovation projects.
Match Requirements	A minimum 50% non-federal matching share is required.
Funding Limits	The minimum fund request is \$25,000 with a maximum request of \$500,000.
Public Access	Public access is required.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired must be developed within three years. • Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Before issuing a project agreement, the National Park Service (NPS) also requires applicants to:

- Address any outstanding conversions or other non-compliance issues,
- If required, possess an approved Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) permit,
- Complete required environmental and public reviews of the project, and
- Establish adequate control and tenure of property to be developed.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting¹. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available; however, we do not have a match certification for the following project:

- Rank 12 – Pearl Street Veterans Pool (14-1468D): Centralia did not certify match for this project because it does not have enough matching resources for a viable project.

Because the applicant did not certify match, this project is no longer being considered for funding and will be shown as “not funded” on the ranked list.

Program Funding

Congress approves funding for the stateside LWCF grants program. The funds are from leases of offshore oil and gas resources, recreation fees, sale of surplus real property, and motorboat fuel taxes. Washington State typically receives between \$770,000 and \$900,000 per federal fiscal year. Funds from both federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 could be used for projects on this list².

As of this writing, RCO is waiting on the apportionment certificate from NPS. Funding for federal fiscal year 2016 also is unknown. Although the state capital budget has not yet passed, RCO staff anticipates that it will include authorization to expend any federal funds that we receive.

¹ WAC 286-13-040(3)

² Use of federal fiscal year 2016 funds will be contingent on when they are made available.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Applicants submitted sixteen projects for funding consideration. The LWCF Advisory Committee used board-adopted criteria to review and rank projects in an open public meeting in Olympia on August 26, 2014. The committee included the following representatives, all of whom are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about park and recreation resource management:

Advisory Committee Member	Position
Rebecca Andrist, Omak	Citizen
Marilyn LaCelle, Issaquah	Citizen
Paul Whitemarsh, Pasco	Citizen
Dave Erickson, Wenatchee Parks and Recreation	Local Agency
Bruce Giddens, Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities	Local Agency
Scott Thomas, Covington Parks and Recreation	Local Agency
Nikki Fields, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State Agency
Pene Speaks, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in Table 1 – *Land and Water Conservation Fund Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for LWCF funding also support board adopted priorities in SCORP.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve the projects shown in Table 1 and delegate authority to the RCO director to award grants and submit these projects to the National Park Service for final funding, contingent on Congressional approval of funds for the program, and approval of funding authority through the 2015-17 state capital budget.

Next Steps

If the board approves the list, the RCO director would be authorized to submit the projects to the National Park Service for federal approval. The director would execute agreements for projects that meet all state and federal post-approval requirements after NPS approves the projects and funds become available.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2015-08
 - Table 1 – *Land and Water Conservation Fund Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*
- B. State Map of Projects
- C. Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Evaluation Summary
- E. Project Summaries

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-08
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-2017 biennium, fifteen Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifteen projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 15, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, these projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065,, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, but is expecting legislative authority to expend federal Land and Water Conservation Funds for the 2015-17 biennium; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the projects acquire or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 funds to the projects based on the ranked list, subject to federal approval and Congressional funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director execute project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program and subject to authorization in the state budget.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

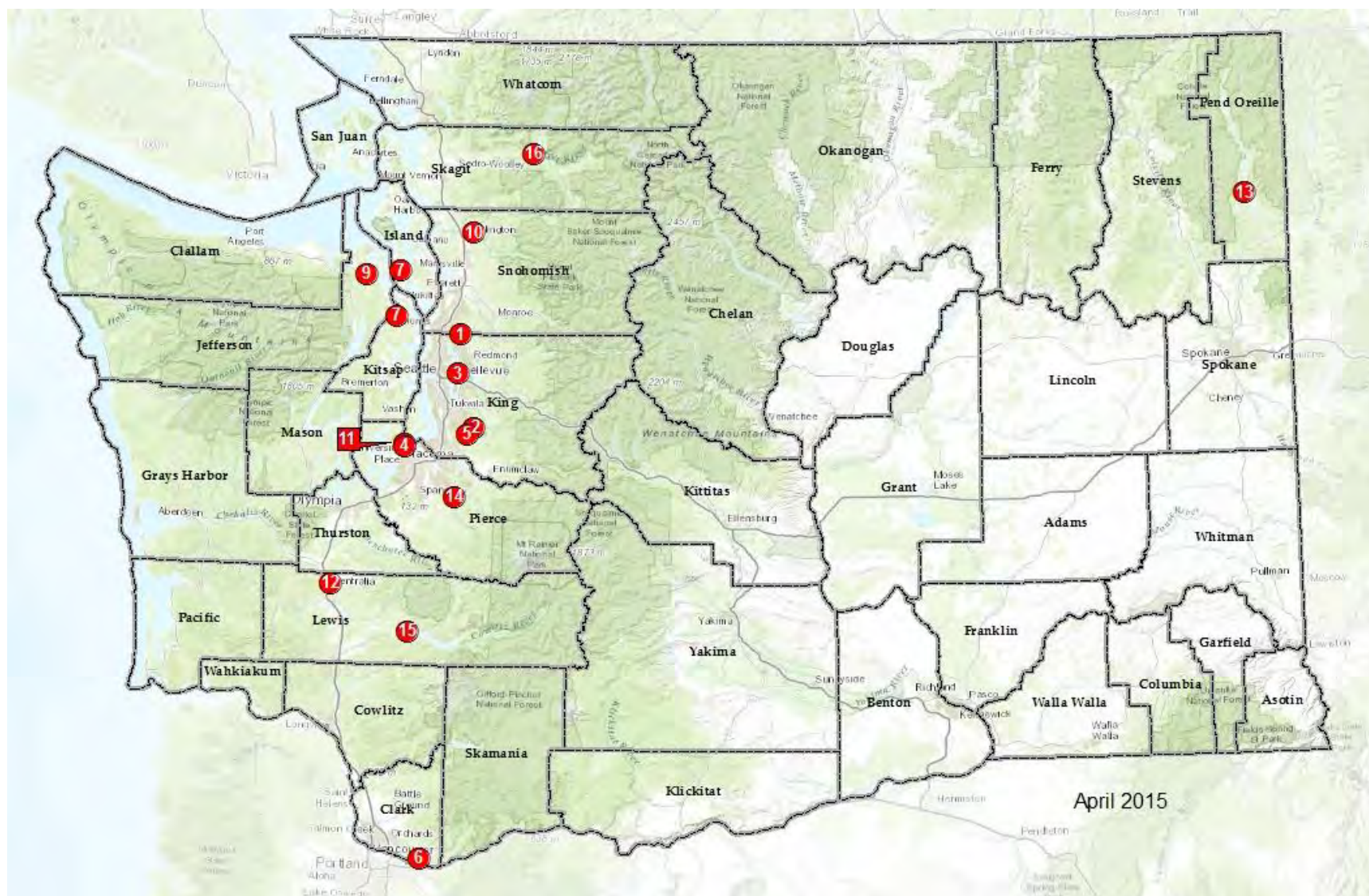
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Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative Total Grant Request	
1	59.38	14-1362A	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	Bothell	\$500,000	\$1,806,600	\$2,306,600	\$500,000
2	56.75	14-1537D	Covington Community Park Phase 2	Covington	\$500,000	\$3,045,100	\$3,545,100	\$1,000,000
3	52.38	14-1716D	Inspiration Playground Construction	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,365,000	\$1,500,000
4	51.25	14-1699D	Point Defiance Loop Trail	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$2,000,000
5	50.00	14-1752D	Lake Meridian Dock Redevelopment	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,244,800	\$1,744,800	\$2,500,000
6	49.88	14-1672D	Washougal Waterfront	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$672,264	\$1,172,264	\$3,000,000
7	46.88	14-1532D	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	Island County	\$163,140	\$163,140	\$326,280	\$3,163,140
7	46.88	14-1483A	Port Gamble Ride Park and Kitsap Forest	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$570,000	\$1,070,000	\$3,663,140
9	45.50	14-1209A	Tamanowas Rock-Heidgerken Property Acquisition	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	\$322,362	\$322,363	\$644,725	\$3,985,502
10	42.63	14-1141D	Arlington Riverfont Improvement	Arlington	\$100,000	\$170,000	\$270,000	\$4,085,502
11	42.13	14-1671D	Owen Beach	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$5,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,585,502
12	41.38	14-1468D	Pearl Street Veterans Pool ¹	Centralia	\$500,000	\$1,125,150	\$1,625,150	\$5,085,502
13	39.00	14-1501D	Cusick Park Enhancement	Cusick	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$5,110,502
14	38.50	14-1757D	Gratzer Park Ball Fields	Orting	\$341,411	\$341,412	\$682,823	\$5,451,913
15	37.38	14-1698D	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	Mossyrock	\$71,450	\$72,550	\$144,000	\$5,523,363
16	36.63	14-1759D	Concrete Water Spray Park	Concrete	\$199,013	\$243,237	\$442,250	\$5,722,376
					\$5,722,376	\$23,166,616	\$28,888,992	

Project Type: A = Acquisition; D=Development
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

State Map for Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Tables

Scored by	#	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	Priority In
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All projects	15	SCORP
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction and diversity of recreation	All projects	10	SCORP
Advisory Committee	3	Immediacy of threat and viability	Acquisition	10	Board
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Project design	Development	10	SCORP
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability and environmental stewardship	All projects	10	SCORP
Advisory Committee	6	Federal grant program goals	All projects	10	National Park Service
Advisory Committee	7	Readiness	All projects	5	Board
Advisory Committee	8	Community support	All projects	5	Board
Advisory Committee	9	Cost efficiencies	All projects	6	Board
RCO Staff	10	Population proximity	All projects	3	State law
RCO Staff	11	Applicant compliance	All projects	0	National Park Service
Total Points Possible = 74					

Scoring Criteria, Land and Water Conservation Fund

Scored by the Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** Considering the availability of existing outdoor recreation facilities within the service area, what is the need for new or improved facilities?
2. **Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation.** To what extent does this project fill the need described in Question 1 and provide or contribute to the diversity of outdoor recreation assets within the service area?
3. **Immediacy of Threat and Viability.** Why purchase this particular property at this time? How viable are the anticipated future uses and benefits of the site? (acquisition and combination projects only)
4. **Project Design.** Is the project well designed? (development and combination projects only)
5. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
6. **Federal Grant Program Priorities.** How well does the proposed project meet Department of the Interior and National Park Service goals for grant programs?
7. **Readiness.** Is the project ready to proceed?
8. **Community support.** To what extent has the community been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed about the project and provide input? What is the level of community support for the project?
9. **Cost Efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrate efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?

Scored by RCO Staff

10. **Population Proximity.** Is the project in a populated area?
11. **Applicant Compliance.** Is the sponsor in compliance with its RCO grant agreements?



Land and Water Conservation Fund
Evaluation Summary
2015 - 2017

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Immediacy of Threat Acquisition	Project Design Development	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Federal Grant Program Goals	Readiness	Community Support	Cost Efficiencies	Population Proximity	Applicant Compliance	
1	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	12.00	8.00	8.25		9.00	8.25	4.13	4.38	3.38	3.00	-1.00	59.38
2	Covington Community Park Phase 2	11.25	9.00		8.00	8.00	7.25	3.75	3.88	2.63	3.00	0.00	56.75
3	Inspiration Playground	9.75	8.00		7.75	5.50	7.00	3.00	4.13	4.25	3.00	0.00	52.38
4	Point Defiance Loop Trail	10.50	8.00		7.25	6.50	6.75	3.00	4.00	2.25	3.00	0.00	51.25
5	Lake Meridian Dock Redevelopment	11.25	7.25		7.25	5.25	6.75	2.63	3.63	3.00	3.00	0.00	50.00
6	Washougal Waterfront	9.38	7.25		6.75	7.50	6.50	3.38	3.63	2.50	3.00	0.00	49.88
7	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	9.00	7.00		6.00	6.50	6.00	3.13	4.25	3.50	1.50	0.00	46.88
7	Port Gamble Ride Park	9.00	7.00	7.00		5.75	6.75	3.25	3.63	3.00	1.50	0.00	46.88
9	Tamanowas Rock Heidgerken Acquisition	8.63	6.50	6.00		8.25	5.25	4.38	3.63	2.88	0.00	0.00	45.50
10	Arlington Riverfront Improvement	9.38	6.00		4.25	6.25	5.50	2.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	0.00	42.63
11	Owen Beach	7.88	5.25		5.25	6.00	6.50	2.50	3.88	1.88	3.00	0.00	42.13
12	Pearl Street Veterans Pool	10.50	7.25		5.50	5.00	4.00	2.00	3.25	2.38	1.50	0.00	41.38
13	Cusick Park Enhancements	9.00	5.75		5.00	4.75	5.00	2.75	3.38	3.38	0.00	0.00	39.00
14	Gratzer Park Ball Fields	8.63	5.50		4.25	4.50	5.25	2.25	2.88	2.25	3.00	0.00	38.50
15	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	8.63	5.75		5.00	4.50	5.25	2.13	3.63	2.50	0.00	0.00	37.38
16	Concrete Water Spray Park	9.75	5.75		4.00	3.75	5.50	1.75	3.88	2.25	0.00	0.00	36.63

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Bothell

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Completing Purchase of the North Creek Forest

The City of Bothell will use this grant to buy up to 22 acres to complete the acquisition of the 64-acre urban forest known as the North Creek Forest. The land is along Interstate 405, just south of the King-Snohomish County line and is divided into three parcels. The forest serves 40,500 people in Bothell and is within walking distance of the University of Washington's Bothell campus, Cascadia Community College, six other schools, local neighborhoods, and three large business parks. The forest serves as an outdoor classroom. Federal direction to promote conservation activities among young people will be met with education programs spanning all grades from kindergarten to doctorate work. The North Creek Forest is a mature forest that filters surface water above North Creek, which is used by Chinook salmon. The forest is home to at least two priority bird species – pileated woodpecker and band-tailed pigeon. People use the forest for hiking and walking. The City of Bothell will contribute more than \$1.8 million in Conservation Futures³ and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1362)

Covington

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Continuing Development of Covington Community Park

The City of Covington will use this grant to build the second phase of a community park. Work will include developing an outdoor stage and grass seating area, trails, picnic shelters, a tennis court, and parking, as well as installing outdoor fitness equipment. These improvements will provide a location for community events, which is one of the top-ranked recreation needs in the city, and expand the city's trail system. All of these elements are priorities in city's *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* and are included in the overall master plan for this park. Covington does not have a suitable location to hold public events. The city's population has grown 40 percent since incorporation and needs more than the existing 8 miles of community trail to serve the recreation and transportation needs of its residents. The first phase of development included building a soccer field, spectator amenities, parking, and trails. Expanding Covington Community Park will address a dream of citizens who have been working on this project since 2003, when the property was donated to the city. The City of Covington will contribute \$3 million in a state appropriation, cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1537)

Bellevue

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop Inspiration Playground, a playground accessible to people with disabilities, in Bellevue's Downtown Park. This first phase of construction will add 25,000 square feet of additional playground and renovate existing support facilities such as the parking lot and restrooms, to better accommodate people with disabilities. The playground will feature sensory-rich play experiences and equipment, including a water spray and interactive walkway with music. The Bellevue Rotary Club has committed money for construction. The City of Bellevue will contribute \$1.8 million in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1716)

³Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Expanding the Point Defiance Loop Trail

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop more than 5 miles of a loop trail around the 765-acre park to separate walkers, runners, and cyclists from cars. Work includes developing a trailhead with parking and a restroom, striping, installing barriers and pedestrian bridges, and improving the Pearl Street entrance. The park district will contribute \$6 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1699)

Kent Replacing the Lake Meridian Dock

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Kent will use this grant to replace a swimming and fishing dock at Lake Meridian Park. Lake Meridian Park is a community park serving residents of the east hill of Kent and the surrounding cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Auburn. The park has the only swimming beach with lifeguards in the city and typically attracts 100,000 visitors a summer. The dock, which was built in 1985, is the dominant feature of the park and provides 640 linear feet of water access used by park users for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating access, and walking. The dock is in need of replacement. It is listing in several spots, the connections between floats are beginning to fail, and the concrete decking is crumbling. This project was identified as a priority project in 2012 by the Kent Parks Citizen Advisory Board. City leaders are faced with the decision of whether or not to close or remove the dock. If removed, the dock will be expensive and difficult to replace. Replacing the dock now will ensure this park remains a popular year-round destination for residents. The City of Kent will contribute \$1.2 million in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, cash, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1752)

Port of Camas-Washougal Building the Washougal Waterfront Trail

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use this grant to build a half-mile of trail along the Columbia River on the south side of the Lewis and Clark Highway 14. The Port will build a 12-foot-wide, concrete trail, a viewpoint plaza, and three soft-surface trails to the shoreline; install benches and historical interpretive signs; and build a trailhead on the east end with parking, a small plaza, and a kiosk. The project will increase access to the Lower Columbia River Water Trail and address a core community value to preserve the remaining developable waterfront in Washougal for community use. Combined, the City of Camas and Washougal's comprehensive parks and recreation plans identify a need for at least 19 miles of trails in the next 10 years. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$672,264 in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1672)

Island County Developing a Trailhead in Trillium Community Forest

Grant Requested: \$163,140

Island County will use this grant to build a trailhead at the Trillium Community Forest, a county park on south-central Whidbey Island. The park includes 700 acres of forest and miles of horse, bike, and walking trails. There is only one trailhead access to the northeast part of the park and it's limited to passenger cars. The County will build a new trailhead off of Smugglers Cove Road on the west park boundary, where there is no public access. The trailhead will include a parking lot accommodating horse trailers and buses and a half-mile of new trail connecting to the existing trail system. The County's park and recreation

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element of its comprehensive plan specifically identifies this trailhead project as a very high priority to meet the needs of equestrians and mountain bikers. The County also will build a nature loop trail, with interpretive signs, to be constructed at the soon-to-be-built Bounty Loop parking lot in the park's southeast corner, providing the first wheelchair-accessible trail in a park that caters to the growing aging population of the county. Island County will contribute \$163,140 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1532)

Kitsap County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Buying Land for a Mountain Bike Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 200 acres for the future development of a mountain bike trail with riding loops and skill obstacle elements in Port Gamble Ride Park. The land is a tree farm, which the landowner has platted into 20-acre, single family lots. The park is in the north part of the county, next to the 543-acre Port Gamble Shoreline Park and near Port Gamble. It links to the Sound to Olympics regional trail. Kitsap County's goal is to create a system of connected multi-surface and multi-use trails to promote healthy lifestyles and serve citizens of all ages and abilities with diverse outdoor recreation activities. The park is an element of the regional system of land and water trails that enhances outdoor recreation where there otherwise would be a lack of facilities. Private, non-profit trail and mountain bike partners are ready with labor and funds to complete the park trails. Kitsap County will contribute \$570,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1483)

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Grant Requested: \$322,362

Conserving the Sacred Tamanowas Rock

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy 64 acres of undeveloped land that is a tribal sacred site known as Tamanowas Rock. The land abuts Anderson Lake State Park on the Quimper Peninsula in Jefferson County. The tribe's primary goal is to prevent preserve the land for passive outdoor recreational uses and for tribal ceremonial and cultural uses. Not part of this grant, the tribe will build a limited, non-motorized, non-equestrian trail system, with parking and signs. Mostly second-growth forest, with some patches of old growth and wetlands, the land is home to numerous wildlife species, including a branch of the Sequim Elk herd. Other animals using the land include coyotes, deer, eagles, and small mammals. Numerous amphibian species inhabit the wetlands and the uplands provide overwintering habitat. The land is one of the most ecologically diverse places on the Quimper Peninsula. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will contribute \$322,363 in donations of cash and Conservation Futures.⁴ For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1209)

Arlington

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Improving Haller Park on the Riverfront

The City of Arlington will use this grant to build a restroom and shelter at Haller Park. The existing restroom and picnic shelter are periodically flooded and are in poor shape. The City will build the new restrooms where they won't be flooded. The park is used for hiking, bird watching, festivals, and general recreation as well as for access to the Centennial Trail and to the Stillaguamish River for fishing,

⁴Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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swimming, and boating. Haller Park also provides river access for scientific and resource management activities. The City of Arlington has grown from 2,000 to more than 18,000 people since the park restrooms were built in the 1960s. The Centennial Trail now is completed through Arlington, with an anticipated 300,000 users annually travelling past Haller Park and needing facilities. The City of Arlington will contribute \$170,000 in cash, staff labor, and donations of materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1141)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Renovating Point Defiance's Owen Beach

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to renovate one of the oldest and most popular areas in Point Defiance Park – Owen Beach. For more than 126 years, Owen Beach has been one of the few, true water access areas in Tacoma. Swimming, beachcombing, boating, and renting kayaks are just a few of the water-related activities offered there. The park district will renovate the Works Progress Administration shelter, build two more shelters, construct restrooms, expand the lawn, and improve the playground, sand volleyball court, parking, and storm water facilities. The park district will contribute \$5.5 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1671)

Centralia Rebuilding the Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Centralia will use this grant to repair the Pearl Street Veterans Pool and replace the bathhouse. Built in the 1950s, and updated in the 1980s, the pool is deteriorating and has inadequate and broken mechanical equipment, a crumbling barrier wall, and a bathhouse that is inadequate, in disrepair, and lacking modern amenities. In 2011, Centralia closed the pool and only has performed routine maintenance to slow deterioration and keep the pool viable should it be reopened. The non-profit organization, Save The Outdoor Pool and Swim (STOP and Swim), will repair the pool, replace the bathhouse, and install mechanical equipment and storage. The City of Centralia will contribute \$1.1 million in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1468)

Cusick Enhancing Cusick Park

Grant Requested: \$25,000

The Town of Cusick will use this grant to design and develop a disk golf course and buy and install playground equipment and surfacing. The Town will build the first disc golf course in Pend Oreille County on land north of the Town's baseball fields. The Town also will build a small playground in its only park. Current elements in the park, such as the skate park and basketball and pickle ball courts, are geared toward teenagers and older park visitors. The playground will be geared for younger visitors. The Town of Cusick will contribute \$25,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, a private grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1501)

Orting Continuing Development of Gratzner Park

Grant Requested: \$341,411

The City of Orting will use this grant to add a multipurpose field and play area in Gratzner Park and complete the park's master plan. Gratzner Park is a 17-acre community park in Orting, along the Puyallup River. In the first phase of development, the City built a baseball field, a softball field, a parking area, and an access road. This second phase of development will let the City expand its capacity for community

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sports leagues. The City of Orting will contribute \$341,412 in a state appropriation, cash, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1757)

Mossyrock

Grant Requested: \$71,450

Developing Klickitat Prairie Park

The City of Mossyrock will use this grant to further develop Klickitat Prairie Park. The City will install a large picnic shelter, a path leading to it, 1 mile of walking trails, informational and historical signs, and free-standing barbecues near the picnic shelter and throughout the park. The City of Mossyrock will contribute \$72,550 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1698)

Concrete

Grant Requested: \$199,013

Building a Water Spray Park

The Town of Concrete will use this grant to build a water spray park, restroom, and pathways in Silo Park. The Town also will install a drinking fountain and picnic tables, improve parking, and complete landscaping in the park. Silo Park is just north of State Route 20, east of Superior Avenue and South of Main Street. With this development, the town hopes to increase the amount of outdoor recreational opportunities it offers, encourage its residents to participate in more outdoor activities, and increase tourism. The Town of Concrete will contribute \$243,237 in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1759)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Review and Approve the Ranked List for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted ten projects for the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program. This memo describes the program, evaluation process, and the ranked list. Staff will present more information about the projects at the June 2015 meeting. As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget or appropriated funding for the program, so staff is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to: 1) approve the ranked list; and 2) delegate authority to the director to fund projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution #: 2015-09

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked list of projects shown in Table 1 and delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked list of projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program provides funding to support firearm and archery recreation. This includes facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery activities. Established by the Legislature in 1990, the primary goal of the FARR program is to increase general public access to firearm and archery range facilities. The program is guided by policies outlined in Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) *Manual #11, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program*. The legislative authority for this program is the Revised Code of Washington 46.09 and Washington Administrative Code 286-26.

Eligible Applicants	State and local agencies and qualified nonprofit shooting organizations
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development and renovation • Combination projects involving both acquisition and development/renovation
Grant Limits	Grant requests are limited to \$100,000 per project.
Match Requirements	Applicant matching shares are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33% for safety or noise abatement elements in range renovation projects. • 50% for all other project costs.
Public Access	Facilities must be open to the general public for a minimum of eight hours per month, with special emphasis on access for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hunter and safety education classes ○ Law enforcement personnel ○ Members of the public with concealed weapons permits
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor and outdoor ranges are eligible. • Liability insurance is the only operational expense eligible for funding. • A public hearing or meeting is required for projects that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acquire or develop a range facility where one does not currently exist. ○ Result in substantial new external impact on the surrounding area of an existing range.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting¹. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. All applicants were able to certify that their matching funds are available.

Estimated Funds Available

The FARR program receives funds from the sale of concealed pistol licenses. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) receives three dollars from each permit sold, and typically conducts one grant round per biennium.

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium. Staff will update the board regarding the appropriation amount at the June 2015 meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Ten FARR projects, requesting \$678,447, were evaluated on September 23, 2014 in an open public meeting in Olympia, Washington. The FARR Advisory Committee used board-adopted evaluation criteria

¹ Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(1)(c)

to review and rank projects. The committee included the following representatives, all of whom are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about recreational shooting sports and hunter education:

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Jerry Cline, Colville	Citizen
Karen Jennings, Kent	Citizen
Linda Parker, Hoquiam	Citizen
Jim Sell, Battle Ground	Citizen
Patricia Sprague-Binder, Port Angeles	Citizen
Richard K. Johnson, Spokane County	Local Agency
Ty Peterson, King County	Local Agency
Christopher Maurer, Department of Ecology	State Agency
David Whipple, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for funding in the FARR program directly support board adopted priorities in *Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the timing for final 2015-17 budget approval and the program funding level, staff recommends that the board approve the projects shown in Table 1 and delegate authority to the director to award funding based on the rankings once funds are appropriated.

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the June 2015 board meeting, the resolution and table may be revised so that the board can approve the ranked lists of projects and make the funding decisions.

Next Steps

If the board approves the ranked list and funds are made available for this program, the RCO director would be authorized to award grants and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution # 2015-09
 - Table 1 – *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*
- B. State Map of FARR Projects
- C. FARR Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. FARR Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- E. FARR Project Summaries

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-09
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, ten Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all ten projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program*; and

WHEREAS, these FARR projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	71.00	14-2101D	Issaquah Sportsmen's Club Sound Abatement	Issaquah Sportsmen's Club	\$54,964	\$27,073	\$82,037	\$54,964
2	66.78	14-2134D	Hayward Hill Range	Cascade Field and Stream Club	\$29,498	\$18,752	\$48,250	\$84,462
3	66.56	14-2126D	Cowlitz Range Pistol Shed	Cowlitz Game and Anglers	\$68,985	\$68,985	\$137,970	\$153,447
3	66.56	14-1127D	Plantation Indoor Range Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Replacement	Whatcom County Parks and Recreation	\$144,900	\$145,000	\$289,900	\$298,347
5	63.78	14-2011D	Walla Walla Gun Club Indoor Pistol Range	Walla Walla Gun Club	\$150,000	\$151,500	\$301,500	\$448,347
6	63.11	14-1911D	Yakima Valley Trap Range Improvements	Yakima Valley Sportsmans Association	\$61,850	\$61,850	\$123,700	\$510,197
7	62.44	14-2027D	Klickitat County Shooting Range Development Phase 2	Klickitat County Public Works	\$53,000	\$53,050	\$106,050	\$563,197
8	60.78	14-1885D	Expand Sporting Clays Range	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$63,000	\$64,363	\$127,363	\$626,197
9	59.89	14-2058D	Renton Fish and Game Club Clubhouse Renovation Phase 3	Renton Fish and Game Club Inc	\$31,250	\$31,250	\$62,500	\$657,447
10	58.89	14-2006D	Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Trap Machine Upgrades	Gig Harbor Sportsmens Club	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$42,000	\$678,447
					\$678,447	\$642,823	\$1,321,270	

*Project Type: D = Development

State Map for Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Projects



Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Criteria Summary

FARR Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Scored by	Question	Item	Multiplier/ Maximum Points	Project Type
Advisory Committee	1	Need	3/15	All
Advisory Committee	2	Immediacy of threat	2/10	Acquisition
			1/5	Combination
Advisory Committee	3	Project design	2/10	Development
			1/5	Combination
Advisory Committee	4	Impact on surrounding property*	1/5	All
Advisory Committee	5	Expansion or renovation	1/5	All
Advisory Committee	6	Health and safety	3/15	All
Advisory Committee	7	Budget development	1/5	All
Advisory Committee	8	Mandated uses	2/10	All
Advisory Committee	9	Public access	3/15	All
Advisory Committee	10	Need satisfaction	2/10	All
RCO Staff	11	Applicant match	-/5	All
RCO Staff	12	Growth Management Act compliance	-/0	All
Total Points Possible for Existing Sites=95				All
Total Points Possible for New Sites=90				All

*Applies only to existing sites and projects certified as qualifying for a higher funding level. See Question 3.

Scoring Criteria, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program

Scored by the Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** To what extent is this type of FARR project needed in the service area?
2. **Threat Immediacy (acquisition and combination projects only).** To what degree will implementation of this proposal reduce the impact of a threat to the future availability of this opportunity?
3. **Project Design (development and combination projects only).** Has this project been designed in a high quality manner?
4. **Impact on Surrounding Property.** How much will this project protect surrounding properties from noise impacts and/or projectile hazards originating from the range?
5. **Expansion and renovation.** Will the project effectively expand or renovate an existing facility?
6. **Health and Safety.** How much will this project improve the health and safety qualities of the range property?² How does your project address the safety guidelines required in the FARR program?
7. **Budget Development.** Is the budget appropriately developed with sufficient detail to ensure a successful, cost-effective project?
8. **Mandated Uses.** To what extent will the applicant make the facility available for range purposes to license holders, hunter or firearm education, or law enforcement?³
9. **Public Access.** To what extent will the FARR facility be available for access by the general public?⁴
10. **Need Satisfaction.** How well does this project satisfy the need identified in Question 1?

Scored by RCO Staff

11. **Applicant Match.** What is the value of applicant contributions to this project?
12. **Growth Management Act Compliance.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?⁵

²Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.720

³Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.720, paragraph 3.

⁴RCO Policy

⁵Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act-preference required.)



Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
Evaluation Summary
2015-2017

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
	Project Name	Need	Immediacy of Threat Acquisition	Project Design Development	Impact on Surrounding Property	Expansion or Renovation	Health and Safety	Budget Development	Mandated Uses	Public Access	Need Satisfaction	Applicant Match	Growth Management Act Preference	
1	Issaquah Sportsmen's Club Sound Abatement	12.00		7.56	4.11	3.89	11.67	3.67	7.78	13.00	7.33	0.00	0.00	71.00
2	Hayward Hill Range	13.67		6.89	4.22	4.44	10.33	3.44	7.33	7.33	9.11	0.00	0.00	66.78
3	Cowlitz Range Pistol Shed	11.67		8.22		4.11	9.67	4.11	8.00	12.33	8.44	0.00	0.00	66.56
3	Plantation Indoor Range Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Replacement	12.33		7.56		4.00	11.67	3.78	7.78	11.00	8.44	1.00	-1.00	66.56
5	Walla Walla Gun Club Indoor Pistol Range	12.00		8.44		4.22	10.00	3.33	7.33	9.67	7.78	1.00	0.00	63.78
6	Yakima Valley Trap Range Improvements	11.00		7.78		3.89	12.67	4.00	7.11	8.67	8.00	0.00	0.00	63.11
7	Klickitat County Shooting Range Development	13.00		6.00		3.89	10.00	3.11	7.78	9.67	8.00	1.00	0.00	62.44
8	Expand Sporting Clays Range	9.67		7.78		4.00	8.67	3.67	7.33	11.33	7.33	1.00	0.00	60.78
9	Renton Fish and Game Club Clubhouse Renovation Phase 3	9.67		7.78		3.22	6.33	3.78	8.44	13.33	7.33	0.00	0.00	59.89
10	Gig Harbor Sportman's Club Trap Machine Upgrade	9.67		6.67		4.11	9.00	3.44	7.11	11.33	7.56	0.00	0.00	58.89

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Issaquah Sportsmen's Club **Reducing Noise Leaving the Range**

Grant Requested: \$54,964

The Issaquah Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to install sound abatement materials to the inside of its shooting shed to reduce noise leaving the range. The outdoor shooting and archery range sits on 5.73 acres surrounded by schools, houses, and hiking trails. The club will contribute \$27,073. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2101)

Cascade Field and Stream Club **Making the Hayward Hill Range Safer and Less Noisy**

Grant Requested: \$29,498

The Cascade Field and Stream Club will use this grant to add safety and noise abatement structures at its range, which is on Hayward Road in central Kittitas County. Development will include the addition of berms, baffles, noise abatement materials and structures, covered shooting stations, containment walls, and accessible pathways. The range is the only one in Kittitas County that provides a variety of target shooting opportunities in a safe environment. Originally organized in the early 1930s, the club provides a venue for people to enjoy the shooting sports, archery, and hunter education and safety training, and to learn about hunting and fishing opportunities and environmental, preservation, and conservation initiatives. The Cascade Field and Stream Club will contribute \$18,752 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2134)

Cowlitz Game and Anglers **Expanding the Cowlitz Range Shooting Structures**

Grant Requested: \$68,985

The Cowlitz Game & Anglers, will use this grant to build a shed for shooting rifles and pistols and reconfigure another shed to accommodate rifles. The Cowlitz Public Shooting Range, which is on Toutle Park Road in Castle Rock, is the only public shooting range in the county. Its current facilities often are full and cannot meet the need for the number of users expected in the future. The club will build a covered, 100-yard shed that will accommodate 20 pistol and 6 small bore rifle shooting stations, and reconfigure the existing 300-yard shooting shed from one used for pistol and rifle shooting to one that can accommodate 20 big bore rifles. Cowlitz Game and Anglers will contribute \$68,985 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2126)

Whatcom County **Replacing the Plantation Indoor Range Ventilation System**

Grant Requested: \$144,900

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the Plantation Rifle Range's indoor ventilation system. The ventilation system was installed more than 30 years ago and has been upgraded several times. It has reached the end of its useful life and has become unreliable with frequent breakdowns. Additional renovations are not practical. The Plantation Rifle Range serves as a focal point for public and law enforcement shooting and training activities for Whatcom and Skagit Counties. More than 23,000 shooters visited the range in 2013. Whatcom County will contribute \$145,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1127)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Walla Walla Gun Club

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Building a Covered Pistol Range in Walla Walla

The Walla Walla Gun Club will use this grant to design and build a covered pistol, small bore rifle, and archery range on Port of Walla Walla property, near the airport. The range will be used by the public, law enforcement, schools, 4-H clubs, and youth organizations for practices and competitions. There are no all-weather practice ranges for law enforcement or the public within driving distance of Walla Walla. The Walla Walla Gun Club will contribute \$151,500 in a private grant and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2011)

Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association

Grant Requested: \$61,850

Improving the Yakima Valley Trap Range

The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association will use this grant to improve its trap range along Pomona Road, north of Selah. The association will replace eight, old and badly cracked, outdoor trap pads with new pads. It also will paint yardage lines and numerals, replace the pathway next to the pads, and create two parking stalls and a pathway from the parking lot to the clubhouse for people with disabilities. The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association is a private, non-profit organization established in 1948 to promote safe, responsible participation in shooting sports. The range includes a trap and skeet outdoor range and a small bore rifle and handgun indoor range. The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association will contribute \$61,850 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1911)

Klickitat County

Grant Requested: \$53,000

Developing the Klickitat County Shooting Range

The Klickitat County Public Works Department will use this grant to build a 50-yard pistol range and a 300-yard rifle range at its shooting range in Dallesport. The shooting area will be covered and bermed with 8-foot, covered baffles to provide "No Blue Skies" shooting stations. The County also will add fencing and berms to the perimeter. The range will provide a place for the public and law enforcement to shoot in a safe location. This is the second phase of development. In the first phase, the County is building a 100-yard range. Klickitat County will contribute \$53,050. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2027)

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club

Grant Requested: \$63,000

Expand the Sporting Clays Range

The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will use this grant to build eight sporting clay stands in its newly expanded sporting clays course in the King County Shooting Sports Park, just east of Ravensdale. Development includes building covered shooting stand structures and buying clay target throwing machines, long range control devices, solar panels, and batteries. The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club, in eastern King County, will contribute \$64,363. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1885)

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Renton Fish & Game Club Replacing the Clubhouse Roof

Grant Requested: \$31,250

The Renton Fish & Game Club will use this grant to replace the flat roof of its clubhouse with a peak and gable metal roof. The old roof is in extreme need of replacement. The new roof will protect recent clubhouse improvements and improve the appearance and longevity of the clubhouse. The Renton Fish & Game Club will contribute \$31,250 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2058)

Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Replacing Trap Machines

Grant Requested: \$21,000

The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club will use this grant to buy six trap machines for its range on Burnham Drive, in Gig Harbor. The club's machines range in age from 20 to 40 years old and replacement parts are difficult to get. The club will buy four traps for fields one through four and two traps for the five-stand venue. The club is, among other things, an educational facility, offering both beginning and advanced classes in archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun, including the safe handling and shooting techniques and an overall exposure to the shooting sports. The new trap machines will allow a smoother shooting experience for users. The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club will contribute \$21,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2006)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approve the Ranked List for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted thirty projects for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP). This memo describes the program, evaluation process, categories, and the ranked lists. Staff will present more information about the projects at the June 2015 meeting. As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget or appropriated funding for the program, so staff is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to: 1) approve the ranked lists; and 2) delegate authority to the director to fund the projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolutions: 2015-10, State Agency Projects Category
2015-11, Local Agency Projects Category

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked lists of projects shown in Table 1 for each category and delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked lists of projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

The Boating Facilities Program (BFP) was established through Initiative 215 in 1964 with passage of the Marine Recreation Land Act. The Act authorizes the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to provide financial assistance for acquisition and development of recreational boating access on both fresh and salt waters.

The Boating Facilities Program provides grants to state and local agencies to preserve and develop motorized boating access. Funds are used to:

- Acquire real property for motorized recreational boating,
- Develop or renovate sites and facilities used exclusively or primarily by recreational boaters, and
- Complete the design and engineering, environmental and cultural resources reviews, and permitting activities required for a development project.

To participate in the program, an applicant must adopt a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. The board's *Boating Grant Programs Policy Plan* sets the priorities that shape the program policies and

evaluation criteria that the board adopted into Manual #9, *Boating Facilities Program*. The legislative authority for this program is the Revised Code of Washington 75A.25 and Washington Administrative Code 286-35.

Category	Boating Facilities Program State Agency Category	Boating Facilities Program Local Agency Category
Eligible Applicants	State agencies	Municipal governments and Native American tribes may apply.
Eligible Project Types	Planning, acquisition, development, and renovation projects are eligible.	Planning, acquisition, development, and renovation projects are eligible.
Grant Limits	No limits on maximum grant request for a project, but the total funds requested by an agency may not exceed twice the estimated funds available for the grants cycle	The maximum fund request for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning project is \$200,000, or 20% of the estimated construction costs (whichever is less). • Acquisition, development or renovation project is \$1 million.
Match Requirements	No match required	A minimum twenty-five percent matching share is required.
Public Access	Required	Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning projects must result in construction ready documents. • Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. • Multi-site projects are eligible. • Launch facilities are primarily for public, non-commercial recreational boat launching and retrieval. • Commercial or non-recreational use between October and April may be allowed if the sponsor ensures it will not displace recreational boaters. • Applicants must prorate costs for facilities used for both eligible and ineligible boating activities. For example, since long-term guest moorage is not eligible for funding, an applicant would prorate costs for a breakwater that protects transient recreational moorage and long-term moorage. 	

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting¹. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available; however, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

- Rank 14, BFP Local – Lake Pateros Boat Launch (14-2021D): Pateros did not certify match due to program restrictions regarding boater use.
- Rank 19, BFP Local – Union Boat Ramp Development 2014 (14-2023D): Mason County did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

¹ Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

- Rank 21, BFP Local – Putters and Pit Lakes Boating Area (14-2073P): Rock Island did not certify match for this project because they are re-evaluating the city's needs for the site.

Because the applicants did not certify match, these three projects are no longer being considered for funding and will be shown as "not funded" on the ranked list.

Estimated Funds Available

BFP funds come from a portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by boaters and not refunded as allowed by law. By statute, BFP funds must be divided equally between state and local agencies.

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium. Staff will update the board regarding the appropriation amount at the June meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Nine state agency projects and twenty-one local agency projects were submitted for funding consideration. The Boating Programs Advisory Committee used board-adopted criteria to review and rank projects in an open public meeting in Olympia, Washington on September 24 and 25, 2014. The committee included the following representatives all of whom are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about recreational boating issues.

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Michael Branstetter, Seattle	Citizen
Glen Jurgens, Bremerton	Citizen
Lorena Landon, Kirkland	Citizen
Peter Schrappen, ² Seattle	Citizen
Paul Thorpe, Gig Harbor	Citizen
Doug Chase, Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department	Local Agency
Larry Crockett, Port of Port Townsend	Local Agency
Kathy Whitman, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department	Local Agency
Heather Gibbs, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
Steve Sherlock, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency
Al Wolslegel, State Parks	State Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17* and *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17* of the attached decision packages.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by

² This evaluator scored BFP Local Agency category projects only.

using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for BFP funding directly support board adopted priorities in the *Boating Grant Programs Plan* and the *Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the timing for final 2015-17 budget approval and the program funding level, staff recommends that the board approve the projects shown in Table 1 for each category and delegate authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director to award funding based on the rankings once funds are appropriated.

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the board meeting, the resolutions and tables may be revised so that the board can approve the ranked lists of projects and make the funding decisions.

Next Steps

If the board approves the ranked lists and funds are made available by the Legislature for this program, the director would be authorized to award grants and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements.

Attachments

Decision Package 1: Boating Facilities Program, State Category

- A. Resolution #2015-10
 - Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17
- B. BFP State Map of Projects, State Agencies
- C. BFP Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. BFP Evaluation Summary 2015-17, State Category
- E. BFP Project Summaries State Category

Decision Package 2: Boating Facilities Program, Local Category

- F. Resolution #2015-11
 - Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17
- G. BFP State Map of Projects, Local Agencies
- H. BFP Evaluation Criteria Summary
- I. BFP Evaluation Summary 2015-17, Local Category
- J. BFP Project Summaries Local Category

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-10
Boating Facilities Program – State Agency Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, nine state agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all nine BFP program projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 9, *Boating Facilities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for acquisition, planning, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

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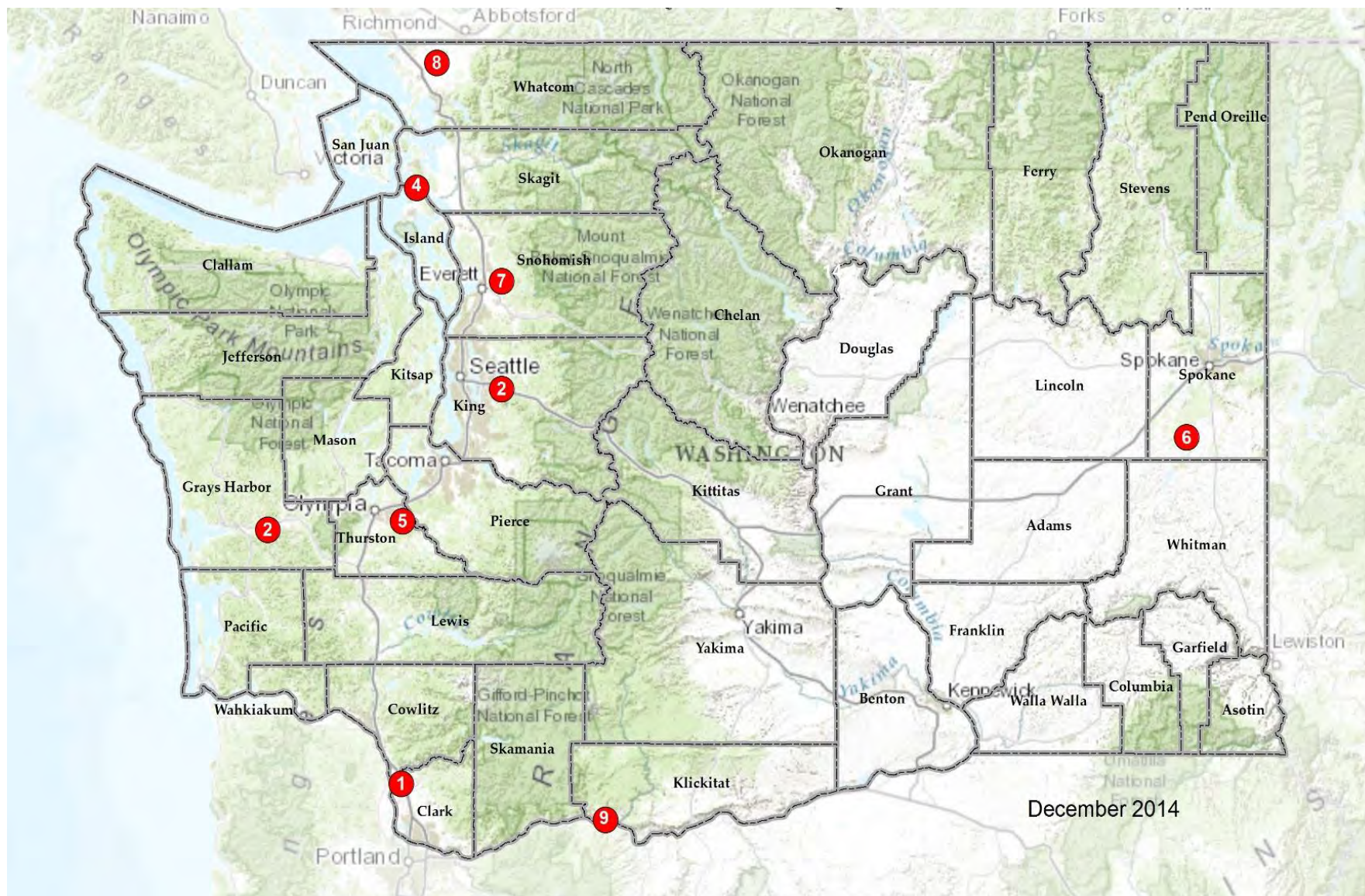
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Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	52.90	14-1777D	Martin Access Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$474,000		\$474,000	\$474,000
2	51.80	14-1393D	South Montesano Chehalis River Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$498,000		\$498,000	\$972,000
2	51.80	14-1683D	Lake Sammamish Docks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000	\$375,200	\$1,375,200	\$1,972,000
4	51.70	14-1641D	Cornet Bay Moorage Facility Replacement	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,664,000		\$1,664,000	\$3,636,000
5	50.10	14-1394D	Saint Clair Lake Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$570,000		\$570,000	\$4,206,000
6	49.80	14-1139A	Chapman Lake Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,150,000		\$1,150,000	\$5,356,000
7	48.90	14-1221D	North Cove Access Redevelopment Lake Stevens	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$544,000	\$5,000	\$549,000	\$5,900,000
8	47.60	14-1650D	Nooksack River Degroot Boat Launch	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$680,000		\$680,000	\$6,580,000
9	47.40	14-1782D	Rowland Lake Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$265,000		\$265,000	\$6,845,000
					\$6,845,000	\$380,200	\$7,225,200	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; D = Development

State Map for Boating Facilities Program Projects, State Agencies



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

Boating Facilities Program

Evaluation Criteria Summary

BFP Evaluation Criteria Summary - State				
Scored by	Question	Item	Project Type	Possible Points
Committee	1	Need	All	15
Committee	2	Site suitability	All	15
Committee	3a	Urgency	Acquisition	10
Committee	3b	Project Design	Development	10
Committee	3c	Planning success (architecture and engineering only)	Planning	10
Committee	4	Cost benefit	All	10
Committee	5	Boating experience	All	6
Committee	6	Readiness	All	5
RCO Staff	7	Matching shares including non government contributions	All	1
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to people	All	1
RCO Staff	9	Growth Management Act compliance (local agencies)	All	0
Total				63

All project types=Acquisition, development or renovation, and planning (architecture-engineering or permit related)

Scoring Criteria, Boating Facilities Program

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** Is the project needed?
2. **Site suitability.** Is the site well-suited for the intended recreational uses?
- 3a. **Urgency** (any project with acquisition as a component). How urgent is the need for funding from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?
- 3b. **Project design** (development or acquisition and development projects only). Is the proposal appropriately designed for the intended use?
- 3c. **Planning success** (planning or acquisition and planning projects only). What potential does this project have to successfully complete the required documents needed to start a development project?
4. **Cost-benefit.** Do the benefits of the project outweigh the costs?
5. **Boating experience.** How will the project affect the boating experience?
6. **Readiness.** Is the project ready to proceed?

Scored by RCO Staff

7. **Matching shares.** To what extent will the applicant match BFP funds with contributions from its own resources?
8. **Proximity to people.** Is the project site in a populated area?
9. **Growth Management Act compliance.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?³

³ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act preference required.)



Boating Facilities Program Evaluation Summary State Agency Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3a	3b	3c	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Site Suitability	Urgency Acquisition	Project Design Development	Planning Success Planning	Cost Benefit	Boating Experience	Readiness	Matching Share	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Martin Access Boat Launch	14.10	13.20		8.00	8.00	7.80	5.00	3.80	0.00	1.00	0.00	52.90
2	South Montesano Chehalis River Access	14.10	12.00		8.73	9.00	8.20	5.60	2.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.80
3	Lake Sammamish Docks	13.50	12.00			8.60	8.00	5.00	2.70	1.00	1.00	0.00	51.80
4	Cornet Bay Moorage Facility Replacement	12.60	13.50		8.91	8.80	8.00	5.00	2.80	0.00	1.00	0.00	51.70
5	Saint Clair Lake Access Redevelopment	12.90	11.70			8.80	7.60	4.80	3.30	0.00	1.00	0.00	50.10
6	Chapman Lake Access	11.40	13.50	7.80	8.00		7.00	4.80	4.30	0.00	1.00	0.00	49.80
7	North Cove Access Redevelopment Lake Stevens	12.60	12.00		8.91	8.00	7.60	4.40	3.30	0.00	1.00	0.00	48.90
8	Nooksack River Degroot Boat Launch	12.30	11.40		8.18	8.40	7.40	4.60	2.50	0.00	1.00	0.00	47.60
9	Rowland Lake Boat Ramp	11.40	11.40		8.36	8.20	8.20	4.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.40

Boating Facilities Program – State Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Renovating the Martin Access Site to Lewis and Columbia Rivers

Grant Requested: \$474,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace a boat ramp and upgrade the Martin access boat launch, near Woodland. The boat launch provides access to the lower Lewis River and the Columbia River. The department will demolish the old boat ramp and install a new one. It also will install a new entrance sign, informational kiosk, and gate; pave a parking spot and add a restroom for people with disabilities; and fix parking lot drainage. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1777)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Improving the South Montesano-Chehalis River Access

Grant Requested: \$498,000

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the South Montesano-Chehalis River access site, in Grays Harbor County. The access site is used mostly by recreational boaters and anglers fishing from motorized boats. The ramp conditions are hazardous and improvements are essential. The department will replace the dilapidated boat ramps with a double ramp, and the outhouse with a new one that will be accompanied by parking for two cars and one trailer for people with disabilities. The existing parking area will be graded and top dressed with new gravel. Two additional trailer parking stalls for people with disabilities will be added. The department also will install a new culvert to improve drainage and add rocks and bollards to provide a barrier between the parking lot and the Chehalis River. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1393)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building a Boat Dock at Lake Sammamish State Park

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

State Parks will use this grant to build a boat dock for loading passengers and short-term mooring at Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach, in King County. Parking at Lake Sammamish's only public boat launch cannot be expanded and it fills up during the summer. Park staff direct cars without trailers (typically boat passengers) to park at Sunset Beach, where boats must beach and pick them up. Planned shoreline restorations will prevent this practice soon. A new dock will provide a safer way to load passengers; improve the boating experience by giving people access to onshore restrooms, concessions, and recreational amenities; improve safety by physically separating boats from swimmers; and protect restored shoreline and creek habitats. State Parks will install 650 feet of floats and gangways, piers, and a path. State Parks also will restore the shoreline. State Parks will contribute \$375,200 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1683)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Replacing Cornet Bay Moorage

Grant Requested: \$1,664,000

State Parks will use this grant to improve and expand the moorage facilities at Cornet Bay Marine Area in Deception Pass State Park, in Island County. The moorage facilities were built in the 1960s and have exceeded their useful life. Recent assessments determined that they needed to be replaced before they were considered unsafe and closed to public use. Additionally, a study noted that demand for moorage

Boating Facilities Program – State Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



has increased to 6,000 guests annually as well as thousands of additional day users, indicating a need to add additional capacity. State Parks will replace the pedestrian access pier, gangway ramp, pilings, and moorage floats and build 384 linear feet of new moorage. Replacement of the moorage will be the final element of a multi-phased, re-development effort that included improving the boat launch and building a bathroom and picnic shelter. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1641)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping the Lake Saint Clair Access

Grant Requested: \$570,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Lake Saint Clair access site in Thurston County. The site is divided by Rehklau Road. On the east side, the earthen ramp is not usable because of erosion and there is no walkway connecting the two sides. Currently, boaters must launch their craft on the west side and motor to the east side. The slow speed required and long distance means few people are using the east side. On the east side, the department will install a boat ramp, grade the gravel parking lot, and install a property fence and drainage structures on both sides of the parking lot. The department then will stripe and sign a crosswalk over Rehklau Road and install stairs and a railing connecting the east parking lot to the west parking lot. On the west side, the department will install a new boat ramp, pave the parking lot and define car and trailer parking stalls for people with disabilities, build a walkway, and install an outhouse with a paved walkway. This work will make popular fishing holes more accessible for boaters on the east side of the lake. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1394)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Buying the Chapman Lake Resort

Grant Requested: \$1,150,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 80 acres for motorized boating access to Chapman Lake, about 26 miles southwest of Spokane. The 128-acre Chapman Lake is the only lake in the area where anglers can catch kokanee, which the department stocks annually there. The only public access to this lake was through a private resort, which closed in 2011. The department will buy the resort, opening up three-quarter mile of lake and creek shoreline to the public. The lake is used by anglers, wildlife watchers, and other recreationists using motorized boats. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1139)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping the North Cove Access on Lake Stevens

Grant Requested: \$544,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife, will use this grant to replace the aged and damaged ramp at the public boat launch on Lake Stevens, the largest recreational lake in Snohomish County. The 1,000-acre Lake Stevens is one of only two water skiing lakes in the county and offers a variety of outdoor recreation activities, with fishing and motor boating dominating. At the North Cove site, the department will install a double concrete boat ramp, repair fencing, restripe the parking area, install permanent bathrooms and lighting in the parking lot, plant plants along the lake, and install new signs for launch visibility and public education. Accessibility for people with disabilities also will be enhanced significantly. The department will contribute \$5,000 in a donation from the City of Lake Stevens. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1221)

Boating Facilities Program – State Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Building a Boat Launch on the Nooksack River

Grant Requested: \$680,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a new boat ramp, providing access for boats to a 25-mile stretch of the Nooksack River, in Whatcom County. Currently, the Degroot site, 2 miles south of Lynden off State Route 539, has provided only walk-in, bank fishing. The Skagit River and Nooksack River are the two most popular rivers for fishing in northwestern Washington. The Skagit River has nine boat ramps, both public and private, while the Nooksack River has only two ramps for 25 miles of river. Those two ramps are used by emergency response crews, survey crews, pipeline maintenance staff, gill net fisherman, and salmon anglers. The department recently bought 1.6 acres there, allowing it to expend the site. The department will install a new 12-foot-wide boat ramp; expand parking to accommodate 33 vehicles, including 20 trailers; and install a loading platform and outhouse. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1650)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Improving the Rowland Lake Boat Ramp

Grant Requested: \$265,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to design and build improvements to the boat launch on Rowland Lake, 4 miles east of Bingen and White Salmon on State Route 14 in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Rowland Lake is a unique site that can be fished when the winds make the Columbia River unsafe. The department will install a new boat ramp with turn around, pave parking at the toilet for people with disabilities, install signs, grade the parking lot and add wheel stops, place rocks and landscape to create a barrier to sensitive shoreline areas, and demolish and rebuild an old retaining wall along the parking lot for safety. Rowland Lake contains a variety of fish species: Largemouth bass, bluegill, common carp, crappie, pumpkinseed, and rainbow trout. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1782)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-11
Boating Facilities Program – Local Agency Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, eighteen local agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 9, Boating Facilities Program*, and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process;; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for planning, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17

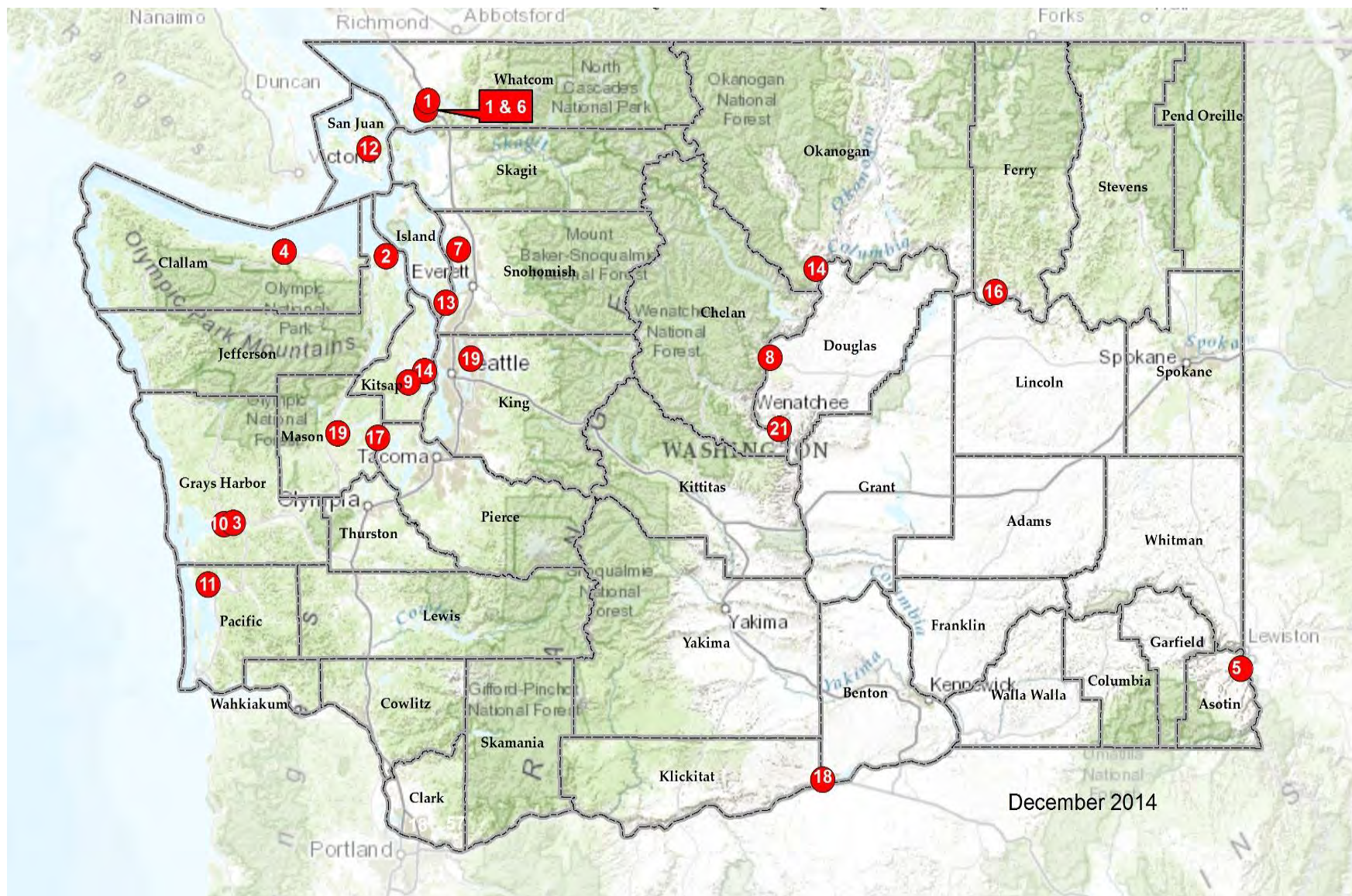
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	55.09	14-2100D	Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch Ramp Extension	Port of Bellingham	\$74,262	\$137,915	\$212,177	\$74,262
2	54.82	14-1886D	Port Townsend Boat Haven Ramp Expansion	Port of Port Townsend	\$339,024	\$150,598	\$489,622	\$413,286
3	53.45	14-2099P	Seaport Landing Boating Facilities	Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority	\$185,000	\$66,000	\$251,000	\$598,286
4	53.36	14-1498D	Port Angeles Boat Launch Improvements	Port of Port Angeles	\$371,969	\$148,540	\$520,509	\$970,255
5	52.09	14-2013P	City of Asotin Boat Launch and Jetty Restoration Plan	Asotin	\$61,611	\$20,537	\$82,148	\$1,031,866
6	51.82	14-1105D	Fairhaven Boat Launch Float Replacement	Port of Bellingham	\$216,765	\$72,285	\$289,050	\$1,248,631
7	50.82	14-1178D	Wenber County Park Waterfront Improvements	Snohomish County Parks Department	\$592,599	\$198,000	\$790,599	\$1,841,230
8	50.00	14-1236D	Entiat Marina Construction	Entiat	\$1,000,000	\$3,493,500	\$4,493,500	\$2,841,230
9	49.27	14-1927D	Evergreen Boat Ramp Rehabilitation	Port of Bremerton	\$347,595	\$116,000	\$463,595	\$3,188,825
10	48.91	14-1948D	Port of Grays Harbor 28th St. Landing Phase 2	Port of Grays Harbor	\$811,942	\$275,000	\$1,086,942	\$4,000,767
11	47.55	14-1938D	Tokeland Marina Redevelopment Phase 2	Port of Willapa Harbor	\$563,780	\$241,620	\$805,400	\$4,564,547
12	47.36	14-1963D	Odlin Park Float and Gangway Replacement	San Juan County Public Works	\$214,528	\$72,312	\$286,840	\$4,779,075
13	47.00	14-1859D	Possession Ramp Construction	Port of South Whidbey Island	\$360,500	\$120,810	\$481,310	\$5,139,575
14	46.64	14-1953D	Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park City Dock	Bainbridge Island	\$834,461	\$710,838	\$1,545,299	\$5,974,036

Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
14	46.64	14-2021D	Lake Pateros Boat Launch ¹	Pateros	\$534,500	\$220,000	\$754,500	\$6,508,536
16	46.45	14-1386P	Keller Ferry Boat Launch	Colville Confederated Tribes	\$107,557	\$36,000	\$143,557	\$6,616,093
17	45.36	14-1866D	Port of Grapeview 1-2014	Port of Grapeview	\$528,279	\$177,000	\$705,279	\$7,144,372
18	42.55	14-1420D	Crow Butte Boat Slip Expansion	Port of Benton	\$590,000	\$198,500	\$788,500	\$7,734,372
19	37.18	14-2023D	Union Boat Ramp Development 2014 ¹	Mason County	\$601,200	\$200,400	\$801,600	\$8,335,572
19	37.18	14-2142D	Kirkland's Marina Pier & Boat Launch Renovation	Kirkland Community Services	\$444,357	\$255,000	\$699,357	\$8,779,929
21	28.55	14-2073P	Putters and Pit Lakes Boating Area ¹	Rock Island	\$33,750	\$11,250	\$45,000	\$8,813,679
					\$8,813,679	\$6,922,105	\$15,735,784	

*Project Type: P = Planning; D = Development
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

State Map for Boating Facilities Program Projects, Local Agencies



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

Boating Facilities Program

Evaluation Criteria Summary

BFP Evaluation Criteria Summary – Local Agencies				
Scored by	Question	Item	Project Type	Possible Points
Committee	1	Need	All	15
Committee	2	Site suitability	All	15
Committee	3a	Urgency	Acquisition	10
Committee	3b	Project Design	Development	10
Committee	3c	Planning success (architecture and engineering only)	Planning	10
Committee	4	Cost benefit	All	10
Committee	5	Boating experience	All	6
Committee	6	Readiness	All	5
RCO Staff	7	Matching shares including non government contributions	All	4
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to people	All	1
RCO Staff	9	Growth Management Act compliance (local agencies)	All	0
Total				66

All project types=Acquisition, development or renovation, and planning (architecture-engineering or permit related)

Scoring Criteria, Boating Facilities Program

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** Is the project needed?
2. **Site suitability.** Is the site well-suited for the intended recreational uses?
- 3a. **Urgency** (any project with acquisition as a component). How urgent is the need for funding from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?
- 3b. **Project design** (development or acquisition and development projects only). Is the proposal appropriately designed for the intended use?
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4. **Cost-benefit.** Do the benefits of the project outweigh the costs?
5. **Boating experience.** How will the project affect the boating experience?
6. **Readiness.** Is the project ready to proceed?

Scored by RCO Staff

7. **Matching shares.** To what extent will the applicant match BFP funds with contributions from its own resources?
8. **Proximity to people.** Is the project site in a populated area?
9. **Growth Management Act compliance.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?⁴

⁴ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act preference required.)



Boating Facilities Program
Evaluation Summary Local Agency Projects
2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3a	3b	3c	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Site Suitability	Urgency Acquisition	Project Design Development	Planning Success Planning	Cost Benefit	Boating Experience	Readiness	Matching Share	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch Ramp Extension	11.18	13.91		8.00		8.55	4.91	4.55	3.00	1.00	0.00	55.09
2	Port Townsend Boat Haven Ramp Expansion	12.55	13.91		8.73		8.36	4.73	4.55	1.00	1.00	0.00	54.82
3	Seaport Landing Boating Facilities	12.00	12.82			8.73	7.82	5.09	4.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	53.45
4	Port Angeles Boat Launch Improvements	13.36	13.09		8.91		8.00	3.64	4.36	1.00	1.00	0.00	53.36
5	City of Asotin Boat Launch Jetty Restoration	13.36	11.45			8.36	8.18	5.45	4.27	1.00	0.00	0.00	52.09
6	Fairhaven Boat Launch Float Replacement	12.27	12.82		8.00		7.64	4.91	4.18	1.00	1.00	0.00	51.82
7	Wenber County Park Waterfront Improvements	11.73	12.55		8.91		7.82	4.18	3.64	1.00	1.00	0.00	50.82
8	Entiat Marina Construction	12.00	11.73		8.18		6.55	4.73	3.82	3.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
9	Evergreen Boat Ramp Rehabilitation	12.55	10.64		8.36		7.64	4.55	3.55	1.00	1.00	0.00	49.27
10	Port of Grays Harbor, 28th Street Landing Phase 2	12.27	12.27		7.64	0.00	6.73	4.36	3.64	1.00	1.00	0.00	48.91
11	Tokeland Marina Redevelopment Phase 2	11.73	12.82		7.45		6.91	4.36	4.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.55
12	Odlin Park Float abd Gangway Replacement	11.18	10.64		8.00		7.09	4.55	4.91	1.00	0.00	0.00	47.36
13	Possession Ramp Construction	13.36	9.82		7.64		6.73	4.00	3.45	1.00	1.00	0.00	47.00
14	Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park City Dock	11.45	10.09		7.82		7.09	3.82	3.36	2.00	1.00	0.00	46.64
14	Lake Pateros Boat Launch	11.18	12.00		7.09		7.09	4.18	4.09	1.00	0.00	0.00	46.64
16	Keller Ferry Boat Launch	10.91	11.73			7.09	7.27	4.73	3.73	1.00	0.00	0.00	46.45
17	Port of Grapeview 1-2014	12.55	11.45		5.64		7.45	4.55	1.73	2.00	0.00	0.00	45.36



Boating Facilities Program Evaluation Summary Local Agency Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3a	3b	3c	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Site Suitability	Urgency Acquisition	Project Design Development	Planning Success Planning	Cost Benefit	Boating Experience	Readiness	Matching Share	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
18	Crow Butte Boat Slip Expansion	9.27	12.82		6.73		5.64	4.00	4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.55
19	Union Boat Ramp Development 2014	10.64	6.55		7.45		4.55	3.82	4.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.18
19	Kirkland's Marina Pier and Boat Launch Renovation	11.45	10.64		3.82		4.73	2.55	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	37.18
21	Putters and Pit Lakes Boating Area	7.64	6.55			4.73	4.73	2.55	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.55

Boating Facilities Program-Local Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Port of Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$74,262

Extending the Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to extend the ramps at the Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch, in Whatcom County. This ramp accommodates about 5,000 launches and retrievals every year. Extending the ramp will provide more launching opportunities for boats that currently have difficulty launching during lower tides because of scouring at the ramp toe. The Port also will remove and demolish some existing panels, dredge a small amount of material at toe, and place riprap at toe of the ramp. The Port of Bellingham will contribute \$137,915. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2100)

Port of Port Townsend

Grant Requested: \$339,024

Expanding the Boat Haven Launch Ramp in Port Townsend

The Port of Port Townsend will use this grant to expand the single-lane boat launch ramp at Boat Haven into a double-lane ramp, with a center handling float. The single-lane boat launch was built in 1997 and no longer meets boater demand, especially during weekends and fishing season openers. The Port will build the new ramp next to the west side of the existing ramp and build a handling float that will accommodate people with disabilities in between the new and existing ramps. The Port also will extend the toe of the existing ramp, add erosion protection for both ramps, removal 25 feet of bulkhead to construct the new ramp, modify parking for people with disabilities, move utilities, and revise traffic striping and open areas. The Port of Port Townsend will contribute \$150,598 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1886)

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority

Grant Requested: \$185,000

Planning the Seaport Landing Small Boat Facilities

The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority will use this grant to complete the engineering, design, cultural resources survey, environmental documentation, and permitting for the small boat facilities at Seaport Landing, in Aberdeen on the Chehalis River. The small boat facilities will include a boat ramp, two loading docks, guest moorage, parking, a boat wash-down area with porta-potty dump, fish cleaning station, information kiosk, picnic area, restrooms, and a garbage and recycling station. Aberdeen, the largest city in Grays Harbor County, has 11 miles of shoreline but no public moorage or developed recreational boating facilities. The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority will contribute \$66,000 in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2099)

Port of Port Angeles

Grant Requested: \$371,969

Improving a Port Angeles Boat Launch

The Port of Port Angeles will use this grant to replace the concrete ramp, guide piles, and gangways at the Port Angeles Boat Haven boat launch, in Port Angeles on the northern Olympic Peninsula. The existing ramp provides access to the many recreational opportunities found in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and has served the public well since the early 1970s. The strong salmon runs of the past few years and changes in the halibut season makes this a popular boat launch. The Port of Port Angeles will contribute \$148,540. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1498)

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Asotin

Grant Requested: \$61,611

Planning the Restoration of the Asotin Boat Launch

The City of Asotin will use this grant to design, engineer, and permit the restoration and development of a boat launch along the Snake River. The launch, which has not been used safely in the past 20 years, is the last access point to the Snake River near a city with fueling services and other supplies. Future development includes restoring the boat launch, installing a breakwater, and building new moorage floats, bathrooms, and lighting. The City of Asotin will contribute \$20,537 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2013)

Port of Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$216,765

Replacing the Fairhaven Boat Launch

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to replace 20-year-old boat launch floats at the Fairhaven Boat Launch in Bellingham. The Port will remove treated timbers, Styrofoam floatation, and a treated wood pile and change the ramp abutment for easier access by small boats. The Port will replace the boarding floats, floatation, decking, and abutment connections. Creosote piles will be replaced with steel, which will benefit the water quality of the marine environment in Bellingham Bay. The Port of Bellingham will contribute \$72,285. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1105)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$592,599

Improving the Wenberg County Park Boat Launch

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to renovate the boat launch and add boarding and guest moorage floats and support facilities in the 45-acre Wenberg County Park on Lake Goodwin, near Stanwood. The park offers camping, picnicking, swimming, and boat launching. The County also will improve access to the boating area for people with disabilities by adding accessible parking, a drop-off area, and pathways from the parking lot to the boat launch. This project will improve significantly the boating experience and safety, and will open access to boating for all park visitors. Snohomish County will contribute \$198,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1178)

Entiat

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Building the Entiat Marina

The City of Entiat will use this grant to build the Entiat Marina, making it the first and only full-service, public marina on Lake Entiat, in Chelan County. The marina will be on the Rocky Reach Reservoir of the Columbia River. The City will build a restroom and parking lot, install piers and gangways, add a sewage pump-out, build slips for day-use and overnight moorage, and stabilize the shoreline. The Entiat Marina is the second phase of the City's waterfront development project. The City intends to open the marina by May 2017. The City of Entiat will contribute \$3.4 million in a state appropriation, cash, and a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1236)

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Port of Bremerton

Grant Requested: \$347,595

Renovating the Evergreen Boat Ramp

The Port of Bremerton will use this grant to renovate the 27-year-old boat launch in Evergreen Rotary Park on the Port Washington Narrows Waterway in Bremerton. The launch is the only one in the area with boarding floats, which are necessary for launching into Port Washington Waterway's swift current. The concrete ramps have worn over time and the exposed rocks creates a slick surface for vehicles. The Port will replace the launch lanes, concrete abutment, boarding floats, and creosote timber piles. The new boarding floats will be accessible for people with disabilities. The centerline boarding floats will incorporate light-penetrating grating to enhance marine habitat and all creosote timbers will be replaced with steel piles. The Port of Bremerton will contribute \$116,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1927)

Port of Grays Harbor

Grant Requested: \$811,942

Renovating the 28th Street Landing Boat Launch

The Port of Grays Harbor will use this grant to improve the 28th Street Landing boat launch. The boat launch is in severe disrepair. There are very few boat launches in this area and the need is large because of the fishing that anglers travel far and wide to reach. The Port will replace and widen the boat ramp, add an additional boarding float, pave the main parking lot, add a permanent restroom, gravel the remaining parking area, and add lighting to improve safety in the parking area. The Port of Grays Harbor will contribute \$275,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1948)

Port of Willapa Harbor

Grant Requested: \$563,780

Redeveloping the Tokeland Marina

The Port of Willapa Harbor will use this grant to add 32 slips for guest moorage, upgrade the float access pier to accommodate people with disabilities, stabilize the shoreline to prevent erosion along the bank of the boat basin, and add a pump-out station at the Tokeland Marina on Willapa Bay in Pacific County. The marina serves recreational and commercial fishing. The marina facilities are minimal, in poor condition, and serve mainly the oyster and gillnetting industries. This is the second phase of development. Construction is underway for the first phase, which will add a new guest moorage float, restrooms, parking, and landscaping. Willapa Bay and the Tokeland Marina are underused and could expand their use by recreational boaters. Tokeland has long-term moorage for only 20 recreational boats and all slips are leased annually. The lack of guest moorage forces boaters to launch daily. On salmon fishing days, there are often more than 200 boats launched. The two phases will more than double the moorage in the marina. The Port of Willapa Harbor will contribute \$241,620 in cash, a grant from the federal Boating Infrastructure Grant program, and a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1938)

San Juan County

Grant Requested: \$214,528

Replacing the Odlin Park Float and Gangway

The San Juan County Public Works Department will use this grant to remove a deteriorated wood float, three creosote piles, and an old aluminum gangway and replace them with a new heavy duty wood float that is better for the environment in Odlin Park, on Lopez Island. The new float will reduce overwater

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shading with 50 percent open grating and reduce pollution by replacing the creosote piles with galvanized steel piles. The new float will double the available side-tie, day-use moorage space and will be accessible to people with disabilities. The County will move the float 25 feet to the south of the current float to better serve boaters. These improvements will support and provide additional access to the park's amenities, such as restrooms, drinking water, sandy beach, picnicking, playfield, trails, boat launch and trailer parking, mooring buoys, and camping, all of which are open year-round. The Odlin boat launch and float are important public facilities supporting access to the exceptional opportunities available in the San Juan Islands, including whale watching, sport fishing, crabbing, scuba diving, and visiting the many state marine parks in the San Juan Islands archipelago. San Juan County will contribute \$72,312. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1963)

Port of South Whidbey Island

Grant Requested: \$360,500

Building a Possession Beach Boat Ramp

The Port of South Whidbey Island will use this grant to replace the boat ramp at Possession Beach Waterfront Park, the most frequently used boat ramp on south Whidbey Island. The 30-year-old ramp is in great need of renovations because of its age and damage from extensive cleaning. The ramp is below the natural beach level, creating a hole into which sand and debris collect. The Port will make the new ramp slightly above the beach level so that sand and debris will wash away naturally and require minimum maintenance by port staff. The ramp provides motorized boating access to Possession Sound, Saratoga Passage, and Admiralty Inlet, all of which are popular boating and fishing areas. The Port of South Whidbey Island will contribute \$120,810. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1859)

Bainbridge Island

Grant Requested: \$834,461

Renovating and Expanding the Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park City Dock

The City of Bainbridge Island will use this grant to replace and expand its 1986 guest moorage dock and launch ramp in Eagle Harbor to improve accessibility and expand moorage for visiting boats and tie up for launching and retrieving boats. The dock and ramp are unable to serve the number of visiting boaters. The creosote pilings and floats no longer comply with environmental regulations and the narrow floats no longer safely accommodate visitors. The boat launch also is not long enough for trailers at low tides. The City will demolish the boarding and launch floats and associated piles and replace them with new floats with galvanized steel piles. The City also will install a sewage pump-out station. In addition, the City will extend the boat launch 40 feet to allow for launching during lower tides. The City of Bainbridge Island will contribute \$710,838. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1953)

Pateros

Grant Requested: \$534,500

Developing the Lake Pateros Boat Launch

The City of Pateros will use this grant to add restrooms, a picnic shelter, recreational vehicle camping and a dump station, and boat trailer parking at the Lake Pateros Winter Boat Launch. The work will develop 2.3 acres, expanding a .3-acre facility that has a boat ramp, dock, parking, a small lawn, and a portable restroom. The land is on Lakeshore Drive, just off U.S. Highway 97, in Pateros, at the confluence of the Columbia and Methow Rivers. Lake Pateros is a 30-mile stretch of the Columbia River between Wells and Chief Joseph dams. Migrating fish runs and recreation continue to increase on the lake and so do boater

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needs. The City of Pateros will contribute \$220,000 in staff labor and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2021)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Planning for the Keller Ferry Boat Launch

Grant Requested: \$107,557

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Park and Recreation Program will use this grant to plan and design a new boat launch on the San Poil arm of the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area in northeastern Washington. The tribe will provide engineered, construction-ready design documents and all permits necessary to proceed with development on 91 acres of tribal, undeveloped land. Development will include building an access road, boat trailer parking, boat ramp, skid docks and restrooms. Currently boaters in Ferry County have to cross Lake Roosevelt on the Keller Ferry to the Lincoln County side of the lake to launch their boats at a federal launch. This first phase of development has been sought after for decades to relieve the pressure on other ramps and users within Ferry County and the tribe's reservation. The tribe will contribute \$36,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1386)

Port of Grapeview Planning for Construction of the Fair Harbor Boat Launch

Grant Requested: \$528,279

The Port of Grapeview will use this grant to develop a construction plan for the replacement of the Fair Harbor Boat Launch, the addition of a restroom, and the resolution of storm water issues. The Fair Harbor boat launch is in a recreational and residential community in rural Mason County. It is the only boat launch in south Puget Sound where you can launch at very low negative tides and in inclement weather. The current ramp is in desperate need of renovation. The concrete is cracking and it drops at the end creating problems launching at low tides. There is also a storm water discharge near the side of the ramp that needs to be addressed. The Port of Grapeview will contribute \$177,000 in cash and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1866)

Port of Benton Expanding Crow Butte Boat Slips

Grant Requested: \$590,000

The Port of Benton will use this grant to add 11 new boat slips in the Crow Butte Park Marina Boat Basin. The Port also will add an 80-foot-long gangway to provide southern access to the site for people with disabilities. Running water and solar lights will be added at the mooring slips and access ways. In addition, the Port will resurface an access route and add two new parking spaces for people with disabilities. The park is on an island in the Columbia River at the very southeast corner of Benton County. These improvements will create a recreational opportunity for owners of large boats and make it more convenient for multi-day boating by Crow Butte campground visitors. The Port of Benton will contribute \$198,500 in cash, staff labor, and a grant from the federal Boating Infrastructure Grant program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1420)

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Mason County

Grant Requested: \$601,200

Developing the Union Boat Ramp

Mason County will use this grant to improve the boat ramp, add a dock, and renovate the parking area at the boat launch in Union, on Hood Canal. Hood Canal is used heavily by both local residents and visitors. The population in Mason County swells in the summer from about 57,000 to about 100,000. Mason County built the boat ramp in the 1970s and has not made any improvements since then. The launch area is in serious need of improvements. Also, there is no dock for temporary moorage. Mason County will contribute \$200,400 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2023)

Kirkland

Grant Requested: \$444,357

Renovating Kirkland's Marina Pier and Boat Launch

Kirkland Department of Parks and Community Services will use this grant to replace a nearly obsolete, single launch lane and renovate much of the decking, hardware, and piles in the 72-slip Marina Park in Kirkland. The marina provides one of the few public places that boaters on Lake Washington can moor their boats and the only public overnight moorage on Lake Washington. Being close to Seattle, the launch and marina are visited by thousands of boaters each year. The renovations will extend the useful life of this very popular Lake Washington boater amenity. An assessment noted these structures had surpassed their useful life. Kirkland will contribute \$255,000 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2142)

Rock Island

Grant Requested: \$33,750

Designing a Boat Launch for the Putters and Pit Lakes Area

The City of Rock Island will use this grant to design and get permits for a boat launch, restroom, and parking lot in the Putters and Pit Lakes boating area. Rock Island, a rural community in Douglas County, has many lakes and natural areas that are enjoyed by anglers from around the area. The City of Rock Island will contribute \$11,250 in cash and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2073)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Title: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program, Review and Approve the Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted 119 projects for the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program. This memo describes the program, categories, evaluation process and the ranked lists. Staff will present more information about the projects at the June 2015 meeting. As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget or appropriated funding for the program, so staff is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to: 1) approve the ranked lists; and 2) delegate authority to the director to fund the projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolutions: 2015-12 through 2015-15

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked lists of projects shown in Table 1 for each category and delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked lists of projects, contingent on approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

The Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program provides grants for planning, acquiring, developing, and maintaining land and facilities for activities such as cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles.

The NOVA program includes four categories: Education and Enforcement; Nonhighway Road; Nonmotorized; and Off-road Vehicle. These categories have a few common characteristics:

- Native American tribes, federal, state, and local governments are eligible to apply.¹
- No matching share is required, but evaluation criteria encourage matching contributions by awarding additional points.
- Public access is required for the nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and off-road vehicle categories.

¹In certain limited situations, nonprofit ORV organizations are also eligible in the Off-Road Vehicle category. (RCW 46.09.240).

Category	Education and Enforcement	Nonhighway Road	Nonmotorized	Off-road Vehicle
Focus	Protecting user needs and minimizing environmental impacts and conflict between user groups.	Recreational activities such as nonmotorized boating, camping, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking.	Nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, climbing, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.	Motorized off-road activities including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in sport parks.
Eligible Project Types	Education and law enforcement activities that support NOVA recreationists	Land acquisition, development and/or renovation projects, maintenance and operation of facilities, and planning activities		
Funding Limits	Up to \$200,000 per project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition, development, and/or planning projects are limited to \$100,000. Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$50,000 a year and a maximum of \$100,000 for two-year projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition, development, and/or planning projects are limited to \$100,000. Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$50,000 a year and a maximum of \$100,000 for two-year projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fund limits for land acquisition, development, and planning projects. Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$100,000 a year and a maximum of \$200,000 for two-year projects.
Project Elements	Salaries, operating expenses, and capital equipment including vehicles	Interpretive trails and related trailheads, picnic areas, day-use areas, viewpoints, campgrounds, and support structures including sanitary facilities and utilities	Trails, trailheads, and structures including sanitary facilities and utilities that support nonmotorized trail recreation	Trails, trailheads, day-use areas, sports parks, campgrounds, intensive use areas, and support structures including sanitary facilities and utilities

To participate in the program, an applicant must adopt a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan if the proposed project involves planning, acquisition, or development. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) *NOVA Plan: 2013-2018* sets the priorities that inform the program policies and evaluation criteria that the board adopted into Manual #13, *NOVA Education and Enforcement* and Manual #14, *NOVA Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle*.

The legislative authority for this program is the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.09 and Washington Administrative Code 286-26.

Certification of Match Required

While match is not required, applicants that provide match must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting². Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available; however, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

- Rank 23, NOVA Education and Enforcement – Northeast Region Education and Enforcement (14-1826): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 25, NOVA Education and Enforcement – Reiter Foothills Forest Education and Enforcement (14-1822): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 29, NOVA Nonmotorized– Wenas Wildlife Area Manastash Ridge Trail (14-2148P): The Department of Fish and Wildlife did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 33, NOVA Nonmotorized– Green Mountain Trail Planning (14-1848P): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 34, NOVA Nonmotorized – Olympic Region Reade Hill Planning (14-1813P): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 39, NOVA Nonmotorized – Reiter Foothills Nonmotorized Trail Phase 2 (14-1821D): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

Because the applicants did not certify match, these six projects are no longer being considered for funding and will be shown as “not funded” on the ranked list.

Program Funding

In most years, in accordance with chapter 46.09 RCW, the State Treasurer credits one percent of motor vehicle fuel tax revenues to NOVA programs. The board receives 58.5 percent of those NOVA program funds for its recreation grants.³ The off-road vehicle category receives funding from off-road vehicle permit fees in addition to the fuel tax funds.

Allocation of Funds among Program Categories

Chapter 46.09 RCW directs the board to divide the fuel tax funds among four categories: Education and Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle (ORV) recreation. The board allocates NOVA funds as follows:

1. It awards the *ORV permit fees* to the top ranked projects in the ORV category.
2. It awards up to 30 percent of *fuel tax dollars* to the top ranked projects in the Education and Enforcement category.
3. The remaining *fuel tax dollars* (at least 70 percent) are allocated to the three recreation categories.

² Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

³ The Treasurer distributes the remainder of the funds for NOVA related programs as follows: Department of Natural Resources (36%), the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (3.5%), and State Parks (2%).

- a. Each category receives at least 30 percent of the funds for the top-ranked projects.
 - i. In the ORV category, the fuel tax funds are applied in ranked project order after the ORV permit fees (see #1).
 - ii. The board may award less than 30 percent to a category if (a) there are insufficient requests for funds or (b) it believes that a project(s) has scored too low in evaluations. If the board awards less than 30 percent, the unused funds become “competitive dollars.”
- b. The remaining ten percent, along with any unused funds, are designated by the board as “competitive” dollars. They are applied to projects in the recreation categories based on four board-adopted criteria:
 - i. the number of NOVA recreationists served,
 - ii. the NOVA advisory committee’s confidence in the claimed number served,
 - iii. the amount of non-state matching resources provided to the project by the applicant, and
 - iv. the number of unfunded projects in the category.

Estimated Funding Available

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium. Staff will update the board regarding the appropriation amount at the June meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Applicants submitted 119 projects for funding consideration during this grant cycle. There were twenty-five projects in the education and enforcement category, fourteen projects in the nonhighway road category, forty-four projects in the nonmotorized category, and thirty-six projects in the off-road vehicle category.

The NOVA Advisory Committee includes public agency professionals and citizens recognized for their expertise and knowledge regarding NOVA recreational issues. Twelve of the fifteen advisory committee members served as evaluators in 2014 and used board adopted criteria to review and rank projects. They evaluated education and enforcement category projects using a board-approved written evaluation process. They met in open public meetings in Olympia from October 6 through 10 to evaluate projects in the remaining three categories.

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Chris Baldini, Spokane Valley	Citizen – Nonhighway Road
Rick Burk, ⁴ Spokane Valley	Citizen – ORV Motorcycle
Louise Caywood, Spanaway	Citizen – Equestrian
Dawn Erickson, Darrington	Citizen – Hiking

⁴ Evaluated NOVA education and enforcement category projects only.

Glenn Glover, Seattle	Citizen – Mountain Bicycling
Richard Haydon, Leavenworth	Citizen – Nonhighway Road
Mark Levensky, Seattle	Citizen – Hiking
Jim Putman, Puyallup	Citizen – ORV Four-wheel Drive
Aaron Theisen, Spokane	Citizen – Nonhighway Road
Mary Bean, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Federal Agency
Paul Dahmer, ⁵ Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency
Brock Milliern, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
Chris Parsons, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in Table 1 of each of the attached decision packages.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for NOVA funding directly support board adopted priorities in the *2013-2018 Washington State Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Plan*, the *2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan*, and the *Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the timing for final 2015-17 budget approval and the program funding level, staff recommends that the board approve the projects shown in Table 1 for each category and delegate authority to the director to award funding based on the ranking once funds are appropriated.

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the board meeting, the resolutions and Table 1 for each category may be revised so that the board can approve the ranked list of projects and make the funding decision.

⁵ Evaluated NOVA nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and off-road vehicle projects only.

Next Steps

If the board approves the lists and funds are made available for this program, the Recreation and Conservation Office director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements.

Attachments

Decision Package #1: NOVA Education and Enforcement Category

- A. Resolution # 2015-12
 - Table 1 –*Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17*
- B. State Map of Projects
- C. Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- E. Project Summaries

Decision Package #2: NOVA Nonhighway Road Category

- F. Resolution # 2015-13
 - Table 1 –*Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17*
- G. State Map of Projects
- H. Evaluation Criteria Summary
- I. Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- J. Project Summaries

Decision Package #3: NOVA Nonmotorized Category

- K. Resolution # 2015-14
 - Table 1 –*Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17*
- L. State Map of Projects
- M. Evaluation Criteria Summary
- N. Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- O. Project Summaries

Decision Package #4: NOVA Off-road Vehicle Category

- P. Resolution # 2015-15
 - Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Ranked List of Off-Road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17*
- Q. State Map of Projects
- R. Evaluation Criteria Summary
- S. Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- T. Project Summaries

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-12
NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, twenty-three Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-three projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 13, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities: Education and Enforcement Category*; and

WHEREAS, these Education and Enforcement category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board, supporting the board's strategy to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation; and

WHEREAS, the projects focus on protecting user needs and minimizing environmental impacts and conflict between user groups, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	62.58	14-1838E	Snoqualmie Corridor Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$89,000	\$89,050	\$178,050	\$89,000
2	60.33	14-2083E	Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$56,371	\$57,509	\$113,880	\$145,371
3	58.83	14-1959E	Cle Elum Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$29,400	\$30,600	\$60,000	\$174,771
4	58.25	14-1798E	Naches District Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$148,927	\$183,075	\$332,002	\$323,698
5	57.83	14-2121E	Methow Valley Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$34,416	\$34,440	\$68,856	\$358,114
6	57.50	14-2084E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Climbing Ranger Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$47,847	\$48,833	\$96,680	\$405,961
7	57.42	14-1972E	Snoqualmie Ranger District Backcountry Ranger Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$145,128	\$140,663	\$285,791	\$551,089
7	57.42	14-2030E	Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$174,900	\$90,000	\$264,900	\$725,989
7	57.42	14-1849E	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$156,000	\$104,400	\$260,400	\$881,989
10	56.67	14-1818E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$108,000	\$72,500	\$180,500	\$989,989
10	56.67	14-2144E	Colville National Forest South End Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$61,900	\$50,000	\$111,900	\$1,051,889
12	56.42	14-1924E	Cle Elum Off-road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$178,024	\$97,324	\$275,348	\$1,229,913
13	55.92	14-1805E	Southwest Washington Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$171,400	\$115,000	\$286,400	\$1,401,313

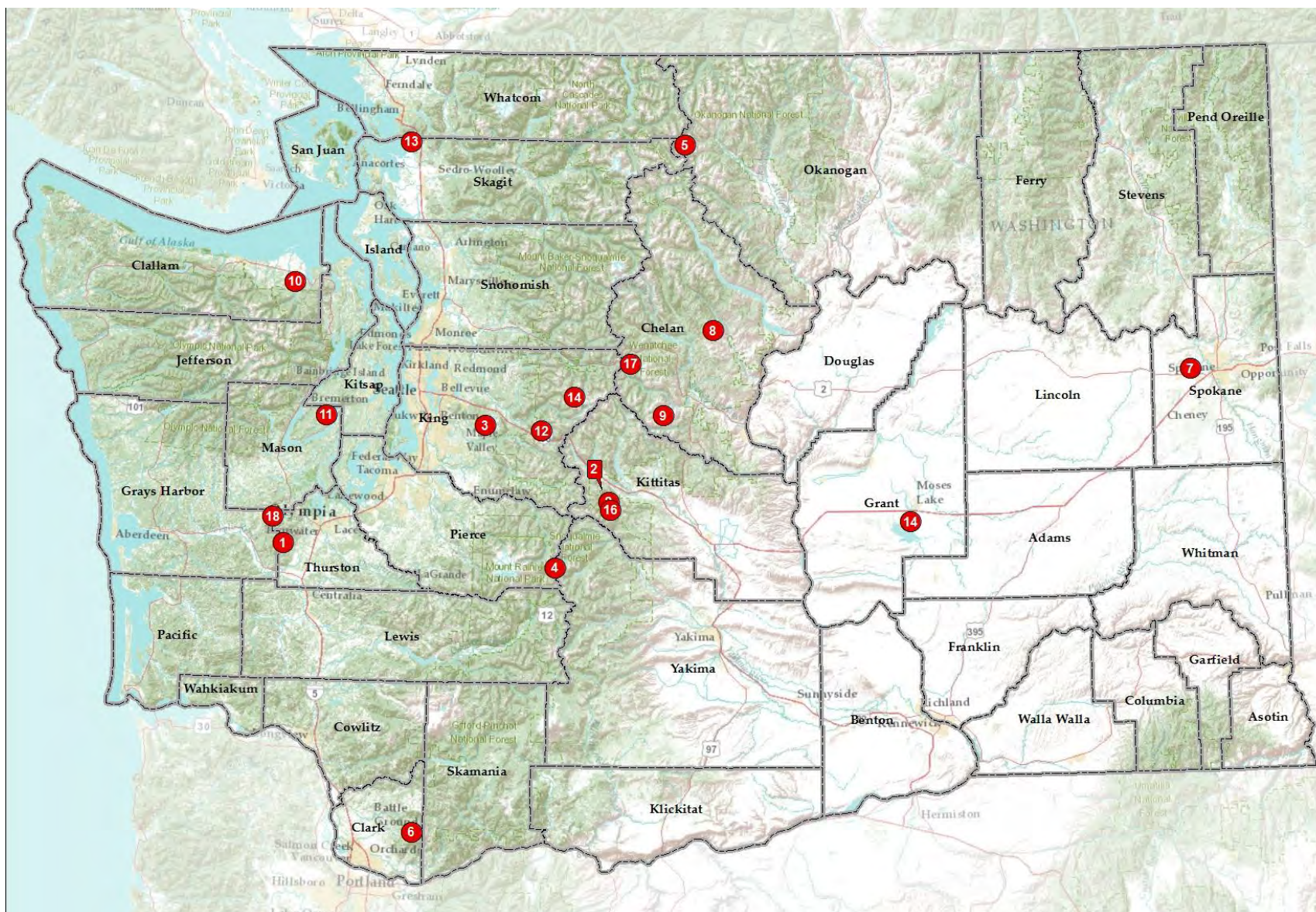
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Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	54.33	14-2131E	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$132,078	\$162,647	\$294,725	\$1,533,391
15	54.00	14-2102E	Methow Valley Backcountry Stock Ranger Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$38,319	\$38,600	\$76,919	\$1,571,710
16	53.50	14-1944E	Cle Elum Frontcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$53,000	\$1,596,710
17	52.50	14-2066E	Skykomish Ranger District Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$57,004	\$58,001	\$115,005	\$1,653,714
18	52.42	14-2054E	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Areas Education and Enforcement	Grant County	\$200,000	\$211,287	\$411,287	\$1,853,714
19	52.25	14-2113E	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$59,150	\$40,400	\$99,550	\$1,912,864
20	52.00	14-1814E	Olympic Straits District Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$190,112	\$82,210	\$272,322	\$2,102,976
21	51.83	14-2033E	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement	Spokane County	\$171,100	\$119,792	\$290,892	\$2,274,076
22	50.67	14-1844E	Tahuya and Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$191,890	\$82,398	\$274,288	\$2,465,966
23	46.25	14-1826E	Northeast Region Education and Enforcement ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,800	\$50,000	\$147,800	\$2,563,766
24	45.83	14-2091E	Evans Creek Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$84,000	\$57,500	\$141,500	\$2,647,766
25	42.33	14-1822E	Reiter Foothills Forest Education and Enforcement ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$140,000	\$20,000	\$160,000	\$2,787,766
					\$2,787,766	\$2,064,229	\$4,851,995	

¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project not eligible for funding.

State Map for NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

NOVA Program

Education and Enforcement Category

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scoring	Number	Criteria Title	Maximum	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	1	Need	15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction	15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Advisory Committee	3	In-field contacts	10	B-2
Advisory Committee	4	Targeting current users	10	B-3
Advisory Committee	5	Project support	10	A-1, B-4
Advisory Committee	6	Non-government contributions	5	C-3
RCO Staff	7	Matching shares	5	A-1, B-4
Total Points Possible			70	

KEY:

Plan Policy=Criteria orientation in accordance with the NOVA Plan 2005–2011. The letter-number codes reference corresponding policies in the plan.

Scoring Criteria, NOVA Education and Enforcement Category

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** What is the need for an education and enforcement project in the applicant's jurisdiction?
2. **Need Satisfaction.** To what extent will this project meet the service area's education and enforcement needs identified in Question 1, above?
3. **In-Field Contacts.** To what extent will the project address on-the-ground needs, including in-field contact with NOVA users during the high use season?
4. **Targeting Current NOVA Users.** To what extent will the project focus on needs created by current versus potential NOVA recreationists?
5. **Project Support.** To what extent do users and the public (statewide, community, or user groups) support the project?
6. **Non-Government Contributions.** Does this project reduce government costs through documented donations (labor, equipment, materials), signed cooperative agreements, or signed memoranda of understanding (including no cost leases, interagency agreements, donations, or similar cost saving arrangements)?

Scored by RCO Staff

7. **Matching Shares.** What percentage of the total project cost is the applicant contributing?



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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	In-Field Contacts	Targeting Current NOVA Users	Project Support	Nongovernmental Contributions	Matching Share	Total
1	Snoqualmie Corridor Education and Enforcement	14.25	12.50	8.00	8.83	9.67	4.33	5.00	62.58
2	Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement	13.00	12.25	8.50	8.00	9.33	4.25	5.00	60.33
3	Cle Elum Wilderness Education and Enforcement	12.50	12.25	8.17	8.50	8.67	3.75	5.00	58.83
4	Naches District Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	13.25	11.75	8.17	8.17	8.17	3.75	5.00	58.25
5	Methow Valley Education and Enforcement	12.00	11.75	8.50	8.17	8.33	4.08	5.00	57.83
6	Wenatchee River Ranger District Climbing Ranger	11.25	12.00	8.50	8.00	8.83	3.92	5.00	57.50
7	Snoqualmie Ranger District Backcountry Ranger Patrol	12.00	12.00	9.00	8.33	8.17	3.92	4.00	57.42
7	Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	13.00	12.25	8.00	8.67	8.67	3.83	3.00	57.42
7	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	13.50	11.25	7.83	8.17	8.83	3.83	4.00	57.42
10	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement	12.75	11.50	7.50	8.17	8.67	4.08	4.00	56.67
10	Colville National Forest South End Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	11.75	12.75	8.17	8.67	8.33	3.00	4.00	56.67
12	Cle Elum Off-road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	13.25	11.75	7.67	8.33	9.00	3.42	3.00	56.42
13	Southwest Washington Education and Enforcement	12.75	12.25	6.83	7.33	9.00	3.75	4.00	55.92



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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	In-Field Contacts	Targeting Current NOVA Users	Project Support	Nongovernmental Contributions	Matching Share	Total
14	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol	12.50	11.75	7.67	8.17	5.50	3.75	5.00	54.33
15	Methow Valley Backcountry Stock Ranger Education and Enforcement	10.50	11.25	7.33	8.33	7.83	3.75	5.00	54.00
16	Cle Elum Frontcountry Education and Enforcement	12.50	11.00	7.50	8.00	6.50	3.00	5.00	53.50
17	Skykomish Ranger District Wilderness Education and Enforcement	11.00	11.25	7.67	8.50	5.50	3.58	5.00	52.50
18	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Areas Education and Enforcement	12.25	10.25	7.00	8.00	6.83	3.08	5.00	52.42
19	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	10.50	11.25	7.50	8.00	7.67	3.33	4.00	52.25
20	Olympic Straits District Education and Enforcement	11.75	11.75	8.00	7.67	6.67	3.17	3.00	52.00
21	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement	12.00	10.25	7.17	7.67	7.33	3.42	4.00	51.83
22	Tahuya and Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	12.00	11.75	7.17	7.17	6.17	3.42	3.00	50.67
23	Northeast Region Education and Enforcement	11.50	10.75	6.83	6.83	4.67	2.67	3.00	46.25
24	Evans Creek Education and Enforcement	11.00	8.25	6.83	7.17	5.50	3.08	4.00	45.83
25	Reiter Foothills Forest Education and Enforcement	10.25	9.25	6.33	6.50	6.50	2.50	1.00	42.33



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Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$89,000

Educating and Enforcing Responsible Recreation in the Snoqualmie Corridor

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a specialist to educate trail users and enforce regulations in the heavily visited Interstate 90 Snoqualmie corridor in eastern King County. The specialist will patrol 150 miles of trails, 6 trailheads, and several day-use sites and informal parking areas. The specialist will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; educating visitors on appropriate trail use; and providing an additional enforcement presence. The specialist will manage events and support volunteers, who educate visitors about rules, regulations and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will pay for signs and educational materials. The department will contribute \$89,050 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1838)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Funding Backcountry Rangers**

Grant Requested: \$56,371

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers and four full-time volunteers to patrol the district's wilderness and backcountry areas in Chelan County. Rangers will enforce and promote principles of good stewardship, resource protection, and visitor safety. The grant will pay for salaries, uniforms, tools, transportation, and other costs. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington. Areas such as Eightmile Lake, Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Colchuck Lake, and Ingalls Lake all have been highlighted in numerous guidebooks and media articles. The Forest Service will contribute \$57,509 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2083)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Providing Rangers for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness**

Grant Requested: \$29,400

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one seasonal ranger and one volunteer to patrol trails and camping areas in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, in Kittitas County. The rangers will educate visitors about forest stewardship and enforce regulations. Educating visitors will help reduce damage to the wilderness and trail resources. The trails are used by hikers, backpackers, mountaineers, climbers, hunters, anglers, horseback riders, and horse packing groups. Near Puget Sound, the Cle Elum Ranger District's portion of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and adjacent area are some of the most heavily used areas in Washington and contain 16 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, multiple high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area receives more than 35,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,600 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1959)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Educating Naches Area Visitors**

Grant Requested: \$148,927

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for five rangers for two years to educate motorcyclists, off-road vehicle riders, and other motorized vehicle users in Yakima and Kittitas Counties,



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including the Little Naches and Divide Ridge areas. The rangers will enforce regulations and talk with visitors at campsites, staging areas, and on trails to promote responsible off-road vehicle use. The ranger district's centralized location makes it one of the most highly used areas in Washington, and is estimated to provide 10 percent of all motorized trail opportunities in the state. More than 70 percent of its off-road users travel from outside the local area. The grant will pay for rangers' salaries, transportation costs, supplies, signs, safety gear, motorcycle tires, and motorcycle and jeep maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$183,075 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1798)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Educating Visitors in the Methow Valley

Grant Requested: \$34,416

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one seasonal ranger and several volunteers to provide education and enforcement in high-use, non-motorized recreation areas for two summers in Chelan County. The ranger and volunteers will talk with visitors about the principles of forest stewardship and enforce regulations. They will focus on popular areas along State Highway 20 such as Maple Pass, Rainy Lake, Cutthroat Pass, Blue Lake, Devil's Dome Loop, the Harts Pass area and adjacent trails, the Pacific Crest Trail, and a portion of the Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail. The area has been noted in numerous guidebooks and publications and attracts regional and local hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, backcountry skiers, pack and saddle stock users, hunters, and anglers. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,440 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2121)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Climbing Rangers near Leavenworth

Grant Requested: \$47,847

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal climbing rangers to educate visitors at popular climbing areas near Leavenworth in Chelan County. Rangers will educate climbers on minimizing natural resource damage, assess the amount of use, determine sign and educational needs, develop handouts and a climber information Web page, and establish partnerships with climbing organizations and volunteer groups. The climbing areas surrounding Leavenworth are nationally known destinations for climbing, drawing tens of thousands of climber visits each year. Very high use in concentrated climbing areas has damaged sensitive and rare plants, disturbed sensitive wildlife, and resulted in crowding and improper disposal of human waste. The damage threatens access to these areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$48,833 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2084)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Backcountry Rangers

Grant Requested: \$145,128

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns for two years to patrol hiking and mountain biking trails to backcountry destinations in King County. The 300,000-acre district includes 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than 400 miles of trails and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits. The area is used for a wide spectrum of recreation including hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, gathering, and horseback riding by more than 100,000 users a



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year. Rangers contact visitors while monitoring and protecting natural resources, cultural resources, and backcountry facilities. The Forest Service will contribute \$140,663 in a federal appropriation, a grant from the state Recreational Trails Program, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1972)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Backcountry Patrols

Grant Requested: \$174,900

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for nearly five seasonal rangers and volunteers to patrol backcountry trails and trailheads in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The rangers will patrol, by motorcycle, 300 miles of multiple-use trails, including 7 campgrounds and 29 trailheads. The volunteer rangers will patrol, on foot, 155 miles of wilderness, multiple-use, and non-motorized trails accessed by seven trailheads. The grant also will buy a patrol motorcycle. This project combines two long-running education and enforcement programs (the Entiat-Wenatchee River and the Chelan Sawtooth programs) into a single program. Combining programs saves money, enhances multi-district coordination, generates more than 2,700 volunteer hours, and maintains a consistent, uniform education and enforcement presence throughout the region. The Forest Service will contribute \$90,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2030)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Patrols for the Capitol State Forest near Olympia

Grant Requested: \$156,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a full-time recreation warden and additional police services in the 100,000-acre Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The staff will patrol 143 miles of trail, 7 campgrounds, 5 trailheads, and 500 miles of forest roads that are open year-round. The recreation warden will focus on identifying health, safety, and resource damage concerns. The warden also manages events and supports volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will be used to buy electronic equipment intended to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The department will contribute \$104,400 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1849)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Educating and Enforcing Responsible Recreation in Northern Puget Sound

Grant Requested: \$108,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a full-time recreation warden to patrol more than 73,000 acres and 90 miles of trails in three major recreation areas in the northern Puget Sound area. The recreation areas include the Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle area, Blanchard Mountain forest block, and Harry Osborne State Forest in Skagit County. The warden will focus on user safety, education, and enforcement, and coordinate volunteers who educate visitors about the rules and environmental stewardship. The department will contribute \$72,500 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1818)



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U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest Providing Rangers for Off-Road Trails near Spokane

Grant Requested: \$61,900

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two rangers and buy supplies and signs for the Colville National Forest. The rangers will maintain trails, help close illegal trails, distribute educational materials, install and post information boards, and address public questions and concerns. The rangers also will monitor use to help identify new user-created trails, erosion, user conflicts, and other resource impacts. The work will be done in the South End Project area, which spans 191,000 acres and includes 114 miles of legal routes open to off-highway vehicles. The project will open an additional 191 miles of off-highway vehicle routes to create more loops and connect multiple communities in Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties. About 57,000 visitors participate in off-highway vehicle recreation annually in the Colville National Forest. A majority of this use is within the South End Project closest to Spokane. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in staff labor and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2144)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Patrols for Off-Road Vehicle Trails

Grant Requested: \$178,024

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a full-time enforcement ranger and four seasonal rangers and buy a patrol vehicle and mountain bike for use on off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Kittitas County. The officers patrol more than 400 miles of front country trails open to off-road vehicle users, including 7 campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads that lead to additional informal camping areas. Located 80 miles east of the densely populated Puget Sound area and immediately north and south of Interstate 90, the trail system is used by thousands of people every week. Education and enforcement is needed to protect natural resources and allow the district to provide a safe trail riding experience. The rangers patrol weekly with volunteers, provide information and assistance, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe motorized travel principles. The Forest Service will contribute \$97,324 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1924)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Patrols of the Yacolt Burn State Forest in Southwest Washington

Grant Requested: \$171,400

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time recreation warden to patrol the Yacolt Burn State Forest and other forest areas in southwest Washington. This warden will patrol 83 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 3 day-use areas on more than 250,000 acres. The recreation warden will identify potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; provide public outreach; engage user groups; provide an additional enforcement presence; and support volunteers who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will be used to buy education materials and electronic equipment intended to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The department will contribute \$115,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1805)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Education and Enforcement Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Front Country Patrols

Grant Requested: \$132,078

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for six forest protection officers to patrol 300,000 acres, which includes 189,000 non-wilderness acres, in King County. The officers routinely educate the public on the rules and forest stewardship and are responsible for the maintenance and operation of all campsites. Six officers provide minimal staffing in this vast area. There are more than 50 trailheads, 6 developed sites that are not operated by concessionaire, 26 outhouses, and thousands of informal campsites. The district has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break-ins and various infractions. Increased, visible presence for education, enforcement, and assistance has helped curb this activity. The Forest Service will contribute \$162,647 in staff labor, cash, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2131)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Educating Visitors Using Horses and Mules

Grant Requested: \$38,319

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund one seasonal ranger and one volunteer ranger for education and enforcement in high-use stock areas in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness areas, in Okanogan County. The goal is to promote backcountry practices that demonstrate Leave-No-Trace techniques, which are designed to minimize the impact of visitors on the environment. Patrols will use horses and mules and contact all user groups, though they will maximize contacts with pack and saddle stock users, and model proper stock use in areas where resource problems are occurring. The district has the highest percent of wilderness stock use in the state. Equestrians account for about 30 percent of use in the Pasayten Wilderness. In the Pasayten, the patrols will concentrate on camping areas such as Spanish Camp, Corral Lake, Horseshoe Basin, and the Pasayten Airport. In the Lake Chelan Sawtooth areas, patrols will emphasize trails near the Twisp River Horse Camp and popular overnight loops along the Chelan Summit Trail. These areas also are popular with hikers, backpackers, hunters, anglers sightseers, and climbers. The Forest Service will contribute \$38,600 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2102)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Front Country Patrols

Grant Requested: \$25,000

Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers to patrol front country trailheads and informal camping areas in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. A recent survey identified more than 375 informal camping areas, many of which are along rivers and reservoirs and frequently used by groups with 10 to 20 people. On summer weekends, these areas often are full. Many users come unprepared to deal with sanitation issues in undeveloped forested areas. The ranger district has implemented projects to move these informal camping areas away from shorelines. Proactively having patrols in these areas will allow those efforts to continue. This project will emphasize proper disposal of human waste and garbage; keeping trash away from wildlife; teaching visitors to avoid inappropriate camping locations such as near eroding stream banks; and discouraging user-created trails or vehicle routes. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1944)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Education and Enforcement Category (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Educating Visitors to Seattle-area Trails

Grant Requested: \$57,004

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two wilderness rangers and one student intern for two years to patrol trails in Snohomish and King Counties. The rangers and intern will enforce regulations, educate visitors about low impact camping and waste disposal, and conduct workshops for schools and large groups to teach them about how to minimize their impact on the forest. In addition, the staff will maintain backcountry toilets, clean and monitor campsites, document trail conditions, and develop informational handouts and trailhead posters. About 200,000 acres of the Wild Sky, Henry M. Jackson, and Alpine Lakes Wilderness areas lie within the Skykomish Ranger District, making up nearly 75 percent of the district. The closeness to the Seattle area provides easy access for more than 3 million people, making the areas attractive destinations for climbing, hiking, fishing, hunting, and stock use. There are around 150 miles of maintained trails, including 50 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, which access these three wilderness areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$58,001 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2066)

Grant County Sheriff Department

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Educating and Enforcing Responsible ORV Use at Moses Lake Sand Dunes

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to pay for two officers for 2 years to enforce regulations and educate visitors on about 8,500 acres of off-road vehicle terrain in Grant County, including the Moses Lake and Beverly Sand Dune areas. Education includes special events, brochures, media, and signs. The dunes are used regularly by off-road vehicle riders, equestrians, campers, hikers, anglers, snowmobilers, boaters, and beachcombers. Grant County will contribute \$211,287 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2054)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Climbing Rangers in the Methow Valley

Grant Requested: \$59,150

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers and two seasonal volunteer rangers to educate climbers on popular Methow Valley climbing routes. The North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor and climbing areas in the upper Methow Valley have hundreds of established climbing routes. The climbing rangers will educate thousands of climbers about environmental and social impacts, gather visitor use data, determine educational needs and develop educational material, identify environmental impacts, establish and build relationships with local and national climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The popularity of rock climbing, alpine climbing, sport climbing, and bouldering is increasing rapidly in the Methow Valley. These climbing areas are included in multiple guide books, drawing people from all over the world. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single climbing season in the district, and at one of the most popular north Cascades trailheads, climbers account for 30 percent of the parties. The Forest Service will contribute \$40,400 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2113)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Education and Enforcement Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Forest Patrols in Olympic Straits District

Grant Requested: \$190,112

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for two wardens to patrol trails, facilities, and informal recreation areas near Forks, Port Angeles, and Sequim. The wardens will identify health, safety, and resource damage issues; provide an additional enforcement presence; and support volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The department will contribute \$82,210 in staff labor, materials, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1814)

Spokane County Providing Education and Enforcement for Spokane County Parks

Grant Requested: \$171,100

Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to hire an educational specialist for 2 years, buy signs and equipment, develop maps and brochures, enhance educational materials, and pay for 250 hours of sheriff deputies' time – all to improve service to trail users. More than 250,000 people annually visits the 16 sites on 10,000 acres. While most users enjoy and respect these unique outdoor resources, a few dump stolen cars, poach, litter, camp and burn illegally, break into vehicles, or drive unlicensed off-road vehicles across non-motorized areas and private property. Additionally, the popularity of these areas strains the county's limited park budget with needs for trail signs, rules posting, and frequently requested program presentations. This project will greatly increase the county's in-field hours. Spokane County will contribute \$119,792 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2033)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Patrols in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests

Grant Requested: \$191,890

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for two wardens to patrol 200 miles of multiple-use trails and 15 year-round support facilities in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The wardens will focus on identifying health, safety, and resource damage issues; attending public meetings; providing an additional enforcement presence; and supporting volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will be used to buy supplies, uniforms, and signs, and pay for vehicle use. The department will contribute \$82,398 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1844)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Education and Enforcement Category (In Rank Order)



Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$97,800

Educating and Enforcing Responsible Recreation in Northeast Washington

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a warden to patrol trails and facilities in the Loup Loup, Loomis, and Little Pend Oreille State Forests, the Narcisse block, and other scattered trust lands in the northeast region of the state. The grant also will buy uniforms, electronic equipment, and supplies. The warden will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage issues; providing an additional enforcement presence; and supporting volunteers and campground hosts, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The department will contribute \$50,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1826)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Grant Requested: \$84,000

Providing Late Night Patrols for Evans Creek Area

The Forest Service will use this grant to pay for law enforcement patrols in the evening and early morning hours in the Evans Creek off-road vehicle area, in Pierce County. The objectives are to coordinate law enforcement officers from the Forest Service and other agencies when most unregulated off-road vehicle use and illegal activity occurs; support education efforts by Forest Service staff, who coordinate the daily operation of the campground and trails but have limited authority to issue citations; improve safety at night; and assist other Forest Service officers when handling alcohol, drugs, firearms, and other serious offenses. The Forest Service will contribute \$57,500 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2091)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$140,000

Providing Patrols for Reiter Foothills Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a warden to patrol the Reiter Foothills Forest in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The warden will focus on identifying health, safety, and resource damage issues; educating visitors about appropriate trail use and protecting natural resources; enforcing regulations; and supporting volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The department will contribute \$20,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1822)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-13
NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, fourteen Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonhighway Road category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fourteen projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Nonhighway Road category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy activities such as nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17

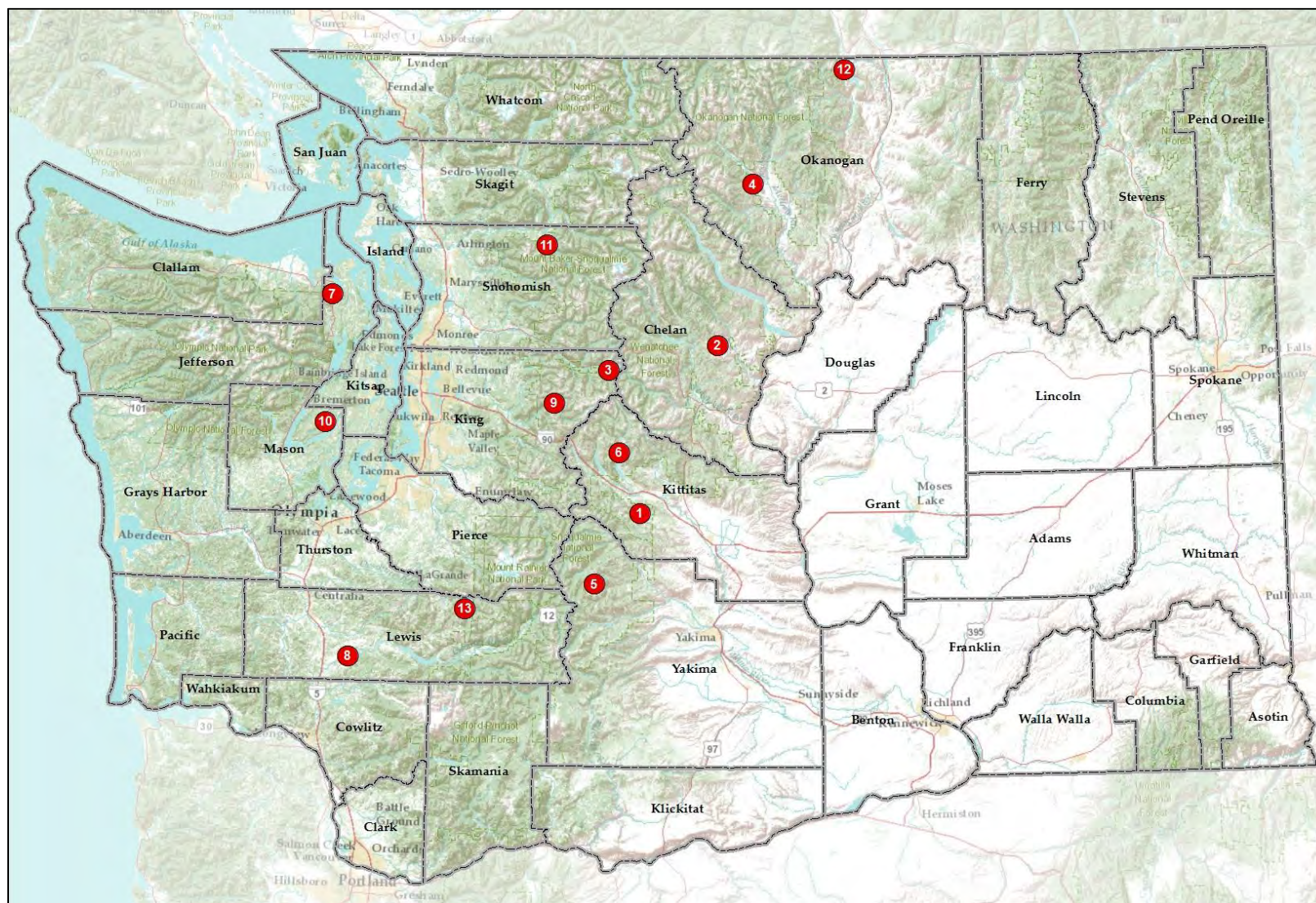
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	68.25	14-2130M	Methow Valley Campground Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$100,000	\$149,920	\$249,920	\$100,000
2	68.00	14-2037M	Naches Campgrounds Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$100,000	\$105,000	\$205,000	\$200,000
3	67.75	14-2154M	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds and Trailheads Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$230,000
4	67.00	14-1852M	Capitol Forest and Yacolt Recreation Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,500	\$65,800	\$164,300	\$328,500
5	66.17	14-2039M	Cle Elum Frontcountry Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$88,000	\$89,480	\$177,480	\$416,500
6	65.75	14-2074M	Entiat Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$65,000	\$72,000	\$137,000	\$481,500
7	64.42	14-2095M	Skykomish Dispersed Site and Trailhead Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$83,138	\$86,532	\$169,670	\$564,638
8	63.83	14-2038M	Cle Elum Ranger District Sani Can Rentals	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$584,638
9	63.42	14-2072M	Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$65,000	\$67,653	\$132,653	\$649,638
10	63.08	14-2089M	Naches Campgrounds Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$95,000	\$100,000	\$195,000	\$744,638
11	60.83	14-1825M	Northeast Region Nonhighway Road Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$67,100	\$28,900	\$96,000	\$811,738
12	59.08	14-2018M	Tonasket Ranger District Campground Operation and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$84,653	\$52,400	\$137,053	\$896,391
13	56.33	14-2159M	Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$95,000	\$25,000	\$120,000	\$991,391

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	51.25	14-2152D	Slate Peak Parking Area Improvements	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$95,310		\$95,310	\$1,086,701
					\$1,086,701	\$892,685	\$1,979,386	

*Project Type: D=Development, M = Maintenance

State Map for NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

NOVA Program

Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, & Off-road Vehicle Categories Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scored By	Evaluation Question	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15	A-1, C-7
Advisory Committee	2	Need fulfillment	All	15	A-1, C-6, C-7
Advisory Committee	3a	3a. Site suitability	Acquisition	10	C-15
Advisory Committee	3b	Planning	Development	10	C-1, C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	3c	Maintenance	Maintenance	10	C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	3d	3d. Planning	Planning	10	C-6, C-15
Advisory Committee	4	Readiness to proceed	All	5	
Advisory Committee	5	5. Predominantly natural (not answered by ORV project applicants)	All	5	C-13
Advisory Committee	6	Project support	All	10	C-3, C-4
Advisory Committee	7	7. Cost-benefit	All	5	A-1, C-3
RCO staff	8	8. Matching shares	All	5	C-4
RCO staff	9	9. Population proximity	All	2	C-2
RCO staff	10	Growth Management Act preference	All	0	
Nonhighway and Nonmotorized Total Points Possible				72	
ORV Total Possible Points				67	

Scoring Criteria: Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle Categories

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** What is the need for new, improved, or maintained facilities?
2. **Need fulfillment.** How well will this project fulfill the service area's needs identified in Question 1?
- 3a. **Site suitability.** To what extent is the site to be acquired well suited for the intended recreational activity? (*Acquisition projects*)
- 3b. **Project design.** Is the proposal appropriately designed for intended uses and users? (*Development projects*)
- 3c. **Maintenance.** Are the project's maintenance goals and objectives appropriate? (*Maintenance projects*)
- 3d. **Planning.** To what extent will the proposed plan or study help provide opportunities? (*Planning projects*)?
4. **Readiness to proceed.** How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin?
5. **Predominantly natural.** Is the project site in a predominantly natural setting? (ORV applicants do not answer this question.)
6. **Project support.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?
7. **Cost-benefit.** Do the project's benefits outweigh its costs?

Scored by RCO Staff

8. **Matching shares.** What percentage of the total project cost is the applicant contributing?
9. **Population proximity.** Is the project site located:
 - In a county with a population density greater than 250 people per square mile
 - Within 30 miles of a city with a population of 25,000 people or more?
10. **Growth Management Act preference.** Has the applicant⁶ made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?⁷

⁶ County, city, town, and special district applicants only. This question does not apply to nonprofit organizations or state and federal agency applicants.

⁷ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act-preference required)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Evaluation Summary Nonhighway Road Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	
1	Methow Valley Campground Maintenance	12.75	13.25			9.33		8.17	4.75	4.33	6.67	4.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	68.25
2	Naches Campgrounds Maintenance and Operations	13.00	12.50			8.83		7.83	4.58	4.08	8.00	4.17	5.00	0.00	0.00	68.00
3	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds and Trailheads Maintenance and Operation	12.50	12.75			9.00		7.17	4.75	4.08	8.00	4.50	5.00	0.00	0.00	67.75
4	Capitol Forest and Yacolt Recreation Facilities Maintenance	11.75	11.75			8.50		7.83	4.67	3.75	8.83	3.92	4.00	2.00	0.00	67.00
5	Cle Elum Frontcountry Maintenance and Operations	12.75	12.75			8.33		8.00	4.67	3.83	6.83	4.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	66.17
6	Entiat Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	12.50	12.75			9.00		8.17	4.42	4.08	5.83	4.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	65.75
7	Skykomish Dispersed Site and Trailhead Maintenance	11.75	11.00			8.00		7.17	4.42	3.92	7.50	3.67	5.00	2.00	0.00	64.42
8	Cle Elum Ranger District Sani Can Rentals	13.00	13.25			8.33		9.17	4.83	3.17	6.67	4.42	0.00	1.00	0.00	63.83
9	Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance and Operations	12.75	11.50			8.00		7.67	4.50	4.25	6.00	3.75	5.00	0.00	0.00	63.42
10	Naches Campgrounds Development	10.75	11.75			8.00		7.67	4.17	4.25	7.83	3.67	5.00	0.00	0.00	63.08
11	Northeast Region Nonhighway Road Facility Maintenance	11.75	12.00			7.17		8.17	4.17	3.75	5.00	3.83	3.00	2.00	0.00	60.83
12	Tonasket Ranger District Campground Operation and Maintenance	11.25	10.75			8.33		7.33	4.42	4.42	5.83	3.75	3.00	0.00	0.00	59.08



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
Evaluation Summary Nonhighway Road Projects
2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	
13	Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance	11.00	10.75			7.50		6.67	4.50	3.67	6.50	3.75	2.00	0.00	0.00	56.33
14	Slate Peak Parking Area Improvements	12.25	10.5		7.33			6.83	3.83	4.17	3.33	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.25



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonhighway Road Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Methow Valley Campgrounds

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 24 campgrounds in Okanogan County. A Forest Service crew will do the maintenance, with the help of volunteer campground hosts stationed at the busiest campgrounds. They will maintain campground roads, control noxious weeds, remove dangerous trees, maintain the water system, repair damaged picnic tables and fire grates, post information on bulletin boards, provide visitor information and collect fees, patrol the campgrounds, clean the outhouses, mow grass, collect garbage, clean campsites, and perform other duties. People travel from all over the world to the Methow Valley to camp, hike, ride horses, hunt, ride off-road vehicles, view wildlife, drive through the woods, and countless other activities. The economy of the Methow Valley is dependent on recreation tourism, and well maintained Forest Service campgrounds help attract people to the area and encourage them to stay for multiple days. The Forest Service will contribute \$149,920 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2130)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Naches Campgrounds

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person crew for two summers to maintain 72 recreation areas in Yakima County. The crew will repair deteriorated tables, bent fire ring grills, broken bulletin boards, uprooted bollards. It also will fix site markers, paint signs and bathrooms, and fix parking area delineators. The grant will be matched by a 4- to 5-person crew dedicated to routine maintenance, such as cleaning and pumping toilets, removing litter and graffiti, and generally keeping up the facilities. The Naches campgrounds are used for camping, hiking, picnicking, and boating. The Forest Service will contribute \$105,000 from a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2037)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Improving Pomeroy Campgrounds and Trailheads

Grant Requested: \$30,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 13 developed campgrounds, 8 trailheads, and 5 concentrated use areas and informal campsites in the Umatilla National Forest, in Garfield County. Crews will repair and pump outhouses, remove garbage, buy cleaning supplies and toilet paper, clean fire rings, repair picnic tables, maintain feed managers and hitching rails, and repair bulletin boards and forest signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2154)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonhighway Road Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$98,500

Maintaining Campgrounds in Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds and facilities in Capitol State Forest, Yacolt Burn State Forest, and other recreation areas in Cowlitz, Pacific, and Thurston Counties in southwest Washington. The grant will pay for a professional restroom cleaning contract and department services for facility maintenance, litter removal, purchase of supplies, vault toilet pumping, and routine repair of restrooms, signs, campsites, day-use areas, and other structures. The department will contribute \$65,800 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1852)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$88,000

Improving Campgrounds in Cle Elum Front Country

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain campgrounds and trailheads in Kittitas County. The crew will remove garbage, clean restrooms, maintain bulletin boards and forest signs, and repair amenities in campgrounds, informal camping areas, and at trailheads. Near Seattle, the Cle Elum Ranger District has a huge number of summer recreational users. Maintenance is required to protect the land, water, and wildlife and provide a safe recreation opportunity. The district has 24 campgrounds, 35 trailhead toilets, 2 cabins, more than 1,000 miles of Forest Service roads, and 375 informal camping sites. A typical maintenance crew consists of 4 to 6 people, working April through October. The Forest Service will contribute \$89,480 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2039)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$65,000

Maintaining Chelan County Campgrounds

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain seven campgrounds, a rental cabin, and front country information facilities in the Entiat Ranger District, in Chelan County. The Entiat Ranger District provides a family recreation experience along the Entiat River with 7 full-service campgrounds and nearly 100 informal campsites. The crew will remove garbage, clean restrooms, test well water, and repair bulletin boards, signs, and other facilities in campgrounds and informal camping areas. The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest receives about 2.4 million recreation users a year. There are about 350 miles of Forest Service roads that require routine maintenance each year as well. The Forest Service will contribute \$72,000 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2074)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonhighway Road Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Hiring a Trailhead Maintenance Crew

Grant Requested: \$83,138

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a recreation crew to maintain trailheads and informal campsites in the Skykomish Ranger District, in King and Snohomish Counties. The district has 25 trailheads and nearly 300 informal campsites that serve about 70,500 hikers, backcountry equestrians, and campers. Climbers, kayakers, rafters, anglers, and hunters also use the area. Crews will clean and pump 12 outhouses, install an outhouse, pickup garbage, cleanup informal campsites, and repair trailheads. This work prevents further damage to sensitive shoreline areas, wetlands, and streams, while providing a safe recreation experience. The grant supports the district's partnership with the towns of Skykomish and Index and Skykomish High School, and provides jobs for inner-city youth through the International District Housing Alliance, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, and Student Conservation Association. The Forest Service will contribute \$86,532 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2095)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Toilets along Shorelines

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to rent portable toilets for informal, dispersed camping areas along shorelines during the summer camping season. The goal is to protect the natural resources by providing sanitation facilities. Campers create informal campsites, which don't include amenities such as toilets. In popular areas, such as along the Cle Elum Road, visitors have left a tremendous amount of improperly buried human waste in shoreline camping areas. Although this is an unusual step to provide outhouses in the forest, it has improved sanitation and is the most cost-effective solution when combined with education. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2038)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Recreation Areas in Chelan County

Grant Requested: \$65,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a seasonal crew to maintain trailheads, informal recreation sites, and campgrounds in Chelan County. The ranger district has more than 1 million visits annually and is responsible for maintaining 26 campgrounds, 56 trailheads, and more than 250 informal recreation sites. Crews will remove garbage, clean restrooms, maintain kiosks and bulletin boards, remove dangerous trees, and repair amenities. This grant enables the ranger district to increase field staff, support the local economy, protect natural resources, and provide a safe place for outdoor recreation. The Forest Service will contribute \$67,653 from a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2072)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonhighway Road Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Adding Amenities to Naches Recreation Areas

Grant Requested: \$95,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to improve campgrounds and day-use areas in the Peninsula Recreation Area, Minnie Meadow and Lower Bake Oven areas, and at Tieton Pond. At the Peninsula Recreation Area, the ranger district's busiest, crews will add new picnic tables, fire rings, bollards, bulletin boards, site post markers, and parking delineations. The peninsula area serves 200 vehicles on busy weekends and has 8 recreation sites for camping, day use, and boat launching. The facilities do not meet the current visitor needs. At the Minnie Meadow and Lower Bake Oven areas, the ranger district will install two new outhouses that will be accessible for people with disabilities. At Tieton Pond, a popular fishing spot, the ranger district will install parking bollards to protect the shoreline plants. These recreation areas are full on summer weekends, and are estimated to serve 63,000 visitors a year. The areas are popular for hunting, fishing, camping, motorized sports, boating, swimming, hiking, and picnicking. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,000 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2089)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Facilities in the Dragoon Creek Campground

Grant Requested: \$67,100

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace six old outhouses with three new ones and buy gravel for campsites, trails, and fire pits in the Dragoon Creek Campground, 10 miles north of Spokane. Crews also will remove litter and repair restrooms, signs, and campsites. The department will contribute \$28,900 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1825)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Campgrounds in Tonasket Ranger District

Grant Requested: \$84,653

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to pay for seasonal staff and Job Corps crews to maintain 13 campgrounds in Okanogan County: Bonaparte Lake, Lost Lake, Beaver Lake, Crawfish Lake, Lyman Lake, Sugarloaf, Cottonwood, Kerr, Oriole, Salmon Meadows, Long Swamp, Fourteen Mile, and Tiffany Springs. These campgrounds have maintenance needs for repairing restrooms, water system, buildings, campground barriers, picnic tables, fire grates, site markers, roads, trails, and signs. The public expects enjoyable, well maintained campgrounds when they visit the national forest, yet that is not the case in the Tonasket Ranger District because of years of inadequate funding. The Forest Service will contribute \$52,400 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2018)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonhighway Road Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest

Grant Requested: \$95,000

Maintaining Recreation Areas in the Colville National Forest

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to pay for four employees to maintain the more than 800 informal recreation sites in the national forest. The Colville National Forest lies in the northeast corner of the state and encompasses more than 1 million acres in Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. Many of the informal recreation sites are along creeks and lakes and receive more than 300,000 visits each year. The staff will remove garbage and graffiti, clean toilets and fire rings, remove noxious weeds, repair signs, take down dangerous trees, test and repair the water system, and monitor visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2159)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$95,310

Improving Slate Peak Parking Area

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to improve the safety of the parking area at the Slate Peak trailhead in the Harts Pass area, about 40 miles northwest of Winthrop. The Harts Pass area is one of the most popular recreation destinations in the Methow Valley Ranger District, and the short, steep hike to Slate Peak is a favorite day hike. The peak itself offers spectacular views of the north Cascades Mountains, and allows people to stand on the edge of the Pasayten Wilderness and see into its vast landscape. The ranger district will install guard rails on each side of the parking area, wheel stops at each parking spot, and a designated turn-around spot, and develop a 12-car parking lot by improving 10 existing spaces and creating 2 new spaces. One of the parking sites will be accessible for people with disabilities. The existing parking area is small, with steep drop-offs on both sides, no drop-off barriers, a difficult turn around, and very limited space. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2152)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-14
NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, forty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonmotorized category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all forty projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Nonmotorized category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	72.67	14-1800M	Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$98,100	\$110,530	\$208,630	\$98,100
2	72.33	14-2080M	Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$99,000	\$101,000	\$200,000	\$197,100
3	71.08	14-1851M	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,500	\$97,550	\$195,050	\$294,600
4	70.67	14-1837M	Snoqualmie Corridor Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$66,020	\$165,020	\$393,600
5	69.83	14-1865M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$89,678	\$133,620	\$223,298	\$483,278
6	69.67	14-1854D	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Bridges	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,372	\$42,500	\$140,872	\$581,650
7	69.42	14-1810M	Yacolt Burn Nonmotorized Trail Bridge	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$84,292	\$21,750	\$106,042	\$665,942
8	69.25	14-1816M	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,410	\$86,571	\$185,981	\$765,352
9	68.92	14-1986M	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$89,500	\$72,252	\$161,752	\$854,852
10	68.25	14-1828M	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$103,000	\$203,000	\$954,852
11	68.08	14-1840D	Granite Creek Trailhead Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$146,000	\$246,000	\$1,054,852
12	67.83	14-1952D	Antoine Peak Public Access Development	Spokane County	\$86,500	\$87,209	\$173,709	\$1,141,352
13	67.25	14-2069D	Ski Hill Freund Trail System Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$40,620	\$42,380	\$83,000	\$1,181,972

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Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	66.42	14-1945P	Mica Peak Nonmotorized Recreation Plan	Spokane County	\$48,000	\$35,000	\$83,000	\$1,229,972
15	66.33	14-2147D	Middle Fork Trail Flood Repairs	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	\$1,299,972
16	66.00	14-1807M	Southwest Washington Yacolt Nonmotorized Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$100,200	\$200,200	\$1,399,972
17	65.67	14-2070D	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development Phase 1	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$96,000	\$107,721	\$203,721	\$1,495,972
18	65.25	14-1856D	Deep Creek Trailheads Reconstruction	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$36,500	\$37,400	\$73,900	\$1,532,472
19	64.75	14-1841P	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities Design	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$67,000	\$167,000	\$1,632,472
20	64.33	14-2017D	Alpine Baldy Multi-Use Trail Construction	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$96,147	\$42,920	\$139,067	\$1,728,619
21	64.08	14-1989M	Pomeroy Backcountry and Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$1,803,619
22	64.00	14-1890D	Whitechuck Bench Relocation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$100,000	\$116,000	\$216,000	\$1,903,619
23	63.92	14-1839D	East Tiger Mtn Trail Connections Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$66,030	\$165,030	\$2,002,619
24	63.00	14-1984M	Methow Valley Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$82,150	\$37,205	\$119,355	\$2,084,769
25	62.92	14-1802P	Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$27,500	\$10,000	\$37,500	\$2,112,269
26	62.33	14-2158D	Olallie State Park Twin Falls Trail Realignment	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$88,800	\$20,000	\$108,800	\$2,201,069

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
27	62.17	14-1815M	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,805	\$68,698	\$166,503	\$2,298,874
28	61.75	14-2111P	North Summit Recreation Area	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$46,900	\$5,700	\$52,600	\$2,345,774
29	61.33	14-2148P	Wenas Wildlife Area Manastash Ridge Trails ¹	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000	\$15,500	\$75,500	\$2,405,774
30	60.50	14-1985M	Pasayten River Foot Log and Turnpikes	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$24,275	\$11,055	\$35,330	\$2,430,049
31	60.25	14-2105P	Methow Snowy Lakes Trail and Facilites Plan	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$9,472		\$9,472	\$2,439,521
32	59.83	14-2110P	Chickadee Nonmotorized Trails Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$31,000	\$3,500	\$34,500	\$2,470,521
33	58.58	14-1848P	Green Mountain Trail Planning ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$67,000	\$167,000	\$2,570,521
34	58.33	14-1813P	Olympic Region Reade Hill Planning ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$63,619	\$28,600	\$92,219	\$2,634,140
35	58.17	14-1979D	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail South Fork Nooksack Phase 1	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$100,000	\$22,000	\$122,000	\$2,734,140
36	58.00	14-2156P	Pacific Northwest Trail Bridge	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$33,000		\$33,000	\$2,767,140
37	57.00	14-1912P	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Recreation Plan	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,700	\$54,800	\$153,500	\$2,865,840
38	56.33	14-1956P	Milk Creek Bridge Replacement and Trail Relocation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$40,000	\$14,000	\$54,000	\$2,905,840
39	55.42	14-1821D	Reiter Foothills Nonmotorized Trail Phase 2 ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,308	\$66,243	\$165,551	\$3,005,148

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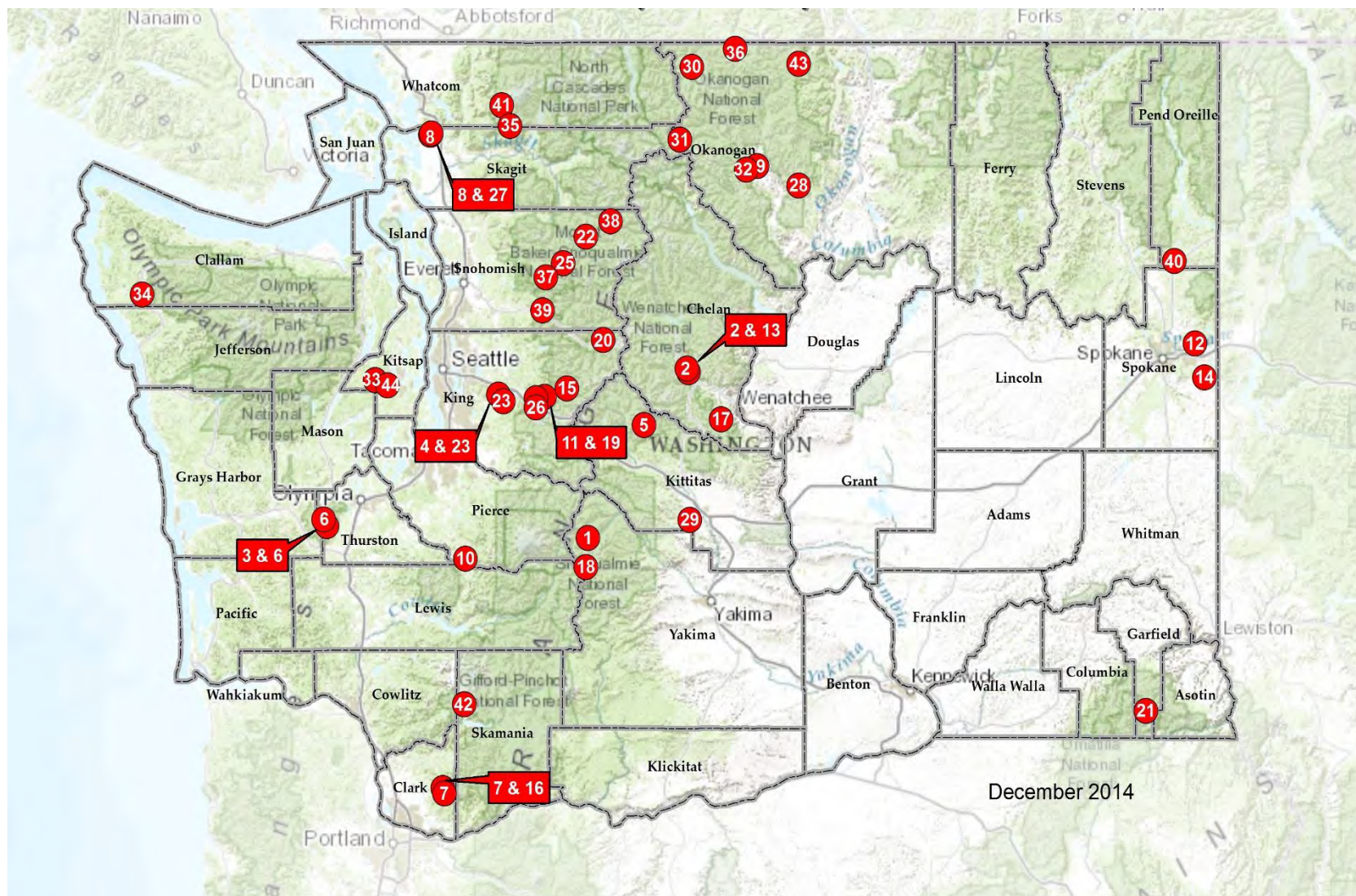
Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
40	55.33	14-2129D	Rustlers Gulch County Park Nonmotorized Connect	Pend Oreille County	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$230,000	\$3,105,148
41	55.17	14-1908P	Elbow Lake Trail Relocation and Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$33,000	\$12,000	\$45,000	\$3,138,148
42	53.67	14-2004M	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Winter Recreation Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$49,685	\$53,573	\$103,258	\$3,187,833
43	48.25	14-2016D	Irongate Trailhead Improvements	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$22,905	\$8,806	\$31,711	\$3,210,738
44	47.17	14-2120P	Nonmotorized Recreation Plan for Bremerton Utility Land	Bremerton	\$100,000	\$44,000	\$144,000	\$3,310,738
					\$3,310,738	\$2,450,333	\$5,761,071	

¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project not eligible for funding.

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State Map for NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

NOVA Program

Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, & Off-road Vehicle Categories Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scored By	Evaluation Question	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15	A-1, C-7
Advisory Committee	2	Need fulfillment	All	15	A-1, C-6, C-7
Advisory Committee	3	3a. Site suitability	Acquisition	10	C-15
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development	10	C-1, C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	5	Maintenance	Maintenance	10	C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	6	3d. Planning	Planning	20	C-6, C-15
Advisory Committee	7	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Acquisition Development Maintenance	10	
Advisory Committee	8	Readiness to proceed	All	5	
Advisory Committee	9	5. Predominantly natural	All	5	C-13
Advisory Committee	10	Project support	All	10	C-3, C-4
Advisory Committee	11	7. Cost-benefit	All	5	A-1, C-3
RCO staff	12	8. Matching shares	All	5	C-4
RCO staff	13	9. Population proximity	All	2	C-2
RCO staff	14	Growth Management Act preference	All	0	
Nonhighway and Nonmotorized Total Points Possible				76	

Scoring Criteria: Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle Categories

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** What is the need for new, improved, or maintained facilities?
2. **Need fulfillment.** How well will this project fulfill the service area's needs identified in Question 1?
3. **Site suitability.** To what extent is the site to be acquired well suited for the intended recreational activity? (*Acquisition projects*)
4. **Project design.** Is the proposal appropriately designed for intended uses and users? (*Development projects*)
5. **Maintenance.** Are the project's maintenance goals and objectives appropriate? (Maintenance projects)
6. **Planning.** To what extent will the proposed plan or study help provide opportunities and address sustainability of the natural environment? (*Planning projects*)?
7. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
8. **Readiness to proceed.** How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin?
9. **Predominantly natural.** Is the project site in a predominantly natural setting?
10. **Project support.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?
11. **Cost-benefit.** Do the project's benefits outweigh its costs?

Scored by RCO Staff

12. **Matching shares.** What percentage of the total project cost is the applicant contributing?
13. **Population proximity.** Is the project site located:
 - In a county with a population density greater than 250 people per square mile
 - Within 30 miles of a city with a population of 25,000 people or more?
14. **Growth Management Act preference.** Has the applicant⁸ made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?⁹

⁸ County, city, town, and special district applicants only. This question does not apply to nonprofit organizations or state and federal agency applicants.

⁹ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act-preference required)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
Evaluation Summary Nonmotorized Projects
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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	13.25	13.25			9.17		8.50	4.83	5.00	9.33	4.33	5.00	0.00	0.00	72.67
2	Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	12.25	13.50			8.50		8.67	4.83	5.00	9.33	4.25	5.00	1.00	0.00	72.33
3	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	12.50	12.75			8.67		8.50	4.50	3.75	9.50	3.92	5.00	2.00	0.00	71.08
4	Snoqualmie Corridor Trails Maintenance	13.75	13.00			8.83		8.17	4.75	4.17	8.83	4.17	3.00	2.00	0.00	70.67
5	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance	12.50	12.50			8.67		7.67	4.58	4.92	9.17	3.83	5.00	1.00	0.00	69.83
6	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Bridges	13.25	13.50		8.33			8.67	4.17	3.75	8.83	4.17	3.00	2.00	0.00	69.67
7	Yacolt Burn Nonmotorized Trail Bridge	13.75	13.75			8.50		8.83	4.00	4.00	8.67	3.92	2.00	2.00	0.00	69.42
8	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails Maintenance	13.25	12.50			8.33		8.17	4.67	4.17	9.00	4.17	4.00	1.00	0.00	69.25
9	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	13.25	13.00			8.67		8.17	4.33	4.75	8.50	4.25	4.00	0.00	0.00	68.92
10	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trails Maintenance	12.50	12.50			8.33		8.17	4.42	4.00	7.50	3.83	5.00	2.00	0.00	68.25



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
Evaluation Summary Nonmotorized Projects
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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
11	Granite Creek Trailhead Development	12.25	11.00		8.17			7.67	4.42	4.33	9.17	4.08	5.00	2.00	0.00	68.08
12	Antoine Peak Public Access Development	11.25	12.00		8.83			8.33	4.42	3.92	9.17	3.92	5.00	2.00	-1.00	67.83
13	Ski Hill Freund Trail System Development	11.25	12.00		8.33			7.83	4.50	4.25	9.00	4.08	5.00	1.00	0.00	67.25
14	Mica Peak Nonmotorized Recreation Plan	11.00	11.50				17.33		4.25	4.08	9.17	4.08	4.00	2.00	-1.00	66.42
15	Middle Fork Trail Flood Repairs	12.50	12.75		7.83			8.33	4.33	5.00	8.17	3.42	2.00	2.00	0.00	66.33
16	Southwest Washington Yacolt Nonmotorized Maintenance	11.75	11.50			7.83		8.00	4.42	3.83	8.50	3.17	5.00	2.00	0.00	66.00
17	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development Phase 1	11.25	12.25		8.17			7.67	4.08	4.25	8.67	3.33	5.00	1.00	0.00	65.67
18	Deep Creek Trailheads Reconstruction	13.25	10.50		6.50		1.33	7.67	4.58	4.50	8.33	3.58	5.00	0.00	0.00	65.25
19	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities Design	11.00	11.25				16.00		4.00	3.75	9.17	3.58	4.00	2.00	0.00	64.75
20	Alpine Baldy Multi-Use Trail Construction	12.25	11.50		7.67			7.67	4.17	4.67	7.83	3.58	3.00	2.00	0.00	64.33



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Evaluation Summary Nonmotorized Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
21	Pomeroy Backcountry and Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	11.75	11.50			8.00		7.33	4.33	4.92	8.50	3.75	4.00	0.00	0.00	64.08
22	Whitechuck Bench Relocation	10.50	11.75		7.83			8.00	4.08	4.50	7.17	3.17	5.00	2.00	0.00	64.00
23	East Tiger Mountain Trail Connections Final Phase	10.25	11.00		9.00			7.67	3.67	3.58	9.17	3.58	4.00	2.00	0.00	63.92
24	Methow Valley Fire Trail Maintenance	11.75	12.00			8.17		8.17	4.17	4.75	7.50	3.50	3.00	0.00	0.00	63.00
25	Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Replacement	13.25	12.75				16.00		3.75	4.08	5.33	3.75	2.00	2.00	0.00	62.92
26	Olallie State Park Twin Falls Trail Realignment	13.25	11.75		7.33			7.67	4.50	4.00	8.00	3.83	1.00	1.00	0.00	62.33
27	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Facilities Maintenance	11.00	10.75			8.00		7.33	4.50	3.75	8.33	3.50	4.00	1.00	0.00	62.17
28	North Summit Recreation Area	11.75	12.50				17.00		4.17	4.25	7.67	3.42	1.00	0.00	0.00	61.75
29	Wenas Wildlife Area Manastash Ridge Trails	12.25	12.00				16.00		4.17	4.00	7.50	3.42	2.00	0.00	0.00	61.33
30	Pasayten River Foot Log and Turnpikes	10.75	10.75			7.50		7.67	4.00	4.92	8.17	3.75	3.00	0.00	0.00	60.50



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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
31	Methow Snowy Lakes Trail and Facilites Plan	11.25	12.25			0.50	14.67	0.50	4.17	4.92	8.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.25
32	Chickadee Non-Motorized Trails Planning	11.25	11.75				17.00		4.17	4.17	7.17	3.33	1.00	0.00	0.00	59.83
33	Green Mountain Trail Planning	10.25	10.25				13.33		4.08	3.67	8.33	2.67	4.00	2.00	0.00	58.58
34	Olympic Region Reade Hill Planning	11.00	9.75				15.00		4.08	3.75	8.17	3.58	3.00	0.00	0.00	58.33
35	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail South Fork Nooksack Phase 1	10.75	11.75		6.83			7.50	4.08	4.50	7.33	3.42	1.00	1.00	0.00	58.17
36	Pacific Northwest Trail Bridge	13.00	11.25				15.33		4.08	4.83	6.33	3.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.00
37	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Recreation Plan	10.75	10.25				13.00		3.42	4.58	7.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	57.00
38	Milk Creek Bridge Replacement and Trail Relocation	11.00	11.00				13.67		4.25	4.67	5.33	3.42	2.00	1.00	0.00	56.33
39	Reiter Foothills Nonmotorized Trail Phase 2	10.75	9.00		5.83			6.83	3.67	3.83	6.50	3.00	4.00	2.00	0.00	55.42
40	Rustlers Gulch County Park Nonmotorized Connect	8.50	10.25		6.50			7.00	3.33	4.08	6.83	2.83	5.00	1.00	0.00	55.33



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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
41	Elbow Lake Trail Relocation and Bridge Replacement	11.00	10.50				13.00		3.42	4.42	6.67	3.17	2.00	1.00	0.00	55.17
42	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Winter Recreation Ooperations and Maintenance	9.00	9.75			6.33		6.33	3.67	4.67	5.83	3.08	5.00	0.00	0.00	53.67
43	Irongate Trailhead Improvements	10.50	9.00		5.17			6.00	3.42	4.17	4.67	3.33	2.00	0.00	0.00	48.25
44	Nonmotorized Recreation Plan for Bremerton Utility Land	8.75	8.25				10.67		3.17	3.17	5.50	2.67	3.00	2.00	0.00	47.17



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Naches Area Wilderness Trails

Grant Requested: \$98,100

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a leader and four-person crew to maintain about 380 miles of backcountry trail and trailheads each year for two years. The trails are in Yakima County and next to Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wildernesses. The district receives 30,000 visits a year, mostly from hikers and stock users. The crew will clear 304 miles of trail. On another 57 miles, the crew will cut overgrown brush and fix drainage structures, signs, and trail surfaces. At trailheads, the crew will update bulletin boards, provide education, and monitor public use. The grant also funds volunteer training and coordination for the 1,600 hours of donated labor. The Forest Service will contribute \$110,530 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1800)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Non-Motorized Wilderness Trails

Grant Requested: \$99,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for crews to maintain 410 miles of wilderness and adjacent non-motorized trails in Chelan County. The crews will clear the trails of fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. Crews will rehabilitate about 15 miles of trail. The crews will focus on trails where erosion or overgrown trees and bushes threaten trail stability. Work will occur in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, and in the Nason Ridge backcountry area near Stevens Pass. The Forest Service will contribute \$101,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2080)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Capitol State Forest Trails

Grant Requested: \$97,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crew to maintain 58 miles of non-motorized, mostly shared-use trails in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, and reroute small sections of trail. In the past several years, non-motorized use has increased in the forest, particularly trail running and equestrian use. This project has strong support from a recreation user group community, which donates equipment and labor. The department will contribute \$97,550 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1851)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in the Snoqualmie Corridor

Grant Requested: \$99,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one leader, one worker, and a seasonal crew to maintain 100 miles of non-motorized trails, 6 trailheads, and several day-use areas in the Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. The crew will remove fallen trees, repair trail surfaces and rock armoring, maintain and repair trail bridges, trim overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, day-use areas, and signs. The grant also will be used to buy trail maintenance equipment including a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department will contribute \$66,020 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1837)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails near Cle Elum

Grant Requested: \$89,678

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 326 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers, in Kittitas County. These trails are extremely popular with Puget Sound residents because they are nearby, with easy access from Interstate 90. Trail users experience natural settings in roadless areas in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness with waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, alpine meadows, and forests. The crew will cut logs and overgrown brush; repair and maintain trail and drainage structures; restore trail surfaces; and make, install, and maintain trail signs. The grant also pays for administration, coordination, and support for volunteer groups. The Forest Service will contribute \$133,620 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1865)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Installing Four Trail Bridges in Capitol State Forest

Grant Requested: \$98,372

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for the design, permits, purchase, and installation of four bridges on non-motorized trails in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will replace one rotting wood bridge and install 3 bridges in place of culverts blocking fish passage. The bridges will improve the recreation experience and protect the environment. The department will contribute \$42,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1854)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building a Trail Bridge in Yacolt Burn State Forest

Grant Requested: \$84,292

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a trail bridge for non-motorized uses in the west side of the Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. The bridge will replace a failed bridge and reopen a popular part of a trail that was rerouted. The department will contribute \$21,750 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1810)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$99,410

Maintaining Trails in Blanchard and Harry Osborne Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crews to maintain nearly 60 miles of non-motorized trails in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest, both in Skagit County. The crews will re-contour trails, harden and lay new trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and clear branches and trim overgrown brush. The department will contribute \$86,571 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1816)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$89,500

Removing Fallen Trees to Reopen Trails

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to remove trees that have fallen on trails, restoring access to about 325 miles of trail. Volunteers and Forest Service trail crews will work for two years on trails in and around the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas and the North Cascades National Scenic Highway corridor, in Okanogan County. These trails provide many times of opportunities for hikers, backpackers, equestrians, and mountain bikers, from scenic overlooks, to moderate and difficult trails leading to high mountain passes and alpine lakes. This grant will ensure access to some of the most remote wilderness and scenic destinations in Washington State. The Forest Service will contribute \$72,252 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1986)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Maintaining Nicholson Horse Trails in Elbe Hills State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and a seasonal crew to maintain 40 miles of non-motorized trails, 3 trailheads, and 1 campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, between Elbe and Ashford in Pierce County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, re-route small sections of trail, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, campsites, fencing, and high-line poles in the Nicholson Horse Trails, trailheads, and campground. Crews also will inspect and repair old trail structures. The department will contribute \$103,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1828)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Developing a Trailhead for Granite Creek Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a trailhead and build a restroom for non-motorized trail users in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area, in eastern King County. The trailhead will provide access to the Granite Creek Trail System on department-managed lands and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The department will contribute \$146,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1840)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

Spokane County Building an Antoine Peak Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$86,500

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to develop a trailhead and complete several trail connections in the Antoine Peak Conservation Area, a 1,075-acre natural gem in Spokane. The new Brevier Road Trailhead, on the west side of the peak, will have parking for 16 vehicles, hitching posts, and a hand pump for water. In collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and project partners, this project will provide several new trail connections and facilitates closure of unofficial trails that bisect wildlife habitat and offer little recreation value. This project makes Antoine Peak a regional attraction for non-motorized recreation while protecting critical urban wildlife habitat. Spokane County will contribute \$87,209 in Conservation Futures,¹⁰ staff labor, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1952)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Building Biking, Hiking Trails in Central Washington

Grant Requested: \$40,620

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to build 2.7 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trail, near Leavenworth. The ranger district also will add a trailhead restroom and new signs. This grant ties together work from previous projects to meet the ever-growing demand for additional mountain bike and hiking trails in central Washington. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,380 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2069)

Spokane County Preparing a Trail Plan for Mica Peak

Grant Requested: \$48,000

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to develop a trail plan for non-motorized recreation in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. The 1,500-acre, wilderness-like conservation area provides all-year, multiple-use recreation opportunities within a 30-minute drive of 600,000 people. County staff will work with Washington Department of Natural Resources and user groups to develop the plan, including establishing recreation management policies, locating and designing trail signs, creating design plans, and getting permits to create a shovel-ready project. Mica Peak, standing at 5,200 feet, offers scenic views, wilderness-like solitude, closeness to parkland, and will become a year-round destination for horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and others. Spokane County will contribute \$35,000 in Conservation Futures¹¹ and donations of cash and of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1945)

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Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Repairing Flood Damage on the Middle Fork Trail

Grant Requested: \$70,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to repair the Middle Fork Trail 1003, portions of which have been washed away by repeated floods during the past 6 years. Open to hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists, the trail follows Middle Fork Snoqualmie River for almost 15 miles, from its confluence with Taylor River near Middle Fork Campground to Dutch Miller Gap Trail 1030. The flooding has made the trail impassible for stock and unsafe for hikers and bicyclists. The ranger district will move nearly 1 mile of the trail away from riverbanks to bypass the flood-prone area, replace some drainage structure, and repair fords along 6 miles of the trail. If the trail isn't moved, it will continue to disappear into the river. More than 20 new recreation enhancement projects in the Middle Fork Valley are planned in anticipation of increased recreation use resulting from paving of the Middle Fork Road and trailhead. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,000 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2147)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and crew to maintain trails and trailheads for non-motorized use in Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Siouxon block, in southwest Washington. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, re-route small sections of trail, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, signs, and other structures. The department will contribute \$100,200 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1807)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Developing a New Trail System

Grant Requested: \$96,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to develop a trail system for non-motorized use about 2 miles west of Wenatchee, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. The ranger district will build a trailhead and about 18 miles of new and renovated trail, and will install a kiosk, gates, and signs. This is the first of a multi-phase project that once completed will have 30 miles of trail for non-motorized uses, two trailheads, restrooms, and a mountain bike skills area. The Forest Service will contribute \$107,721 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2070)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Replacing Parking for the Deep Creek Horse Camp

Grant Requested: \$36,500

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to build a 5-space parking lot and install an outhouse at Deep Creek Trailhead 980, replacing the Deep Creek Horse Camp parking, which was closed after a flood. The new parking area will connect to the old horse camp and system trails. Facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities and the parking area may be used for camping. The new area will have five picnic tables, fire rings, hitching rails, a stock unloading and assist ramp, a bulletin board and directional signs. Used primarily by equestrians and hikers, the Deep Creek road and trailheads offer access into the heart of the William O. Douglas Wilderness (including Tumac Plateau, Twin Sisters Lakes, and Blankenship Meadows) and provide a link to the Pacific Crest Trail. An estimated 2,117 people visited the Deep Creek Horse Camp and 4,645 people visited the trailhead before the road was closed. The Forest Service will contribute \$37,400 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1856)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Designing Trailheads and Viewpoints in the Snoqualmie Corridor

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design new trailheads and a viewpoint shelter for non-motorized uses in the Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. The department will design and prepare construction documents for two new trailheads—one in the Mount Teneriffe area and one in Raging River State Forest—and design of a viewpoint shelter at east Tiger Summit in Tiger Mountain State Forest. The department also will complete environmental surveys, archeological assessments, route surveys to plan a connecting trail for non-motorized uses at the Teneriffe Trailhead, and a site analysis to explore opportunities for expanding the Tiger Summit Trailhead. The department will contribute \$67,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1841)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Building Mountain Bike Trail on Alpine Baldy Mountain

Grant Requested: \$96,147

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to build an 8-mile, subalpine trail for mountain bikers and hikers along the east ridge and picturesque south slope of Alpine Baldy Mountain, near the town of Skykomish. The new trail will help relieve pressure on other hiking trails in the area and will be the first trail open for mountain biking near U.S. Highway 2 between Everett and Lake Wenatchee. Mountain bikers, an estimated 280,000 from the Seattle area alone, have few riding opportunities in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; no trails longer than 3 miles exist between the Interstate 90 corridor and the Canadian border. Riders must drive to eastern Washington, often more than 100 miles each way, to experience a natural, single-track trail along ridges and open meadows. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,920 in a federal appropriation, equipment, a private grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2017)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Maintaining Trails in the Pomeroy Backcountry

Grant Requested: \$75,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain wilderness trails for non-motorized uses in the Umatilla National Forest. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, fix trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, and inspect trail bridges. Maintenance costs on these trails are high because of their steep rugged slopes, winter storm damage, fast growing brush, and high visitor use. Damage caused by the Columbia Fire still is occurring on 20 miles of trails, where trees fall more often and trail surfaces need more repair. The Forest Service is working in conjunction with the Back Country Horseman of Washington. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,000 in cash, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1989)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Repairing Flood Damage to Whitechuck Bench Trail

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to rebuild the Whitechuck Bench Trail, which had large sections of its surface washed away by devastating floods in 2003 and 2006. The Forest Service will move about 70 percent of the 6.5-mile stock trail above the river by rebuilding 2.5 miles of trail from the eastern trailhead and having volunteers rebuild an additional 2 miles of trail from the western trailhead. The Whitechuck Bench Trail offers a unique opportunity for low elevation, multi-season recreation for hikers, stock users, and backpackers. The trail runs along the Whitechuck River, through spectacular stands of cedar and Douglas fir, and has views of Sloan Peak, Whitechuck, and Pugh. The ranger district and the town are working together to increase recreation as a way to diversify the town's economy, which has suffered from decreases in logging, recent floods, and a massive mudslide in 2014. The Forest Service will contribute \$116,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1890)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Connecting Trails in Tiger Mountain State Forest

Grant Requested: \$99,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 3 miles of trail for non-motorized use in the eastern portion of Tiger Mountain State Forest, in east King County. The department will be connect trails in the existing trail system, add trails, and build alternatives to recreating on forest roads. The department will contribute \$66,030 in donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#) (14-1839)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Wildfire-Damaged Methow Valley Trails

Grant Requested: \$82,150

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 75 miles of wildfire-damaged trail in and near the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Wilderness areas and east of Winthrop. By burning the trees and bushes, the fire increased erosion and the number of dead trees. The fires also burned the tree canopy. Without shade from tall trees, brush near trails has grown rapidly. Work will include removing fallen trees from the trail and trimming overgrown brush. Many of the trails lead to popular lakes and provide loops that can be hiked in a day. Other trails at lower elevations provide early spring and late fall access when the backcountry is covered in snow. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. The Forest Service will contribute \$37,205 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1984)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Planning Ice Caves Loop Trail Boardwalk Replacement

Grant Requested: \$27,500

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to develop plans and get permits for a project to replace an aging boardwalk on the Ice Caves Loop Trail, along the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The substructure of the boardwalk is treated lumber, a large percentage of which is nearing 40 years old. The Forest Service plans to replace the entire boardwalk and bridge with materials and designs that are more environmentally sound and offer a longer life span. Planning will include an environmental analysis, biological evaluations, cultural resource reports, bridge and boardwalk survey and design, and developing a reconstruction contract. About 40,000 hikers visit the Ice Caves throughout the year. The Ice Caves Loop Trail is a primary destination on the Mountain Loop Highway and a National Recreation Trail. The trail system includes 1.5 mile of a paved, accessible loop and an easy, 1.25-mile trail to the Ice Caves viewing area. The trail is surrounded by forests, wetlands, active beaver ponds, and outstanding views of the Cascade Mountains. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,000 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1802)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Moving a Section of Twin Falls Trail in Olallie State Park

Grant Requested: \$88,800

The State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to move a small portion of the Twin Falls Trail in Olallie State Park to avoid a landslide that made the trail unsafe. A sharp bend in the South Fork Snoqualmie River below the trail eroded the bank and caused the landslide that removed about 3 feet of the 5-foot trail width for a distance of 50 feet. State Parks will move that portion of the trail up and around the slide area and down to meet the existing trail. The trail reroute requires wood retaining walls for about one-third of the distance, wood stairs, and two switchbacks. The Twin Falls Trail runs 2 miles from the Twin Falls trailhead, meanders along the Snoqualmie River, then travels uphill to two incredible waterfall viewpoints, and then connects to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail in Iron Horse State Park. The scenery and proximity to the state's biggest population center make it popular year-round. Before the washout, the trail was used by more than 200,000 people a year, and its trailhead is often full, even weekdays. Washington State Parks will contribute \$20,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2158)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Blanchard and Harry Osborne Forest Areas

Grant Requested: \$97,805

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crews to maintain the Samish Overlook day-use area, three large trailheads, and two backcountry campgrounds in the Blanchard Forest block and the Harry Osborne State Forest, both in Skagit County. The crews will remove garbage and repair of campsites, restrooms, and signs. The department will contribute \$68,698 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1815)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Designing New Campground at North Summit

Grant Requested: \$46,900

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to design and complete the environmental analysis for a new campground and trails for non-motorized, summer use in the North Summit Recreation Area of Loup Loup Pass, about 15 miles west of Twisp. The area would be used by mountain bikers, equestrians, hikers, and trail runners. The Forest Service will work with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and the Back Country Horsemen to design the area. Mountain biking is becoming increasingly popular in the Methow Valley; however there are limited opportunities in national forests because few trails are designed for mountain bikes. Additionally, horseback riding is very popular, but there is only one campground in the Methow Valley Ranger District where horses are allowed. The Forest Service will contribute \$5,700 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2111)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Assessing User-built Trails at Manastash Ridge

Grant Requested: \$60,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a plan for trails for non-motorized use on Manastash Ridge, 3.7 miles southwest of Ellensburg. Currently, people are using trails built by users, and not approved by the department, or the Department of Natural Resources, both of which own the land the trails are on. Five hiking trails, spanning 7 miles, and six mountain bike trails, spanning 5 miles, begin in Kittitas Valley and climb to the top of Manastash Ridge. Heavily used year-around by locals, they have been featured in trail books and draw hikers from all around. The trails are steep and have erosion issues. The agencies will work with a community group to develop a plan identifying whether to maintain, improve, relocate, or abandon each trail, and how that will be accomplished. Potential new locations will be evaluated, signs and trailheads will be designed, and area habitat and wildlife protection and restoration will be addressed. The area has shrub-steppe habitat used by sagebrush lizards, sage sparrows, sage thrashers, Townsend's ground squirrels, golden eagles, mule deer, and Lewis' woodpeckers. The department will contribute \$15,500 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2148)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Building a Log Bridge across the Pasayten River

Grant Requested: \$24,275

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to build a 35-foot-long, log bridge across the Middle Fork Pasayten River and rebuild drainage structures, both on the Robinson Creek Trail, in Okanogan County. The trail is used by hikers and equestrians. The new bridge will extend seasonal access for hikers and provide better access for trail crews working on the trail early in the season. The project site is within 4 miles of six trail junctions that lead to multiple loop trails and provide access to more than a dozen lakes, mountain vistas, and the Pacific Crest and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails. This project improves and extends access to users visiting the Pasayten Wilderness. The Forest Service will use trees from the area, hardware packed in on mules, and Washington Trails Association volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$11,055 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1985)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Developing a Trail and Facilities Plan for Snowy Lakes

Grant Requested: \$9,472

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to do an environmental analysis and develop a plan for trails, amenities, and land restoration for the Snowy Lakes area. Snowy Lakes is a popular destination on the Pacific Crest Trail in the North Cascades Scenic Highway Corridor. Its popularity has led to some damage. The only trail leading from the Pacific Crest Trail to the lakes was created by hikers; it was not designed and it is poorly located. Erosion and washouts are a constant problem. Plants in the campsites near the lakes and in the basin below have been worn away, exposing bare ground and detracting from the visitor experience. Proper sanitation is difficult to maintain because of the large number of people concentrated around the campsites, lack of a toilet, and the alpine conditions. The Forest Service plans to design a new trail to Snowy Lakes to reduce erosion and increase the visitor experience, and new campsites and a toilet to protect the environment and benefit recreationists. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2105)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Chickadee Trails for Non-motorized Use

Grant Requested: \$31,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to design and complete the environmental analysis on a network of trails for non-motorized uses in the Chickadee area, about 15 miles southwest of Winthrop. The trails were developed for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, but aren't optimal for summer recreation. The ranger district's goal is to improve and expand the trails to accommodate a wide variety of year-round activities. Some segments will need to be moved to protect the environment, improve the user experience, and enhance the network's economic and environmental sustainability. The ranger district also plans to design one new trail, about 13 miles long, that will provide a signature trail experience. The trails are used by mountain bikers, hikers, trail runners, equestrians, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers. The Forest Service will work with the Methow Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance to design the project. Mountain biking is becoming increasingly popular in the Methow Valley; however there are limited opportunities in national forests because few trails are designed for mountain bikes. The Forest Service will contribute \$3,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2110)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Planning Trails for Non-Motorized Use in Green Mountain State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan trails for non-motorized uses and develop construction-ready plans for a trailhead renovation in Green Mountain State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula. The planning work will enable the department to build trails in the eastern portion of the forest, create a separate trail for non-motorized uses at an existing trailhead, and develop a new mountain biking area. The new trails and trailhead renovation will reduce user conflict and increase overall trail miles for non-motorized uses. The department will complete environmental and cultural assessments, obtain permits, evaluate existing trails for needed improvements, and design new trails. The department will contribute \$67,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1848)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$63,619

Planning a New Trailhead and Trails in the Reade Hill Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan a new trailhead and 7 miles of trail for non-motorized uses in the Reade Hill area, near Forks on the Olympic Peninsula. The department will complete a cultural resources survey and environmental assessments, design the trails, obtain permits, and prepare construction documents. With this planning project, the department will be ready to develop recreation alternatives to forest roads and opportunities for hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, and other activities. The department will contribute \$28,600 in staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1813)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Moving the South Fork Nooksack Trail

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to move 1.2 miles of the South Fork Nooksack Trail above its current flood-prone location. The trail, which is on the southwest side of Mount Baker, in Whatcom County, is heavily damaged with extremely wet ground conditions, impassible to horses and mules, and is difficult for users to navigate. The new location is protected from floods and will require less maintenance. Moving the trail also will mean less sediment will erode into the river, which is used by endangered bull trout. The trail is part of the 1,200-mile Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and provides access to several popular destinations and links to other trail systems. More than 7,000 hikers, backpackers, climbers, and horseback riders use this area. The Forest Service will use an agency trail crew and volunteer and youth organizations including Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Northwest Youth Corps, and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to complete the work. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1979)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)



U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Replacing a Horse Bridge on the Pacific Northwest Trail

Grant Requested: \$33,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to design and complete an environmental analysis to replace a closed bridge on the Pacific Northwest Trail, which crosses the Pasayten Wilderness. The bridge crosses an unnamed creek near Martina Creek, in Okanogan County, and provided access across a very deep gorge. The bridge stringers failed last winter, and the bridge was closed. This created a serious break in the trail because there is no obvious crossing spot nearby. Because the bridge is in wilderness, additional analysis is required to approve use of glulam beams, a helicopter, and other equipment required for bridge construction. The trail is used mostly by horseback riders. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2156)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$98,700

Writing a Recreation Plan for Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to create a recreation plan for 33,600 acres in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, in Snohomish County. The plan will guide development and maintenance of hiking trails and campgrounds in the Ashland Lakes, Bald Mountain, and Upper Sultan Basin areas. It also will allow the department to address trails and campgrounds that do not meet current agency standards, are underused, and are damaging sensitive natural resources. The department will collect facility inventory data, complete a landscape feasibility assessment, and engage stakeholders. The department will contribute \$54,800 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more project information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1912)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Planning the Replacement of a Milk Creek Trail Bridge

Grant Requested: \$40,000

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to complete environmental studies, cultural resources reports, surveys and designs; get permits; and write a contract for rebuilding a bridge and 1-mile section of Milk Creek Trail, in Snohomish County. The Milk Creek Trail was a popular trail to the high country surrounding Glacier Peak, and a major connector trail to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, Fire Creek Pass, Lime Ridge, Sitkum Creek, and Kennedy Hot Springs. In 2003, a winter storm washed out the bridge over the Suiattle River. A 30-mile, multi-day backpacking and equestrian loop (Dolly Vista Loop) began and ended at the bridge site. Today, lack of a safe river crossing at this point makes this loop trail unsafe for even the most experienced recreationists. Several repair projects during the past 8 years have replaced or repaired all of the other bridges on this loop. The Forest Service plans to relocate the bridge outside of the wilderness area and relocate 1 mile of the Milk Creek Trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,000 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1956)

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)



Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$99,308

Developing Trails for Non-motorized Use in Reiter Foothills Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop trails for non-motorized uses in Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The department will create new connections between new bridges and existing trails, provide additional trail opportunities for non-motorized uses, and connect to trail systems on adjacent lands. The department will contribute \$66,243 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1821)

Pend Oreille County

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Building Trails and Trailheads to Connect Parks and a Wildlife Area

Pend Oreille County will use this grant to build about 2 miles of multi-use trail and two trailheads to connect two county parks and a state wildlife area, about 30 minutes from Spokane in southwestern Pend Oreille County. Each trailhead will be equipped with a bathroom, equestrian facilities, and signs. A group camp will be built at Pend Oreille County Park to serve this new trail system. This project is a collaboration between Pend Oreille County and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, which owns the 2,800-acre West Branch Little Spokane River Wildlife Area. The wildlife area is used for hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and other low impact recreation activities. This project has strong support from two Back Country Horseman of Washington chapters, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Lands Council, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and the local community. Pend Oreille County will contribute \$130,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2129)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Grant Requested: \$33,000

Planning to Rebuild an Elbow Lake Trail Bridge

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to complete environmental studies, cultural resources reports, and trail surveys and designs, and get permits for a new bridge and relocation of 1-mile of the Elbow Lake Trail, on the southwest side of Mount Baker. This trail is used by hikers and equestrians to get to Mount Baker Wilderness and Mount Baker National Recreation Area destinations, including Elbow Lake, Mazama Park, Park Butte, and Schriebers Meadows. The bridge and trail also are a major link to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. In 2003, a bridge for horses and mules over the Middle Fork Nooksack River washed out. The river crossing has been unsafe and unfordable for the average hiker or equestrian user for the past 11 years. The Forest Service has found a better, more stable location for the new bridge that will allow the existing trailhead to be used. The Forest Service is planning to relocate 1 mile of trail to allow the use of the new bridge. Rebuilding the bridge and trail will cut the drive time in half and allow better access to the area for hikers, equestrians, trail maintenance and construction crews, youth corps crews, and volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,000 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1908)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Nonmotorized Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Maintaining Winter Trails on Mount Saint Helens

Grant Requested: \$49,685

The Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument will use this grant to pay for staff, equipment, and supplies to maintain about 30 miles of trails serving cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and general snow play, for two years. The crews will maintain Cougar, Marble Mountain, and Wakepish Sno Parks; groom cross-country ski trails; install signs and route markers; and maintain restrooms, bulletin boards, parking facilities, and warming shelters. The Forest Service also will buy a tow-behind, cross-country ski trail groomer, safety gear, and other equipment, and visitor information materials. Winter visitation at the sno parks averages 6,500 to 10,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$53,573 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2004)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Expanding Parking at Irongate Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$22,905

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to expand parking at Irongate Trailhead. This trailhead is the most popular trailhead in the ranger district, and one of the main entrances to the Pasayten Wilderness. Currently, there is not enough space for horse trailers at the trailhead. The Forest Service will add three new parking spots next to the current parking area for trucks with horse trailers. By adding parking for trailers, equestrian users will be able to park their trailers without impacting passenger cars and hikers will have more places to park. The Forest Service also will install a new outhouse. These improvements will provide a more enjoyable experience for visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$8,806 in a federal appropriation and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2016)

City of Bremerton Studying Routes for the Kitsap Regional Trail

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to evaluate routes for a key segment of the Kitsap Regional Trail to avoid harm to the city's water supply. The City of Bremerton's watershed supplies drinking water to more than 50,000 people and is next to the proposed Kitsap Regional Trail. The Kitsap Regional Trail is a system of trails that will connect Kitsap County's rural areas with its cities. This project helps the city determine appropriate access to the watershed for non-motorized uses so that it won't endanger the city's drinking water. The City will complete feasibility and preconstruction studies, a cultural resource assessment and survey, an environmental study, a site master plan, and route surveys with alignment recommendations. The feasibility study includes phased planning recommendations, planning-level cost estimates, maintenance requirements, trailhead locations, and parking, security, and other recommendations. The City of Bremerton will contribute \$44,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2120)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-15
NOVA Program Off-road Vehicle Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, thirty-six Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonmotorized category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty-six projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Off-road Vehicle category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

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Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one) _____

Date: _____

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	67.00	14-1799M	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$132,330	\$154,360	\$286,690	\$132,330
2	66.17	14-2053M	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operation	Grant County	\$25,701	\$30,299	\$56,000	\$158,031
3	64.17	14-1843M	Tahuya and Green Mountain Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$199,960	\$136,110	\$336,070	\$357,991
4	63.08	14-2032M	Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$194,500	\$60,800	\$255,300	\$552,491
5	63.00	14-1850M	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails and Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$179,950	\$120,000	\$299,950	\$732,441
6	62.83	14-1845M	Tahuya Trail Water Quality Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$51,000	\$22,000	\$73,000	\$783,441
7	62.33	14-1832D	Southeast Region 4x4 and All-terrain Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$30,500	\$31,500	\$62,000	\$813,941
8	62.00	14-2081M	Wenatchee River Ranger District Off-road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$136,323	\$139,077	\$275,400	\$950,264
9	61.75	14-1954M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$89,100	\$96,218	\$185,318	\$1,039,364
10	61.42	14-1831M	Southeast Region Off-road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$179,750	\$46,750	\$226,500	\$1,219,114
11	61.08	14-1812M	Olympic Region Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$141,880	\$61,128	\$203,008	\$1,360,994
12	60.25	14-1817M	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$200,000	\$112,000	\$312,000	\$1,560,994
13	59.25	14-1820M	Reiter Foothills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$58,800	\$39,250	\$98,050	\$1,619,794
14	58.83	14-1806M	Southwest Washington Off-road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$64,500	\$214,500	\$1,769,794

*Project Types: C=Combination, D=Development, M=Maintenance, and P=Planning

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	58.58	14-1922M	Cle Elum Ranger District North Zone Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$188,850	\$47,250	\$236,100	\$1,958,644
16	58.50	14-2136D	Horn Rapids Off-road Vehicle Entry and Building Improvements	Richland	\$243,500	\$62,800	\$306,300	\$2,202,144
16	58.50	14-1819M	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Trail Bridge Replacement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$31,300	\$21,500	\$52,800	\$2,233,444
18	58.08	14-1827M	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$189,476	\$81,524	\$271,000	\$2,422,920
19	57.17	14-1853D	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Bridge and Trail Renovation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,156	\$12,900	\$128,056	\$2,538,076
20	56.83	14-1990M	Pomeroy Ranger District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$50,000	\$95,000	\$145,000	\$2,588,076
21	56.75	14-1847D	Tahuya 4x4 Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$142,950	\$37,200	\$180,150	\$2,731,026
22	55.83	14-1921M	Cle Elum Ranger District South Zone Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$189,550	\$52,500	\$242,050	\$2,920,576
23	55.08	14-2124M	Horn Rapids ORV Park Maintenance and Operations	Richland	\$96,600	\$108,400	\$205,000	\$3,017,176
24	54.92	14-1829D	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Trailhead Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$302,000	\$42,000	\$344,000	\$3,319,176
25	54.17	14-2108P	Hoyt Bridge Planning Analysis	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$42,500		\$42,500	\$3,361,676
26	52.25	14-1858D	Rock Creek Unit Motorized Trails Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000	\$13,000	\$213,000	\$3,561,676
27	52.08	14-1916P	Johnson and Jungle Creeks Trail Relocation Analysis	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$19,600		\$19,600	\$3,581,276
27	52.08	14-1809D	Yacolt Burn Recreation Plan Off-road Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$373,800	\$93,700	\$467,500	\$3,955,076

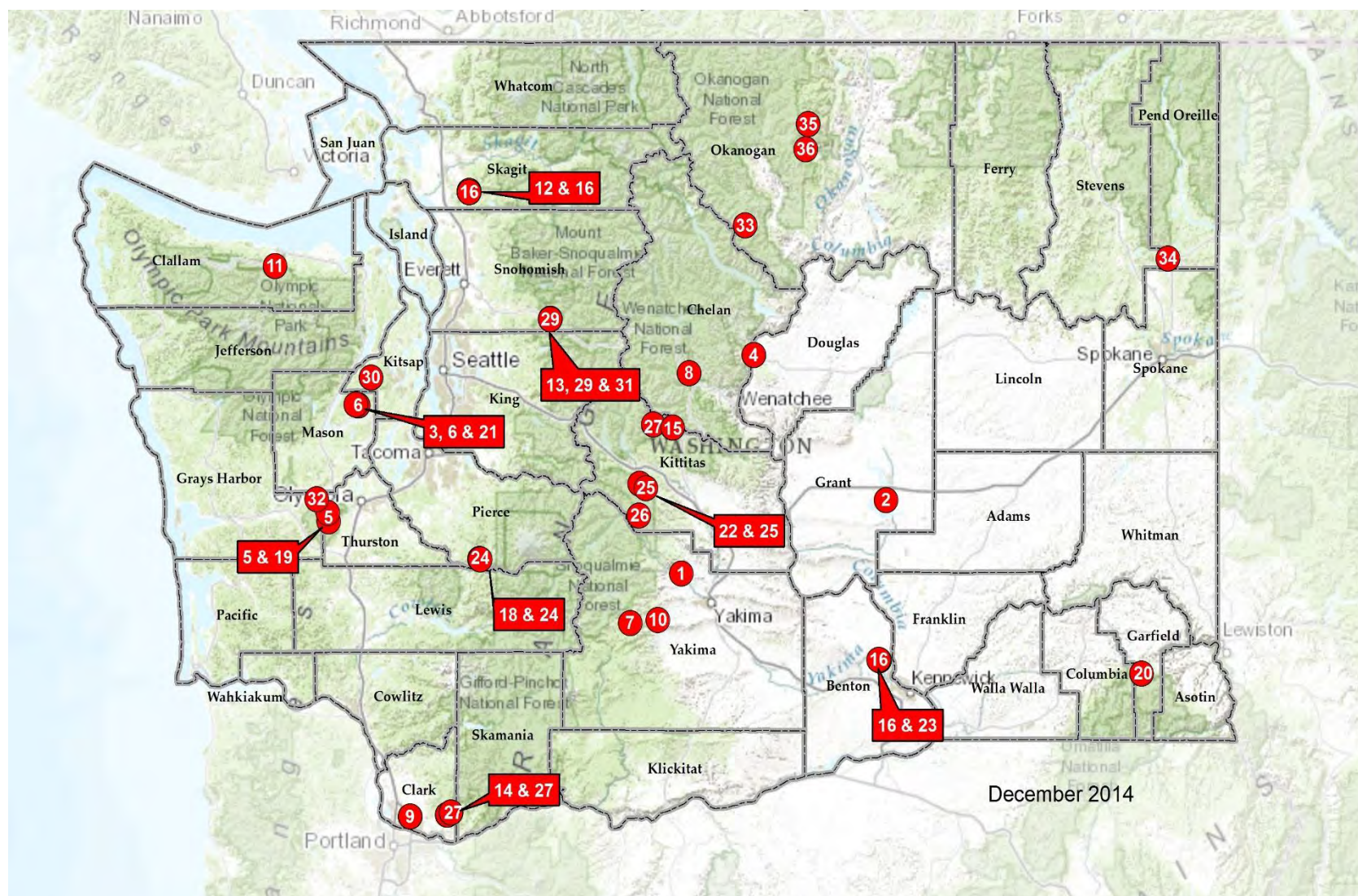
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Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
29	51.92	14-1823D	Reiter Foothills Forest 4x4 Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$491,000	\$55,000	\$546,000	\$4,446,076
30	51.75	14-1846P	Green Mountain GM-1 Area Planning	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$156,800	\$17,500	\$174,300	\$4,602,876
31	49.67	14-1824C	Reiter Foothills Single Track and All-terrain Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$500,800	\$56,000	\$556,800	\$5,103,676
32	49.00	14-2160M	Straddleline ORV Park Maintenance	Grays Harbor County	\$143,800	\$44,800	\$188,600	\$5,247,476
33	47.17	14-2103D	Sawtooth Backcountry Off-road Vehicle Facilities Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$174,812	\$5,100	\$179,912	\$5,422,288
34	46.58	14-2155D	Rustler's Gulch Motorized Trail Head and Signage	Pend Oreille County	\$186,048	\$28,000	\$214,048	\$5,608,336
35	42.25	14-1999D	Salmon Meadows Campground Expansion	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$89,140	\$10,294	\$99,434	\$5,697,476
36	37.83	14-2014D	Westside Trailheads Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$21,938	\$8,202	\$30,140	\$5,719,414
					\$5,719,414	\$2,006,662	\$7,726,076	

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State Map for NOVA Program Off-road Vehicle Category



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

NOVA Program

Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, & Off-road Vehicle Categories Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scored By	Evaluation Question	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15	A-1, C-7
Advisory Committee	2	Need fulfillment	All	15	A-1, C-6, C-7
Advisory Committee	3	3a. Site suitability	Acquisition	10	C-15
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development	10	C-1, C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	5	Maintenance	Maintenance	10	C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Advisory Committee	6	3d. Planning	Planning	20	C-6, C-15
Advisory Committee	7	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Acquisition Development Maintenance	10	
Advisory Committee	8	Readiness to proceed	All	5	
Advisory Committee	9	Project support	All	10	C-3, C-4
Advisory Committee	10	7. Cost-benefit	All	5	A-1, C-3
RCO staff	11	8. Matching shares	All	5	C-4
RCO staff	12	9. Population proximity	All	2	C-2
RCO staff	13	Growth Management Act preference	All	0	
ORV Total Possible Points				71	

Scoring Criteria: Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle Categories

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** What is the need for new, improved, or maintained facilities?
2. **Need fulfillment.** How well will this project fulfill the service area's needs identified in Question 1?
3. **Site suitability.** To what extent is the site to be acquired well suited for the intended recreational activity? (*Acquisition projects*)
4. **Project design.** Is the proposal appropriately designed for intended uses and users? (*Development projects*)
5. **Maintenance.** Are the project's maintenance goals and objectives appropriate? (*Maintenance projects*)
6. **Planning.** To what extent will the proposed plan or study help provide opportunities and address sustainability of the natural environment? (*Planning projects*)?
7. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
8. **Readiness to proceed.** How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin?
9. **Project support.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?
10. **Cost-benefit.** Do the project's benefits outweigh its costs?

Scored by RCO Staff

11. **Matching shares.** What percentage of the total project cost is the applicant contributing?
12. **Population proximity.** Is the project site located:
 - In a county with a population density greater than 250 people per square mile
 - Within 30 miles of a city with a population of 25,000 people or more?
13. **Growth Management Act preference.** Has the applicant¹² made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?¹³

¹² County, city, town, and special district applicants only. This question does not apply to nonprofit organizations or state and federal agency applicants.

¹³ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act-preference required)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Evaluation Summary Off-road Vehicle Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operation	13.25	13.00			9.00		8.50	4.75	9.00	4.50	5.00	0.00	0.00	67.00
2	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operation	13.25	13.00			8.50		8.50	4.83	9.00	4.08	5.00	0.00	0.00	66.17
3	Tahuya and Green Mountain Maintenance	12.50	12.50			8.67		8.50	4.83	8.17	4.00	4.00	1.00	0.00	64.17
4	Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail Maintenance and Operation	13.00	12.50			9.00		8.33	4.75	8.33	4.17	2.00	1.00	0.00	63.08
5	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails and Facilities Maintenance	12.25	12.00			8.50		7.83	4.58	8.83	4.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	63.00
6	Tahuya Trail Water Quality Phase 2	12.50	12.50			8.50		8.83	4.58	7.67	4.25	3.00	1.00	0.00	62.83
7	Southeast Region 4x4 and All-terrain Vehicle Trail Development	12.25	12.75		7.83			7.67	4.25	7.67	3.92	5.00	1.00	0.00	62.33
8	Wenatchee River Ranger District Off-road Vehicle Maintenance and Operation Gifford Pinchot National Forest	11.50	12.25			8.33		8.17	4.58	7.17	4.00	5.00	1.00	0.00	62.00
9	Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance Southeast Region Off-road	13.00	12.75			7.83		8.33	4.58	6.00	4.25	5.00	0.00	0.00	61.75
10	Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	13.50	12.25			8.17		7.83	4.67	8.33	3.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	61.42
11	Olympic Region Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	12.50	12.50			8.33		8.00	4.75	8.17	3.83	3.00	0.00	0.00	61.08



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Evaluation Summary Off-road Vehicle Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
12	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	13.25	10.75			8.33		7.33	4.75	8.50	3.33	3.00	1.00	0.00	60.25
13	Reiter Foothills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	11.25	11.00			8.00		7.50	4.67	7.67	3.17	4.00	2.00	0.00	59.25
14	Southwest Washington Off-road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance Cle Elum Ranger District North	11.00	10.75			8.17		7.50	4.75	9.17	3.50	3.00	1.00	0.00	58.83
15	ZoneOff-road Vehicle Maintenance	12.50	11.75			8.00		7.17	4.50	7.83	3.83	2.00	1.00	0.00	58.58
16	Horn Rapids Off-road Vehicle Entry and Building Improvements	12.25	13.25		8.00			8.50	4.25	5.83	3.42	2.00	1.00	0.00	58.50
16	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Trail Bridge Replacement	12.25	12.00			7.33		8.17	4.08	5.67	4.00	4.00	1.00	0.00	58.50
18	Elbe Hills Off-road VehicleMaintenance	11.75	11.75			8.33		7.00	4.67	6.17	3.42	3.00	2.00	0.00	58.08
19	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Bridge and Trail Renovation	11.50	11.50		7.17			8.00	4.17	8.33	3.50	1.00	2.00	0.00	57.17
20	Pomeroy Ranger District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operation	11.00	10.75			8.00		7.33	4.33	7.00	3.42	5.00	0.00	0.00	56.83
21	Tahuya 4x4 Trail Development	11.00	12.00		8.17			6.83	4.67	7.67	3.42	2.00	1.00	0.00	56.75
22	Cle Elum Ranger District South ZoneOff-road Vehicle Maintenance	12.00	11.25			7.83		6.83	4.50	7.67	3.75	2.00	0.00	0.00	55.83



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23	Horn Rapids ORV Park Maintenance and Operation	10.00	11.50			7.17		7.00	4.58	5.83	3.00	5.00	1.00	0.00	55.08
24	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	11.75	11.50		7.83			8.00	4.17	5.67	3.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	54.92
25	Hoyt Bridge Planning Analysis	11.75	12.25				15.67		4.50	7.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.17
26	Rock Creek Unit Motorized Trails Improvements	11.25	11.75		7.17			7.83	4.08	6.83	3.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.25
27	Johnson and Jungle Creeks Trail Relocation Analysis	10.00	10.75				16.33		4.00	6.50	3.50	0.00	1.00	0.00	52.08
27	Yacolt Burn Recreation PlanOff-road Vehicle Trail Development	9.00	9.50		7.33			6.50	4.33	8.50	2.92	2.00	2.00	0.00	52.08
29	Reiter Foothills Forest 4x4 Trail Development	10.25	9.25		7.50			7.17	4.08	7.67	3.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	51.92
30	Green Mountain GM-1 Area Planning	9.50	10.00				14.33	0.00	3.92	7.83	3.17	1.00	2.00	0.00	51.75
31	Reiter Foothills Single Track and All-terrain Vehilce Trail Development	10.25	9.25		6.67			6.67	3.67	7.50	2.67	1.00	2.00	0.00	49.67
32	Straddleline ORV Park Maintenance	9.50	9.25			6.67		6.00	4.33	6.50	2.75	2.00	2.00	0.00	49.00
33	Sawtooth Backcountry Off-road Vehicle Facilities Development	10.00	9.75		7.00			7.33	3.92	6.00	3.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.17



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability	Project Design	Maintenance	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Project Support	Cost Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
34	Rustler's Gulch Motorized Trailhead and Signage	9.25	9.00		7.17			6.17	3.50	6.67	2.83	1.00	1.00	0.00	46.58
35	Salmon Meadows Campground Expansion	8.00	9.00		6.67			7.33	3.08	4.33	2.83	1.00	0.00	0.00	42.25
36	Westside Trailheads Development	7.50	7.00		5.17			6.33	3.33	4.00	2.50	2.00	0.00	0.00	37.83



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Naches Area Trails

Grant Requested: \$132,330

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a leader and four-person crew to maintain more than 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails for two years in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The district's 140 miles of motorcycle and 110 miles of four-wheel drive trails are used by an estimated 80,000 recreationists a year. The trail system is centrally located in Washington and is well known for its variety of trails and landscapes and sunny weather. The crew will remove overgrown brush, fix drainage problems, and repair trail surfaces and signs on all trails. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. The grant includes paying for transportation and supplies, and the match includes 2,000 hours of volunteer time. The Forest Service will contribute \$154,360 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1799)

Grant County Sheriff Department Maintaining Trails in the Moses Lake Sand Dunes

Grant Requested: \$25,701

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain the off-road vehicle trails at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, south of Moses Lake. The grant will pay for weekly maintenance and operations including repairing fences and signs, cleaning bathrooms, controlling noxious weeds, and removing garbage. The Grant County Sheriff's Office established relationships with the local community and off-road vehicle groups to maintain and operate a clean and safe environment for visitors from all over the Northwest. Grant County will contribute \$30,299 in equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2053)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests

Grant Requested: \$199,960

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for two natural resource workers, one natural resource specialist, a year-round crew, and materials to maintain 101 miles of off-road vehicle and multiple-use trails and 15 facilities in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The crews will remove overgrown brush, maintain drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden sections of trail, and inspect and maintain bridges and signs. The crews also will remove garbage and repair restrooms, campsites, picnic facilities, and signs at campgrounds, trailheads, and day-use areas. The department will contribute \$136,110 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1843)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Chelan County Backcountry Trails

Grant Requested: \$194,500

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a five-person crew, along with volunteers from the Northwest Youth Corps, to maintain 195 miles of multiple-use, backcountry trails in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and repair signs. The 195 miles of multiple-use trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts are the heart of the popular, interconnected 225-mile multiple-use trail system that spans from Lake Wenatchee, across the Entiat and Chelan mountains, to Lake Chelan. This multiple-use trail system primarily is set in a roadless area, allowing all types of trail users to experience the high mountain country of the Pacific Northwest. Primary users are motorcyclists and mountain bikers. High elevations in the area can cause the trails and surrounding environment to be susceptible to erosion, making annual maintenance and trail surface restoration extremely important. The Forest Service will contribute \$60,800 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2032)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Capitol State Forest

Grant Requested: \$179,950

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a natural resource technician and seasonal crew to maintain 77 miles of off-road vehicle trails and facilities in the Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The crew will remove overgrown brush, maintain culverts and drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the trail surface, install geo-web, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, and reroute small sections of trail. Additionally, at trailheads, the crew will remove garbage and repair restrooms, campsites, and signs. This project has strong support from the forest user groups and volunteers, who donate both labor and equipment for trail maintenance. The department will contribute \$120,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1850)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving Water Quality in Tahuya State Forest

Grant Requested: \$51,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a seasonal trail crew, materials, hauling equipment, and other expenses to maintain off-road vehicle and multiple-use trails in Tahuya State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The goal is to improve water quality and reduce sediment going into streams by installing water control devices and repairing trail surfaces. The department will contribute \$22,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1845)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Connector Trails in Ahtanum State Forest

Grant Requested: \$30,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for architecture and engineering services, permitting, materials, and staff time to develop an off-road vehicle connector trail in the Ahtanum State Forest, west of Yakima. The goal is to build a connector trail that will accommodate multiple uses and offers an alternative to riding county roads. The department will contribute \$31,500 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1832)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Multi-Use Trails in Chelan County

Grant Requested: \$136,323

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain 120 miles of multi-use motorized trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, and fix drainage structures and signs. In addition, the ranger district will use the grant to buy two motorcycles and other minor equipment and supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$139,077 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2081)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Maintaining Motorized Trails in Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Grant Requested: \$89,100

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay two seasonal employees and one seasonal crew to maintain about 230 miles of trail and trailheads for motorized uses for 2 years in Clark County. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest includes forests, meadows, and stunning vistas of Mount Adams, Mount Rainier, and Mount Saint Helens. It is estimated that at least 7,000 off-road vehicle users ride annually in this national forest, a number that is increasing steadily. Regular trail maintenance decreases environmental damage, minimizes conflicts between user groups, and extends the life of the trails. The grant will pay for two seasonal employees for two years to maintain trails in the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, which encompasses the majority of the national forest's motorized trails. The employees will clean and maintain six campgrounds primarily used by motorized recreationists. Another crew will maintain trails in the Mount Adams Ranger District. To help maintain these areas, volunteers will contribute about 2,000 hours of labor during the 2 years. The Forest Service will contribute \$96,218 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1954)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

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

Grant Requested: \$179,750

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a two-person, seasonal crew to maintain more than 40 miles of multiple-use trail, 12 campgrounds, and 2 trailheads in Ahtanum State Forest, 30 miles west of Yakima. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain culverts and drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the trail surface, inspect and maintain bridges, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, signs, and campsites. The department will contribute \$46,750 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1831)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails

Grant Requested: \$141,880

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a two-person crew to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads on the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems, both in the Port Angeles area on the northern portion of the Olympic Peninsula. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$61,128 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1812)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Walker Valley Forest Area

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a trail steward and part-time Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain year-round 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Walker Valley forest block, east of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock and concrete pavers on sections of trail to harden trail surfaces, inspect and maintain 22 bridges, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$112,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1817)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Reiter Foothills Forest Trails

Grant Requested: \$58,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crew to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$39,250 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1820)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and crew to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Yacolt Burn State Forest, east of Vancouver, and in the Elochoman area, west of Longview. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, reroute small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$64,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1806)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Kittitas County

Grant Requested: \$188,850

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use, backcountry trails in Kittitas County. The trails are popular and heavily used because of the easy access provided by Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. Whether riding on two or four wheels, mountain biking, riding stock, or hiking, trail users experience features such as waterfalls, creeks, rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and maintain signs. This grant covers maintenance for a large network of accessible, well-established motorized trails that serve a large population and provide unique recreational opportunities for people with a wide range of experience levels. The Forest Service will contribute \$47,250 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1922)

City of Richland Improving Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex

Grant Requested: \$243,500

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve the Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex in Richland. The City will remove a 30-year-old, modular office building and install a new one, along with four new ticket booths and entry gates. The City also will modify the parking lot and install fencing at the park entrance. The office's electrical system is substandard, the roof leaks, mold is in the walls, and the building is not accessible to people with disabilities. The new building will be accessible and have two public restrooms and a public meeting room. The park sees more than 22,700 visitors a year. With only one ticket booth, there are massive delays at the main entrance gate. The park entrance renovation addresses the high number of users, delays caused by recreational vehicles and trailers turning around, and other potential safety concerns. Richland will contribute \$62,800 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2136)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$31,300

Replacing a Trail Bridge in Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for services, permits, and materials to develop an off-road vehicle trail bridge in the Walker Valley off-road vehicle area, southeast of Mount Vernon. This existing bridge is near the end of its design life. The new bridge will have a longer span and improved trail alignment, which will increase safety and decrease the amount of sediment entering the stream. The department will contribute \$21,500 in equipment and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1819)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$189,476

Maintaining Elbe Hills State Forest Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a part-time leader and seasonal crew to maintain more than 13 miles of off-road vehicle trails, one trailhead, and one campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, which is between Elbe and Ashford in Pierce County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, hardening sections of trail to prevent erosion, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. This project will enable the department to continue providing year-round off-road vehicle opportunities. The Elbe Hills off-road vehicle trail system is highly technical and heavily used, and the trails and campground are open year-round. Department will contribute \$81,524 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1827)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$115,156

Renovating Off-road Vehicle Bridges and Trails in Capitol State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for design, permits, purchase and installation of two bridges and two culverts on off-road vehicle trails, and renovation of more than 1.5 miles of off-road vehicle trails in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The bridges will be placed over two wet crossings. The renovated trails will provide better recreation opportunities and better protection of the environment. The department will contribute \$12,900 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1853)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest

Grant Requested: \$50,000

Improving Motorized Trails in Three Counties

The Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain motorized, off-road vehicle trails throughout Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties, in the Umatilla National Forest. Trail use has increased every year since the completion of the Stevens Ridge ATV (all-terrain vehicle) Complex in 2009. The service area covers the ever expanding Tri-City, Spokane, and Clarkston-Lewiston valley areas. The crew will remove trees that have fallen on trails, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, harden trail surfaces, and inspect bridges. This project will provide public access, maintain trail safety features, and protect the environment. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1990)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$142,950

Developing New Off-road Vehicle Trails in Tahuya State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 3 new miles and renovate 5 miles of four-wheel drive trail in Tahuya State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The grant will pay to install culverts and for materials, equipment, architecture and engineering services, and staffing support. The work will create more four-wheel drive trails and challenge opportunities while protecting the environment and reducing the amount of sediment filling streams. This project was identified in the *Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests Recreation Plan* as a top implementation priority and has strong user group support. The department will contribute \$37,200 in staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1847)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$189,550

Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Kittitas County

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew to maintain 170 miles of multi-use trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Kittitas County. The backcountry trails are popular because of the easy access from Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. Whether riding on two or four wheels, mountain biking, riding stock, or hiking, trail users experience features such as waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The crew will remove trees that have fallen across the trail, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The grant also will be used to buy a chainsaw and hand-tools needed for trail maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$52,500 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1921)

City of Richland

Grant Requested: \$96,600

Improving Horn Rapids Motorsport Complex

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with HRMC Inc., will use this grant to maintain the 300-acre Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex, in Benton County, during the next 2 years. The grant also will be used to buy a backhoe for park maintenance. About 15 miles of underground utilities throughout the complex are more than 30 years old and in need of replacement. Trees are growing into the irrigation pipes, requiring immediate attention. The proposed maintenance will improve efficiency, benefit visitors, and decrease costs for the City. With donated labor, the city commits more than 3,000 hours to maintain the all-terrain vehicle track, four-wheel drive track, MX track, sand drag area, recreational vehicle campground, and all landscaped areas throughout the complex. The goal is to improve the user experience, provide a tool for preventative maintenance, decrease down time for repairs, and add obstacles to the motocross and all-terrain vehicle tracks. The park serves more than 51,000 visitors annually, including motorcycles, all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles through competition and general day use. The park draws people from all western states and Canada because of the weather and nearly year-round access. Richland will contribute \$108,400 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2124)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$302,000

Expanding an Off-road Vehicle Trailhead in Elbe Hills State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for materials, staff, permits, and construction to expand the off-road vehicle trailhead in Elbe Hills State Forest, near the town of Elbe, in Pierce County. Work will include improving parking and making trail access safer for trucks and trailers hauling off-road vehicles. The department will contribute \$42,000 in staff labor and donations of materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1829)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$42,500

Designing a Bridge over the South Fork Taneum River

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant for environmental documentation, analysis, and design for a bridge crossing the South Fork Taneum River. Currently, users must ford the creek, and many young riders lack experience crossing streams. Also, horses can have a difficult time with large, slick rocks that are not visible through the water. The trail bridge will be designed for motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. The bridge will provide access to Hoyt Mine Number 1347, Frost Creek Number 1347.1, and Gnat Flat Number 1234 trails. The bridge also will reduce damage to steelhead habitat and improve user safety. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2108)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Rebuilding Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve and develop motorized trails in the Rock Creek Unit of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area and the Naches Ranger District located in Kittitas County. The trails in this area are jointly owned by the department and the U.S. Forest Service. Work will include re-routing about 1.25 miles of poorly located jeep trail that are eroding and sloughing sediment into nearby streams. The partners will abandon and return to a more natural state about 1 mile of jeep trail. The partners also will install up to three bridges on about 4 miles of motorcycle trail that was closed in 2011 after flood damage, enabling the trail to be reopened. This project has the support of local and regional off-road vehicle clubs that have pledged volunteer time to help on this project. The department will contribute \$13,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1858)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$19,600

Relocating Two Trails along Teanaway River Forks

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to study moving two trails away from the North and Middle Forks Teanaway River to reduce damage to fish and water quality and improve user safety. The trails are used by hikers, horses, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. Parts of these trails flood and erode, sloughing sediment into the rivers. The ranger district will conduct an environmental analysis, which will include cultural, wildlife, fisheries, and botany surveys, as well as a surface soil erosion hazard assessment on about 2.25 miles of Johnson Medra Trail Number 1383 and 1 mile of Jungle Creek Trail Number 1383. The ranger district also will evaluate the need for new trail bridges and closure of old trail sections. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1916)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest

Grant Requested: \$373,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build off-road vehicle trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. The grant will pay for staff time, architecture and engineering services, materials, equipment rental, and crew time to build trails for four-wheel and all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles. The department will contribute \$93,700 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1809)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building 4x4 Trails in Reiter Foothills Forest

Grant Requested: \$491,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build four-wheel drive vehicle trails in Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The grant will pay for services, materials, staff time, and construction of four-wheel drive technical trails and a connector trail. The goal is to complete the next phase of the four-wheel drive vehicle trail system in Reiter Foothills Forest, as identified in the *Reiter Foothills Forest Recreation Plan*. The department will contribute \$55,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1823)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Planning New Off-road Vehicle Trails in Green Mountain State Forest

Grant Requested: \$156,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan new off-road vehicle trails and a trailhead in the western portion of Green Mountain State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Bremerton. The grant will pay for assessments, surveys, staffing, permits, and construction documents. The department also will evaluate the summit for future improvements. The new trailhead and trails are identified in the *Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests Recreation Plan* as an implementation priority and have strong user support. The department will contribute \$17,500 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1846)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Trails and a Viewpoint in Reiter Foothills Forest

Grant Requested: \$500,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop off-road vehicle trails and buy land for a viewpoint in Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The grant will pay for staff and crew time, materials, purchase of the land, design services, and construction of the viewpoint area and 5.2 miles of all-terrain vehicle and single-track trails. The department will contribute \$56,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1824)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

Grays Harbor County

Grant Requested: \$143,800

Buying a Bulldozer to Maintain Straddleline ORV Park

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to maintain the 155-acres Straddleline ORV Park, including the main arena track, junior and beginner tracks, campgrounds, and 15 miles of all-terrain vehicle and four-wheel drive trails. The park serves about 25,000 motorized vehicle users annually. The County will use this grant also to buy a bulldozer to maintain the park. Currently, the County has to use unreliable equipment that is more than 25 years old. Grading and grooming is an ongoing maintenance issue. The new bulldozer will allow staff and volunteers to complete the work in less time and more efficiently. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$44,800 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2160)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$174,812

Improving a Sawtooth Backcountry Trailhead

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to improve traffic flow and parking at the Crater Creek trailhead in the Sawtooth backcountry, southwest of Carlton, in Okanogan County. Trailhead parking often is full. Campsites are limited and some are in disrepair. The ranger district will reconfigure traffic flow at the trailhead into a one-way loop, designate car parking, and expand large vehicle parking and camping spots to better accommodate access and prevent conflict between users. The grant also will pay for some fixes at Cooney, Eagle, and Martin Lakes and in Merchants Basin, including new signs, toilets, and highlines for tying horses. This project restores and protects a variety of habitats from subalpine fir forests to alpine areas, while enhancing the recreational experience. Sawtooth backcountry is a popular off-road vehicle trail system in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest used by off-road vehicle riders, backpackers, horseback riders, hunters, mountain bikers, campers, and hikers. Funding addresses the need to develop adequate trailside parking, backcountry toilets, and campsites to reduce damage to the environment and user conflicts. The Forest Service will contribute \$5,100 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2103)

Pend Oreille County

Grant Requested: \$186,048

Building Trails and a Trailhead at Rustler's Gulch

Pend Oreille County will use this grant to build a trailhead will provide access to 3 miles of motorized trails in Rustler's Gulch, about 30 minutes from Spokane. The work will provide a needed motorized recreation opportunity in an area that is mostly private land where motorized use is banned. The County plans to limit access to a single controlled access point, provide directional and interpretive signs, and install a bathroom. This project has strong support from local all-terrain vehicle groups. Pend Oreille County will contribute \$28,000 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2155)



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Off-road Vehicle Category (In Rank Order)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Expanding Salmon Meadows Campground

Grant Requested: \$89,140

Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to build a 10-site campground in an upper meadow next to the Salmon Meadows campground, which is 7 miles northwest of Conconully in Okanogan County. The upper meadow already is used heavily but doesn't have any amenities. The ranger district will install fire grates and picnic tables, reroute fencing, add gravel parking and signs, and install two toilets in the upper meadow and one in the Salmon Meadows campground. All additions and upgrades will accommodate all-terrain vehicle users and campers. The Salmon Meadows Campground has a high concentration of off-road vehicle users (mainly all-terrain vehicles) that recreate in the nearby national forest. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,294 in a federal appropriation and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1999)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Developing Trailheads in Tonasket Ranger District

Grant Requested: \$21,938

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to develop two off-road vehicle trailheads on the west side of the district, in Okanogan County. One trailhead will be across from Forest Service Road 3700-300, which is central to the Shrew Creek and Golden Stairway trails used mainly by motorcycle riders and all-terrain vehicle riders. The second trailhead is on Forest Service Road 3700-100, and will be used by motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders to get to Granite Mountain Trail and other routes. More than 35 miles of road near these proposed trailheads are used by cars, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles. Creating trailheads will direct off-road vehicle use to the proper areas. At the trailheads, the ranger district will add parking, signs, picnic tables, fire grates, and temporary toilets. The Forest Service will contribute \$8,202 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2014)

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2015**Title:** Recreational Trails Program, Review and Approve the Ranked List for the 2015-17 Biennium**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager**Summary**

Applicants submitted 79 projects for the federal Recreational Trails Program. This memo describes the program, categories, evaluation process and the ranked list. Staff will present more information about the projects at the June 2015 meeting. As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget or approved funding authority for the program. Staff is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to: 1) approve the ranked lists; and 2) delegate authority to the director to award grants, contingent on Federal Highway Administration's approval of projects and funding authority through a 2015-17 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution: 2015-16

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked lists of projects as shown in Table 1 for each category and delegate authority to the director to award grants to the ranked lists of projects, contingent on federal approval of projects and approval of funding authority in the 2015-17 state capital budget.

Background

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal grant program that provides grants to develop and maintain trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational uses. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) policy sets its primary emphasis on reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance on recreational trails.

Rules governing the program are in the Federal Highway Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance* (1999). The board's program policies and adopted evaluation criteria are in Manual #16, *Recreational Trails Program*.

The RTP has two categories: General and Education. The general category provides grants for maintaining existing recreational trails and developing short linking trails, trail-side, and trailhead facilities. The education category funds safety education programs, trail-related environmental education programs, and production of trail-related educational materials.

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agencies • Tribal governments • Nonprofit organizations • Federal agencies (Forest Service, National Park Service, etc.) • Local agencies (cities, towns, counties, port districts, park and recreation, and school districts)
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development • Maintenance, renovation, and reconstruction • Education
Match Requirements	Grant recipients must provide at least 20 percent in matching resources.
Grant Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum fund request for a project is \$5,000 • The maximum fund request is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20,000 – Education (education activities or signs) ○ \$150,000 – General (development or maintenance project)
Public Access	Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project setting should be predominately natural. • Projects must provide a backcountry experience. • Funds must be used for both motorized and nonmotorized recreation.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 24 funding meeting¹. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on March 27 and May 5. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available; however, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

- Rank 50, RTP General – Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead (14-1835D): Peninsula Trails Coalition did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 56, RTP General – Ilwaco Trail Maintenance (14-2107M): Ilwaco did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 56, RTP General – Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement (14-2060M): Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District did not certify match for this project.
- Rank 61, RTP General – Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead (14-1834D): Peninsula Trails Coalition did not certify match for this project because it received funding from another source.
- Rank 63, RTP General – Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead (14-1836D): Peninsula Trails Coalition did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking and their plans to delay the project.

Because the applicants did not certify match, these five projects are no longer being considered for funding and will be shown as “not funded” on the ranked list.

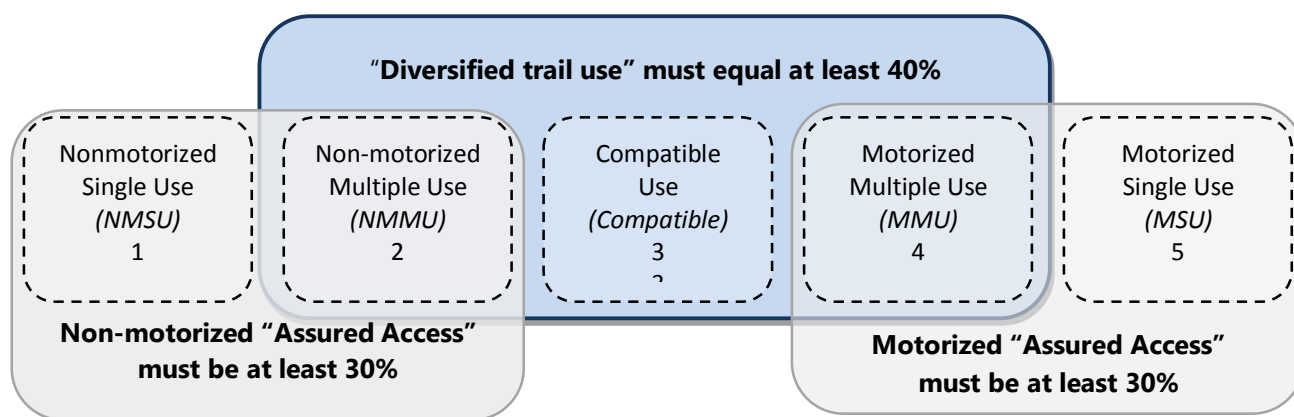
¹ WAC 286-13-040(3)

Program Funding

The *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21) reauthorized the Recreational Trails Program through federal fiscal year 2014 (now extended through May 2015). The Federal Highway Administration continues to distribute RTP funds, which are set-aside from the Transportation Alternatives Program. The amount represents federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational, nonhighway uses.

Fund Allocation

RTP has five overlapping classes as shown in the graphic below. The classes apply to both general and education category projects.



Under the provisions of the RTP governing act², there are four rules the board must observe in awarding funds among these classes.

1. A minimum of 40 percent of the funds must be given to projects that serve diversified trail uses (categories 2, 3, and 4).
2. A minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation (categories 4 and 5). These are known as assured access.
3. A minimum of 30 percent also *must* be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation (categories 1 and 2). These also are known as assured access.
4. A state *may* allocate up to 5 percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection.

The Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee recommends that the board allocate five percent of its funding for education category projects.

Estimated Funding Available

In January, the Federal Highway Administration published the funding tables for federal fiscal year 2015. Washington State, through the Washington Department of Transportation, receives \$1,243,233 for the

² Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.

first eight months of the federal fiscal year. If funds are made available for the remainder of federal fiscal year 2015 and 2016, Washington State could receive \$3.7 million for the biennium.

As of this writing, the Legislature has not yet adopted a budget for the 2015-17 biennium, authorizing the board to expend the funds. Staff will update the board regarding the funding authority at the June meeting or when a budget is enacted.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Applicants submitted 79 projects for funding consideration during this grant cycle. There were 15 projects in the education category and 64 projects in the general category.

The RTP Advisory Committee includes representatives for both motorized and nonmotorized trail uses. The members are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about recreational trails. They evaluated projects using a board adopted written evaluation process. A few weeks later, the committee reviewed the results of the evaluation in an open public meeting in Olympia. The thirteen members who evaluated projects in 2014 are:

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Daniel Collins, Seattle	Citizen-at-large
Durlyn Finnie, Allyn	Citizen-at-large
David McMains, Moses Lake	Motorized community, four-wheel drive
Marc Toenyan, Mossyrock	Motorized community, ORV and motorcycle
Sandy Sternod, Kent	Motorized community, snowmobile
Patricia Wible	Nonmotorized community, equestrian
Matt Lyons, Wenatchee	Nonmotorized community, mountain bike
Don Crook, Sammamish	Nonmotorized community, water recreation
Gary Paull, U. S. Forest Service	Federal agency
John Keates, Mason County	Local agency
Charlotte Claybrooke, Department of Transportation	State agency
Nikki Fields, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State agency
Kristen Kuykendall, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State agency

The results of the evaluation, provided for board consideration, are in Table 1 for each category.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for RPT funding directly support board adopted priorities in the *2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan*, and the *Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

Public Comment

The RCO received no public comment on these projects.

Staff Recommendation

Given the uncertainty of the timing for final 2015-17 budget approval, staff recommends that the board approve the ranked list for the projects shown in Table 1 for each category. In addition, staff recommends the board delegate authority to the director to award grants and submit these projects to the Federal Highway Administration for approval, contingent on approval of funding authority through the 2015-17 state capital budget

If the Legislature and the Governor approve a budget before the board meeting, the resolutions and Table 1 for each category may be revised so that the board can approve the ranked list of projects and make the funding decision.

Next Steps

If the board approves the lists, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all state and federal post-approval requirements. Agreements would be issued after the Federal Highway Administration approves the project and the state budget is adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2015-16
 - Table 1 –*Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17*
 - Table 1 –*Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17*

Recreational Trails Program General Category

- B. RTP State Map of Projects
- C. RTP Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. RTP Evaluation Summary 2015-17
- E. RTP Project Summaries

Recreational Trails Program Education Category

- F. RTP State Map of Projects
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- H. RTP Evaluation Summary 2015-17
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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-16
Recreational Trails Program
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, seventy-four Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all seventy-four projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation process and criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the advisory committee and board have discussed and reviewed these evaluations in open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has appropriated federal fiscal year 2015 funds for this program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive additional funds for federal fiscal year 2015 and an apportionment for federal fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, five percent of the apportionment may be used for projects in the education category as recommended by the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding authority is not available for the 2015-17 biennium;

WHEREAS, if funded, the projects will provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailhead facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Programs, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17* and *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Programs, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal year 2015 and 2016 funds to the projects based on the ranked lists, and subject to federal approval and authorization in the state 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	73.69	14-1981M	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000	\$150,000
2	72.08	14-1983M	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$82,000	\$285,000	\$367,000	\$232,000
3	71.69	14-1982M	Backcountry Trail Teams	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000	\$382,000
4	70.62	14-2035M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$95,000	\$290,000	\$385,000	\$477,000
5	70.54	14-1880M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$627,000
6	69.46	14-1969M	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$777,000
7	69.00	14-2140M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$130,366	\$133,620	\$263,986	\$907,366
8	68.69	14-2143M	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	Lopez Island Conservation Corp	\$26,500	\$23,500	\$50,000	\$933,866
9	68.38	14-1987M	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,825	\$18,228	\$39,053	\$954,691
10	67.92	14-2061M	Statewide Trail Maintenance	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,104,691
11	67.31	14-1797M	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$124,224	\$129,150	\$253,374	\$1,228,915
12	67.08	14-2040M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$38,000	\$42,000	\$80,000	\$1,266,915
13	66.69	14-1869M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,504	\$26,196	\$46,700	\$1,287,419
14	66.54	14-1804M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$44,930	\$38,849	\$83,779	\$1,332,349

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	66.23	14-1971M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$129,610	\$279,610	\$1,482,349
16	65.69	14-2132M	Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$83,000	\$115,000	\$198,000	\$1,565,349
17	64.92	14-2046M	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000	\$1,715,349
18	64.77	14-2086M	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	Leavenworth	\$56,375	\$63,000	\$119,375	\$1,771,724
18	64.77	14-2010M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot Natinal Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$105,206	\$113,494	\$218,700	\$1,876,930
20	63.77	14-2044D	Marble Mountain Trailhead and SnoPark Shelter	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot Natinal Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$125,000	\$143,000	\$268,000	\$2,001,930
21	63.31	14-2087M	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$87,241	\$117,241	\$2,031,930
22	63.15	14-1882M	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	Washington Department of Ecology	\$150,000	\$86,440	\$236,440	\$2,181,930
23	63.00	14-2114M	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$55,000	\$112,000	\$167,000	\$2,236,930
24	62.85	14-2019M	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000	\$2,386,930
25	62.54	14-2075D	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$104,800	\$94,400	\$199,200	\$2,491,730
26	62.46	14-2077M	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,800	\$159,200	\$224,000	\$2,556,530
27	61.62	14-1781M	Olympic Youth Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	\$2,706,530
28	60.92	14-2093M	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$208,016	\$358,016	\$2,856,530

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
29	60.85	14-2065M	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$45,100	\$28,000	\$73,100	\$2,901,630
29	60.85	14-1767M	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snomobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$448,688	\$598,688	\$3,051,630
31	60.77	14-2048M	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$188,000	\$3,145,630
32	60.69	14-1488M	North Cascades Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$168,000	\$318,000	\$3,295,630
33	60.46	14-1766M	Taneum Manastash SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$103,578	\$103,578	\$207,156	\$3,399,208
34	60.15	14-2012M	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$33,019	\$21,000	\$54,019	\$3,432,227
35	59.69	14-1904M	Trailhead Maintenance	Friends of the Trail	\$37,000	\$20,000	\$57,000	\$3,469,227
36	59.46	14-2047M	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	King County	\$50,105	\$78,345	\$128,450	\$3,519,332
37	59.38	14-1964M	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	Port Townsend	\$15,117	\$10,792	\$25,909	\$3,534,449
38	59.23	14-1765M	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$102,245	\$102,245	\$204,490	\$3,636,694
38	59.23	14-2104M	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	Methow Valley Snowmobile Association	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$64,000	\$3,668,694
40	59.15	14-2090M	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$65,650	\$140,650	\$3,743,694
41	58.92	14-2003M	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	Volunteers for Outdoor Washington	\$20,750	\$22,500	\$43,250	\$3,764,444
42	58.54	14-2162M	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$47,000	\$3,801,444

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

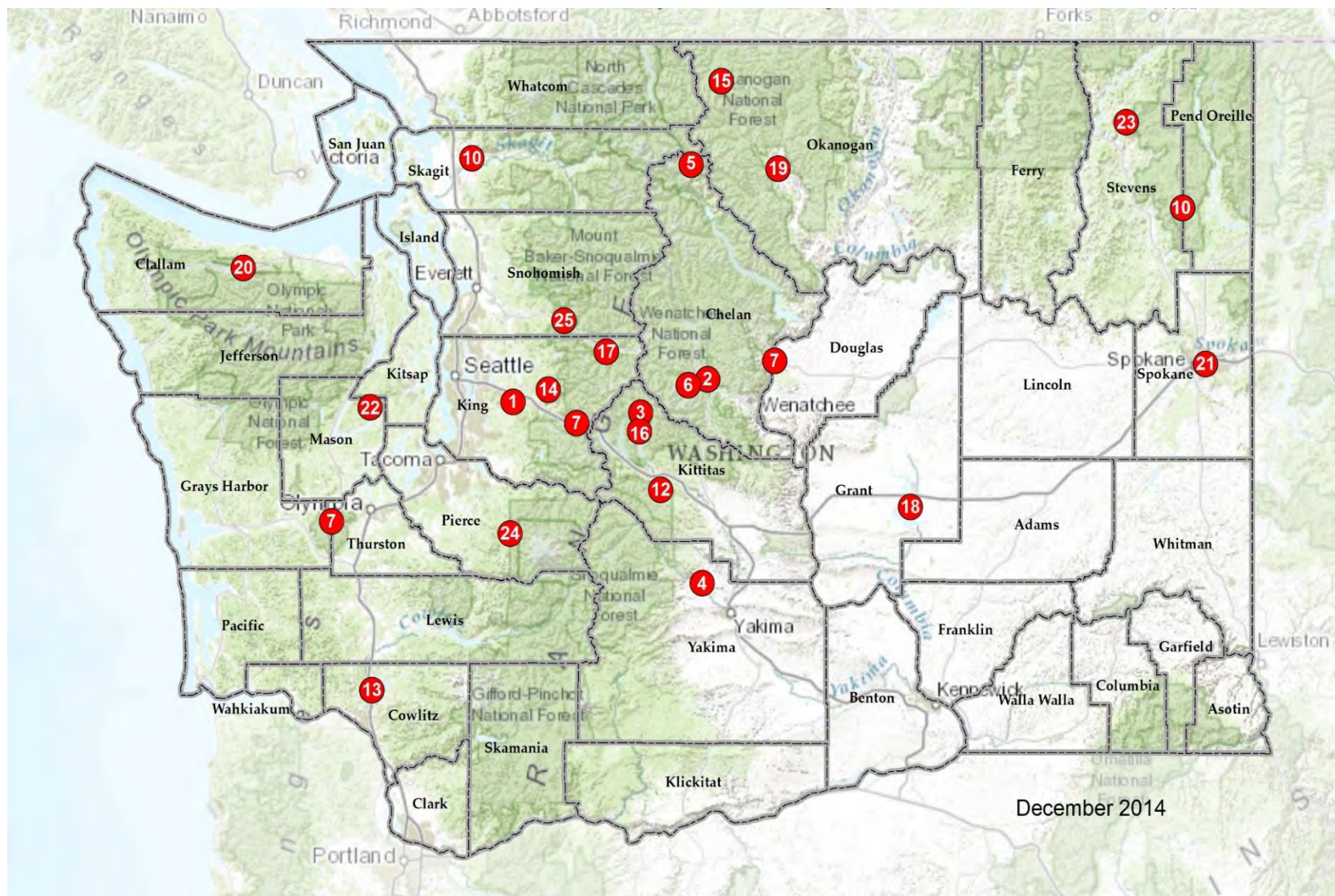
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
43	58.38	14-2098M	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$150,000	\$167,090	\$317,090	\$3,951,444
44	58.23	14-2034M	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$69,500	\$45,000	\$114,500	\$4,020,944
45	58.08	14-1530M	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000	\$4,170,944
45	58.08	14-1768M	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$41,319	\$41,319	\$82,638	\$4,212,263
47	57.77	14-1775M	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$53,967	\$53,967	\$107,934	\$4,266,230
48	57.38	14-1788M	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	\$4,416,230
49	57.23	14-1780M	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$439,174	\$589,174	\$4,566,230
50	57.08	14-1835D	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$8,960	\$7,830	\$16,790	\$4,575,190
51	56.92	14-2088M	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$45,000	\$12,000	\$57,000	\$4,620,190
52	56.69	14-1774M	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$193,260	\$343,260	\$4,770,190
53	56.38	14-1783M	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$181,460	\$331,460	\$4,920,190
54	55.54	14-1776M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$62,100	\$62,100	\$124,200	\$4,982,290
55	55.08	14-2067M	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$48,500	\$28,000	\$76,500	\$5,030,790
56	54.92	14-2107M	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance ¹	Ilwaco	\$39,150	\$32,200	\$71,350	\$5,069,940

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
57	54.54	14-2060M	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement ¹	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$62,000	\$20,903	\$82,903	\$5,131,940
58	54.23	14-1773M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$25,900	\$14,100	\$40,000	\$5,157,840
59	53.38	14-2094M	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$5,282,840
60	52.85	14-1833M	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	\$62,000	\$51,000	\$113,000	\$5,344,840
61	52.46	14-1834D	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$21,315	\$10,665	\$31,980	\$5,366,155
62	51.92	14-1786M	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$137,500	\$137,500	\$275,000	\$5,503,655
63	50.69	14-1836D	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$23,442	\$10,545	\$33,987	\$5,527,097
64	50.08	14-2043M	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	Issaquah	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500	\$5,677,097
					\$5,677,097	\$7,798,355	\$13,475,452	\$196,452,345

*Project Type: D=Development, M=Maintenance
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

State Map for Recreational Trails Program General Category Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

Recreational Trails Program

General Category

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scored by	Question	Criteria Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction	All	15
Advisory Committee	3	Project design	Development	10
Advisory Committee	4	Maintenance	Maintenance	10
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability and environmental stewardship	All	10
Advisory Committee	6	Readiness to proceed	All	5
Advisory Committee	7	Cost-benefit	All	5
Advisory Committee	8	Cost efficiencies	All	6
Advisory Committee	9	Project support	All	10
RCO Staff	10	Matching shares	All	10
RCO Staff	11	Growth Management Act preference	All	0
Total Points Possible				68

Scoring Criteria: General Category**Scored by Advisory Committee**

1. **Need.** How great is the need for improved trail facilities that provide a backcountry experience?
2. **Need satisfaction.** To what extent will the project satisfy the service area needs identified in Question 1, Need?
3. **Project design.** Is the proposal appropriately designed for intended uses and users? (Development projects)
4. **Maintenance.** To what degree will the project reduce recreational trail maintenance backlogs and/or recreate a recreational trail opportunity? (Maintenance projects)
5. **Sustainability and environmental stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
6. **Readiness to proceed.** Is the applicant prepared to begin the project?
7. **Cost-benefit.** Do the benefits of the project outweigh costs?
8. **Cost Efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrate efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?
9. **Project support.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?

Scored by RCO Staff

10. **Matching shares.** To what extent will the applicant match the RTP grant with contributions from its own resources?
11. **Growth Management Act Preference.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?



Recreational Trails Program Evaluation Summary General Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.23	13.15		8.77	7.85	4.38	4.15	4.69	8.46	10.00	0.00	73.69
2	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.69	12.23		8.00	8.00	4.31	4.15	4.54	8.15	10.00	0.00	72.08
3	Backcountry Trail Teams	11.77	12.23		8.31	7.85	4.46	4.00	4.62	8.46	10.00	0.00	71.69
4	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	11.77	12.92		7.54	7.08	4.15	4.15	4.23	8.77	10.00	0.00	70.62
5	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	13.15	11.77		8.15	7.69	4.08	3.54	3.54	8.62	10.00	0.00	70.54
6	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.08		7.85	7.54	4.23	3.69	3.77	9.08	10.00	0.00	69.46
7	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	12.00	11.77		8.00	6.31	3.85	3.77	4.23	9.08	10.00	0.00	69.00
8	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	12.00	12.00		7.85	7.23	3.85	3.92	3.85	8.00	10.00	0.00	68.69
9	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	12.00	12.00		8.15	6.62	3.62	3.62	3.92	8.46	10.00	0.00	68.38
10	Statewide Trail Maintenance	11.08	11.08		7.85	7.38	4.00	3.38	4.23	8.92	10.00	0.00	67.92
11	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	12.00	11.77		7.38	6.62	4.00	3.46	3.62	8.46	10.00	0.00	67.31
12	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	11.54	11.31		7.85	6.92	3.77	3.46	3.31	8.92	10.00	0.00	67.08
13	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	12.46	11.54		7.85	7.08	4.00	3.85	3.92	6.00	10.00	0.00	66.69



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14	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	11.77	11.77		7.54	7.23	3.85	3.54	3.31	7.54	10.00	0.00	66.54
15	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	12.46	11.31		7.85	7.38	4.23	3.54	3.46	6.00	10.00	0.00	66.23
16	Snoqualmie White River Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.31		8.15	7.85	3.54	3.46	3.62	5.54	10.00	0.00	65.69
17	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	11.54	11.54		7.54	6.92	3.85	3.31	3.62	6.62	10.00	0.00	64.92
18	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	11.08	11.08		7.38	7.38	4.00	3.23	3.08	7.54	10.00	0.00	64.77
18	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trail Maintenance	11.77	11.54		7.69	6.92	3.92	3.46	3.00	6.46	10.00	0.00	64.77
20	Marble Mountain Trailhead SnoPark Shelter	10.85	10.85	6.46		8.31	3.23	3.08	3.15	7.85	10.00	0.00	63.77
21	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	10.62	10.15		7.08	6.46	4.00	3.31	3.38	8.31	10.00	0.00	63.31
22	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	12.23	11.08		7.54	7.23	4.15	3.54	4.00	7.38	6.00	0.00	63.15
23	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	10.85	10.62		7.23	5.69	3.92	3.54	4.23	6.92	10.00	0.00	63.00
24	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	12.00	12.00		7.08	6.31	3.62	3.46	3.15	5.23	10.00	0.00	62.85
25	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	11.08	10.62	7.23		7.54	3.38	3.46	3.38	5.85	10.00	0.00	62.54
26	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	10.85	11.54		7.38	6.00	4.23	3.62	3.46	5.38	10.00	0.00	62.46



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27	Olympic Youth Crews	10.85	11.08		6.62	6.62	3.77	3.46	3.85	5.38	10.00	0.00	61.62
28	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	11.31	9.92		6.92	5.85	3.85	3.15	2.85	7.08	10.00	0.00	60.92
29	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	12.23	12.23		7.69	5.38	4.08	3.46	3.15	6.62	6.00	0.00	60.85
29	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	10.38	9.92		7.08	5.85	3.92	3.23	2.92	7.54	10.00	0.00	60.85
31	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	11.08	10.62		7.08	6.62	3.69	3.38	3.08	5.23	10.00	0.00	60.77
32	North Cascades Youth Crew	9.69	10.38		6.31	7.08	3.77	3.31	3.69	6.46	10.00	0.00	60.69
33	Taneum Manastas SnoParks and Groomed Trails	9.69	10.15		7.08	6.00	3.92	3.00	2.62	8.00	10.00	0.00	60.46
34	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.54		7.23	7.69	3.77	3.23	2.62	5.85	6.00	0.00	60.15
35	Trailhead Maintenance	10.62	9.92		7.23	7.54	3.92	3.38	3.54	7.54	6.00	0.00	59.69
36	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	10.15	11.08		7.23	8.15	3.31	3.15	2.23	4.15	10.00	0.00	59.46
37	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	8.54	9.46		6.77	6.92	4.00	3.23	3.54	8.92	8.00	0.00	59.38
38	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.69	9.92		7.08	5.85	4.08	2.92	2.31	7.38	10.00	0.00	59.23
38	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	9.69	10.15		6.46	6.15	3.85	3.46	3.77	5.69	10.00	0.00	59.23



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40	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	10.15	9.92		6.77	6.31	4.08	3.46	3.38	5.08	10.00	0.00	59.15
41	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	9.92	9.00		6.92	6.00	3.69	3.38	3.54	6.46	10.00	0.00	58.92
42	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	12.23	12.69		8.46	7.38	3.92	3.46	3.31	7.08	0.00	0.00	58.54
43	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	9.69	10.15		7.38	6.15	3.69	3.08	2.85	5.38	10.00	0.00	58.38
44	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	11.77	10.85		7.23	6.92	3.85	3.31	2.92	5.38	6.00	0.00	58.23
45	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	11.54	10.85		7.54	7.38	4.15	3.85	3.23	5.54	4.00	0.00	58.08
45	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	8.77	9.46		7.23	5.85	3.85	3.00	2.69	7.23	10.00	0.00	58.08
47	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.46	9.69		6.77	5.54	3.77	2.92	2.38	7.23	10.00	0.00	57.77
48	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	9.00	9.92		6.15	6.15	3.85	3.38	3.69	5.23	10.00	0.00	57.38
49	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	10.38	9.92		6.62	5.69	4.08	2.85	2.31	5.38	10.00	0.00	57.23
50	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead	9.00	9.69	6.77		6.46	3.38	3.31	3.54	4.92	10.00	0.00	57.08
51	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	11.77	12.00		7.85	6.31	4.08	3.54	3.23	8.15	0.00	0.00	56.92
52	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.23	9.69		6.62	5.69	4.08	2.92	2.62	5.85	10.00	0.00	56.69



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53	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.92	9.00		6.77	5.38	4.08	2.77	2.62	5.85	10.00	0.00	56.38
54	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.23	9.46		6.77	5.54	3.77	3.00	2.38	5.38	10.00	0.00	55.54
55	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	10.38	10.85		7.08	4.46	3.85	2.92	2.77	6.77	6.00	0.00	55.08
56	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance	8.77	9.46		6.15	5.85	3.38	2.92	2.15	7.23	10.00	-1.00	54.92
57	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement	12.00	11.54		7.69	6.92	3.23	3.31	2.62	5.23	2.00	0.00	54.54
58	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	9.92	10.85		6.15	5.69	4.00	3.00	3.38	5.23	6.00	0.00	54.23
59	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	9.00	9.23		6.00	5.38	3.31	2.92	2.46	5.08	10.00	0.00	53.38
60	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	8.77	8.77		6.00	5.08	3.85	2.92	2.85	4.62	10.00	0.00	52.85
61	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead	10.38	9.69	6.62		6.62	3.31	3.31	3.62	4.92	4.00	0.00	52.46
62	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	8.31	8.54		6.31	5.23	3.69	2.77	2.00	5.08	10.00	0.00	51.92
63	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead	9.69	9.00	6.77		6.46	3.31	3.08	3.46	4.92	4.00	0.00	50.69
64	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	11.31	11.77		7.23	7.08	3.23	2.77	2.54	4.15	0.00	0.00	50.08

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Washington Trails Association Maintaining Front Country Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 375 miles of hiking trails in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and in eastern Washington for 2 years. The work will reduce maintenance needs on some of the state's most popular trails and improve recreational opportunities for 3.2 million hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers from the Puget Sound and Spokane metropolitan areas and smaller communities statewide. The trails association will coordinate with land managers to recruit volunteers for 600 work parties and 60,000 hours of trail maintenance to remove encroaching vegetation, clear drainage structures, and remove downed trees. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$930,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1981)

Washington Trails Association Engaging Youth Volunteers in Trail Maintenance

Grant Requested: \$82,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to pay for youth volunteers to complete 17,000 hours of trail maintenance on 66 miles of hiking trails in Washington during 2 years. This project allows hundreds of young people to reduce trail maintenance backlogs in county and state parks and national forests and parks, significantly improving recreation opportunities statewide. Nearly half of the work will be completed on Youth Volunteer Vacations, which encourages high school students to spend a week at a base camp completing a specific project ranging from replacing drainage structures to fixing trail surfaces. The other half will be annual maintenance during day work parties. Whether spending a day or a week on a trail, young people feel empowered by the tangible results of their efforts and gain a greater understanding of what it takes to keep our trails safe and accessible. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$285,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1983)

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Backcountry Hiking Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of hiking trails that lie beyond the reach of a day work party in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and eastern Washington. The work, which will be done during 2 years, will improve trails for 2.4 million backcountry hikers, backpackers, and equestrians. The trails association will coordinate with land managers and recruit volunteers to complete 30,000 hours of trail maintenance. The federal and state forests and parks involved in the project rely on volunteers to help maintain their trails and particularly value the skill, commitment, and passion of the trail association's backcountry volunteers. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$490,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1982)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Expanding Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance

Grant Requested: \$95,000

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support its volunteer trail maintenance program. The alliance will provide at least 18,000 hours of volunteer labor to maintain more than 125 miles of popular trails for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians across the state. Due to budget

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constraints and backlogs, many of these trails receive no maintenance beyond that provided by the alliance. The alliance works closely with federal, state, and local land managers to identify critical maintenance needs and repairs. This allows the group to respond to requests for emergency repairs to damage caused by storms. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$290,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2035)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Hiking and Stock Trails in Darrington Backcountry

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of hiking and stock trail accessible via the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway, the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, and other trails. The trails offer day hikes to popular lakes and peaks, as well as remote overnight backcountry experiences, near Seattle and Everett. The crews will remove brush and fallen trees, repair trail structures and surfaces, and perform heavier maintenance work. This work is important because of the anticipated re-opening of the Suiattle River Road to vehicle traffic, which is expected to increase use of the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1880)

Mountains to Sound Greenway Maintaining Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to pay for Conservation Corps crews, staff, materials, and tools for 2 years to maintain at least 160 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, in both King and Kittitas Counties. The crews will work on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and King County. This project allows the greenway trust to maintain some of Washington's most popular and heavily-used trails. The crews will clear fallen trees, remove overgrown brush, replace and enhance trail signs and surfaces, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, make minor trail structure repairs, and maintain trailheads. Crews and greenway trust staff efforts will be leveraged with community volunteer labor. The Greenway's wild land trail network consists of more than 1,000 miles of trail. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in local and private grants and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1969)

Grant Requested: \$130,366

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Kittitas County

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 326 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users, including 85 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Kittitas County trails are extremely popular because of their easy access, quality, and proximity to Interstate 90 and 3 million Puget Sound residents. The crew will cut fallen trees and overgrown brush; maintain trail and drainage structures; restore trail surfaces; and make, install, and maintain trail signs. Funding also covers administration, coordination, and support for volunteer groups. Trail users in roadless areas and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness can see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The

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Forest Service will contribute \$133,620 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2140)

Lopez Island Conservation Corps Improving Trails in Moran State Park

Grant Requested: \$26,500

The Lopez Island Conservation Corps, in partnership with two other local island youth corps, will use this grant to maintain more than 38 miles of trail in Moran State Park. Trail crews will maintain the trails, make safety improvements to address hiker-biker trail conflicts, and tackle erosion issues. Many of the trails, roads, and structures in the 5,600-acre park were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Budget cuts have meant annual trail maintenance has been neglected for 15 years. The park attracts more than 600,000 visitors annually, many from overseas, and is considered one of the gems of the state. The Lopez Island Conservation Corps will contribute \$23,500 in staff labor, a local grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2143)

Grant Requested: \$20,825

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Sawtooth Backcountry

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to pay for volunteer groups to maintain 46 miles of multiple-use trail for 2 years, adjacent to the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness Area, southeast of Twisp. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. The volunteer crews will clear downed trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, and maintain drainage structures. The Sawtooth Backcountry provides a variety of recreational opportunities including access to scenic loop trails and lake destinations, and the only multiple-use trail system open for motorized use. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,228 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1987)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy tools, equipment, and safety supplies for use in maintaining trails statewide. Crews will remove downed trees, cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$150,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2061)

Grant Requested: \$124,224

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining 250 Miles of Motorized Trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person crew to maintain 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel-drive trail for 2 years in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The crew will clear all 250 miles of trail. On half the trails each year, the crew will cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs on. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. The trails are used by an estimated 80,000 motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders annually. Located in central Washington, the trail system is known for its variety of trail opportunities, landscapes, and sunny weather. The Forest Service will contribute \$129,150 in a state

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appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1797)

Grant Requested: \$38,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Winter Recreation Trails in Kittitas County

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a two-person crew to maintain and groom 282 miles of snowmobile trail and 100 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails in Kittitas County. Maintenance will keep trails safe and enjoyable, and will protect soil and water resources. The crew will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, install signs and trail markers, repair bridges and culverts, and groom the trails. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably the most heavily used winter recreation area in the state, with easy access, abundant snow, and good weather. It is estimated that the project will benefit about 40,000 visitors in the winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,000 in a state grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2040)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Maintaining Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Trails

Grant Requested: \$20,504

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to maintain the Salmon Ridge Trail system, which has the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski trail in northwest Washington. The ski club will groom and maintain 15 miles of cross-country ski trail and maintain 5 miles of snowshoe trail for the next 2 years. The club also will mow half the trails each year. The club will use to grant to support volunteers to clear brush and overhanging branches, install trail signs, and clean water drainage systems to prevent trail erosion. Located on the flank of Mount Baker, 13 miles east of Glacier, the area attracts an estimated 7,200 visits each winter, drawing people from Whatcom and Skagit Counties to southern British Columbia. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, a nonprofit, volunteer-based club with 113 members, has maintained the Salmon Ridge Trail system for 22 years. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will contribute \$26,196 in a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1869)

Grant Requested: \$44,930

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Addressing Trail Maintenance Backlog in the Naches Wilderness

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to complete maintenance projects that have been delayed in and next to the Norse Peak, W.O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wildernesses, during the next two years. The Forest Service will repair surfaces of a half-mile of trail and fix 150 feet of turnpikes, 160 feet of puncheon and board walks, and 4 bridges. The trails are used by stock and foot travelers. The backcountry trails receive about 30,000 visits annually. Structures in need of repair typically are more than 30 years old, made of native materials, and have withstood 10 to 20 feet of snow each year. Current priorities include sites on the Bumping River, Cougar Valley, Cramer Lake, Crow Lake Way, Goose Prairie, McAllister, Mount Aix, Pacific Crest, Rattlesnake, and Union Creek Trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$38,849 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1804)

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Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Alpine Lakes Wilderness Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 125 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and the surrounding backcountry. Work includes clearing the trails, trimming overgrown brush, and fixing water drainage structures and trail surfaces in the watersheds of the North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River. Maintenance is focused on improving the 35 percent of multiple-use trails. Funding supports trail maintenance performed by contractors, staff, non-profit organizations, and volunteers. The work will make the trails safer, reduce erosion and loss of plants, preserve trail structures and increase the life of trail facilities, and improve public access for outdoor recreation activities. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$129,610 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1971)

Grant Requested: \$83,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Snoqualmie-White River Multi-Use Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew, supplies, equipment, and tools to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails, south of Interstate 90 and near State Highway 410 and the White River. The crew will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, and repair trail surfaces and structures. Forest Service crews will work with volunteer organizations, individuals, and youth corps crews. The Forest Service will contribute \$115,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2132)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Chelan Ranger District

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 236 miles of multiple-use trails in Okanogan County. The district will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. The district also will groom winter trails for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Forest Service will contribute \$250,000 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2046)

Leavenworth Restoring the Leavenworth Waterfront Trail

Grant Requested: \$56,375

The City of Leavenworth will use this grant to rebuild a trail system that runs along the Wenatchee River. The City will repair and move trail segments damaged by erosion in Waterfront, Blackbird Island, and Enchantment Parks. In all, the City will restore nearly 1.5 miles of waterfront trail, install erosion prevention measures, repair a culvert, landscape with native plants, and build four river access points with rest areas. The City of Leavenworth will contribute \$63,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2086)

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U.S. Forest Service, Gifford-Pinchot National Forest Maintaining Wilderness Trails

Grant Requested: \$105,206

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two crews for 2 years to maintain about 300 miles of wilderness trail in Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties. The crews will clear trails and fix water drainage structures to prevent damage caused when trails users create detours. The Gifford Pinchot's Wildernesses contain forested trails, high alpine meadows, snow fields, and elevations up 12,000 feet. An estimated 35,000 people visit annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$113,494 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2010)

Grant Requested: \$125,000

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Building a Warming Shelter at Marble Mountain Trailhead

The Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument will use this grant to build a warming shelter at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park. Before the previous shelter burned down in 2012, it was the heart of winter recreation at Marble Mountain Sno-Park and a central gathering spot. It was extremely popular with campers and climbers when trailheads were closed by snow. A committed group of retired Forest Service employees, snowmobilers, and volunteers are helping with fundraising, donations, and labor. Up to 12,000 people use the sno-park and shelter annually. This project supports year-round recreation including snowmobiling, Nordic sports, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and snow play. The Forest Service will contribute \$143,000 in equipment, staff labor, another grant, and donations of cash, equipment, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2044)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Grooming the Pomeroy Trail for Winter Recreation

Grant Requested: \$30,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a two-person team and volunteer crew to maintain and groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, and install trail markers and snow poles. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2087)

Washington Department of Ecology Relocating and Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Department of Ecology will use this grant to pay for Conservation Corps crews to move and maintain trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Mount Rainier National Park, and on land owned by the Whatcom Land Trust. In the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, crews will move .7 mile of the Kelley Creek trail, which is part of the Wild Sky Wilderness, so that it goes through an old-growth forest as well as the Pacific Crest Trail and its feeder trails. In the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, crews will focus on non-wilderness trails that have had limited maintenance in the past decade. In Mount Rainier National Park, crews will maintain the most heavily used trails, including the Wonderland Trail and its feeder trail system. On Whatcom Land Trust land, crews will maintain the Thousand Puddles trail system adjacent to spectacular views of Mount Baker. In all areas, crews will ensure that trails are accessible, that drainage problems are fixed, and that the recreational experience once

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again meets public expectation. The Department of Ecology will contribute \$86,440 in a state appropriation, a federal grant, and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1882)

Mount Tahoma Trails Association Maintaining the Tahoma Trail System

Grant Requested: \$55,000

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to pay for a volunteer crew to maintain more than 50 miles of trail that link four backcountry huts used by cross-country skiers and snowshoers in the winter and hikers and mountain bikers in summer. The crew will groom the trails in the winter, cut overgrown brush and trees in the summer, repair snow cats and snowmobiles, and install signs. The trails are in the Tahoma and Elbe Hills State Forests, in Pierce County, at the foothills of Mount Rainier. The trail system has been in operation for 20 years, and an estimated 8,000 people use the trails each season. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will donate \$112,000 in labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2114)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Lake Chelan Uplake Trail

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 307 miles of non-motorized, multiple-use trails in Chelan County. Maintenance includes clearing the trail by removing downed trees and cutting overgrown bushes, fixing water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuilding trail surfaces. The Forest Service will donate \$132,000 in staff labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2019)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Improving the Mazama Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$104,800

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to increase parking and trail accessibility and add two picnic areas at the Mazama trailhead, which provides access to the most popular trails in Okanogan County. The work will eliminate bottlenecks and barriers to access, and safely serve more than 50,000 diverse trail users year round. The Methow Community Trail and the businesses nearby are popular gathering places for skiers, equestrians, hikers, bikers, runners, and birders. The association operates the nation's largest Nordic ski system in winter, and non-motorized recreational trails in the summer. The trail system is an economic driver, generating \$8.6 million in revenues and 128 jobs in the local community each year. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$94,400 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2075)

Grant Requested: \$64,800

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Entiat Snowmobile Trails

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 140 miles of snowmobile trail. Forest Service crews will remove blow-down trees, clear culverts, repair minor trail wash-outs, and install or remove more than 250 trail signs and route safety markers, building new signs as needed. The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts groom more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly in the winter. The trail system has more than 36,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$159,200 in staff

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labor, a state grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2077)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Engaging Olympic Youth Crews

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to pay for the SKY Youth Crew program to maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on the Olympic Peninsula, in Jefferson and Clallam Counties. The crew will work in two areas: 1) from Snow Creek and Mount Zion, through Gold Creek and the Upper Dungeness, and through the Buckhorn Wilderness to the park boundary; and 2) the High and Low divide areas on the upper Sol Duc and the upper Bogachiel River. In the past 13 years, SKY Youth Crews have been successful in getting at-risk youth outdoors and offering opportunities to work in a natural setting, learn outdoor etiquette and team work skills, and gain a respect for the environment. Pacific Northwest Trail Association volunteers will work with the youth crews to maintain the trails. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$154,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1781)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Plowing and Grooming Sno-Parks along Interstate 90

Grant Requested: \$150,000

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at six sno-parks and groom 35 miles of Nordic ski trails and 20 miles of ski-joring and dog sled trails east of Snoqualmie Pass near Interstate 90. Depending on snow conditions and funding, the work will be done twice a week in the winter on U.S. Forest Service trails at Salmon La Sac, Gold Creek, Cabin Creek, and near Crystal Springs Sno-Parks; and at State Parks' Crystal Springs and Hyak Sno-Parks and Lake Easton and Iron Horse Trail State Parks. This area receives more than 100,000 visitors each winter, and is the most intensely used winter recreation area in the state, concentrating snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, and ski-joring activities in a 30-mile corridor along the freeway. State Parks will contribute \$208,016 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2093)

Grant Requested: \$45,100

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. Maintenance includes removing fallen trees and overgrown brush and rebuilding trail surfaces. The goal is to maintain access to these two scenic recreation destinations. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2065)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Maintaining Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass Sno-Parks and Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow nine sno-parks and groom 402 miles of snowmobile trail from Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass, the most popular snowmobiling destination in the state. Easy access from Interstate 90 makes this the most important winter recreation area for people living in the Puget Sound basin. The trails link to other systems in the south and east, allowing multiple-day rides over

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diverse terrain for riders of all ages and skills. Ridges provide spectacular views of the upper Yakima Valley and the Stuart Range. State Parks will manage the project with assistance from the Snowmobile Advisory Committee, Kittitas County Grooming Council, local snowmobile clubs, and Cle Elum Ranger District. State Parks will contribute \$448,688 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1767)

Grant Requested: \$94,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Improving Skykomish Ranger District Trails

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 144 miles of hiker and stock trail in King and Snohomish Counties. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, remove slide debris and boulders, and rebuild trail surfaces. The project addresses safety hazards, mitigates the impacts of excessive use, and protects public investment in these trails. The district will use a combination of employees, youth corps, contractors, and volunteers to complete the work. The district's trail system provides access to the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, Wild Sky Wilderness, and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area. Notable trails include the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Iron Goat Trail in the Stevens Pass Historic District. The area receives more than 75,000 visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$94,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2048)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Engaging Youth Crew to Maintain Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to pay for youth crews to maintain 100 miles of the Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. The crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and rebuild trail surfaces at Deception Pass State Park, Blanchard Mountain, Anderson Mountain, Mount Josephine, South Fork Nooksack River, Mount Baker, Baker Lake, Swift Creek, Hannegan Pass, North Cascades National Park, and a section of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest east of Ross Lake. In the past 13 years, the SKY Youth Crews have successfully gotten at-risk youth outdoors to learn outdoor etiquette and team work skills and gain a respect for the environment. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$168,000 in staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1488)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Plowing and Grooming Taneum-Manastash Sno-Parks and Trails

Grant Requested: \$103,578

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at four sno-parks and groom about 182 miles of snowmobile trail in the highlands south of Cle Elum in Kittitas County for 2 years. The Taneum-Manastash area is one of the most popular riding areas in the state because of its easy access from Interstate 90 and the Puget Sound area. The trails lead to ridges above the upper Yakima Valley with breathtaking views of the valley below and the Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$103,578 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1766)

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Grant Requested: \$33,019

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Repairing Fire-Damage Trails

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails in and around the Pasayten Wilderness that were damaged by recent fires. The district will maintain 104 wilderness miles and 94 non-wilderness miles during 2 years. The district will fix and add new water drainage structures, remove shrubs, and remove trees destroyed by fire. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2012)

Friends of the Trail Buying a Truck to Maintain Trailheads and Campsites

Grant Requested: \$37,000

Friends of the Trail will use this grant to buy a ¾-ton, four-wheel-drive truck to use when maintaining about 70 trailheads and 80 campsites in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, King County, and on Washington Department of Natural Resources lands. The friends group will remove trash and other dumped garbage and maintain other problem areas. The goal is to promote access to trails near campgrounds and public areas, and ensure public safety and environmental health. The trails are used mostly for hiking, snowmobiling, non-motorized snow trail activity, cycling, and horse riding. The friends group has an 18-year history of addressing the worst trailhead and campsite cleanups in the most cost-effective way. Friends of the Trail will contribute \$20,000 in a local grant and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1904)

King County Replacing Culverts on the Moss Lake Natural Area Trail

Grant Requested: \$50,105

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to get permits, replace two aging culverts with a 40-foot-long trail bridge, and replant the area in the Moss Lake Natural Area, a 372-acre park in rural King County. The culverts, which are more than 30 years old, have been damaged repeatedly by storms and are likely to fail soon, which would result in closure of the trail and access to the adjacent 90,000-acre Snoqualmie Forest, where public recreation is allowed. Moss Lake Natural Area is an extremely valuable and unique ecological area, consisting of a 150-acre wetland complex, sphagnum bog, and a 6.5-acre lake that drains to the Tolt River. The natural area is home to multiple species of concern. Hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking are allowed in the natural area. King County will contribute \$78,345 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2047)

Port Townsend Maintaining the Port Townsend Loop Trail

Grant Requested: \$15,117

The City of Port Townsend will use this grant to buy a mini-hauler or motorized wheelbarrow, gravel to harden trail sections, and signs for nine trail intersections on the Port Townsend Loop Trail. The 31-mile loop trail runs through protected wildlife habitat, forested corridors, and open space, and is used by hikers, bicyclists, naturalists, birders, and equestrians. The trail links neighborhoods and connects to Jefferson County's Larry Scott Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail. The Port Townsend Loop trail maintenance is limited by the capacity of volunteers to move gravel in wheelbarrows and the cost of gravel. A mini-hauler will speed up maintenance work. The City of Port Townsend will contribute \$10,792

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in staff labor and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1964)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Requested: \$102,245** **Plowing and Grooming Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at six sno-parks and groom 231 miles of snowmobile trail near Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties for two winters. The Mount Baker area provides superb snowmobiling for all ages and abilities and is tied for the second most popular riding area in the state, with magnificent views of Mount Baker and surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable, heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding is typically depleted long before riding has ended. State Parks will contribute \$102,245 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1765)

Methow Valley Snowmobile Association **Grant Requested: \$32,000** **Grooming Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails**

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will use this grant to groom 175 miles of snowmobile trail in the Methow Valley, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Okanogan County. The groomed trails provide access to 2,000 acres of backcountry beginning at a 1,500-foot elevation and climbing to 8,000 feet. More than 12,800 snowmobilers and skiers use the trail system. The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will contribute \$32,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2104)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest **Grant Requested: \$75,000** **Maintaining Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to help pay for two crews, a manager, and equipment to maintain Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The employees will consist of a two person trail crew, a three-person front country patrol and facility maintenance crew, and a manager to coordinate daily trail, facility, and patrol activities. The equipment will be used to build water drainage structures and haul rocks and maintenance materials. The grant also will pay for contract services to pump outhouses, rent dumpsters, and sample water, as well as to buy cleaning and repair supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,650 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2090)

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington **Grant Requested: \$20,750** **Maintaining the Iron Goat Trail**

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington will use this grant to maintain about 10 miles of the Iron Goat Trail, in the Stevens Pass Historic District of King County. Crews will remove overgrown brush, clean culverts, repair damaged structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. The trail, which is built on an abandoned railroad grade, is used by hikers and serves as an outdoor museum with interpretive signs detailing the railroad history in the area. Work will be accomplished by volunteers, supervised by a seasonal Forest Service employee. Volunteers for Outdoor Washington will contribute \$22,500 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2003)

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U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest Replacing Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridges

Grant Requested: \$37,000

The Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to pay for the environmental review, design, materials, and construction of two foot bridges and other improvements to the Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail, in Mason County. The work will restore access to 4.9 miles of the trail for hikers and stock. Currently, hikers can use only 1.2 miles of the trail because a foot log washed away. Stock use is limited because there are large logs blocking the trail in several locations. The ranger district will replace two foot log bridges and the railing on another, define the stock crossings, remove logs and debris that limit stock access, and improve trail signs. Volunteers will provide the labor and stock to pack the supplies to the site. The popular Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail extends into Olympic National Park and connects to the Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail. This project increases trail accessibility for stock from the Lebar horse camp. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2162)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Buying Equipment to Groom Low Snow Trails in the Methow Valley

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to buy a snow cat that can groom trails with very little snow. The trail association provides some of the most scenic and popular backcountry style trails in the nation. However, the group has been challenged by lower snow falls and icy trail conditions in recent years and needs equipment that can groom trails in those conditions. Deteriorating snow conditions and lack of proper grooming equipment have led to trail closures and hazardous conditions. The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association supports 50,000 skier days annually, and a larger number of hiker, biker, and equestrian days in the summer. The trail system is the economic driver for a thriving recreation-based economy. A 2005 economic analysis determined that the trails generate \$8.6 million in revenues and 128 jobs in the local economy annually. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$167,090 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2098)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Grant Requested: \$69,500

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person Forest Service trail crew and a Northwest Youth Corps crew to maintain 105 miles of non-motorized wilderness trails, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The crews will remove fallen trees, repair water drainage and other structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. Work will be done along the North Fork Entiat River and in the Entiat portion of the Glacier Peak Wilderness. In 2006, the Tinpan Fire severely damaged 32 miles of the district's wilderness trails. In one 4-mile section, 105 trees fell over the trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2034)

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Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Trails in the Mount Baker Ranger District

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 110 miles of trails in 2 years and complete backlogged maintenance projects on 30 miles of multi-use trails in the district. Work will be done on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, Glacier Peak Wilderness, Mount Baker National Recreation Area, Heather Meadows Recreation Area, and non-wilderness areas. Some of these areas have exceptionally high use. There are an estimated 150,000 annual visits in the Mount Baker Wilderness and Heather Meadows area from mid-June to late September, 30,000 in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area, and 5,000 to the remote Cascade Drainage trails. The goals are to maintain the trails and lower costs by reducing backlogged maintenance. Crews will remove fallen trees and debris, cut overgrown brush, rebuild trail surfaces, and clean and repair water drainage structures and bridges. Backlogged maintenance projects include rebuilding longer sections of trail surfaces, repaving, and laying gravel on several trails. The work will be accomplished by Forest Service staff and supported by Washington Trails Association volunteers, Pacific Northwest Trail Association youth crews, Northwest Youth Corps, and Back Country Horsemen of Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1530)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Plowing and Grooming Stemilt-Colockum Sno-Parks and Trails

Grant Requested: \$41,319

State Parks will use this grant to plow a sno-park and groom about 100 miles of snowmobile trail in the Wenatchee Mountains for two winters. The Stemilt-Colockum area is conveniently accessed from the Wenatchee area. Trails wander along Naneum Ridge and through bowls and valleys to the south of the Mission Ridge ski area. The open terrain provides great riding opportunities for all ages, with spectacular views over the Kittitas Valley to the south and the Wenatchee area to the north. State Parks will contribute \$41,319 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1768)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Plowing and Grooming Southeast Washington Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails

Grant Requested: \$53,967

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at five sno-parks and groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trail in Umatilla National Forest. These trails provide access into the Blue Mountains for riders from the Asotin, Dayton, Pomeroy, Tri-Cities, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, and the Clarkston-Lewiston area. The trails tie into trail systems in Oregon opening riding opportunities into the mountains of northeast Oregon. The unique terrain offers open ridges with panoramic views, and winding valleys with Ponderosa Pine and grand fir. State Parks will contribute \$53,967 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1775)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Engaging Okanogan SKY Youth Crew

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire local youth for the SKY Program to maintain segments of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail in Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. About 400 miles of the National Scenic Trail traverse central and northeast Washington

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and the association relies on its youth crews and volunteers to maintain it. The association's youth crews contribute more than 25,000 hours a year to maintain the 1,200-mile National Scenic Trail. The work done with this grant will reduce trail maintenance backlogs in the Okanogan and Colville National Forests and the Loomis State Forest. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. Forest Service; Washington Department of Natural Resources; Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties; school districts in Colville, Metaline Falls, Oroville, Republic, and Tonasket; and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$154,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1788)

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Grant Requested: \$150,000

Plowing and Grooming Greenwater-Yakima Snowmobile Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at 19 sno-parks and groom 403 miles of snowmobile trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests and the Ahtanum State Forest for two winters. Together with the Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass corridor, this area offers the most popular snowmobile riding in the state, centrally located between the population centers of Puget Sound, Yakima, and Ellensburg. The trail systems are linked together, and offer diverse riding opportunities for all experience levels. State Parks will contribute \$439,174 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1780)

Peninsula Trails Coalition

Grant Requested: \$8,960

Improving the Boat Haven Trailhead

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to convert the bare, unmarked eastern entrance to the Olympic Discovery Trail in the Port Townsend Boatyard into a more identifiable trailhead. This is the primary entrance to the trail for people arriving by ferry from the eastern side of Puget Sound, including British Columbia. The coalition will build an overhead trail entrance sign, landscape with native plants both sides of the first 100 feet of the trail, and install an informational kiosk and trail mileage and directional signs including some along State Route 20 and at the ferry dock. The trail is used by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$7,830 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1835)

Grant Requested: \$45,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Replacing Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to buy material to replace the extensive network of puncheons and bridges that burned in the 2013 Manastash Ridge Fire. Volunteers from Jeep clubs will build the puncheons and bridges, which are needed in this wet area to protect the sensitive landscape. This trail is accessed from both Cle Elum and Naches and the Jeep Jamboree uses this trail loop on one of its rides. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,000 in a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2088)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Plowing and Grooming Northeast Region Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at eight sno-parks and groom 537 miles of snowmobile trail in the Selkirk Mountains of northeastern Washington for two winters. The trails, which are in the Colville and Kaniksu National Forests and Mount Spokane State Park, offer some of the most diverse terrain in the state, from lovely river valleys to high wind blown ridges with spectacular views. They draw snowmobilers from Colville, Chewelah, Kettle Falls, Metaline Falls, Newport, the greater Spokane Valley, Idaho, British Columbia, and elsewhere in Washington. State Parks will contribute \$193,260 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1774)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Improving Access to Southern Cascades Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow in 11 sno-parks and groom 282 miles of snowmobile trail in the southern Cascade Mountains for two winters. The south Cascades provides a wide variety of snowmobile terrain, with spectacular scenery and views of Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams. The sno-parks and trail systems serve communities in the Cowlitz Valley, the Columbia Gorge, Goldendale, and the greater Vancouver-Portland metro area. According to a survey, this area accounts for more than 3,200 riding days each winter, not including riders from Oregon. State Parks will contribute \$181,460 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1783)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$62,100

Improving Access to Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow in eight sno-parks and six staging areas and groom 589 miles of snowmobile trail in the Okanogan Highlands from Loup Loup Summit to Sherman Pass for two winters. The Okanogan Highlands sno-parks and trails are the second most popular snowmobiling areas in the state and provide many riding opportunities for all ages and skill levels. State Parks will contribute \$62,100 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1776)

Grant Requested: \$48,500

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Maintaining Chikamin Trails in Chelan County

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to conduct heavy maintenance of the Chikamin trails in the Lower Chiwawa Trail system, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. Crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. The goals are to return trails to desired maintenance levels, provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience, and protect natural resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2067)

Ilwaco

Grant Requested: \$39,150

Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Ilwaco

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to create a trail maintenance program, buy a skid steer and broom attachment, and hire the Youth Camp to maintain 2.5 miles of hiking and biking trails. The Long Beach

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Peninsula and state parks are well known for trails that offer unique outdoor experiences and the City of Ilwaco has a portion of these trail systems. The City's desire is to not only maintain the existing system, but add to it. By creating a trail maintenance program and getting the appropriate equipment, the City will be ready for trail expansion opportunities. The City of Ilwaco will contribute \$32,200 in cash, equipment, and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2107)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Replacing the Siouyon Trail Bridge

Grant Requested: \$62,000

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to replace a 46-foot-long bridge on Siouyon Trail 130 in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The bridge, which is used by hikers, mountain bikers, kayakers, and equestrians, provides access on a high use, low elevation, non-motorized, multi-use trail. It is one of 12 that are in need of replacement. The bridge does not meet standards and is near the end of its useful life. The Siouyon Roadless area is near the Portland-Vancouver metro area and an estimated 8,100 visitors use the 38-mile trail each year. Horses can ford the creek in late summer when water levels are low, but the creek is not crossable without a bridge in spring and early summer. Without a bridge, only 2 miles of the 38-mile trail system are accessible. The new bridge would provide safe, year-round crossing for all users. The Mount Adams Ranger District will buy the materials and staff and volunteers will pack materials to the site and install the bridge. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,903 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2060)

Jones Creek Trail Riders Association Maintaining Jones Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Yacolt State Forest

Grant Requested: \$25,900

The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will use this grant to buy equipment and supplies to maintain 15 miles of Jones Creek off-road vehicle trails in the Yacolt State Forest and up to another 45 miles of new trail. The association will buy rock, blocks, and an all-terrain vehicle to haul the heavy materials to the work sites. The association will add the blocks, rock, and other erosion controls to harden damaged sections of trail and eliminate damage to local streams and plants. This grant enables the association to continue hosting monthly work parties that provide more than 940 volunteer labor hours. The trails are used not only by off-road vehicles, but by horses, hikers, and mountain bikers. This grant also supports maintenance of up to 45 new trail miles opening up for public use, as part of the Washington Department of Natural Resources' 10-year Yacolt Burn State Forest plan. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will contribute \$14,100 in labor, materials, and donations of equipment. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1773)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying a Snow Groomer for Trails along Interstate 50

Grant Requested: \$125,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy a snow groomer for the Iron Horse Trail and trails in Lake Easton State Park, used primarily for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The existing machine grooms 6 trail miles in Lake Easton State Park then is transported 20 miles roundtrip to Crystal Springs each grooming day. Loading and unloading the vehicle reduces is inefficient and hard on the equipment. In the past 2 years, repair costs have totaled nearly \$9,000. Staff believes that the total operating hours on the groomer may be up to 10,750 and industry standards call for replacement at 10,000 hours. State Parks will keep one groomer at Hyak and another at Lake Easton. Having a second groomer will increase efficiency and

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reduce transportation and repair costs. State Parks will contribute \$125,000 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2094)

Northwest Glacier Cruisers

Grant Requested: \$62,000

Grooming Snowmobile Trails on South Side of Mount Baker

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers will use this grant to groom 165 miles of high-use snowmobile trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest for two winters. Mount Baker historically receives the first and deepest snow and offers the longest snowmobile season in the state. The U.S. Forest Service estimates that more than 21,000 snowmobilers used the Skagit Program trails this past season. The snowmobile season is 121 days long but State Parks funds only 35 days of grooming. This grant would fund an additional 25 days of grooming, which increases the grooming frequency from 2 days per week to 3.5 days per week. Northwest Glacier Cruisers will contribute \$51,000 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1833)

Peninsula Trails Coalition

Grant Requested: \$21,315

Developing the Diamond Point Trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to develop a trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail at Diamond Point Road. The coalition will pave and fence a 15-car parking lot next to the trail; landscape beside the trail; and install an informational kiosk, trail mileage signs, dismount and hitching provisions, a picnic table, security lighting, directional signs from U.S. Highway 101, and a trailhead sign at the road entrance. The trailhead is at the eastern end of the trail in Clallam County and is the main trailhead for people coming from the Hood Canal Bridge. The trailhead connects to 57 miles of paved trail used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and others. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$10,665 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1834)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$137,500

Buying a Snow Groomer for Okanogan County Snowmobile Trails

State Parks will use this grant to buy a groomer for Okanogan County snowmobile trails. Okanogan County uses State Parks' equipment to groom nearly 400 miles of snowmobile trails in the Okanogan Highlands. The groomer has 6,278 engine hours. A well-maintained groomer should operate up to 10,000 hours, but repair costs for this machine have exceeded the purchase price and mechanical difficulties interfere with grooming. There is no back-up groomer for this area, so down-time for repairs results in trails that are not groomed and disappointed snowmobilers. State Parks will contribute \$137,500 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1786)

Peninsula Trails Coalition

Grant Requested: \$23,442

Building a New Trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to build a new trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail at the Kitchen Dick Road crossing in central Clallam County. The trailhead will provide key access from U.S. Highway 101 and connections to the Dungeness Campground and Dungeness Spit Wildlife Refuge. The coalition will pave and fence a parking lot, landscape beside the trail, and install a map kiosk, trail mileage signs, dismount and hitching provisions, a picnic table, directional signs from U.S. Highway 101, and a

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trailhead sign at the road entrance. The trail is used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and others. This project takes advantage of U.S. Highway 101 improvements being completed this year that improve safety for vehicles at the Kitchen Dick Road interchange and add an underpass for bicycles. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$10,545 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1836)

Issaquah

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to replace the boardwalk on the popular Swamp Trail on Tiger Mountain. Swamp Trail in the 4,400-acre Tradition Plateau-West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area in King County. The boardwalk is more than 20 years old and is deteriorating and unsafe for users. The City will replace the boardwalk with new materials, keeping the same footprint. The trail is accessible from the Highpoint Way Trailhead, one of the most heavily used trailheads in the Seattle metropolitan area. The City of Issaquah will contribute \$37,500. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2043)

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17

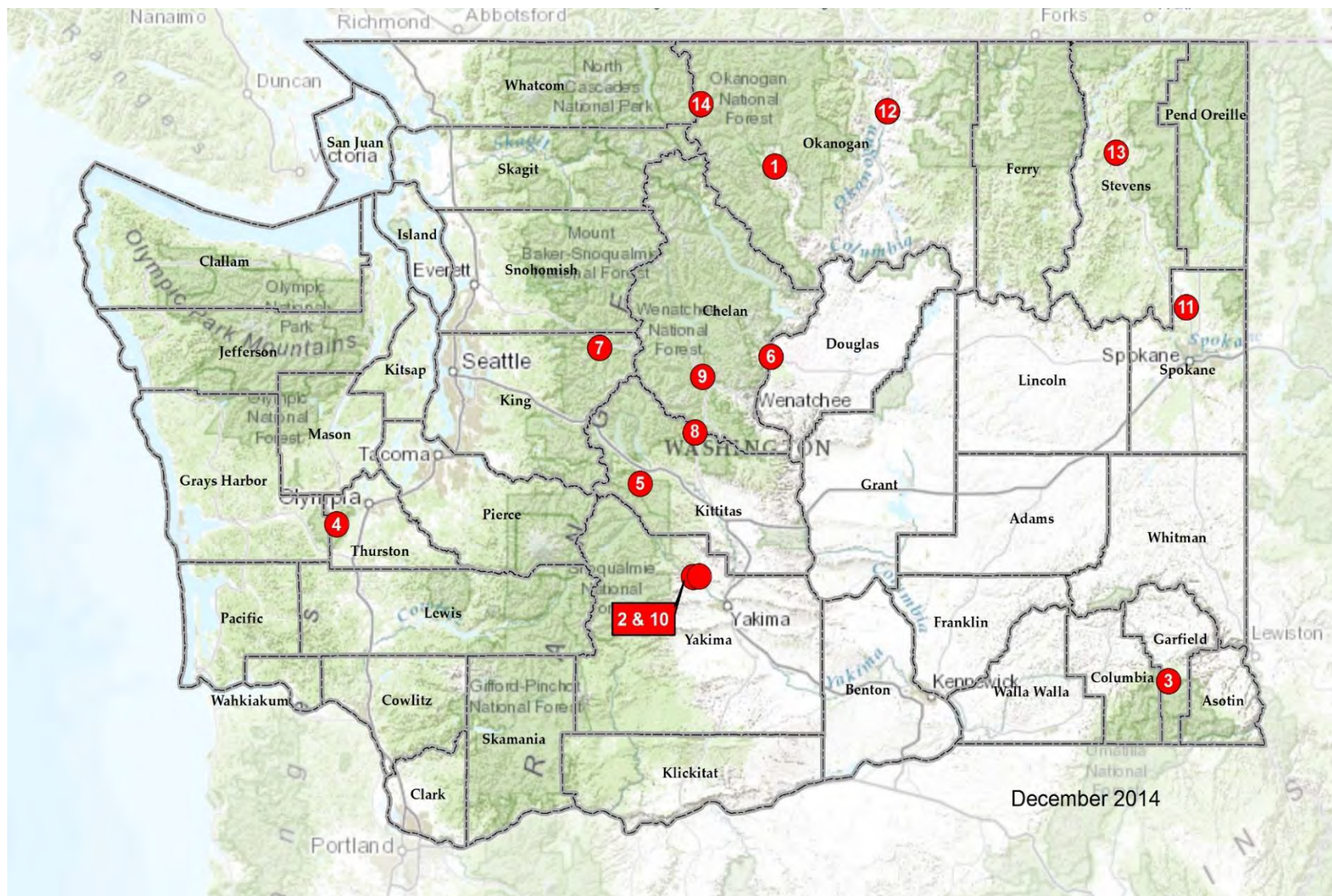
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	22.23	14-1974E	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$64,420	\$84,420	\$20,000
2	21.38	14-1958E	Cle Elum Wilderness Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$18,250	\$38,250	\$40,000
3	20.69	14-2096E	Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$50,000
4	20.54	14-2041E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$70,000
5	20.23	14-2052E	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$90,000
6	19.38	14-2082E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,404	\$40,404	\$110,000
7	19.31	14-2042E	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$15,400	\$12,600	\$28,000	\$125,400
7	19.31	14-1906E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,300	\$43,300	\$145,400
9	19.15	14-2112E	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,000	\$7,212	\$27,212	\$165,400
10	19.00	14-1905E	Minimun Impact Recreation	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$185,400
11	18.69	14-1937E	Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,940	\$19,890	\$38,830	\$204,340
11	18.69	14-2028E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$41,000	\$224,340
13	17.00	14-2125E	Puget Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team	Washington Water Trails Association	\$18,960	\$4,740	\$23,700	\$243,300
14	16.46	14-2145E	Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$5,200	\$2,150	\$7,350	\$248,500

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
15	16.00	14-2026E	Cowiche Canyon Trails Education and Safety Ranger	Cowiche Canyon Conservancy	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$268,500
					\$268,500	\$272,966	\$541,466	

*Project Type: E=Education

State Map for Recreational Trails Program Education Category Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1.

Recreational Trails Program

Education Category

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

Scored By	Question	Criteria Title	Maximum Points
Advisory Committee	1	Need	5
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction	5
Advisory Committee	3	Applicant's ability	5
Advisory Committee	4	Cost-benefit	5
Advisory Committee	5	Support	5
Total Points Possible			25

Scoring Criteria: Education Category

Scored by Advisory Committee

- 1. Need.** Describe the need for this project.
- 2. Need satisfaction.** Describe the extent to which the project satisfies this need.
- 3. Applicant's ability.** Describe the applicant's ability to accomplish the project.
- 4. Cost-benefit.** Describe the project's cost-benefit.
- 5. Support.** Describe the support for the project.



Recreational Trails Program Evaluation Summary Education Projects 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Applicant's Ability	Cost Benefit	Project Support	
1	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	4.00	4.00	4.36	3.93	4.21	20.50
2	Cle Elum Wilderness Education	4.14	4.29	4.21	4.00	3.00	19.64
3	Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol	3.86	3.93	4.29	3.57	3.79	19.43
4	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	3.64	4.14	4.43	3.36	3.79	19.36
5	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	3.86	3.86	4.14	3.71	3.64	19.21
6	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	4.00	3.71	3.93	3.64	3.86	19.14
7	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	3.43	4.07	4.00	3.57	3.93	19.00
7	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	3.79	3.71	4.00	3.29	3.93	18.71
9	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	3.43	3.71	4.21	3.57	3.64	18.57
10	Minimun Impact Recreation	3.43	3.71	4.00	3.57	3.64	18.36
11	Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education	3.50	3.64	3.93	3.50	3.64	18.21
11	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	3.29	3.50	4.14	2.93	3.86	17.71
13	Puget Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team	3.36	3.71	3.86	3.14	3.50	17.57
14	Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks	3.36	3.36	3.71	3.29	3.50	17.21
15	Cowiche Canyon Trails and Education and Safety Ranger	3.00	3.36	3.64	3.64	3.50	17.14

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U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding a Volunteer Coordinator

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer coordinator for 2 years to recruit, train, and supervise volunteers patrolling the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas and backcountry. The coordinator and volunteers provide visitor education, information, and assistance, focusing on contacting visitors in the field and through interpretive programs, work parties, slide shows, visitor center displays, and environmental education. The coordinator also works with non-profit organizations including youth groups to support stewardship projects. More than 100,000 people visit the area annually. For the past decade, 30 to 50 volunteers have donated 3,000 to 5,500 hours each season. The Forest Service will contribute \$64,420 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1974)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Wilderness Education Patrols

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a seasonal wilderness ranger to patrol trails and camping destinations in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger will teach wilderness awareness and ethics and explain regulations. The goal is to educate visitors and protect wilderness and trail resources so that the area can stay open without the need for additional regulation. Near Puget Sound, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area is one of the most popular areas in Washington and is used for hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, climbing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and horse packing. The wilderness and adjacent area has 16 trailheads, 157 trail miles, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area receives more than 35,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,250 in a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1958)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Funding a Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol

Grant Requested: \$10,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to pay for an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The snow ranger program provides a field presence and interaction with users, which helps reduce conflicts and provide education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2096)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 11 sno-parks, 600 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Snow rangers and volunteers educate users about safe and courteous equipment operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for

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wilderness and non-motorized areas. This snow ranger program provides consistent field presence and interaction with visitors, which helps reduce conflicts and provides education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. Snow rangers will attend club gatherings and council meetings, and work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its snow levels and proximity to the Puget Sound region. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2041)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol the front and backcountry at Snoqualmie Pass. The rangers provide information on sno-parks and make contact with skiers, snowmobilers, snowboarders, sledders, hikers, climbers, and snowshoers. Rangers also lead interpretive snowshoe walks and educate visitors about winter safety, avalanche danger assessments, route finding, and winter ecology. One of the rangers will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising up to 20 volunteers. The rangers also support the Forest Service Visitor Information Center at Snoqualmie Pass, where sno-park sales topped \$29,000 in just 48 days. Winter recreation at Snoqualmie Pass is in high demand and offers unmatched opportunities from expert-level ice-climbing to family snow play. Most winter weekends, parking areas and sno-parks reach capacity by mid-morning. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2052)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding a Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate winter recreationists about safe and responsible backcountry wilderness travel. Funding covers the purchase and installation of boundary markers and educational signs. The goal is to educate visitors to reduce the number of motorized trespasses into wilderness areas. The district has seen an increase in conflicts between user groups, inappropriate use of winter trails, and wilderness boundary violations by motorized users. User groups have identified the need to work with the Forest Service to protect winter recreation access. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,404 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2082)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers

Grant Requested: \$15,400

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 5 sno-parks and 250 miles of groomed winter trails on about 250,000 acres of backcountry in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions and etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized trails. The Snow Ranger Program provides a consistent field presence and direct interaction with all types of winter trail users, which helps reduce user conflicts and provides safety education in this heavily-used winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,600 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2042)

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U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund a volunteer coordinator for the district's Mountain Steward Program. The Mountain Stewards Program educates visitors on four of the busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area and Heather Meadows. Stewards hike the trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, forest regulations, reducing the impact on the environment, and general information. Volunteers have engaged in more than 33,000 contacts during the past 12 years of the program. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,300 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1906)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Methow Valley Snow Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one paid and one volunteer ranger to patrol areas used by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and backcountry skiers. The rangers will make direct contact with thousands of people over two winters and share educational materials. The goal is to educate winter recreationists on environmental issues and social impacts, gather recreational use data, determine educational needs and develop educational material, and build relationships with organizations, clubs, and individuals. This project will help maintain the balance of areas designated for each type of winter recreation, and as the number of winter recreationists increases, it is critical for the Forest Service to have a field presence to educate visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$7,212 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2112)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Promoting Minimum Impact Recreation

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to run a traveling program that teaches low impact recreational camping techniques. The program also promotes equine safety through use of educational materials, displays, and workshops across the state. Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$5,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1905)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Funding Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education

Grant Requested: \$18,940

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a snow ranger, who will work with Forest Service staff and volunteers to educate snowmobilers and other visitors for two winters. The ranger will emphasize safe and responsible trail use, reduction of user group conflicts, winter safety and avalanche hazards, changes to snow-park permits, and weather condition updates. This grant enables the ranger district to remain proactive and innovative in serving motorized visitors and protecting the land. The Forest Service will contribute \$19,890 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1937)

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U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Mount Baker Climbing Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund the second ranger in a two-ranger climbing team for Mount Baker. The team will interact with climbers at camps, routes, and the summit, educating them about minimizing their impact on the environment, proper waste disposal methods, campsite selection, and safe climbing practices. More than 4,000 climbers attempt the summit of Mount Baker each year. Those climbers range in levels of ability from first-time climbers to very experienced climbers. The climb is physically challenging, and all routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need experience in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficiency at route finding, and proper equipment before attempting to summit. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2028)

Washington Water Trails Association Funding the Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team

Grant Requested: \$18,960

The Washington Water Trails Association will use this grant to fund two part-time teachers for 2 years to educate people about how to protect public access sites on the Cascadia Marine Trail. This grant supports the association's award-winning Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team. Non-motorized boating, mainly canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding, is projected to increase more than 30 percent by 2023. Less than 17 percent of Puget Sound's shoreline is accessible for marine craft launching, which means that wildlife disturbance and water quality impacts are concentrated in limited areas. The kayaker team has been particularly effective in teaching people about how to lower their impact on the environment when recreating. A recent paddler survey found that knowledge of these principles increased 72 percent in Washington Water Trail Association members during one season of the kayaker program. Washington Water Trails Association will contribute \$4,740 in a private grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2125)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks

Grant Requested: \$5,200

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to fund two employees to guide snowshoe walks along the gated Mountain Loop Highway to the Big 4 Picnic Area. The picnic area is a scenic destination with a shelter and views of the dramatic north face of Big 4 Mountain. The guided tour includes snowshoe instruction, cultural history, responsible use principles, winter safety, and ecology. The employees also will provide a uniformed field presence in the winter, educate visitors, collect information on winter use, and maintain recreation facilities. The primary recreational opportunity is snowshoeing, though the route also is used by skiers, hikers, and snowmobilers. The goal is to educate inexperienced, non-motorized users about how to safely and respectfully recreate in the winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$2,150 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2145)

Cowiche Canyon Conservancy Funding a Cowiche Canyon Education and Safety Ranger

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy will use this grant to pay for a part-time trail ranger to develop and post information, improve trailhead security, and address user conflicts on 30 miles of primitive front country trail west of Yakima. The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy owns 2,145 acres of Cowiche Mountain shrub-steppe, oak, and steelhead stream habitat between Yakima and two national wilderness areas. Drawing visitors from around the state who seek a backcountry feel close to vineyards and other

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amenities, the area serves more than 20,000 hikers, bikers, horseback riders, and other non-motorized users a year. The goal is to improve people's experience by guiding responsible trail use, educating visitors about trail safety, and providing trailside assistance. Improving the experience is expected to increase the number of recreational users, leading to more investment in land protection and trail development. The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy will contribute \$10,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2026)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015
Title: Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Director Evaluation
Prepared By: Scott Robinson, Deputy Director

Summary

This memo will provide information concerning the annual evaluation of the Director of the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Background

Each year the board makes it a priority review the performance of the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Director and provide feedback and direction in an executive session.

In 2014 the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) revised its process for conducting the RCO Director's evaluation. In even numbered years the board will conduct a midterm performance evaluation based solely on a review written by the director that outlines the major accomplishments achieved and challenges encountered over the last year. In odd numbered years the board will conduct a full performance evaluation that is more in-depth in that information is collected not only from the Director, but from staff and partners as well and covers the previous two year.

Draft Evaluation Timeline

Below is a proposed timeline for completing the 2015 RCO Directors full performance evaluation. RCO staff is seeking input from the board on the suggested dates for completing the process.

1. The Director writes an in-depth performance report (self-assessment) outlining agency accomplishments and LEAN initiatives implemented throughout the 2-year time frame, along with the work plan for the coming biennium. The Director sends her completed report to the board Chair by **October 1st**.
2. **During the month of August** the RCO Deputy Director conducts a staff survey and a survey to a select group of partners asking key questions (or soliciting input) about the Director's performance, leadership and management.
 - **During the month of July** the Deputy Director will consult with the board Chair on the group of partners to involve and the questions to ask.
3. The Deputy Director compiles staff and partner comments and sends the information to the board Chair by **October 1st**.

4. The board Chair drafts an evaluation based upon the information provided. The draft evaluation is shared and discussed with each board member before the **November** board meeting.
5. At the **November 18th** board meeting members will convene in an executive session to conduct the evaluation of the Director and to approve the goals/work plan presented as part of the evaluation process.
6. **In December** the board shares the final evaluation with the Governor's Office.

Next Steps

Staff will implement the RCO Director's performance evaluation per board direction.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015

Title: Conversion Request: City of Vancouver, Waterworks Park, RCO #84-9015D

Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

The City of Vancouver is requesting that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approve the conversion of 7.5 acres at Waterworks Park. The park is located within the city's drinking water facility, Water Station #1. This partial conversion of the park is being caused by infrastructure and security upgrades to the drinking water facility.

Board Action Requested

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Board's Role in Conversions

The role of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to approve or deny a conversion, if the site was funded with state funds. The role of the board for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) conversion is to decide whether to recommend approval of a conversion to the National Park Service (NPS). The board approves or recommends approval of a conversion if it is satisfied with the following:

- the alternatives considered for the converted property, including avoidance;
- the alternatives considered for the replacement property;
- the reasonable equivalency of the replacement property in terms of utility and location; and
- the opportunity for public participation.

For a LWCF conversion, the NPS has the legal responsibility to make the final decision of whether or not to approve the conversion.

Under current policy the board does not have the ability to accept other types of mitigation, levy additional penalties, or dictate the future use of the property being converted.

Project Summary and Background Information

In 1984, the City of Vancouver used a combination of state bonds and LWCF funding totaling \$141,760.86 to develop the first phase of the Waterworks Park, located east of I-5 and northeast of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site (Attachment A). Park development included a play area, playground, an amphitheater, and a restroom.

The park occupies 13 acres within the city's 25-acre water utility site, Water Station #1 (Attachment B). Water Station #1 was purchased in 1937 and is the city's main water production facility. The utility site was opened to recreational use in the 1980s and since that time Waterworks Park has served as a community park.

In 2005-2006, the city prepared a master plan for Water Station #1 that identified necessary expansion and improvements to the utility. The city has a multi-year plan to replace aging equipment and infrastructure and has begun underground upgrades. Utility improvements that will impact the park are planned for later this year. The improvements include construction of a new reservoir and installation of permanent security fencing that will close public access to part of the park.

Proposed Conversion

A portion of the park totaling 7.5 acres will be converted as a result of the planned improvements to Water Station #1 (Attachment B). The conversion area includes the amphitheater and a section of pathways. The remainder of the park, which includes pathways, play area, play equipment, and a skate park will remain open to the public.

Alternatives Considered for Conversion

Not Convert

Improvements to Water Station #1 were determined to be necessary to ensure water system reliability and compliance with federal security and seismic standards. Avoidance was not considered a reasonable alternative due to the deterioration of the utility infrastructure and required compliance with federal standards for municipal water sources.

The city has an environmental assessment underway on the proposed conversion and replacement that will provide a more thorough discussion of alternatives considered. Staff will provide additional information at the November meeting.

Convert

Purchased with dedicated utility funding, Water Station #1 is the city's largest well-field and most important water supply. Its primary purpose is, and remains as, serving as part of the city's public water supply. The area identified for the new reservoir is located near the current location of the amphitheater. The site was chosen to include in the conversion area because Vancouver's water system is gravity-based and that is the last location within the boundary of Water Station #1 that meets the elevation requirements for a new reservoir.

Alternatives Considered for Replacement Property

The city considered several sites as potential replacement property with the Shaffer property selected as the preferred replacement.

Proposed Replacement Property

The proposed replacement is a 10.08 acre property, known as Shaffer Park. The city acquired the property under a Waiver of Retroactivity to retain its eligibility as future replacement for a conversion. The

replacement property is located four miles from Waterworks Park in the northeastern part of the city's urban growth area. The property is in a service area (park district) identified as deficit in community parks in the city's 2014 adopted comprehensive park and recreation plan.

The replacement property includes mature trees and open grassy areas in an area characterized with medium to high-density residential development. Although undeveloped, the city installed boundary fencing and a gate and future plans include development for passive recreation. Improvements will include soft surface trails and benches.

Equivalent Value

The conversion area and the replacement property have been appraised. Staff will review of the appraisal documentation to insure compliance with board policy prior to the November meeting when the board will be asked to make a final decision on the conversion.

	Conversion Property	Replacement Property	Difference
Market Value	\$1.316,601	\$1.886,000	+\$569,399
Acres	7.5 Acres	10.08 Acres	+2.58 Acres

Equivalent Utility

Much of the conversion area offers passive recreation such as walking. The park facilities that support active recreation, such as the playfield, remain open and available for public use. The amphitheater was programmed for events until 2002 when newer venues became available at Marshall Park, located 0.4 miles away and at Esther Short Park, located in downtown Vancouver, 1.4 miles away.

The proposed replacement property will provide opportunities for passive recreation, including soft surface trails and benches. Full site development, e.g., pathways and a picnic and play area, would occur following annexation (as the property is currently 400 feet outside the city limits) and as funding becomes available.

Opportunity for Public Participation

The city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was briefed in December 2014 on the proposed conversion and replacement and are supportive of the proposal. City staff conducted neighborhood association meetings in 2014 in the Waterworks Park area and the Shaffer replacement area on the proposed conversion and replacement.

The city plans to publish a public notice when the environmental assessment for the proposed conversion and replacement is available for review and will provide a 30-day public comment period. The environmental assessment is underway at this time.

Conversion Policy Requirements Met

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff will review the sponsor's conversion documentation and verify all requirements are met prior to the board's final decision. The requirements include:

- Replacement at equivalent value
- Administered by same project sponsor
- Fulfill a need in SCORP and the project sponsor's adopted plan
- Eligible as a project in the respective grant programs
- Public opportunity to comment
- Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act

Next Steps

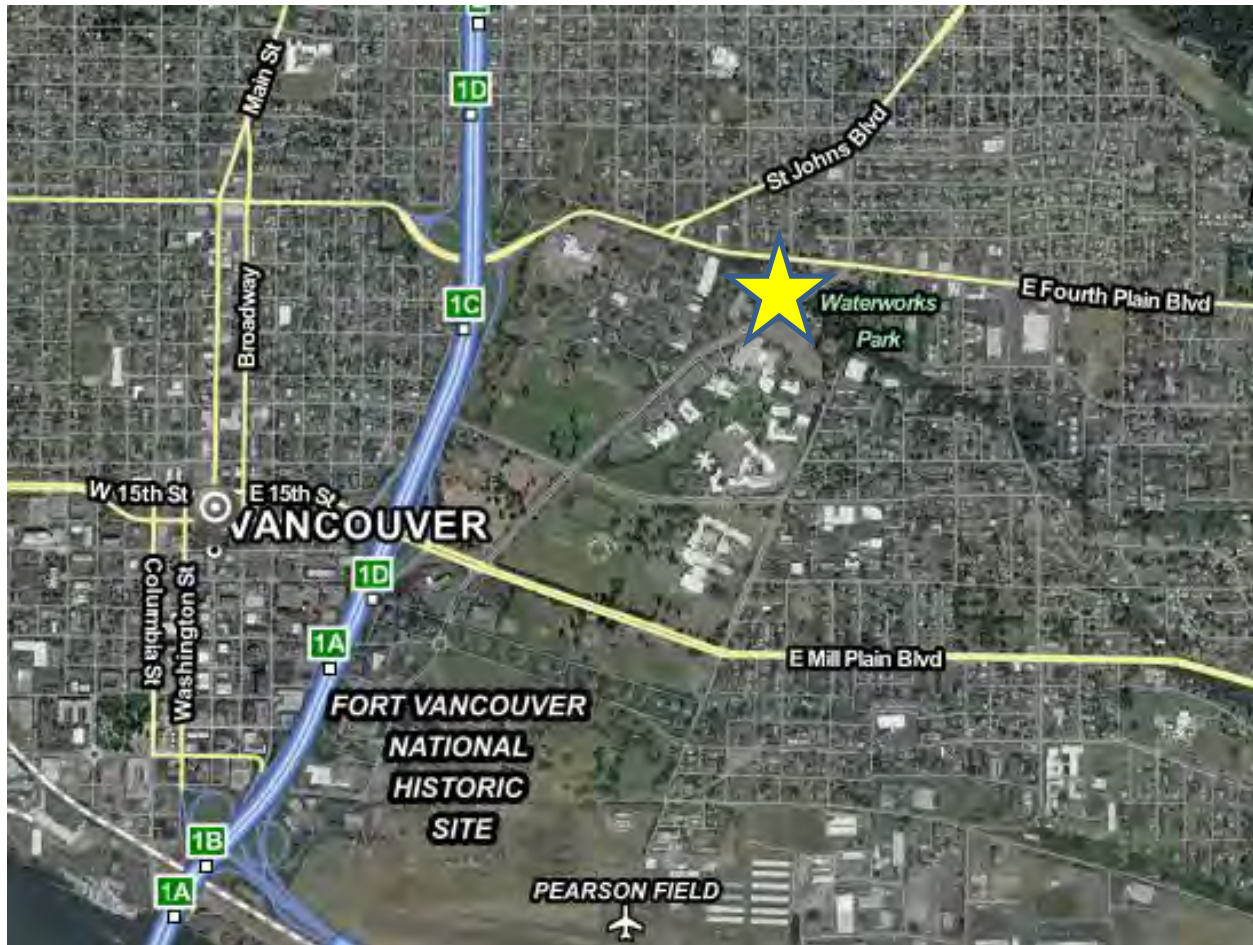
RCO staff will work with the City of Vancouver to comply with the LWCF and board conversion requirements and finalize the conversion request for board decision at its meeting in November 2015. These preparations will take into account any questions the board raises at its June meeting.

Supporting Documentation

- A. Waterworks Park Location Map
- B. Waterworks Park Boundary and Conversion Area Map and Site Photos
- C. Proposed Replacement Location Map and Aerial
- D. Proposed Replacement Property Site Photos

Location Map

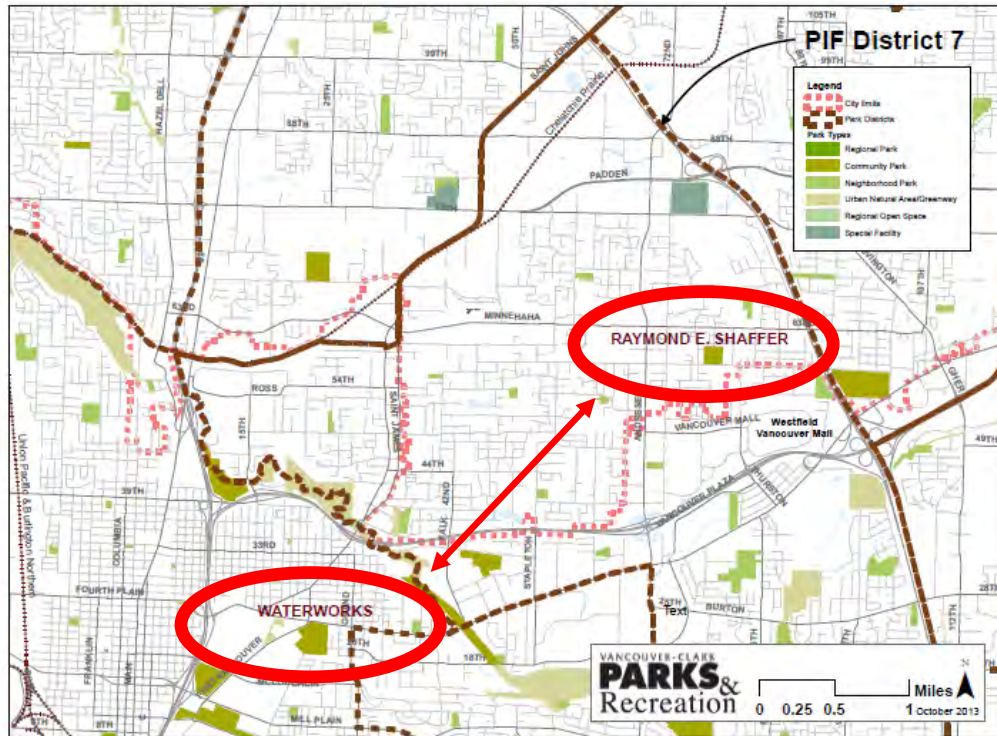
City of Vancouver, Waterworks Park, RCO #84-9015D



Park Boundary and Conversion Area
(Conversion Area outlined in red)



Proposed Replacement Property Location Map and Aerial



Proposed Replacement Property: Site Photos



Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015
Title: Overview of Potential Changes to the Grant Programs and Criteria for 2015-17
Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager
 Leslie Connelly, Natural Resource Policy Specialist

Summary

This memo summarizes potential changes to policies and evaluation criteria for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board grant programs. The changes proposed would apply to grant applications received in 2016.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Background

In early 2016, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) will announce new opportunities for grants from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). In preparation for accepting new applications, the board must complete any changes to its policies and evaluation criteria by the end of 2015. RCO will accept applications for all of the following board programs:

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)
- Boating Facilities Program (BFP)
- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities (NOVA)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
- Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)

Proposed Changes

Staff has identified potential changes to the board's policies (Table 1) and evaluation criteria (Table 2). Most of the changes to the evaluation criteria were recommended by advisory committee members during the post-evaluation meetings or in the advisory committee survey in 2014. Many of the proposed changes to board policies:

- Are in response to questions or concerns from applicants or sponsors,
- Are intended to help align grant program policies with federal or legislative changes, or
- Are necessary to implement board-approved plans.

Table 1: Potential Changes to Policies in 2015

Policy Topic	Description of Issue	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Control and Tenure Policy	Revise the control and tenure requirements for projects located on Department of Natural Resources (DNR) aquatic lands and Department of Transportation (DOT) rights-of-way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All programs 	Issue identified by applicants, DNR, and DOT. Applicants are struggling to meet the control and tenure requirements for development on property owned by DNR and DOT. Policy requires a minimum of 25 years for a capital improvement. The number of years DNR/DOT is offering is substantially less. The change could allow flexibility with the length of the tenure required if other conditions are in place to assure protection for the useful life of the developed facility.
Physical Separation of Trails from Roadways Policy	Clarify what are acceptable methods for physically separating trails from roadways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP Local Parks, State Lands Development and Renovation, State Parks, Trails, and Water Access categories 	Issue identified by staff and advisory committee members during application review. Applicants offered a variety of options for physically separating trails from roadways. The options included raised pavement markers like Botts' dots, flexible delineator posts, curbs, bollards, jersey barriers, fences, landscaped islands and more. Reviewers did not know if the barriers proposed were sufficient, enough to satisfy board policy.
Multi-site Policy	Create a multi-site policy for upland and water trails when sites have a direct and necessary relationship to the recreational experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Land and Water Conservation Fund Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Recreational Trails Program WWRP Trails and Water Access categories 	Issue identified by applicants. Staff believes it would be beneficial to allow for separate trailheads or put-in and take-out sites in the same grant application for trail projects. Currently policy does not allow multiple sites in the same application.

Policy Topic	Description of Issue	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Eligible Project Types in Boating Grant Programs	Reduce the overlap for the types of projects (motorized and non-motorized) eligible for funding in the boating grants programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account • Boating Facilities Program • Land and Water Conservation Fund • Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities • Recreational Trails Program • WWRP Local Parks, State Lands Development and Renovation, State Parks, Trails, and Water Access 	Issue identified in the Boating Grant Programs Plan. Multiple programs fund the same types of non-motorized and motorized boating projects. Consider narrowing the eligibility criteria to target funding a specific type of boating in each program.
Multi-site Acquisition Policy	Revise the multi-site acquisition policy to require applicants to identify and notify the local jurisdictions of the specific properties targeted in the geographic envelope in a grant application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWRP Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, and Urban Wildlife categories • WWRP Riparian Protection Account 	Issue identified by staff. The board adopted the policy to allow for multi-site acquisitions before the Legislature adopted the state law to notify local jurisdictions of the scope of an application. The board's policy needs updating in light of the state law requirements on notification.
Revisit the policy on using grant funds to supplant existing resources.	Provide a clear method for reviewing applications to ensure funds for trails do not supplant operation and maintenance costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities • Recreational Trails Program 	Issue identified in the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Plan. Maintenance remains a priority in the plan; however, the plan also raised a concern that grant funds not supplant general operating funds.
Boating Infrastructure Grant Policies	Update policies to reflect new rules adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating Infrastructure Grant 	Issue identified by staff. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service adopted new rules for administration of the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The program policies need updating to align with the new rules.

Policy Topic	Description of Issue	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Omni Circular Policies	Revise policies on eligible costs to comply with new rules adopted by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boating Infrastructure Grant Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program 	Issue identified by staff. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget adopted new rules for administration of all federal grant programs. The board policies on eligible costs need updating to align with the new rules. May also consider adoption of rules and procedures for all programs when in best interest for the program.
Range and Course Safety Policy	Revise the guidance for archery ranges to ensure compliance with the board's new safety policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firearms and Archery Range Recreation 	Issue identified by staff. Staff identified a gap in the guidance for archery ranges that could allow arrows to leave the range property. Staff proposes updating the policy to include safe design and containment. Applications for archery ranges may need revision to include purchase of buffer areas.
Existing Structures Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify the policy for when it is acceptable to retain structures on habitat sites. Revise the policy to set parameters for retaining structures and clarify what are acceptable uses of structures on habitat sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, Riparian Protection, and Urban Wildlife Habitat 	Issue identified by staff. Applicants must remove or demolish structures from acquisition sites unless RCO determines the structure supports uses at the site. The board's policy needs to clarify what are acceptable uses so applicants can know if they need to exclude the purchase of a structure from the grant application.

Table 2: Potential Changes to Evaluation Criteria in 2015

Criteria	Description of Change	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Cost Efficiencies	Clarify the language in the cost efficiencies question, provide better direction on how to score it, and use the same question in all programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boating Infrastructure Grants Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreational Trails Program WWRP Local Parks, Trails, and Water Access 	The advisory committee found the question confusing when applying the extra point for government-related cost efficiencies. It would be simpler to apply the same question to all six programs.
Proximity to People	Review the question to determine whether the total possible points is appropriate for the program or category and consider whether the question is included in all of the appropriate programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boating Facilities Program Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program Land and Water Conservation Fund WWRP Local Parks, State Lands Development, State Parks, Trails, Water Access, Urban Wildlife 	The proximity to people question is required by RCW 79A.25.250. The question is the same in most programs, but the total possible points differs between programs. The review should also include a look at which programs currently do not have the question but should.
Sustainability	Add the board's sustainability question to the Boating Facilities Program. Modify the acquisition considerations in the sustainability criteria for sites proposed for active recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boating Facilities Program WWRP Local Parks category 	The Boating Grants Program Plan calls for adding the board's sustainability criteria to Boating Facilities Program evaluation criteria. Because the criteria for scoring acquisitions focuses on the environmental features of the site, the advisory committee believes the question disadvantages acquisition of property for development of a park.
Natural Surface Trails	Revise the evaluation criteria to remove any disadvantage for natural surface trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP Trails category 	Stakeholders raised a concern that the evaluation criteria in the WWRP Trails category may create a disadvantage for applications to construct natural surface/dirt trails. The board may want to modify the evaluation criteria to ensure no such disadvantage exists.

Criteria	Description of Change	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Combination Projects	Apply the question for combinations projects as used in other grant programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account 	Most other grant programs include an evaluation question for scoring the acquisition and development/restoration parts of a project when combined together in the same grant application. Staff suggests restructuring the ALEA evaluation criteria to allow scoring of both parts of the application.
WWRP Critical Habitat Category	Revise the criteria to address local agencies as an eligible applicant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP – Critical Habitat category 	The Legislature added local agencies as eligible applicants in the WWRP Critical Habitat category in 2005. Staff recommends updating the evaluation criteria to reflect this eligible applicant.
WWRP Riparian Protection Account	Revise criteria to make them easier to use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP Riparian Protection Account 	The WWRP Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee recommended revisions to the WWRP Riparian Protection Account to make it easier to use. Examples included splitting apart some of the existing criteria and scoring questions separately.
Wildlife Habitat Connectivity	Modify the evaluation question to ensure the criterion meets the statutory intent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP Trails category 	The advisory committee wants the board to consider modifying the question to measure how well a project enhances continuity or creation of new habitat and to change the title to mirror the language in RCW 79A.15.070.

Criteria	Description of Change	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Trails of Statewide Significance	Create a new question to give a preference for trail projects that support trails of statewide significance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account • Land and Water Conservation Fund • Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities • Recreational Trails Program • WWRP Local Parks, State Lands Development and Renovation, Trails, and Water Access 	The State Trails Plan suggests staff evaluate designating trails of statewide significance per RCW 79A.35 and providing a scoring preference for projects that acquire or develop system of recreational trails. Preference for a project that implements a portion of a statewide trail could be included in one or more of the different grant programs as listed.
Accessibility	Create a new question to give a preference for projects that provide accessibility elements above the required standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All development projects 	In 2010, the Department of Justice adopted <i>Standards for Access Design</i> . These standards now provide clear direction to applicants on the legal requirements for meeting accessibility. Staff recommends the board create a new question for all development projects that would encourage applicants to provide accessible elements that are above the required standards.
Diversity	Create a new question to give a preference for projects that will provide more opportunity for diverse users (youth, women, people over 65, and people of color)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account • Boating Facilities Program • Land and Water Conservation Fund • Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities • Recreational Trails Program • WWRP Local Parks, State Lands Development and Renovation, Trails, and Water Access 	The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan identifies youth, women, people over 65, and people of color as target audiences that are in need for more outdoor recreation opportunities. Staff recommends the board create a new question for the programs listed that would encourage applicants to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for these target audiences.

Criteria	Description of Change	Programs Affected	Reason for Change
Health Benefits	Create a new question to give a preference for projects that will improve the health of residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All recreation based programs 	The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan identifies health benefits as a positive benefit of outdoor recreation. Staff recommends the board create a new question for all recreation-based programs that would encourage applicants to provide outdoor recreation opportunities that focuses on improving health or healthy living.
State Parks Criteria	Revisions to make the criteria more robust and it easier to use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WWRP State Parks category 	The WWRP State Parks advisory committee wants the board to consider expanding the annotated explanations for the some of the evaluation questions and to consider adding criteria for need satisfaction and project support.
NOVA Planning Grants	Modify to better address criteria for planning grants in light of the addition of Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship criterion added in 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) 	The addition of the Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship criteria created an evaluation scoring disadvantage for planning project proposals. At the last minute, staff proposed a modification to the criteria to remove the scoring imbalance, but it was only a temporary fix. The NOVA evaluation criteria for planning projects need more analysis.

Timeline

Staff proposes the following timeline to accomplish the work identified in Table 1 and 2.

2015 Dates	Task
July 6 - August 31	Staff drafts policies and evaluation criteria and consult with advisory committee members.
September 1 – 30	Staff distributes draft policies and evaluation criteria for public comment.
September 16 – 17	Board meeting with a briefing from staff on the draft policies and evaluation criteria. Public comments accepted at the board meeting.
October 1 – 20	Staff prepares final draft policies and evaluation criteria.
November 18 – 19	Board meeting in which the board considers the final policies and evaluation criteria. Public comments accepted at the board meeting.

Link to Strategic Plan

Revising the board's policies and evaluation criteria addresses Goals 2 and 3 in the board's *Strategic Plan*.

1. We help our partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems.
2. We achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to us.
3. We deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015
Title: Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Public Hearing
Prepared By: Leslie Connelly, Natural Resource Policy Specialist

Summary

This memo presents a staff recommendation for amendments to the administrative rules in Chapter 286-04 of the Washington Administrative Code titled Public Records and outlines the required public review process for the adoption of the amendments.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Resolution: 2015-17

Purpose of Resolution: Adopts amendments to Chapter 286-04 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Background

Administrative rules are regulations of executive branch agencies issued by authority of state statutes. The Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) administrative rules are found in [Title 286 of the Washington Administrative Code](#) (WAC). The rules cover a number of subjects including general authorities of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) and RCO director, general grant assistance rules, and specific program rules. The rules are organized into the following chapters:

Chapter	Title
286-04	General
286-06	Public Records
286-13	General Grant Assistance Rules
286-26	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Funds
286-27	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
286-30	Firearms Range
286-35	Boating Facilities Program
286-40	Land and Water Conservation Fund
286-42	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Program

At the April 2015 board meeting, staff proposed a number of revisions to Title 286 WAC that would consider non-substantive changes to reorganize chapters. Staff also proposed substantive changes to update definitions and amend rules for project agreements and long-term grant compliance for most grant programs.

Since April, staff drafted proposed rule making for [Chapter 286-04 WAC General](#). Below is an analysis of the proposed revisions to this chapter. After the board adopts the revisions to Chapter 286-04, staff will continue to work on other proposed revisions as discussed at the April 2015 board meeting and prepare additional revisions for the next meeting in September 2015.

Analysis

Proposed Amendments Chapter 286-04 WAC General

The purpose of the proposed amendments to [Chapter 286-04 WAC General](#) is to:

- Revise existing definitions;
- Add new definitions;
- Update agency contact information;
- Revise the mission, goals and duties of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board;
- Revise the process the board uses to adopt policies and hear petitions;
- Revise the authorities of the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and
- Revise section titles.

The anticipated effects of the changes are to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the board and the RCO director. The changes also address definitions applicable to Title 286 WAC and agreements made to sponsors who receive grant funds.

The reason supporting the proposal is to bring alignment between:

- 1) Statutory direction and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's mission, goals, and duties;
- 2) Statutory direction and the duties of the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and
- 3) Administrative rules and project agreements issued to sponsors who receive grant funds from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Table 1 presents a summary of the proposed amendments with an explanatory statement for each section. The text of the proposed amendments is included as Attachment A.

Table 1: Summary of Revisions to Chapter 286-04 WAC General

WAC Section Reference and Title	Explanatory Statement of the Proposed Amendment
WAC 286-04-010 What definitions apply to this chapter?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Definitions." • Definitions added for specific types of projects. • Existing definitions revised based on the definitions used in the project agreement approved by the Assistant Attorney General.
WAC 286-04-015 Address.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fax number and Web site address added to the contact information.

WAC Section Reference and Title	Explanatory Statement of the Proposed Amendment
WAC 286-04-020 Organization and operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Duties of the board." • Reference to the law and statute that created the board added. • Description of the membership of the board changed to the specific statutory reference. • Duties of the board identified in state law consolidated into one subsection. • Other minor edits included.
WAC 286-04-030 Goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Mission and goals of the board." • Mission of the board as described in state law added for reference. • Goals of the board revised to reflect the mission.
WAC 286-04-050 Compliance with Environmental Act guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Compliance with State Environmental Policy Act and other laws." • Exemption status for the board and office clarified. • Reference added about compliance with other laws.
WAC 286-04-060 Manuals and waivers—Guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Policies and procedures." • Policies and procedures linked to the duties of the board. • Director identified as the person responsible to set administrative procedures. • Office identified as the party responsible to publish materials. • Reference added to allow the director to forward administrative petition to the board. • Procedures clarified on how to petition the board.
WAC 286-04-070 Director's authority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duties of the director identified in state law consolidated into one subsection. • Authority added to approve grant application materials. • Reference added that the director can waive board policy and procedures only when delegated such authority by the board.
WAC 286-04-085 Declaratory order—Petition requisites—Consideration—Disposition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section title changed to "Petitions for declaratory order of a rule, order, or statute."
WAC 286-04-095 Petition for adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section added to allow for petitions for rule making.
WAC 286-04-090 What is the history of the board's fund sources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section repealed. This section is out of date and does not reflect a policy decision; therefore, it does not need to be in the administrative rules.

Public Review

Before the board meeting, RCO informed the public of the proposed rule making on the following occasions:

- Agenda item at the April 2015 board meeting posted on RCO's Web site,
- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101, Attachment B) published April 15, 2015 in issue #15-08 of the Washington State Register,
- Proposed Rule Making filed May 20, 2015 with the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee,
- Proposed Rule Making (CR-102, Attachment C) published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register,
- Agenda item at the June 2015 board meeting posted on RCO's Web site,
- Posting of proposed rule making on RCO's Web site, and
- Email notification sent to interested persons.

Public Hearing

The Administrative Procedures Act (APA) requires at least one public hearing prior to adopting amendments to the rules¹. The public hearing for the proposed rule making in this memo is 11:30 a.m. on June 25, 2015, during the board's regularly scheduled public meeting. Notice of the public hearing was included in the rule making filing and published accordingly in the Washington State Register.

Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of the public hearing or provide comments at the hearing. The official comment period runs June 3-23, 2015. As of the writing of this memo, RCO had not received any public comments.

Before filing an adopted rule, the APA requires an agency to prepare a "Concise Explanatory Statement"² (Attachment D) which includes a summary of all comments received and responses to them. Staff will provide a draft Concise Explanatory Statement at the October board meeting with a summary of any written public comments received prior to the public hearing.

Options for Consideration

After the scheduled public hearing, the board will consider whether to adopt the amendments to the rules as written, amend the proposal, or postpone adoption.

State law allows the board to adopt a rule somewhat differently than proposed as long as it is not "substantially different."³ Factors that may affect whether a proposed rule might be substantially different include the extent to which:

- A reasonable person affected by the rule would have understood how the rule would have affected his/her interests,
- The subject differs from that originally proposed, or
- The effects of the adopted rule differ from the effects of the proposed rule.

Any changes to the recommended amendments that are substantially different from the proposal cannot be adopted without re-initiating the notification and comment procedures. If the board chooses to make

¹ RCW 34.05.325

² RCW 34.05.325(6) and 34.05.370(2)(g)

³ RCW 34.05.340

substantial changes to the proposed rulemaking, staff will file a supplemental notice in the Washington State Register and the board must conduct another public hearing.

If the board prefers not to adopt all or portions of the proposed rule making at the June 2015 meeting, the board can postpone adoption to a future meeting within 180 days of the rule making filing, which was May 19, 2015. This means the board could take action on the current recommended amendments at its September 2015 meeting without needing to re-file. The board could also decide to withdraw all or portions of the proposed rule making.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend adoption of the proposed rule making published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register.

Attachment E contains resolution 2015-17 for the board's consideration.

Strategic Plan Link

The proposed WAC changes reflect the opportunity to make policy improvements that support the board's goal to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to the board.

Next Steps

Should the board adopt the proposed rule making, staff will prepare a final Concise Explanatory Statement and file a final rule adoption notice for publication in the next available Washington State Register. Adopted rules are effective 31 days after filing with the Office of the Code Reviser.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 286-04 WAC General
- B. Preproposal Statement of Inquiry Notice (CR-101)
- C. Proposed Rule Making Notice (CR-102)
- D. Draft Concise Explanatory Statement (to be distributed at the board meeting)
- E. Resolution 2015-17

Attachment A: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 286-04 WAC General

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Attachment B: Preproposal Statement of Inquiry Notice (CR-101)

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Attachment C: Proposed Rule Making Notice (CR-102)

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Attachment D: Draft Concise Explanatory Statement

To be distributed at the board meeting.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-17
Administrative Rule Changes Chapter 286-04 WAC**

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopts administrative rules that govern its grant programs and sets procedures for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); and

WHEREAS, the administrative rules in Chapter 286-04 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) provide policy direction to the board, director, and office on general grant program administration and are in needed of updating to align the rules with statutory authorities and the project agreement; and

WHEREAS, RCO filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC with the Office of the Code Reviser on March 31, 2015 and it was published April 15, 2015 in issue #15-08 of the Washington State Register and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, RCO filed a Proposed Rule Making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 20, 2015 and it was published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register and also provided the proposed rule making to the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, RCO posted notice, in accordance with RCW 34.05.320, of the proposed rule making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC on its Web site, sent an email notification to interested persons, and accepted public comments from June 3 – 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the board conducted a public hearing, in accordance with RCW 34.05.325, on the proposed rule making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC on June 25, 2015 and considered all written and verbal comments submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt the proposed rule making as filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 20, 2015 and published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board directs RCO staff to file a final rule making order, in accordance with RCW 34.05.325, with the Office of the Code Reviser and it shall have an effective date of 31 days from the date it is filed.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

WAC 286-04-010 ~~((What definitions apply to this chapter?))~~ **Definitions.** For purposes of Title 286 WAC, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise the following definitions apply:

(1) "Acquisition" means the ~~((gaining of rights of public ownership by))~~ purchase ~~((, negotiation, or other means,))~~ of fee or less than fee interests in real property. These interests include, but are not limited to, conservation easements, access or trail easements, covenants, water rights, leases, and mineral rights.

(2) "Agreement" or "project agreement" means the accord accepted by the office and the sponsor for the project and includes any supplemental agreements, any amendments to the agreement and any intergovernmental agreements.

(3) "Applicant" means any ~~((agency or organization))~~ party that meets qualifying standards, including deadlines, for submission of an application soliciting a grant of funds from the board ~~((. Generally, a federal, state, local, tribal or special purpose government is an applicant))~~.

(4) "Application" means the ~~((form, including project information form, approved by the director for use by applicants in soliciting project funds administered by the board))~~ documents and other materials that an applicant submits to the office to support the applicant's request for grant funds.

(5) "Board" means the recreation and conservation funding board as described in RCW 79A.25.110.

(6) "Chair" means the chair of the board as described in RCW 79A.25.110.

(7) "Development project" means a project that results in the construction ~~((and/or restoration))~~ of or work resulting in new elements including, but not limited to, structures, facilities and materials to enhance outdoor recreation ~~((or habitat conservation))~~ resources.

(8) "Director" means the director of the office or that person's designee as described in RCW 79A.25.150.

~~((("Nonhighway and off road vehicle activities (NOVA) program" means the grants and planning program administered by the board under chapter 46.09 RCW.))~~ (9) "Education and enforcement project" means a project that provides information, education, and outreach programs; encourages responsible recreational behaviors; and may provide law enforcement for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.

(10) "Education project" means a project that provides information, education, and outreach programs for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.

(11) "Maintenance project" means a project that maintains existing areas and facilities through repairs and upkeep for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.

(12) "Maintenance and operation project" means a project that maintains existing areas and facilities through repairs, upkeep, and routine servicing for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.

(13) "Manual(s)" means a compilation of state and federal laws; board rules, policies, and procedures ~~((, rules,))~~; and director procedures, forms, and instructions ~~((that have been))~~ assembled in manual form ~~((and which have been approved by the board or director))~~ for

dissemination to ~~((agencies and organizations that may wish to))~~ parties that participate in the board's or office's grant program(s).

(14) "Match" or "matching share" means the portion of the total project cost in the project agreement provided by the project sponsor.

(15) "Office" means the recreation and conservation office ~~((or the office of recreation and conservation))~~ as described in RCW 79A.25.010.

(16) "Planning project" means a project that results in one or more of the following: A study, a plan, construction plans and specifications, and permits to increase the availability of outdoor recreational resources.

(17) ~~((Preliminary expense))~~ Preagreement cost" means a project cost~~((s))~~ incurred ~~((prior to board or director approval, other than site preparation/development costs, necessary for the preparation of a development project))~~ before the period of performance identified in an agreement.

(18) "Project" means the undertaking which is, or may be, funded in whole or in part with funds administered by the office on behalf of the board.

~~((("Project agreement" means a project agreement, supplemental agreement, intergovernmental agreement, or project contract between the office and a sponsor.))~~ (19) "Reimbursement" means the payment of funds from the office to the sponsor for eligible and allowable project costs that have already been paid by the sponsor per the terms of an agreement.

(20) "Renovation project" means a project that improves an existing site or structure in order to increase its service life or functions.

(21) "Restoration project" means a project that brings a site back to its historic function as part of a natural ecosystem or improving the ecological functionality of the site.

(22) "Sponsor" means an eligible applicant who has been awarded a grant of funds~~((,))~~ and ~~((has))~~ is bound by an executed ~~((project))~~ agreement; includes its officers, employees, agents, and successors.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-015 Address. All communications with the board, office, director and staff shall be directed to the recreation and conservation office at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street S.E., P.O. Box 40917, Olympia, Washington 98504-0917, telephone 360-902-3000, fax 360-902-3026, web site www.rco.wa.gov.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-020 ~~((Organization and operations.))~~ Duties of the board. ~~((The board:~~

~~(1) Is an unsalaried body consisting of the (a) commissioner of public lands, (b) director of the department of fish and wildlife, (c)~~

director of the parks and recreation commission, (or the designees of these individuals) and five citizens appointed by the governor from the public at large, with the consent of the senate, for a term of three years each. The chair of the board is a voting member, appointed by the governor from among the five citizen members.

~~(2) Was))~~ (1) The board was created by Initiative 215 ((+)Marine Recreation Land Act of 1964(()- It)) (section 11, chapter 5, Laws of 1965) codified in chapter 79A.25 RCW.

(2) Membership of the board is defined in RCW 79A.25.110.

(3) The board is authorized to ((allocate and administer funds to agencies and organizations from the state's outdoor recreation and other such accounts as may now or hereafter be established.

(3) Is authorized and obligated to prepare,)):

(a) Prepare, maintain and update statewide plans, including:

((+a)) (i) A strategic recreation resource and open space or assessment and policy plan ((and state trails plan)) (RCW 79A.25.020) and a state trails plan (79A.35.040); ((and

(b)) (ii) A nonhighway and off-road vehicle plan (RCW 46.09.370); and

(iii) Create and maintain data, studies, research, and other information relating to community outdoor athletic fields (RCW 79A.25.820);

(b) Administer funds from the outdoor recreation account (RCW 79A.25.060), recreation resources account (RCW 79A.25.190 and 79A.25.200), habitat conservation account (RCW 79A.15.020), riparian protection account (RCW 79A.15.120), farmland preservation account (RCW 79A.15.130), nonhighway and off-road vehicles activities program account (RCW 46.09.510), and other such accounts as may now or hereafter be established by the legislature;

(c) Establish acquisition policies and procedures for distributions from the habitat conservation account (RCW 79A.15.060), outdoor recreation account (RCW 79A.15.070), riparian protection account (RCW 79A.15.120), and farmland preservation account (RCW 79A.15.130);

(d) Recommend to the governor a prioritized list of applications for funding and make grant awards from the habitat conservation account (RCW 79A.15.060), outdoor recreation account (RCW 79A.15.070), riparian protection account (RCW 79A.15.120), and farmland preservation account (RCW 79A.15.130);

(e) Submit letters received as described in RCW 79A.15.110 to the governor and legislature;

(f) Establish a nonhighway and off-road vehicle advisory committee as described in RCW 46.09.340 and report to the committee once per year on the expenditure of off-road vehicle funds and refunds from the motor vehicle fund;

(g) Distribute funds received from the off-road vehicle funds and refunds from the motor vehicle fund at least once per year as described in RCW 46.09.530;

(h) Determine the eligibility of applicants for the youth athletic facilities account as described in RCW 79A.25.820;

(i) Prescribe the terms and conditions for the making of grants in chapter 79A.25 RCW;

(j) Approve a conversion of use as described in RCW 79A.25.100 and 79A.15.030(8); and

(k) Recommend to the governor potential candidates for the position of the director as described in RCW 79A.25.150.

(4) The board does not own or operate any outdoor recreation or resource facilities.

~~(5) ((Performs and accomplishes work by a staff))~~ The office, under the supervision of a director appointed by the governor, performs and accomplishes work on behalf of the board.

~~(6) The board:~~

~~(a) Conducts regular meetings, pursuant to RCW 42.30.075, according to a schedule it adopts in an open public meeting((-));~~

~~(b) May conduct special meetings at any time, pursuant to RCW 42.30.080, if called by the chair((-));~~

~~(c) Maintains an official record of its meetings in a recorded audio format, unless written minutes are otherwise indicated for logistical reasons((-~~

~~(7) Members who have been appointed from the public at large shall be reimbursed at the rate established by the office of financial management in accordance with RCW 43.03.050(1) for each day or portion thereof spent on official business and shall be entitled to receive all necessary travel expenses on the same basis as is provided by law for state officials and employees generally.~~

~~(8));~~

~~(d) Defines a quorum as five of its members((-~~

~~(9));~~

~~(e) Adopts parliamentary meeting procedure generally as described in Robert's Rules of Order.~~

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-030 ((Goals.)) Mission and goals of the board. ((The general)) (1) The mission of the board as described in RCW 79A.25.005 is to:

(a) Create and work actively for the implementation of a unified statewide strategy for meeting the recreational needs of Washington's citizens;

(b) Represent and promote the interests of the state on recreational issues in concert with other state and local agencies and the governor;

(c) Encourage and provide interagency and regional coordination, and interaction between public and private organizations;

(d) Administer recreational grant-in-aid programs and provide technical assistance; and

(e) Serve as a repository for information, studies, research, and other data relating to recreation.

(2) To achieve the mission of the board as described in subsection (1) of this section the goals of the board and office are to:

~~((1) Provide funds and planning assistance for acquisition and development and use of outdoor recreation and habitat conservation resources to maximize protection of the natural quality of the environment;~~

~~(2) Provide funds and planning assistance for a system of public recreational facilities and opportunities for state residents and visitors;~~

~~(3) Aid organizations and local government, with funds and planning assistance, in providing the type of facilities and resources which, under their jurisdiction, will best serve their needs for outdoor recreation and habitat conservation; and~~

~~(4) Encourage programs which promote outdoor education, skill development, participation opportunity and proper stewardship of recreation and natural resources. See also RCW 79A.25.005.))~~ (a) Develop a unified statewide strategy for recreational needs as described in RCW 79A.25.005 (1)(a) in conjunction with a strategic plan for the acquisition, renovation, and development of recreational resources and the preservation and conservation of open space as required by RCW 79A.25.020(3). The strategic plan shall address the statutory policy of the state and its agencies to preserve, conserve, and enhance recreational resources and open space as described in RCW 79A.25.005(1). The board shall actively work with other state agencies to implement the strategic plan;

(b) Utilize the board's open public meetings as a forum to discuss and address recreation and conservation issues of interest to the state and foster interagency and regional coordination between public and private organizations to address such issues;

(c) As members of the board, represent the interests of the state on recreational issues and provide consultation and recommendations to the governor as appropriate;

(d) Provide planning technical assistance, project technical assistance, and grant funding with a high level of accountability that is demonstrated by performance based management standards; and

(e) Serve as a repository for data and information related to recreation and conservation for inclusion in the strategic plan as described in subsection (2)(a) of this section and for use by other interested parties.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-050 Compliance with State Environmental Policy Act ~~((guidelines))~~ and other laws. (1) The ~~((board has determined that all of its))~~ board's and office's activities and programs in effect as of and after December 12, 1975, or pursuant to WAC 197-11-800, are exempt from threshold determinations and environmental impact statement requirements under the provisions of WAC 197-11-875.

(2) To the extent applicable, it is the responsibility of ~~((applicants and))~~ sponsors to comply with the provisions of chapter 197-11 WAC, the State Environmental Policy Act rules ~~((for acquisition or development of projects, the National Environmental Protection Act, and to obtain associated land use permits))~~ and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regardless of whether the sponsor is a public or private organization.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-060 ~~((Manuals and waivers Guidance.))~~ Policies and procedures. (1) The board ~~((or director shall adopt manuals that describe its general administrative policies for use by applicants, po~~

tential applicants, sponsors, and others. These manuals shall not have the force or effect of administrative code rules)) shall adopt plans, policies, and procedures per the duties of the board as described in WAC 286-04-020.

((+2)) Board policies((, including those in the manuals)) shall be considered and approved by the board in an open public meeting. Notice of such considerations will be given by distribution of the agenda for the meeting, press releases, formal meeting notice in the Washington State Register, or other such means as appropriate.

(2) The director shall approve administrative procedures to implement the board's policies and general grant administration per the duties of the director in WAC 286-04-070.

(3) The office shall publish the policies and the administrative procedures and make them available to applicants, sponsors and other interested parties.

((+3) Project)) (4) Applicants, sponsors, or other interested parties may petition the director for a waiver or waivers of those items dealing with ((general)) administrative ((matters and)) procedures ((within the manuals)). The director may refer any petition on an administrative procedure to the board for determination. Determinations on petitions for waivers made by the director are subject to review by the board at the request of the petitioner.

((+4)) (5) Applicants, sponsors, or other interested parties may petition the board for a waiver or waivers of those items dealing with policy and procedures. Petitions for waivers of subjects dealing with board policy and procedures, ((and)) those petitions ((that in the judgment of)) referred by the director ((require)) to the board ((review)), and determinations made in subsection (4) of this section at the request of the petitioner shall be ((referred to)) considered by the board ((for deliberation. Such waivers may be granted after consideration by the board)) at an open public meeting.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-070 Director's authority. (1) Consistent with RCW 79A.25.020, and other applicable laws, the director is delegated the authority and responsibility to carry out policies and administrative functions of the board. This includes, but is not limited to the authority to:

((+1) Administer programs; employ, discipline, and terminate staff, consistent with applicable merit system and personnel rules))
(a) Supervise the administrative operations of the board, office, and their staff (RCW 79A.25.020(1));

(b) Administer recreation and conservation grant-in-aid programs and contracts, and provide technical assistance to state and local agencies (RCW 79A.25.020(2));

(c) Prepare and update a strategic plan for the acquisition, renovation, and development of recreational resources and the preservation and conservation of open space (RCW 79A.25.020(3));

(d) Represent and promote the interests of the state on recreational issues and further the mission of the board and office (RCW 79A.25.020(4));

(e) Upon approval of the board, enter into contracts and agreements with private nonprofit corporations to further state goals of preserving, conserving, and enhancing recreational resources and open space for the public benefit and use (RCW 79A.25.020(5));

(f) Appoint such technical and other committees as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of chapter 79A.25 RCW (RCW 79A.25.020(6));

(g) Create and maintain a repository for data, studies, research, and other information relating to recreation and conservation resources in the state, and to encourage the interchange of such information (RCW 79A.25.020(7));

(h) Encourage and provide opportunities for interagency and regional coordination and cooperative efforts between public agencies and between public and private entities involved in the development and preservation of recreational and conservation resources (RCW 79A.25.020(8));

(i) Prepare the state trails plan, as required by RCW 79A.35.040 (RCW 79A.25.020(9));

((+2)) (j) Administer all applicable rules, regulations and requirements established by the board or reflected in the laws of the state; ((and

+3)) (k) Approve certain cost increases or waiver requests as determined by board policy; and

(1) Approve the format for receiving grant applications.

(2) The director may waive the board's administrative rules or policies only after the board has delegated such authority at one of its public meetings.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-09-074, filed 4/18/14, effective 5/19/14)

WAC 286-04-085 ((Declaratory order—Petition requisites—Consideration—Disposition.)) Petitions for declaratory order of a rule, order, or statute. (1) Any person may submit a petition for a declaratory order in accordance with RCW 34.05.240 in any form so long as it:

(a) Clearly states the question the declaratory order is to answer; and

(b) Provides a statement of the facts which raise the question.

(2) The director may conduct an independent investigation in order to fully develop the relevant facts.

(3) The director will present the petition to the board at the first meeting when it is practical to do so and will provide the petitioner with at least five days notice of the time and place of such meeting. Such notice may be waived by the petitioner.

(4) The petitioner may present additional material and/or argument at any time prior to the issuance of the declaratory order.

(5) The board may decide that a public hearing would assist its deliberations and decisions. If such a hearing is ordered, it will be placed on the agenda of a meeting and at least five days notice of such meeting shall be provided to the petitioner.

NEW SECTION

WAC 286-04-095 Petition for adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule. Any person may submit a petition requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of any rule by the board, pursuant to RCW 34.05.330 and the uniform rules adopted by the office of financial management that are set forth in chapter 82-05 WAC.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 286-04-090	What is the history of the board's fund sources?
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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Recreation and Conservation Office on behalf of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Subject of possible rule making: The recreation and conservation funding board will consider amendments to chapters 286-04 General and 286-13 General grant assistance to modify grant program requirements. The board will also consider reorganization of chapters 286-26 Nonhighway and off-road vehicle funds, 286-27 Washington wildlife and recreation program, 286-30 Firearms range, 286-35 Boating facilities program, 286-40 Land and water conservation fund, and 286-42 Aquatic lands enhancement account to provide consistent rules across grant programs.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 34.05.220; 42.56.040; 46.09.530; 79A.15.030; 79A.15.060; 79A.15.070; 79A.15.120; 79A.15.130; 79A.25.210

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The reasons for this proposal are to clarify and bring up to date grant program definitions and requirements and eliminate repetitive sections throughout Title 286. The intended result is to improve the clarity of grant program requirements for grant project sponsors and grant program staff.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No other federal or state agencies regulate grant funding programs administered by the board and office.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

The recreation and conservation office will advance this proposal through a participatory process that includes distribution of the recommendations to the agency's advisory committees and other interested parties, including those who are on the agency's WAC notification listing. We encourage comments via mail, email, and in person at a scheduled recreation and conservation funding board meeting. Based on any comments, revisions will be considered before presentation of the final recommendations for adoption in an advertised and open public hearing of the board.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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March 31, 2015

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PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Recreation and Conservation Office on behalf of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

- ☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 15-08-076 ; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).**

- ☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR _____**
☐ **Continuance of WSR _____**

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

Amendments to chapter 286-04 WAC General.

Hearing location(s):

Natural Resources Building, Room 172
 1111 Washington St. SE
 Olympia, WA 98504

Date: June 25, 2015 Time: 11:30 a.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: Leslie Connelly
 Address: 1111 Washington Ave. S., PO Box 40917, Olympia, WA 98504-0917
 e-mail leslie.connelly@rco.wa.gov
 fax (360) 902-3026 by June 23, 2015

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Cindy Gower by June 25, 2015

TTY (360) 902-1996 or (360) 902-3013

Date of intended adoption: June 25, 2015
 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of the proposal is to revise existing definitions; add new definitions; update agency contact information; revise the mission, goals and duties of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board; revise the process the board uses to adopt policies and hear petitions; revise the authorities of the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and revise section titles. The anticipated effects of the changes are to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office. The changes also address definitions applicable to Title 286 WAC and agreements made to sponsors who receive grant funds.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The reason supporting this proposal is to bring alignment among:

- 1) Statutory direction and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's mission, goals, and duties;
- 2) Statutory direction and the duties of the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and
- 3) Administrative rules and project agreements issued to sponsors who receive grant funds from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 34.05.220; 42.56.040; 46.09.530; 79A.15.030; 79A.15.060; 79A.15.070; 79A.15.120; 79A.15.130; 79A.25.210

Statute being implemented: Chapters 79A.15 and 79A.25 RCW, RCW 46.09.530

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Federal Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 State Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, CITATION:

DATE
 May 19, 2015

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Recreation and Conservation Office

- ☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed rulemaking does not meet the definition of a “minor cost” in RCW 19.85.020(2) nor would it affect “small businesses” as defined in RCW 19.85.020(3).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

☒ No: Please explain:

The Recreation and Conservation Office is not listed as an agency required to complete a cost-benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328(5)(a)(i).

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED AGENDA & ACTIONS
June 24-25, 2015

Agenda Items

Item	Formal Action	Board Request for Follow-up
1. Consent Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 8-9, 2015 B. Approve Time Extensions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-1237D, City of Cheney, Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields • 10-1580D, Swinomish Tribe, Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration • 11-1064P, City of Entiat, Entiat Moorage • 10-1306A, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cape Disappointment – Seaview Dunes Acquisition • 10-1383D&R, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Lake Sammamish Beach Renovation and Boardwalk • 11-1074P, United States Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District, Calawah ATV Trail Planning • 07-1974AD, Malaga-Colockum Community Council, Malaga Community Park C. Volunteer Recognition for Advisory Committees 	Motion: Approved, June 25, 2015 Resolution 2015-05, amended to remove the April 8-9, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Decision: APPROVED	No follow-up action requested
2. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative and Budget Update • Discussion on Potential Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Budget Proviso • Policy Report • 2016 Meeting Calendar Proposal B. Grant Management Report C. Performance Report (<i>written only</i>) D. Fiscal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Billing Update • Omni-circular Update 	Briefing Briefing Briefing	Once the Legislature releases the 2015-17 budget, staff will finalize the approved ranked lists and disseminate them to the board. No follow up action requested. No follow up action requested.
3. State Agency Partner Reports	Briefing	No follow up action requested.

Item	Formal Action	Board Request for Follow-up
4. Follow up from the Board Retreat A. Review performance measures from strategic plan B. Review the reorganized policy lists and three-tier policy plan	Briefing	<p>Member Mayer suggested forming a team to scope the performance measures that meet board, staff, and legislative needs. Chair to decide whether to form a subcommittee, timing, and membership.</p> <p>Staff will review existing strategic plans to summarize common goals and disparities in support of a unified statewide strategy.</p>
5. Review of Revised Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation Evaluation Criteria	Briefing	Staff will present the final draft policies and evaluation criteria for board consideration and approval at September's meeting.
6. Revision to the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Manual to Address Legislative Budget Proviso Language	Briefing	No follow up action requested.
7. Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier 2 Project Preview	Briefing	No follow up action requested.
8. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	Resolution 2015-06 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.
9. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	Resolution 2015-07 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.
10. Land and Water Conservation Fund, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	Resolution 2015-08 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.
11. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium	Resolution 2015-09 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.
12. Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium		
• State Agencies	Resolution 2015-10 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.
• Local Agencies	Resolution 2015-11 Decision: APPROVED	No follow up action requested.

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<p>13. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the program and categories • Education and Enforcement Category • Nonhighway Road Category • Nonmotorized Category • Off-road Vehicle Category 	<p>Resolution 2015-12 Decision: APPROVED</p> <p>Resolution 2015-13 Decision: APPROVED</p> <p>Resolution 2015-14 Decision: APPROVED</p> <p>Resolution 2015-15 Decision: APPROVED</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p> <p>No follow up action requested.</p> <p>No follow up action requested.</p> <p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>14. Recreational Trails Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium</p>	<p>Resolution 2015-16 Decision: APPROVED</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>15. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Trails Data – Sneak Peak</p>	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>16. Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Director Evaluation</p>	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>17. Overview of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition Strategy</p>	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>The board requested staff briefings on the role of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group, and on the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC) studies recently published.</p>
<p>18. Conversion Request: Vancouver Waterworks Park (RCO #84-9015D)</p>	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>Staff will present the conversion for board action at the November meeting.</p>
<p>19. Overview of Potential Changes to the Grant Programs and Criteria for 2015-17</p>	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>The board requested information on the use of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), as well as how to continue to use RTP funds.</p>
<p>20. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Phase III Revisions/Public Hearing</p>	<p>Resolution 2015-17, as amended Decision: APPROVED</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: June 24, 2015

Place: Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

Harriet Spanel	Chair, Bellingham	Jed Herman	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Bloomfield	Yakima	Peter Herzog	Designee, State Parks & Recreation Commission
Mike Deller	Mukilteo	Joe Stohr	Designee, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Pete Mayer	Renton		
Ted Willhite	Seattle		

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) retains a recording* as the formal record of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) meeting.

**Due to technical difficulties, the recording is intermittent throughout the morning of June 24, 2015.*

Call to Order

Chair Spanel called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Cindy Gower called roll and determined a quorum.

Chair Spanel reminded the board and audience that all decisions made by the board are dependent upon the state capital budget, which the Legislature has not yet finalized.

Chair Spanel asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Willhite moved; Member Deller seconded. Member Mayer requested an adjustment to add more time to the discussion regarding a potential Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) budget proviso and the retreat follow-up (Item 4). Director Cottingham stated that she would discuss the potential WWRP budget proviso during her report (Item 2). The board agreed to adjust the schedule, overlapping with the lunch hour as needed. Motion carried.

Chair Spanel expressed appreciation to all advisory committee volunteers, sharing that each volunteer will receive a signed acknowledgement of their contribution.

Item 1: Consent Calendar

The board reviewed Resolution 2015-05, Consent Calendar, which included the following:

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 8-9, 2015
- B. Approve Time Extensions
 - [10-1237D](#), City of Cheney, Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields
 - [10-1580D](#), Swinomish Tribe, Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration
 - [11-1064P](#), City of Entiat, Entiat Moorage
 - [10-1306A](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cape Disappointment – Seaview Dunes Acquisition

- [10-1383D&R](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Lake Sammamish Beach Renovation and Boardwalk
 - [11-1074P](#), United States Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District, Calawah ATV Trail Planning
 - [07-1974AD](#), Malaga-Colockum Community Council, Malaga Community Park
- C. Volunteer Recognition for Advisory Committees

Member Mayer brought up a needed amendment to the April meeting minutes. He moved to remove the meeting minutes from the consent calendar; Member Bloomfield seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-05; Revised

Moved by: Member Mike Deller

Seconded by: Member Pete Mayer

Resolution: APPROVED

Member Willhite moved to approve the April meeting minutes; Member Herzog seconded. Member Mayer noted that the minutes from April's meeting do not accurately reflect an addition to the board retreat discussion of the 2015-17 work plan, specifically that the board agreed that a strategic plan for the Youth Athletic Facilities program should be developed. Chair Spanel directed staff to research the correct language and bring the revised minutes for later approval (see approval later in the minutes).

Item 2: Director's Report

Director's Report: RCO Director Kaleen Cottingham briefly highlighted several agency news items. RCO staff received recognition from the National Trails Program. Darrell Jennings, RCO's State Trails Administrator, did an outstanding job submitting RCO's nomination package. The nomination highlighted RCO's RTP Advisory Committee, which has representatives from various trail user groups, federal and state land managers. As a result, Marguerite Austin, RCO Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, traveled to Washington D.C.'s Capitol Hill to accept an award at the Great Outdoors Week ceremony. RCO was also recognized for its outstanding fiscal accountability.

Director Cottingham recognized Leslie Connelly, RCO Natural Resource Policy Specialist, for completing the extensive SR 520 conversion through the arboretum in Seattle.

Finally, Director Cottingham shared that, as the Legislature has not passed a budget, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) directed state agencies to execute contingency plans for closing government operations. State employees are receiving layoff notices in preparation of a potential government shutdown. On June 1, RCO emailed sponsors, contractors, and partners who hold an active agreement with RCO about the possibility of a shutdown.

Legislative and Budget Updates: Director Cottingham provided an update of the current legislative session, including an overview of the proposed budgets from the Governor, the House, and the Senate. Director Cottingham highlighted a potential transportation revenue package that would result in supplemental funding to the Boating Facilities Program and the Non-highway Off-Road Vehicle Account (NOVA).

Director Cottingham highlighted several potential budget provisos which may impact RCO programs:

- Potential limits on state acquisitions
- Potential review of habitat and recreation funding

- Potential review of the WWRP statute
- Potential for directed projects in YAF
- State Lands Ombuds position

Member Willhite expressed the need to discuss the budget proviso and potential impacts in more detail. He stated that the issues remain, regardless of current or potential budgets. Director Cottingham explained that RCO is limited in terms of advocating for specifics within the Governor's budget, other than initially requested funding amounts, and RCO also cannot advocate for additions to the budget. She explained that there are advocacy groups who serve in that capacity on behalf of RCO's budget. She added that Chair Spanel was able to share letters on the board's behalf with legislators.

Member Mayer asked about discussions that pertain to the role and participation of the board, referring to Member Willhite's comments and Director Cottingham's explanation of limited agency authority.

Director Cottingham shared that her discussions with the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC; advocacy group for the WWRP program) resulted in the recommendation that the board take the lead in reviewing the WWRP program. The outcome of the bill reflecting this plan is yet to be determined.

Member Mayer asked about any information that may pertain to the role and responsibility in the WWRP program review, should the bill pass. Director Cottingham explained that the specifics are not known, but as part of the fiscal note (a step in the bill review process), RCO calculated related costs and suggested 3-4 additional meetings led by a facilitator and support staff; the fiscal note amounted to approximately \$62,000.

Member Deller asked about potential negative feedback in response to the bill. Director Cottingham explained that the Legislature felt that the board is too close to the WWRC to remain impartial.

Member Bloomfield stated that this is an opportunity to examine the board's communication plan, specifically regarding the board's role relative, or in contrast to, the WWRC. She suggested using the identity of the board to speak strategically to the power and value of grant programs, rather than individual parties. Chair Spanel acknowledged Member Bloomfield's comments, describing her letters to the Legislature that, in part, distinguished between the board and the WWRC, and spoke to the value of grant programs across the state. Member Mayer requested copies of the chair's letters to the Legislature be shared with board members.

Director Cottingham advised that the final outcome of the budget and potential provisos is still unknown. Tom Bugert, The Nature Conservancy, agreed with Director Cottingham's statement, adding that there is a likely possibility that more than one proviso will be passed as part of the budget. Director Cottingham stated that one is currently focused on funding and acquisitions, and a second is focused on the WWRP review.

Chair Spanel concurred that the outcomes are yet unknown, and current speculation will not change what is ultimately decided. To that point, Member Mayer asked how the board might be kept informed of the ongoing proviso developments or needed communication from the board. Director Cottingham stated the neither the agency nor the board are in a negotiating role at this time, and all agencies and lobbyists are currently waiting for the Legislature to pass the budget. She added that her advocacy efforts have focused on the board to conduct the WWRP review, rather than the Habitat and Recreation Lands

Coordinating Group (Lands group) which is named in another potential proviso. The latter proviso seems to have more traction in the Senate at this time.

Member Bloomfield asked the agency members of the board to speak to any efforts they have contributed to the issue of the WWRP budget proviso.

Member Herman stated that the communication between agencies and the Legislature has been somewhat strained and one-sided, but the budget dilemmas seem to be prevalent across the country. Member Herman is concerned about JLARC potentially conducting the WWRP review, as the scope goes beyond acquisitions to include regulatory policies and structure. DNR has provided data when requested, continuing weekly discussions with the Legislature and remaining supportive.

Member Stohr echoed Member Herman's comments, stating that WDFW also spent a considerable amount of time providing data. The controversy surrounding large WDFW acquisitions has encouraged them to remain supportive. Their largest policy concern is the potential polarization between local recreation acquisitions and larger habitat and conservation easements. He also shared that there is some concern about a bill that places the Ombuds position at the Washington State Conservation Commission, as there is long standing tension between salmon recovery and agriculture practices creating a strong need for neutrality.

Member Herzog shared that State Parks is experiencing a difficult situation where policies seem to be created by the budget, versus a policy development process, and these conversations are not as transparent as the agency would like to see. He added that this may be the way that agencies are governed by the Legislature. In regard to the proviso items, State Parks is cooperating by providing information and input as possible.

Member Deller suggested a discussion for the next strategic planning session that covers the board's role in policy development, to include strategies for dialogue and open communication. Member Herman added that this may be a difficult process to alter, referring to open communications versus budget provisos that create or drive policy. Director Cottingham provided an example of the development of the grazing policy; the agency worked to be ahead of the potential budget provisos and related policies, but explaining the agency's program policies versus the law to sponsors and the Legislature, in terms of public access on acquired lands, continues to be challenging.

Member Mayer commented on the pervasive issue of public access as it translates to real-world projects, and asked how the board can ensure that public access is allowable and part of project plans, contingent upon the grant category funding. He added that this may be part of the grant applications, scoring, etc. that are within the board's authority in order to make better decisions. He stated that these proactive moves promote better practices, without waiting for a budget proviso or other mandate to act.

Chair Spanel responded to Member Mayer's comments, stating that the board does proactively take many of the measures he described. The challenge, she noted, is that public perception heavily influences decisions and actions, and change takes time. She shared that she invited legislative members to attend a board meeting to express any concerns.

Member Willhite agreed that outreach and communication is important and efforts could be improved. The issues brought up this session will be long-term, and he advocated for a continued discussions during subsequent meetings to address them.

Director Cottingham continued with the items from the Director's Report (Item 2 of the board materials), sharing that the Governor recently signed two bills. ESSB 5843, the Outdoor Recreation bill, creates a senior advisor to the Governor on outdoor recreation. Additionally, the position focuses on job creation associated with the industry of outdoor recreation and the bill potentially allocates \$1 million in funding for the "No Child Left Inside" initiative. HB 1392, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Administrative Rate bill would average the administrative rate over the past five biennia, potentially granting RCO with a 4.3% increase this upcoming biennium.

Director Cottingham provided information about issues that are presenting challenges in Congress related to grant programs administered by RCO, namely the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). There are continued efforts to reauthorize the LWCF program, which expires this year, while addressing similar concerns regarding federal land acquisition versus state administered grant programs. The funding proposed in each the federal Senate and House budgets seems fairly consistent with past requests, although they are also dealing with similar issues regarding conservation and recreation. RCO shares a person in Washington D.C. with WDFW and the Puget Sound Partnership who is monitoring the conversations regarding the program in Congress.

The RTP is part of the transportation alternatives in the Map 21 program, which is a highway and transportation funding bill. The program expired two months ago; despite receiving an extension to August, many are advocating for the program to be cut.

2016 Meeting Calendar Proposal: Deputy Director Scott Robinson shared the proposed 2016 board meeting calendar. RCO schedules meeting rooms in the Natural Resources Building up to one year in advance, and the proposed dates are based on grant cycle and legislative scheduling needs. Staff will provide a calendar with potential conflicts from other boards and groups to avoid conflicts as much as possible.

Director Cottingham acknowledged the grant management staff for their efforts in supporting sponsors and preparing for each board meeting.

Director Cottingham invited grant manager Kyle Guzlas to describe some preliminary details regarding the board's tour meeting scheduled for September 15-16 in Spokane. Chair Spanel suggested inviting legislative representatives from neighboring districts on the tour. The board then briefly discussed travel logistics and scheduling.

Grant Management Report: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager, provided a status update on recent grant management activities. RCO sent four staff to the International Trails Symposium in Portland, Oregon, an experience that proved inspiring and educational. Staff also attended the Washington Recreation and Park Association Conference.

Ms. Austin shared that the Washington State Trails Coalition contacted Darrell Jennings, RCO Outdoor Grant Manager and Trails Administrator, to request training later this fall that would support sponsors in the application process. Other requests include staff presentations at the Infrastructure Coordinating Council's convention in October. These activities support the Recreation Trails Plan.

Ms. Austin announced that Washington State received two nominations for national recreational trails in honor of National Outdoors Month. The two recognized trails include the Mount Si Trail and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.

At a special awards ceremony on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., the Coalition for Recreational Trails presented their 2015 annual awards, part of the Recreational Trails Program, issued by the National Association of State Park Directors. Washington received the Tom Petri Annual Achievement Award for "Outstanding State Trails Programs," in large part due to the board's strategic efforts and planning, which include the grant program structure, a transparent open public meeting process, the online grants database system, PRISM, the role of the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, and the efforts that RCO undertakes to ensure fiscal accountability.

Fiscal Report: Chief Financial Officer, Mark Jarasitis, provided an update on the new e-billing process, launched on March 31. Mr. Jarasitis reported that all billings are now submitted, received, and processed electronically. Since the new process began, RCO has received 620 invoices and paid 578 invoices within 30 days of receipt. RCO accounting staff received feedback from grants staff commenting that the process is simple, streamlined, and saves time and paper. Both grants staff and project sponsors appreciate the transparency of the process as all information is now available online.

Member Deller inquired whether any technical issues were identified, as well as the size of RCO's fiscal team. Mr. Jarasitis described some issues discovered on the first day regarding data syncing problems; however, both fiscal and IT staff were able to resolve the problem within a few days. RCO fiscal team consists of four core employees, all outdoor grant managers, and IT staff.

Member Willhite inquired about the process involved for notifying sponsors and staff in the case of a potential layoff. Director Cottingham shared that RCO completed the contingency plan process and all contractors have been notified. Member Willhite asked about the financing regarding e-billing. Director Cottingham shared that the agency is prepared to continue supporting the electronic process, and anticipates becoming fully paperless in the future.

Mr. Jarasitis also updated the board on the new federal omni-circular rules. The omni-circular is a collection of uniform financial requirements, cost principles, and an audit required for all federal funding awards. RCO accounting staff reviewed the omni-circular and identified needed changes to RCO procedures, including changes to agreements in PRISM. Director Cottingham shared that the new rules are already being applied within the agency.

Item 3: State Agency Partner Reports

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Member Herman provided an update for DNR. All state agencies are still awaiting a final budget; all employees received layoff notices and firefighting personnel in Western and Eastern Washington received furlough letters. Member Herman shared news regarding a drought and potential fire-hazard area along the Queets River, as well as an update regarding land and recreational use along the Teanaway. Member Herman shared that RCO money supported conservation efforts in Woodard Bay, rich in cultural history and previously used by Weyerhaeuser as a logging transport site.

Washington State Parks: Member Herzog shared information on behalf of State Parks in a handout comparing State Parks' initial request of \$159 million with the Governor's, House, and Senate budget proposals of \$135, \$140 and \$135 million, respectively. These actions indicate that State Parks may settle at status quo in terms of a final budget. State Parks remains vigilant in ensuring that open parks remain operational. Concerns arose regarding revenue streams, and Mr. Herzog shared that State Parks is exploring additional one-time sources to support gaps in funding. The Discover Pass continues to be a

positive revenue source. Member Herzog shared that the WWRP funding remains volatile, and may be underfunded.

Member Herzog shared information about the State Parks and Recreation Commission activities, recent and upcoming park openings, and the 2nd Annual Capital Campout occurring this coming weekend.

Chair Spanel inquired about the implications of a government shutdown on revenue streams over Fourth of July weekend. Member Herzog noted that the impact would be significant, and they are communicating as much as possible.

Member Deller asked about the private sector amenities that State Parks envisions as drawing more revenue. Member Herzog shared some potential ideas, such as cabins or cell phone towers to draw funding. Member Willhite stated that the communication efforts of the board should reflect today's discussion.

Member Mayer asked about the Subway promotion of the Discover Pass. Member Herzog shared that the Subway promotion is going well and will be going statewide this month.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW): Member Stohr briefed the board on the WDFW budget projections. WDFW anticipates a resolution to the \$10M projected deficit. Member Stohr discussed the contingency planning that agencies had to undertake due to the lack of budget and potential issues resulting from non-appropriated funds, lack of spending authority without a budget, concerns about continuing certain operations in the case of a shutdown. Specific impacts mentioned include law enforcement, hydrologic permitting, revenues from salmon stamps and trouble maintaining hatcheries properly running and staffed.

General Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Break: 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Board Business: Briefings

Item 4: Follow up from the Board Retreat

Director Cottingham and Deputy Robinson summarized the agency's follow up actions since the board's April retreat, and provided an overview key performance measures as a basis for discussion. The board needs to determine whether these measures will support meeting their established goals. Topics for discussion included: 1) ideas and directives related to board statutes and strategic plan; 2) agency, board, and WWRP performance measures; and 3) RCO's draft three-tiered policy list.

The first topic addressed board statute (79A.25.005), regarding a "unified statewide strategy" (USS). The board discussed the recently released JLARC study (January 2015) and the emerging scope of work for development of a lands accountability system. The Legislature asked RCO to explore the funding and creation of the accountability system for future use to replicate the JLARC study. A report on the scope of the project is due to the Legislature in December.

From a policy perspective, Member Mayer requested that the board discuss and staff address how the duties of the board are relating to statute, how performance measures are quantified, and how efforts are coordinated across the state to "move the needle" in recreation and conservation progress.

Member Bloomfield discussed the USS concept, advocating that through a roll-up of strategic plans, the board may be able to ask and answer questions regarding how the board is fulfilling their obligations per statute. The measures would then become more than data about where and how much, but about qualifying the data to determine effectiveness. Some programs do this (WDFW's Lands 20/20), but can the board include all these plans and visions in an integrated manner that addresses the schisms between programs and agencies that will then provide measures for progress.

Member Herman addressed Member Bloomfield's comments, stating that agencies have specific missions, statutes, plans, etc. that they must adhere to; however, there is an overarching goal to coordinate with other entities to their best ability. Chair Spanel added to Member Herman's comments, stating that there must be shared control and coordination. Breaking down silos is a concern, but the board statute may not cover all the gaps necessary in doing this work.

Director Cottingham addressed the idea of spatial data in a lands accountability system, stating that funding continues to be a barrier. Member Herzog stated that agencies are faced with large questions regarding land acquisition and conservation that provides context for the board's discussions and goals to reach coalescence between conflicting plans, goals, and missions of respective entities.

Member Mayer stated the SCORP is managed to provide certain outcomes over time, and public surveys inform the SCORP of constantly changing goals and priorities. He asked how the board's work is responsive to recreation use trends as identified by SCORP, and further, how grant programs are adjusted to address the same trends. Member Mayer stated that he is unclear about how the board incorporates a strategic vision to move the needle and respond to data in the SCORP or the trails plan.

Chair Spanel replied stating that the strategy is shared, maybe not as unified as it should be, but that the shared control and feedback moves the needle in a strategic way. Member Mayer continued, stating that he does not see how the board is strategically addressing priorities and plans as outlined in the SCORP and the Recreational Trails Plan.

Member Deller cautioned the board not to address perfection over continuing with work; all measures cannot be synced up with changing components at all times.

Member Willhite expressed greater confidence in the coordination of agencies since his time on the board, but, as a member he believes there is not enough communication about their work. He specified that better communication about what agencies' respective plans are and how they coordinate would be helpful in light of the fact that all plans may not be synced or coordinated perfectly.

Member Bloomfield stated that the board is not at a point where they have been able to organize a response to the problem of coordination and a USS. She suggested a potential way to summarize multiple strategic plans and assess them for overlapping areas to find unity and shared goals to make decisions upon. Member Stohr noted that this is not just a board issue, but a national issue, in that a USS requires time and effort and not all necessary representatives are at the table to have a discussion.

Director Cottingham stated that the policy work presented was intended to be a discussion about the SCORP. Member Mayer stated that the RTP is a good model for addressing the SCORP strategy.

Deputy Director Robinson asked the board if there are other items from the retreat that they would like to discuss at this time. Member Willhite requested a discussion of the budget provisos as shared this

morning during the director's report (Item 2). He asked about coordination with other entities, e.g., JLARC. Director Cottingham responded that RCO does communicate with many entities, including JLARC, the Legislature, etc.

Member Mayer identified a number of policy items from the retreat, asking whether they are still part of the priorities of the board and staff. Director Cottingham responded saying that staff re-prioritized the three policy tiers as requested by the board at the April retreat. She stated that the policy work plan is contingent upon a robust budget and the ability to hire another policy staff member.

Director Cottingham addressed the issue brought up by Member Mayer, of the YAF Strategic Plan, noting that there is currently no funding to do this work and the board will need to determine a feasible way to accomplish it.

Deputy Robinson shared that as a result of the performance measure discussion at the retreat, a copy is included in the board folders for reference. He added that the board may choose to have a discussion on how to refine or adjust these ongoing.

Member Mayer suggested forming a team to scope the performance measures that meet board, staff, and legislative needs. He added that a past board discussion on trails led to an update of the state trails plan with six priorities, some of which are included in Tier 2. He would like to know the progress of the board in meeting those priorities in tomorrow's discussion.

Deputy Robinson advised that there is room for change, but it must be addressed slowly to refine and adjust criteria.

Item 5: Review of Revised Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farmland Preservation Evaluation Criteria

Meg O'Leary, RCO Policy Administrator, summarized the proposal of changing two existing policies and adding three new policies to the WWRP Farmland evaluation criteria and program policies. Ms. O'Leary shared that staff is soliciting input on the proposed changes to the policies, the revised evaluation criteria, and whether to proceed with the public review process as outlined for the next grant cycle in 2016. Ms. O'Leary outlined the proposed policy changes and revisions to the evaluation criteria which include seven main elements: land, infrastructure, stewardship, community values, building envelope, match, and easement duration. A crosswalk of the current and proposed changes is included in the board memo (Item 5).

Member Bloomfield asked about the language describing allowable costs, specifically regarding the cost of protecting the right to develop a trail versus the cost to develop the trail, as she sees the former as an indirect cost. She described a rangeland example, where the boundaries along private ownership or agricultural be used to provide public access and application score should not be lowered due to the amount of impervious surfaces involved in trail development. Director Cottingham clarified that if the landowner agrees to public access as an allowable use, then the grant category criteria allows for that element.

Member Mayer would like to see public access for recreation maximized, within the criteria and requirements of the Farmland Preservation Program. He referenced the points awarded for stewardship, and suggested that there be reference to public access or use as counting for points.

Member Willhite asked whether the criteria addresses private landowners' actions on their land in the face of competing public interests. Director Cottingham explained that such issues don't necessarily pertain to farmland areas and more to conservation easement lands, due to IRS restrictions on fee simple lands. Member Willhite asked if there is criteria for higher level review, as there should not be. Director Cottingham confirmed that there is not a higher review component.

Member Mayer asked about planning requirements for local zoning classifications. Director Cottingham stated that there is no planning requirement for the farmland category, but zoning must qualify under the agriculture open space tax requirements.

Member Mayer asked about impervious surface limits and where this level was established. Director Cottingham stated that RCO attempted to follow guidelines from Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) requirements on impervious surfaces.

Ms. O'Leary outline the next steps incorporating any changes provided by the advisory committee. In July and August the revisions will be shared openly for public comment. Staff will present the final draft policies and evaluation criteria for board consideration and approval at September's meeting.

Member Mayer noted that the new language for recreational trails on farms (page 4 of the board memo) says "allowed" versus the previous language stating "encouraged," and it should be more clear in the intention behind the criteria. Director Cottingham agreed that both words should be incorporated in the new policy changes.

Member Willhite asked whether additional points would be awarded if it fits into the comprehensive trails plan, specifically whether points should be awarded for connecting to established national trails and encourage connectivity. Director Cottingham expressed concerns regarding criticisms from the farmland community that more non-farming criteria drive prioritization, and there should be clear focus on either farmland preservation or recreation. She suggested bringing that question to the advisory committee.

Member Mayer agreed with Member Willhite on the issue of promoting connectivity, while meeting mutual interests and still protecting the purpose of the farmland preservation program.

Item 6: Revision to the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Manual to Address Legislative Budget Proviso Language

Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Grant Manager, presented a brief history of the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program progress over the past year. RCO received almost two-hundred letters of intent in August 2014, which received board approval at the April 2015 meeting. Based on the higher level of letters of intent received, RCO is uncertain as to why the pre-application level is lower than anticipated (only 26 received). It seems that sponsors are not as ready as they anticipated, due to reasons such as lack of match or general un-readiness. Applications are due July 1, 2015 and the board will approve grant awards in November 2015.

Ms. Austin discussed the proposed budget proviso for the YAF program, in which RCO must require grant recipients of youth recreation field grants to have a fee waiver policy for youth athletic clubs who use the fields acquired, developed or renovated with funds from this appropriation. The fee waiver policy must discount or waive fees based on the youth athletic club's rates charged and scholarships provided to low-income athletes compared to other clubs using the fields.

The proviso language was distributed by the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) to their constituents, and some concerns arose regarding fee restrictions as they may limit revenue.

Ms. Austin noted that should the proviso pass, it would be incorporated into the YAF program policies but will not require any board action.

Member Mayer stated that there is that encourages investment in urban areas, which may create some overlap in this program.

Item 7: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier 2 Project Preview

Laura Moxham, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, presented an overview of the Tier 2 applications which have been submitted for federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program funding in federal fiscal year 2016. Ms. Moxham briefly summarized the program criteria, eligibility requirements, funding maximums and match requirements, and the types of evaluation processes.

The BIG Tier 2 projects are received on an annual cycle. This year, 2015, two applications have been received totaling \$1,135,000. Final applications are due August 14, 2015.

Ms. Moxham provided a summary of each project application: 1) Point Hudson Jetty Replacement at the Point Hudson Marina, submitted by the City of Port Townsend; and 2) Eagle Harbor City Dock Replacement at the Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park on Bainbridge Island, submitted by the City of Bainbridge Island.

Ms. Moxham summarized the new federal rule changes (omni-circular) as they apply to the BIG program, resulting in some Tier 1 and Tier 2 classifications and changes to the evaluation criteria. A chart describing all changes and resulting program differences is included in the board materials (Item 7).

Member Herman asked which entity will determine useful life, and the recorded interests of real property. Ms. Moxham explained that RCO would determine this in part, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the term of the useful life would be the recorded interest, rather than in perpetuity. Director Cottingham clarified that the new rules/changes are more in line with how RCO addresses property development policy at this time.

Member Deller asked about the percentage of slips in a particular project that must be 26' or greater to qualify. Ms. Moxham explained that the BIG program will only allow application for costs associated with the proration provided for slips that serve boaters with vessels greater than 26' in length, e.g., if fifty percent of the slips are 26' or greater, then the sponsor may apply for fifty percent of the cost.

Member Mayer asked what the match source is for the Port of Port Townsend project. Ms. Moxham responded that the sponsor intends to increase their bond capacity, and may form an industrial development district to be eligible for additional funding.

Ms. Moxham shared that it is part of the policy to allow public comment on any proposal forwarded for national competition. Staff will bring policy changes at a later meeting for board decision.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Lunch: 12:40 p.m. – 1:21 p.m.

Board Business: Grant Awards

Item 8: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Ms. Austin presented an overview of the WWRP program, including a brief description of the eleven grant categories and the program's structure, and the ranked lists for 2015-17. The board already approved the WWRP ranked lists at the October 2014 meeting, in order to meet the November 1, 2014 deadline.

Ms. Austin described the funding structure, funding allocations to the WWRP and individual categories, and funding formulas that support the program. Ms. Austin outlined the statutory requirements for each program category; two programs will not be funded unless the 2015-17 appropriation is over \$40 million (Farmland and Riparian Protection). Returned funds from the current or prior biennia may be rolled into alternates on the project lists. The Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Accounts' surplus, if any, may be allocated to other categories within the same account.

Member Mayer asked for clarification regarding the statutory formula for acquisitions versus development in the WWRP program. Ms. Austin shared that the formulas are somewhat flexible (e.g. at least 50% for acquisitions, but could be more), however the board previously decided that they did not want to play "catch up" and have since maintained as much balance as possible.

Ms. Austin specified that per Washington Administrative Code (WAC), applicants must certify that they have a funding match in place. RCO notified sponsors in mid-April and found that four projects did not certify match. Some sponsors also withdrew their applications for individual reasons.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board finalize and adopt the ranked project lists and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-06).

Public Comment

Neil McClure, President of the Yakima Greenway Foundation, addressed the board. He expressed appreciation for the RCO process and its positive impacts on the Greenway. He thanked the board for their efforts, as Greenway-related projects have significantly added to a generational quality of life in the community. Mr. McClure acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the partnership and funding from the board, and thanked the board again for their work and contributions.

Member Willhite asked Mr. McClure to speak about the merit of awarding points for connectivity. Mr. McClure agreed that it has incredible value, and partnering with Naches and Yakima have supported the success of these projects. Connectivity creates more fruitful projects with added value.

Member Mayer thanked Mr. McClure for his comments, noting that he has experience the Greenway firsthand. He acknowledged the effort that has gone into developing that project, thanked Mr. McClure for this work and contributions.

Member Bloomfield thanked Mr. McClure as well, noting that he is a personal friend. The vision to extend the Greenway concept south leads to greater opportunities for connectivity, and the dynamic interconnected trail system will benefit the state. Mr. McClure concurred.

Jack McCarn, Port of Waterman Commissioner, shared that, as one of the smallest ports in the state, the efforts of the board are greatly appreciated. The port generates little income, a few jobs, and some resources; the project would not be possible without funding from the board. Projects are ready to move forward, contingent upon funding approval.

Chair Spanel asked about the location of the port. Mr. McCarn stated that the port is located in Kitsap County, to the east of Bremerton. He added that the port will be part of a new kayak trail, part of which includes a pea gravel beach for launching kayaks with minimal services.

Resolution 2015-06

Moved by: Member Pete Mayer

Seconded by: Member Ted Willhite

Resolution: APPROVED

Item 9: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Sarah Thirtyacre, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, presented an overview of the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA). The board already approved the ALEA ranked lists at the October 2014 meeting, in order to meet the November 1, 2014 deadline.

Ms. Thirtyacre described the program goals and applicant eligibility. State agencies, local governments, and Native American tribes are eligible applicants within this program (all must provide a 50% match). This year, RCO received twenty-three applications. If all projects were funded this would total an investment of over \$27 million, with over \$17 million provided in match. In accordance with WAC, all applicants certified their match in advance of this meeting.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-07).

Member Deller asked who determines a navigable waterway. Member Herman shared that DNR determines this.

Public Comment

Member Spanel invited Mr. McCarn for further public comment. Mr. McCarn spoke to the project's ranking on the list and thanked the board again for their work, as the ALEA program is important to the county.

Member Deller asked about the Port of Waterman's bond capacity. Mr. McCarn stated they are anticipated funding from WWRP to braid with other sources.

Tony Bolstad, Port Commissioner of Skamania County, sponsor of project number 12 on the ranked list, stated that the ALEA grant would be of great benefit to the community. He described the related recreational and tourism activities that would come as a result and support the Stevenson community. It is currently the premier wind-surfing location on the Washington State side, reliant on tourism and competing with Hood River, OR, across the river.

Member Deller commented on the project as an example of the connectivity of economic development and recreation. Mr. Bolstad shared information about a meeting between the City of Stevenson and the port regarding connectivity goals, specifically the trail system.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-07

Moved by: Member Mike Deller

Seconded by: Member Betsy Bloomfield

Resolution: APPROVED

Item 10: Land and Water Conservation Fund, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Ms. Moxham presented an overview of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program goals and the top ten recreation activities. Ms. Moxham stated the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) program not only ensures Washington State's LWCF grant eligibility, but also serves as a tool that helps decision-makers and recreation-providers prioritize acquisition, renovation, and development of recreational resources statewide.

There were four priorities identified for Washington State which included 1) considering the changing demographics in the project area; 2) continuing to offer diverse outdoor recreational opportunities; 3) maximizing sustainability and environmental stewardship; and, 4) placing more emphasis on improving accessibility for recreationists with disabilities. These priorities have been incorporated in the evaluation criteria questions for the program and this list of projects was evaluated against these priorities.

Ms. Moxham described the applicant eligibility requirements, and shared that RCO had thirteen project applications requesting approximately \$5.7 million in grant funds, exceeding last year's requests by over \$1.4 million. Including the sponsor match, this represents over \$28 million in investments. This grant round is the first since the SCORP was released.

Ms. Moxham shared a map of the spatial distribution of the ranked projects, highlighting one of the ranked projects from the east side of the state and noting how the project met the four priorities as identified above. She then described the federal program goals and scoring comparison across projects. Ms. Moxham commented on the great diversity between project sponsors and project types.

Member Willhite asked for thoughts on why only one project on the east side of the state was submitted. Ms. Moxham noted that the stringent federal program requirements sometimes serve as a deterrent, and many sponsors opt for the local parks grant category instead.

Ms. Moxham proceeded to describe the LWCF top-ranked project, North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3 (#14-1362). The project would acquire up to 22 acres of urban forest for hiking and walking trails, interpretive signage, educational opportunities, and conservation and recreation opportunities. The project has gone through several stages of land acquisitions, receiving a great amount of local support and public media attention. The project accomplished three of the four SCORP priorities.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-08).

Member Herman inquired about the appraisal calculation accuracy. Ms. Austin confirmed that the amounts are correct.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-08

Moved by: Member Ted Willhite

Seconded by: Member Mike Deller

Resolution: APPROVED

Item 11: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Adam Cole, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, provided an overview of the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program which supports activities including handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery activities.

Mr. Cole described the unique match and liability insurance requirements, as well as the applicant eligibility requirements. Mr. Cole described the make-up of the advisory committee, comprised of local, state, and tribal community members.

Mr. Cole presented a recently completed FARR project at the Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club - Lead Shot Containment Curtain 2012 (RCO Project 12-1745). The project resulted in a shot containment curtain measuring 510" long by 50" high. The total cost was approximately \$230,000, of which \$150,000 came from the FARR program.

Mr. Cole highlighted programmatic changes for this year's applications. In addition to raising the maximum grant award from \$100,000 to \$150,000, in January of 2014, the board also approved several other updates to the program:

- Do not fund recommendation,
- Additional public hearing requirement,
- Implementing the sustainability policy,
- New compliance period for land acquisitions,
- Design certification and inspection.

Member Deller asked about the historic funding level for the program. Mr. Cole replied that it has ranged from \$500,000 - \$800,000; this year's funding level was about \$580,000. Director Cottingham added that the funding is from \$3.00 from all concealed weapon permits.

Mr. Cole provided overall statistics on the project applications received this year, then proceeded to describe the FARR top-ranked project, Issaquah Sportsmen's Club Sound Abatement (RCO Project #14-2101). The project aims to reduce noise leaving the rifle and pistol ranges.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-09).

Public Comment

Dennis Witcher, Secretary of the Yakima Valley Sportsman's Association, thanked the board for their work and the opportunity to apply for grant funding. He spoke of the generational use of the Yakima facility, and shared that the RCO staff, Laura Moxham and Marguerite Austin, have been very professional and helpful in the process.

Member Deller asked how many members that the facility would support. Mr. Witcher stated that there are approximately 100 shooters, but also noted that several programs, including some for youth, are supported by this program.

Member Mayer asked whether law enforcement shares the range. Mr. Witcher stated that the range is not shared as it is too small and differs in regulatory use.

Resolution 2015-09

Moved by: Member Ted Willhite

Seconded by: Member Jed Herman

Resolution: APPROVED

Item 12: Boating Facilities Program, Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Kyle Guzlas, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, presented an overview of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP). Since the program started, RCO has funded 629 total projects. By statute, the BFP is split into two categories for state and local agency projects with equally divided funding.

Mr. Guzlas highlighted several recently completed projects: 1) Lake Sammamish Boat Launch Improvements, State Parks, 2) Sling Launch Renovation, Port of Edmonds, 3) Lake Samish Access Site Renovation, WDFW, and 4) Langley Boat Ramp Boarding Floats, Port of South Whidbey.

Mr. Guzlas provided overall statistics on the project applications received this year for the state agency category, then proceeded to describe the category's top-ranked project: Martin Access Boat Ramp (RCO #14-1777), sponsored by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and located close to the city of Woodland, in Cowlitz County. Because of the close proximity to the main stem of the Columbia River, this ramp receives extensive use and has degraded over time. WDFW design and permitting staff are familiar with this type of design. WDFW constructs several access sites a year and is efficient in their design and construction methods.

Local governments (which include cities, counties, park and port districts, and other special purpose districts) and tribal governments are eligible applicants in the local agency category. Mr. Guzlas provided overall statistics on the project applications received this year for the local agency category, then proceeded to describe the category's top-ranked project: Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch Ramp Extension (RCO #14-2100). The Port of Bellingham will extend the ramps at the Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch facility. Major elements include removal and demolition of some existing panels, minor dredging of built up material at the toe of the ramp, sub-grade preparation, setting pre-cast panels, and placing rip rap.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolutions 2015-10 and 2015-11).

Member Willhite observed that the Martin Access Site allows for further connectivity, a continuing theme.

Member Mayer asked about the accessibility needs of boat launches and ramp/gangway projects. Mr. Guzlas shared that he consulted with Rory Calhoun, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, to determine the accessibility details. Mr. Calhoun addressed the board, stating that conditions are improving. Staff is supporting sponsors in building in accessibility components into their projects more thoroughly and intentionally, noting that this is improving project diversity and quality.

Director Cottingham added that Mr. Calhoun will be representing RCO on the Boating Safety Advisory Group.

Member Stohr asked about the Lake Pateros Boat Launch. Mr. Cole came forward and described the project conditions, noting that RCO funds were not used for in-water work.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-10, State Agencies

Moved by: Member Mike Deller

Seconded by: Member Ted Willhite

Resolution: APPROVED

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-11, Local Agencies

Moved by: Member Pete Mayer

Seconded by: Member Betsy Bloomfield

Resolution: APPROVED

Item 13: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Darrell Jennings, Senior Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, and Dan Haws, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, presented an overview of the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program and submitted projects. The NOVA is the only grant program required by statute, and is divided into four different categories: non-highway, non-motorized, off-road vehicles, and education and enforcement. Funding comes from a portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax, which is used for grants and grant program administration. The Off-road vehicle category receives funding from Off-road vehicle permit fees in addition to the fuel tax funds. While RCO prepares many grant program plans, the NOVA plan is the only one required by statute; it is updated every six years.

Mr. Jennings described the programmatic changes that apply to the 2014 grant round, including the adoption of a new NOVA plan, revised definitions for development and maintenance projects, updated evaluation criteria, application metric changes, and the requirement against “equipment only” grants. Mr. Jennings stated that, in general, only government agencies can apply for NOVA program funds. To be eligible to apply, agencies must have a long-range strategic plan on file. Over half of the 119 proposals were submitted by the U.S. Forest Service (62 projects in total); DNR submitted the second largest number of proposals (43 projects); local agencies third (11 projects); and State Parks and WDFW comprised the remainder (3 projects).

Member Mayer asked about the education and enforcement category funding splits. Mr. Jennings stated that a portion goes to law enforcement, but it is not exclusive. Member Mayer asked about the non-highway category criteria. Mr. Jennings said he would address that question in the individual category descriptions next in his presentation.

Mr. Jennings described the Education and Enforcement program criteria, applicant eligibility, funding structure, and top-ranked project: RCO #14-1838E, Snoqualmie Corridor, sponsored by DNR.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-12).

Public Comment

Glen Glover, Executive Director of Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, thanked the board and staff for their leadership and administration of grant funding. He acknowledged the transparency of RCO’s processes and inclusion of stakeholder participation. He encouraged the board to approve the ranked lists as presented, sharing that his organization’s project is ranked number four on the list.

Resolution 2015-12, Education and Enforcement Category

Moved by: Member Ted Willhite

Seconded by: Member Mike Deller

Resolution: APPROVED

Mr. Haws described the Nonhighway Road (NHR) program criteria, applicant eligibility, funding structure, and top-ranked project: RCO #14-2130M, Methow Valley Campground Maintenance, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District. The project will address the many maintenance issues and duties most commonly found in campground facilities.

Member Deller asked about the role of forest rangers in enforcement on lands funded by NOVA grants. Mr. Haws explained that there is always a ranger present to oversee maintenance or address problems or violations (vandalism, etc.) at a higher level. Generally they are there to serve as crew leaders and accomplish the work.

Member Mayer asked for a definition of a nonhighway road. Mr. Haws and Mr. Jennings explained that it is often a public agency road, such as U.S. Forest Service roads, DNR roads, or non-city, non-county, or non-state-highway roads. Ms. Austin clarified that part of the gas tax fees support those going to use roads not supported by gas tax funds to get to recreation sites.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-13).

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-13, Nonhighway Road Category

Moved by: Member Ted Willhite

Seconded by: Member Pete Mayer

Resolution: APPROVED

Mr. Haws described the Nonmotorized program criteria, applicant eligibility, funding structure, and top-ranked project: RCO #14-1800, Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District. The project will fund a four-person trail crew, plus a crew leader and materials, to maintain the Naches backcountry trail systems.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-14).

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-14, Nonmotorized Category

Moved by: Member Betsy Bloomfield

Seconded by: Member Mike Deller

Resolution: APPROVED

Mr. Haws described the Off-road Vehicle program criteria, applicant eligibility, funding structure, and top-ranked project: RCO #14-1799M, Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District. This project will maintain approximately 250 miles of motorized trails for motorcycles, quads and four wheel drive vehicles and is supported by over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-15).

Member Deller asked about the distinction and proximity of off-road versus nonmotorized program criteria. Mr. Haws explained that typically the use is established and there is usually a distance between the two conflicting trail/road uses. Member Herman added that user groups help with educational component of these areas.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Resolution 2015-15, Off-road Vehicle Category

Moved by: Member Pete Mayer
Seconded by: Member Ted Willhite
Resolution: APPROVED

Break: 3:40 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Item 14: Recreational Trails Program, Review and Approve Ranked Lists for the 2015-17 Biennium

Mr. Jennings described the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a federal-aid assistance program intended to help states create and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and nonmotorized recreational trail use. The program's goal is to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance on recreational trails that provide a backcountry experience.

Mr. Jennings provided background on the sources of policy guidance for RTP, then proceeded to provide general statistics regarding the 2014 grant requests (total funding amounts) and 2014 applications as compared to other grant programs. Applications vary somewhat by sponsor, but are mainly comprised of federal agencies and non-profit organizations.

RTP is divided into two categories of projects: general and education. Mr. Jennings provided details regarding respective category criteria, funding, metrics, and notable changes for the 2014 grant round.

The top-ranked general category project was RCO #14-1981M, Front Country Trail Maintenance. The Washington Trails Association (WTA) will use this grant to maintain 375 miles of hiking trails in Washington. "Front country" means a focus on the first three miles of a trailhead.

The top-ranked education category project is RCO #14-1974E, Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger program for 2016-2017, sponsored by the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Grant funding will be used to hire a Volunteer Program Coordinator, who will recruit, train, supervise, and support volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas and surrounding backcountry.

Mr. Jennings described the RTP federal assured access requirements. As a way to distribute the funding equitably, projects are categorized into five types of uses that the trail or trails serve and each category has a minimum amount of funding it receives. Once the board approves the ranked list of projects, RCO staff must apply these percentages to allocate the funding.

Mr. Jennings summarized the annual advisory committee meeting. Feedback from the meeting centered on three main areas: the application process and rankings, evaluation criteria, and the evaluation materials.

Mr. Jennings concluded by summarizing feedback from surveys conducted of the advisory committees (evaluators), applicants, and grants staff. Feedback was centered on two main themes: timing of the grant application materials and cycle, and application materials and scopes of work.

As the Legislature has not yet finalized a budget, staff requested that the board adopt the ranked project list and delegate authority to the RCO Director to award grant funding contingent upon approval of a 2015-17 state capital budget (Resolution 2015-16).

Member Deller asked about the historic funding levels and estimates of volunteer labor. Mr. Jennings stated that it is approximately \$1.8M per year, over 2 years. Donated unskilled labor is valued at approximately \$14.00-\$15.00 per hour, and skilled labor is valued at their respective professional wage rate.

Member Mayer asked about the role of indirect funds in this grant program. Mr. Jennings explained that 7% is allocated for administration, and the rest is allocated for grant funding; however, this amount did not allow overhead or indirect rates, and with the new federal rules, this amount will change and will be available to recipients through a negotiated rate or 10% base rate.

Member Mayer asked whether the program has always limited the eligibility to trails maintenance. Mr. Jennings replied in the affirmative. Member Mayer asked if this was a board decision, and revisited since the program's inception. Mr. Jennings and Director Cottingham replied that it was a board decision, and has not been revisited.

Public Comment

Debbie Jahnke, City of Port Townsend, addressed the board regarding the ability of smaller entities to compete in the grant round process. She shared that their application was compiled by volunteers, and while acknowledging the work of other larger entities, the Port Townsend trails are part of the whole community's daily life. She described the project application's purpose and goals, and how the city intends to fund the match.

Member Willhite thanked Ms. Jahnke for providing comments, and asked about how, from her perspective, should the inequity of organizations who are able or have capacity for grant-writing be addressed. Ms. Jahnke shared that she was impressed about the ability of smaller agencies to compete, and thought the process was equitable in that way. She suggested a potential weighting of applications, so that one applicant would only be able to have one project ranked in the top ten, or something equivocal.

Ted Jackson, RTP Evaluator, reported to the board regarding his participation as an evaluator. He suggested allowing evaluators to devote time to present a project of their choosing for the board's information. He asked about the federal funding for RTP used for forest-oriented projects, but noted that he appreciated the current use of project funds.

Resolution 2015-16

Moved by: Member Ted Willhite

Seconded by: Member Pete Mayer

Resolution: APPROVED

Board Business: Briefings

Item 15: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Trails Data – Sneak Peak

Darrell Jennings, Recreation and Conservation Outdoor Grant Manager, and Jenny Konwinski, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), shared information about the GIS trails data project. The project was initiated in 2013 as a student and OCIO driven initiative. In collaboration with RCO, the OCIO applied for NOVA funding in 2014. The project will help meet state trails plan goals.

Mr. Jennings provided history of previous trail-mapping efforts. Ms. Konwinski provided an overview of the current project goals. The trails database was designed using federal standards as a guide and contains about 12,000 miles of trails information. Ms. Konwinski described the data collection process and outreach efforts for the project.

Ms. Konwinski presented an example of the data dictionary used to build the database for trails and trailheads, and described their quality assurance and data review processes. She described tools for future data collection efforts, including Esri's Collector for ArcGIS and a web-based file upload form, and showed examples of both. Ms. Konwinski concluded by sharing the project accomplishments.

Mr. Jennings discussed data that is still missing, the future work needed, and next steps for collaboration between RCO and OCIO. Ms. Konwinski shared that OCIO will be sharing the data maps in the next few weeks. She also described an upcoming pilot program with state agencies to allow those that maintain trails access to the database to update their own trails data. Mr. Jennings concluded by advocating for an ongoing commitment to continue to update, maintain, and manage existing trail resources, and to review and add new trail resources.

Member Bloomfield asked about the number of trail miles accounted for in the data. Mr. Jennings replied that there is some data missing and may not account for all trails in the state.

Member Herzog asked about the public availability of the data. Ms. Konwinski shared that the while data will be static, they are still determining how to address source data (ownership issues). However, the maps will be available.

Member Willhite asked whether the Pacific Crest Trail data was incorporated. Ms. Konwinski noted that some of the data needs work to clean it up or update it, along with many other data sources. Member Willhite furthered his question, asking if the plan is to make the data available to public users. Director Cottingham responded, stating that the proprietary questions have not been answered and there is a need to protect the source data for integrity purposes. The ultimate goal is to share it publicly.

Member Mayer commended the work of Ms. Konwinski and the collaborative efforts of other trails data managers. He asked about the allowable uses as outlined in the RTP, and whether funding could support the maintenance of the trails database. Mr. Jennings replied that this is still some uncertainty, both in Washington and with other states.

Member Bloomfield commented on the gaps in trails data, and appreciated the visual demonstration of where work needs to be done. Member Herman agreed.

Member Willhite stated that part of the issue is the definition of a trail, and the GPS points for determining these areas. Member Herzog noted that the data could support the Discover Pass initiative, supporting users with more information about recreational trails. Director Cottingham shared that similar conversations occur regarding funding and use of the boating app.

Mr. Jennings reported on the trails plan progress, and coordinated efforts with the Washington State Trail Coalition in support of the plan's goals.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:03 p.m. by Chairwoman Spanel.

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: June 25, 2015

Place: Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

Harriet Spanel	Chair, Bellingham	Jed Herman	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Bloomfield	Yakima	Peter Herzog	Designee, State Parks & Recreation Commission
Mike Deller	Mukilteo		
Pete Mayer	Renton		
Ted Willhite	Seattle		

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) retains a recording* as the formal record of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) meeting.

Call to Order

Chair Spanel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Cindy Gower called roll, and a quorum was determined. Member Stohr was excused.

Chair Spanel asked the board to review the revised April 8-9, 2015 meeting minutes. Member Deller made a motion to approve the revised minutes; Member Mayer seconded the motion. Director Cottingham noted that this would be added to Tier 3 of the work plan, with the expectation to find funding, and explore the scope of work. Member Mayer would like to add this as a future agenda item. Motion approved.

Wendy Loosle, Board Liaison, led a discussion regarding potential changes to the 2016 meeting calendar provided at yesterday's meeting. One change includes shifting the August dates from 17-18 to 24-25. Ms. Loosle will contact WDFW for potential meeting conflicts based on the new dates.

Board Business: Request for Direction

Item 16: Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Director Evaluation

Deputy Robinson described the annual evaluation process for the RCO director. The process was revised in 2014, where on even numbered years the board would hold a midterm performance evaluation, and on odd numbered years there would be a full performance evaluation. As part of the latter process, there would be a director self-assessment, and a partner/staff survey.

Deputy Robinson proposed a timeline for completing the full performance evaluation, allowing time for the survey, self-assessment, the formal director evaluation conducted by the board, and final evaluation shared with the Governor's Office. Deputy Robinson requested dates for completing the process from the board.

Chair Spanel asked about the timeline for the survey. Deputy Robinson stated that he would need at least four weeks, though the exact dates are flexible.

Chair Spanel noted that in previous evaluations, the board had formed a three-person sub-committee, comprised of the chair, one citizen member, and one agency member. Member Deller volunteered to be part of the subcommittee. Chair Spanel will speak with Member Stohr and Member Herzog to determine the agency member.

Member Mayer summarized the sub-committee process and how they engaged with the board prior to the executive session, asking for confirmation on the steps. Chair Spanel summarized the previous full performance process headed under the previous chair, noting the need for additional time to incorporate feedback from the survey and time to meet with the Governor's staff.

Member Deller asked that Deputy Robinson would gather information from the past sub-committee processes (persons contacted, questions asked, etc.) to prepare for the process.

Chair Spanel will coordinate with Deputy Robinson to form and prepare for the subcommittee process.

Board Business: Briefings

Item 17: Overview of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Land Acquisition Strategy

Cynthia Wilkerson and Julie Sandberg, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), framed the presentation by sharing WDFW's mission statement and reasons for land acquisitions. Ms. Wilkerson provided a history of WDFW land acquisitions; currently, WDFW owns and manages over one million acres of land, including conservation easements. She summarized the WDFW conservation tools, land acquisition principles, and conservation initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to "preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities."

Chair Spanel asked about lands that are ecologically and socially important. Ms. Wilkerson related this to economically or socially important species, such as salmon, and described the concept of working lands as an example.

Member Mayer asked about the classification of managed versus owned land. Ms. Wilkerson explained that WDFW manages the value of the land based on use, e.g., a boat launch, or conservation easement. The property may be owned privately, but WDFW will work with the owner to ensure that the use is meeting the habitat conservation plan currently in place.

Member Mayer asked if the conservation easements described by Ms. Wilkerson are included in the public lands inventory. Director Cottingham shared that this level of detail is not readily available. Member Mayer asked how the information is shared with the public; Member Herman described the simple fee process and how public lands information is shared among agencies, land owners, etc. Director Cottingham shared that the aggregate data for conservation easements is shared, although specific geographic locations are not included. Member Bloomfield noted that protection areas account for a large percentage of managed lands. Ms. Sandberg noted that agency partnerships create these "checkerboard" management of parcels.

Member Willhite asked about the purpose of the initiative specifically whether it is part of the WAC. Ms. Sandberg clarified that it is agency policy. The acquisition principles and conservation initiatives help guide the agency when it decides whether to purchase and manage lands.

Member Willhite asked if the WDFW principles and initiatives are coordinated with the SCORP or other plans. Director Cottingham clarified that the SCORP is RCO's plan; Chair Spanel added that the coordination or alignment of policy could be part of a later board discussion.

Member Willhite asked about how the WDFW policies are coordinated across other agencies and partners. Ms. Wilkerson shared that they work to share their policy with other groups, such as with the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group.

Ms. Wilkerson described the acquisition process through the following steps: 1) scoping and need, 2) evaluation and prioritization, 3) transaction and implementation, and 4) integrating ownership.

Scoping and need involves evaluating the fundamental building blocks of species and land use/needs, and evaluating where more conservation action is needed. The perspective is both statewide and regional, with land acquisition priorities categorized by habitat type, e.g., aquatic habitats, critical habitat for specific species, terrestrial habitats, statewide priority landscapes, etc.

The statewide priority landscapes initiative drives agency coordination through a framework of policy, maintenance, appropriate authority, evaluation of use and value, etc. that then informs the Lands 20/20 process. Ms. Wilkerson continued by describing the acquisition priorities and how these are determined through the vision of shared values.

Ms. Wilkerson shared information about WDFW's conservation partners, including the board, and the work of the Lands 20/20 initiative, transaction procedures, funding sources, and future partnerships and investments.

Ms. Wilkerson described the Lands 20/20 process as the step of evaluation and prioritization in the acquisition process. The goal is to develop statewide and regional priorities together. Part of the acquisition process includes several steps for technical review, executive recommendations, public review, and a presentation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission).

Member Mayer asked about the order of review for projects. Ms. Wilkerson explained that the executive management team approves projects, which are then presented to the Commission after funding is acquired (potentially after the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board process).

Ms. Wilkerson described the main funding sources as the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)(ALEA, WWRP), the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She shared a historical overview of awards received through the various RCO grant categories. Director Cottingham noted that other grant categories, mainly federal sources, may be included (e.g., LWCF, ESRP, etc.).

Ms. Sandberg described the land transaction process, as part of the transaction implementation step in the acquisition process. Steps include finding and negotiating with willing sellers, obtaining fair market appraisal, negotiation and final agreements, and approval by the Commission.

In the final step of integrating ownership, Ms. Sandberg described the operation and maintenance process and funding included in the operation budget.

Member Mayer asked about the FERC process, specifically whether WDFW has obtained funding through the FERC relicensing process. Ms. Sandberg noted that she would need to defer to Member Stohr, not present today. Member Bloomfield noted that funds have come through mitigation for power lines, irrigation, and shrub steppe habitat that constitute other contracted funding sources.

Ms. Sandberg shared base funding sources, including the Discover Pass, and the operational (staffing) needs included in acquisition activities. She also shared information about working lands partnerships, including agricultural leases and grazing permits. Ms. Sandberg then described the Lands Division operating and maintenance budget, and an overview of the major fund source trends, and cost per acre over the past eight fiscal years.

Member Bloomfield asked about the Dingle-Johnson (DJ) funding, and Ms. Wilkerson described the sources of DJ funding, including licensing fees. Director Cottingham asked about the cost per acre to maintain, specifically what Washington receives compared to other states. Ms. Wilkerson stated that she would research this and return with those figures.

Ms. Sandberg concluded by describing the continuing efforts for the priority landscapes initiative, outreach and education, and payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) funding and operation and maintenance funding.

Member Mayer asked how PILT payments are collected. Ms. Sandberg described the choices that counties have in this process; WDFW pays thirteen counties currently. Ms. Sandberg and Director Cottingham described some of the legislative issues historically involved in the PILT process.

Member Willhite thanked Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Sandberg for their presentation. He asked about whether revenue sources from wind or solar power are obtained through leasing properties. Ms. Sandberg affirmed this, and stated that they contract based on market rate.

Member Willhite asked about the extent of coordination with the U.S. Forest Service regarding landscape initiatives. MW stated that this is place-based, and dependent upon local plans and initiatives, as well as species needs relative to those areas. They also coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management.

Member Willhite asked about how WDFW responds to questions of maintenance once land is acquired. Ms. Sandberg noted that this is contingent upon funding, and operation and maintenance funding continues to be strained. She added that through the Lands 20/20 process, these problems have been mitigated. Often acquisitions are a coordinated effort and viewed in a long-term manner as an investment and risk-assessment.

Member Herzog asked about an assessment of the quality of land, and how unmet or unseen costs are evaluated. Ms. Wilkerson explained that strategically, WDFW will look at need, potential, and connectivity. Then they would assess through Lands 20/20 what needs to be done to the land. Once owned, they use ecological integrity monitoring, grading the property, and maintaining/managing to an enhanced level through metrics to reach these goals. Funding is limited for the latter process, and WDFW engages local scientist when possible.

Member Mayer asked about the biodiversity plan as part of the Lands 20/20, and about the biodiversity council. Director Cottingham explained that the biodiversity council expired several years ago, although after considerable progress made on the conservation opportunities framework. Ms. Wilkerson noted that the plan has not been updated, but they are using the existing information and adding in best available science.

Member Mayer asked about land transfers between agencies as part of the collaborative process, specifically whether one agency may be better suited to manage or own a parcel. Ms. Sandberg described the various plans and history of ownership as adding to a complicated process. Ms. Wilkerson added that this is the purpose of the lands group. Director Cottingham explained that the trust lands transfer program aims to transfer trust lands to the most suitable agency. She also mentioned the years-long land exchange between DNR and WDFW, which was scaled down due to complications with the federal LWCF conversion requirements.

Member Mayer asked to what degree WDFW encourages public access on acquired properties. Ms. Wilkerson said this is a fundamental value, however staffing capacity and funding remain as barriers. Ms. Sandberg added that public education through signage helps, especially when a parcel is not fully assembled. Ms. Wilkerson added that sometimes work with private landowners is involved to support public access, i.e., hunting rights.

Member Deller commended Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Sandberg for their work.

Chair Spanel asked if staff works with landowners before an application is submitted. Ms. Wilkerson affirmed, stating it is part of the Lands 20/20 process.

Director Cottingham asked about when the county is notified in the process. Ms. Wilkerson said it should be before the Lands 20/20 process.

Member Herzog asked how many proposals are included in the ecological envelope. Ms. Sandberg responded that there are very few, if any. All projects must be connected with the county authorities and through the same process as other projects in Lands 20/20.

Member Bloomfield noted that a key understanding of the Lands 20/20 process relative to the WWRP and land acquisition controversies, is that WFW used to bring forth all projects and let the grant process winnow them down. The Lands 20/20 is a more sophisticated process for ranking that supports a clearer understanding of how the acquisition fits into statewide plans and visions. She said that the knowledge of this process should be shared more broadly.

Break 10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Item 18: Conversion Request: Vancouver Waterworks Park (RCO #84-9015D)

Myra Barker, RCO Compliance Specialist, briefed the board on an upcoming conversion request for project #84-9015D, Vancouver Waterworks Park. Ms. Barker began by reminding the board of their responsibility and authority in the conversion process, as well as the process for resolving a conversion.

Ms. Barker described the location and details of the conversion request. The proposed replacement is a 10.08 acre property, known as Shaffer Park. The city acquired the property under a waiver of retroactivity to retain its eligibility as a future replacement for a conversion. The City of Vancouver's request to approve

a 7.5 acre conversion at Workworks Park includes a recommendation of approval to the National Park Service (NPS).

Ms. Barker shared that staff will work with the City of Vancouver to help them finalize the conversion request which will be brought to the board for a decision at the November meeting. Contingent upon approval, staff will also help prepare and submit the board's recommendation and conversion documentation to NPS.

Member Deller asked about the public involvement and comment received. Ms. Barker explained that the Advisory Board is supportive; she has not heard about negative feedback or controversy.

Member Mayer noted that the park impact fees were used, and asked about other sources of funding. A member of the audience shared that no other funds were used. Member Mayer asked about the plan for the replacement property's plan for recreation. Ms. Barker noted that the skate park was funded from other sources and remains open to the public. For replacement properties, the city plans to build soft surface trails and benches.

Member Mayer noted that it is a significant amount of work, considering the requirements of Homeland Security, and commended their efforts.

Member Willhite asked about the conversion area's trees and open space. Monica Tubberville, City of Vancouver, replied that some underbrush may be removed to reduce nuisance activity, but no tree removal is planned.

Member Herman asked about the public use and perception of the site. Ms. Tubberville replied that is part of a water utilities site, but there the public uses the area as a park and access will remain outside of some gated areas.

Director Cottingham suggested adding elements to the proposed design map, e.g., location of the reservoir, for the November meeting.

Item 19: Overview of Potential Changes to the Grant Programs and Criteria for 2015-17

Ms. Austin summarized potential changes to policies and evaluation criteria for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board grant programs. The changes proposed would apply to grant applications received in 2016.

Staff identified potential changes to the board's policies and evaluation criteria (details summarized in the board materials). Most of the changes to the evaluation criteria were recommended by advisory committee members during the post-evaluation meetings or in the advisory committee survey in 2014.

Ms. Austin noted that the changes are necessary in part as a response to questions or concerns from applicants or sponsors, to address recommendations from advisory committee members and grants staff, to align program policies with federal or legislative changes, and to implement board approved plans

Ms. Austin provided a handout summarizing the board's program plans. She highlighted the SCORP action items (1-10) and briefly covered some of the changes to board plans that have occurred since June 2013. She briefly described the action items and priorities from the Boating Grant Programs Plan, adopted in April 2015, from the Washington State Trails Plan, adopted in January 2014, and the NOVA Plan, adopted in January 2014.

Ms. Austin presented lists of the potential changes to board grant program policies. She highlighted the policy topic, Control and Tenure, as possibly the most pressing at this time. She provided a description of the change, the programs affected, and feedback from applicants as reasons for the change. Also highlighted were the Eligible Project Types in Boating Grant Programs, BIG Policies, Omni Circular Policies, and Range and Course Safety.

Member Bloomfield asked whether the board will have opportunity to explore land acquisition policies in more depth, including the cost-benefit analysis of structure destruction on public lands. Ms. Austin agreed that the urgency is why the item is currently listed, and although the allowable use policy addresses these structures in part, it is not comprehensive. Ms. Austin suggested that this be an item that the board address more fully, and allow enough time to do so (she suggested a year).

Member Herzog asked about how RCO is engaging the Commissioner regarding control and tenure. Director Cottingham stated that they have tried to do work-arounds on a case-by-case basis but it is time consuming. Member Herman shared that DNR hopes to have discussions over the next year to address these policies.

Director Cottingham shared that this policy list is a work plan presented for the board's information, to let them know the policy priorities and staff is seeking board input confirming that they are on track.

Director Cottingham, Member Herman, and Ms. Austin shared some of struggles and controversies surrounding grant programs and policies.

Member Willhite asked to what extent does the survey input affect the policy work plan choices. Ms. Austin explained that the staff received the surveys and analyzed the survey feedback to identify common themes; the goal is to integrate the survey results with the board policies. Director Cottingham noted that the grant manual revisions are driven largely by the survey feedback, which the board will approve in the fall.

Member Willhite asked about the policy of all grant integration to coordinate with the SCORP. Ms. Austin pointed the board to the memo (Item 19) in the board materials, which has more information about how the changes align to the board's plan.

Member Mayer stated that this is a response to surveys and feedback, and falls short of the strategic direction he expects to see. He said specifically that for multi-site acquisition policy, do we notify local agencies of board acquisitions? Ms. Austin shared that the board approved a policy that allows certain grant programs to substitute other suitable lands when lands identified within the geographic envelope are not available. Ms. Austin said that other multi-site policies address water and upland trails.

Member Mayer asked about projects that are adjacent to SRFB-funded projects. Ms. Austin replied that as long as it's consistent with policy and doesn't conflict with the purpose of the SRFB project then it is allowable. She added that this is part of the multi-site policy discussion, for which staff is requesting feedback from the board.

Member Willhite asked whether staff intends to incorporate issues from the budget as discussed yesterday, as well as long-term views as brought up by Member Mayer. Ms. Austin replied that this discussion is more centered around issues that have come up for which staff needs direction. The long-term hope, which funding has prevented, is a look at grant programs as a whole to assess purpose,

relevance, and revision. Director Cottingham added that there is a placeholder for the WWRP proviso, should it pass, on the Tier 1 policy list. The board discussed the need for deeper review, contingent upon the Legislature not making substantial changes.

Member Bloomfield asked about the capacity to carry out policy work. Ms. Austin explained that with limited policy staff, the executive management tries to identify the highest priority items.

**** Due to the scheduling of the public hearing, Chair Spanel paused the Item 19 briefing to allow for timely initiation of Item 20.*

Item 20: Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Phase III Revisions/Public Hearing

Wendy Brown, RCO Policy Director, provided a brief summary of the previous phases (Phase I and Phase II) of revisions to the WAC. The effects of the Phase III changes are to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the board and the RCO director. The changes also address definitions applicable to Title 286 WAC and agreements made to sponsors who receive grant funds.

The reason supporting the proposal is to bring alignment between:

- 1) Statutory direction and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's mission, goals, and duties;
- 2) Statutory direction and the duties of the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office; and
- 3) Administrative rules and project agreements issued to sponsors who receive grant funds from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Staff also proposed substantive changes to update definitions and amend rules for project agreements and long-term grant compliance for most grant programs. The complete text of all changes is included in the board materials (Item 20).

Ms. Brown shared that RCO followed the required public process for rule-making, and provided a summary of the steps and timeline for this process, as well as steps for the public hearing process. She summarized the process for adopting

Public Hearing

Chair Spanel opened the public hearing.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided at this time.

Board Discussion

There was no board discussion at this time.

Chair Spanel closed the public hearing.

Ms. Brown summarized the written public testimony for the board to consider. Attachment D, as noted in the board materials, was distributed to the board. There were two written comments received:

- Add donation to the definition of acquisition (286-04-010(1) WAC)
- Add habitat conservation to the mission statement (286-04-030(1)(b) WAC)

Ms. Brown presented the response to public comment to the board. Member Bloomfield read the comments and agreed with the changes proposed.

Ms. Brown outlined the options for adopting the rules, amendments, postponement, and/or withdrawal.

The staff recommendation is to revise the definition of acquisition in Attachment A and adopt Resolution #2015-17 based on Attachment A as amended. Staff will continue to work on other proposed revisions and prepare additional revisions for the next meeting in September 2015.

Member Mayer asked staff to share with the board the relationship of this board to the Lands group, per the statute amended in 2005. Director Cottingham explained that the statutory changes from 2005 left some uncertainty, as the budget comes out as under this board and names the SRFB. Historically, the board and the Lands group have been separate entities.

Member Herman and Ms. Brown explained that the Lands group is a coordinating body that serves as an open-ended forum and informal process for reviewing land acquisitions and projects.

Member Mayer expressed his concern that these changes are not ready for codification, and more board discussion may be necessary as it pertains to the board's role and decisions at the April retreat.

Chair Spanel and Director Cottingham shared that these changes are a re-organization of the WAC, and less a substantial change to rules. Chair Spanel recommended moving forward with the approval.

Member Herman stated that he did not see an alignment between these changes and the content of the retreat; Member Herman approved of moving forward with the changes.

Member Bloomfield stated that she would like to see more language as it pertains to the WWRP.

Member Deller asked Member Mayer to document his suggestions so that a more substantial discussion may be held over the next year or several months.

Member Willhite asked Member Mayer to share some of the concerns he has with the changes. Member Mayer referred Ms. Brown to the draft changes on page 2, Item 16, and asked whether this would include websites, maps, applications, etc. Ms. Austin explained that is not intended to be similar to an education project, where maps may be more common, so this definition is not as inclusive.

Member Mayer asked about page 3, Item 2 of the draft changes, and whether the membership of the board includes the chair, citizen members, etc. Director Cottingham shared that the authority is in statute and is the authority of the Governor.

Member Mayer asked about page 4, Item e of the draft changes and expressed that this seems to be more of a staff than a board role. Director Cottingham and Chair Spanel stated this is in statute, and may not be changed.

Member Mayer asked about the RCW 79A.35.030 that addresses the board's role in designating trails, which is not included in the WAC language. Director Cottingham suggested adding this to page 3, Item 3(l), under the "board is authorized to..." section using consistent statutory language so that it does not constitute a substantive change, as follows:

“(l) Designate state recreation trails pursuant to RCW 79A.35.030.”

Chair Spanel asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-17. Member Willhite moved; Member Deller seconded. Chair Spanel requested the amended portion of the resolution language to be as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt Attachment A, as amended, with non-substantive changes in response to public comments received and to add a new statutory reference to the designation of state recreation trails; and”

Resolution 2015-17, as amended
Moved by: Member Mike Deller
Seconded by: Member Ted Willhite
Resolution: APPROVED

****The presentation of Item 19 resumed after the adoption of amended resolution 2015-17.*

Item 19: Overview of Potential Changes to the Grant Programs and Criteria for 2015-17 (cont.)

Ms. Austin presented the potential changes to the evaluation criteria. She highlighted certain criteria, including Cost Efficiencies, Diversity, Health benefits. A timeline for drafting, revising, and preparing the policies for public comment was presented. The board would be asked to consider final approval at their November meeting.

Ms. Austin stated that due to volume, staff may not have the full list prepared by November. Some policies may be bundled and addressed more easily.

Member Herman asked whether staff will present any policy topics at the September meeting. Ms. Austin confirmed, and said staff intend to have draft for review available at that time. Some policies may require more time.

Member Mayer referenced RCW 79A.250 regarding evaluation criteria. He asked how this statute is incorporated. Ms. Austin state that there is a question for “proximity to people” included in most evaluation criteria; it is subjective, and evaluated by review teams. There are variations of the question and point-weighted. Ms. Austin shared that it is a goal to align the questions and points within all criteria.

Member Mayer asked about the terminology used in the criteria. Ms. Austin replied that the questions are ordered by defining service areas first, then evaluators begin with this basis; she added that there are lot of terms, and there could be more consistency.

Member Deller would like to see more meaningful metrics, e.g. how a project enhances connectivity.

Member Bloomfield commented that, in relation to a larger strategy, she observed a large concentration of trails mapped, and WDFW’s presentation of critical habitat; she asked about how to find gaps and begin to see the disconnects between data and landscape development/conservation.

Closing Remarks


Member Mayer requested the board consider the following future agenda topics: 1) April retreat follow-up; 2) JLARC studies as they relate to the work of this board; 3) an update from or about the Lands group;

4) use of the RTP and how to continue to use funds; and 5) a workgroup to discuss performance measures of the board.

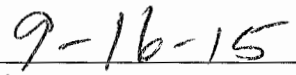
Member Willhite thanked the staff for incorporating board comments from the retreat, referring to the presentation from WDFW. He also praised the work of Ms. Barker for her work on the conversion process and preparations for the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Spanel.

Approved by:



Harriet Chair Spanel, Chair



Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-05
June 2015 Consent Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following June 2015 Consent Calendar items are approved:

~~A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 8-9, 2015~~

~~B.~~ A. Approve Time Extensions

- [10-1237D](#), City of Cheney, Betz Park Baseball/Softball Fields
- [10-1580D](#), Swinomish Tribe, Swadabs Shoreline Access & Restoration
- [11-1064P](#), City of Entiat, Entiat Moorage
- [10-1306A](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cape Disappointment - Seaview Dunes Acquisition
- [10-1383D&R](#), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Lake Sammamish Beach Renovation and Boardwalk
- [11-1074P](#), United States Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District, Calawah ATV Trail Planning
- [07-1974AD](#), Malaga-Colockum Community Council, Malaga Community Park

~~C.~~ B. Volunteer Recognition for Advisory Committees

Resolution moved by: Mike Deller

Resolution seconded by: Pete Mayer

Adopted Date: June 24, 2015

*The board meeting minutes from April 8-9, 2015 were removed from the consent calendar, edited as noted in the meeting minutes, and approved as a separate motion.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-06
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects and
Delegation of Authority to the Director to Award Funding

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved the ranked lists of Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects reflected in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* at their October 2014 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the board recommended ranked lists of eligible WWRP projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2015-17 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) address a variety of critical habitat needs, (b) restore existing lands to self-sustaining functionality, (c) protect areas that have retained their natural character and are important in preserving species or features of value, and (d) have been evaluated based on long-term viability, thereby supporting the board's goal to help agencies maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems, sustain Washington's biodiversity, or protect "listed" species and natural settings; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and renovation of properties for recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide, including bicycling and walking facilities and facilities most conducive to improved health; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Riparian Protection Account provide habitat benefits for a variety of fish and wildlife species, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity; protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Farmland Preservation Account meet criteria that demonstrate preference for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goals to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the approval of these projects occurred in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner, and the board's principles to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established priorities; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal, and.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the 2015-17 biennium; and

WHEREAS, RCW 79A.15.030 (7) authorizes RCO to use a portion of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, contingent on funds being appropriated for the WWRP in the 2015-17 biennial budget, that the total amount allowed by the Legislature to be used to administer the

program be subtracted from the appropriation and the remaining funds be distributed to the eleven WWRP categories according to statutory requirements and board policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the modified ranked lists in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2015-17* pursuant to existing board policy and rules, and subject to any changes made by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Pete Mayer

Resolution seconded by: Ted Willhite

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	40.60	14-1085A	Mountain View	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	40.20	14-1096A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$7,000,000
3	39.90	14-1087A	Mid Columbia - Grand Coulee	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$11,000,000
4	39.70	14-1090A	Heart of the Cascades	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$15,000,000
5	37.20	14-1091A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,200,000		\$2,200,000	\$17,200,000
6	36.80	14-1089A	Tunk Valley	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$19,200,000
7	35.40	14-1099A	Kettle River Corridor	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$20,200,000
8	23.70	14-1609C	Sage Grouse Habitat Acquisition in Deep Creek	Foster Creek Conservation District	\$302,000	\$303,152	\$605,152	\$20,502,000
					\$20,502,000	\$303,152	\$20,805,152	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination

Table 1 - WWRP, Water Access Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	57.70	14-1347D	Washougal Waterfront Water Access Area	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$700,000	\$890,624	\$1,590,624	\$700,000
2	54.10	14-1534A	Glendale Shoreline Acquisition and Public Access	Island County	\$565,000	\$587,000	\$1,152,000	\$1,265,000
3	53.10	14-1965D	Meydenbauer Park Shoreline Access Development	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$3,582,700	\$4,082,700	\$1,765,000
4	51.50	14-1427D	Edmonds Pier Renovation 2014-2015	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,465,000
5	51.00	14-1643D	Battle Ground Lake State Park Americans with Disabilities Act Docks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$516,500	\$100	\$516,600	\$2,981,500
6	50.60	14-1627D	Wenberg County Park Water Access Improvements	Snohomish County	\$614,123	\$614,123	\$1,228,246	\$3,595,623
7	50.10	14-1546D	Waterman Fishing Pier Access and Seawall Renovation	Port of Waterman	\$575,000	\$753,000	\$1,328,000	\$4,170,623
8	49.00	14-1731D	Lake Meridian Dock Replacement	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,244,800	\$1,744,800	\$4,670,623
9	48.10	14-1687A	Coulter Creek Phase 2	Mason County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,670,623
10	46.20	14-1693D	Owen Beach	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,670,623
11	45.85	14-1170C	Sultan River Access	Sultan	\$374,663	\$374,663	\$749,326	\$9,045,286
12	45.50	14-1724D	Wapato Lake Dock Reconstruction	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$451,416	\$451,416	\$902,832	\$9,496,702
13	45.40	14-1100C	Kettle River Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$995,000		\$995,000	\$10,491,702
14	42.60	14-1617D	Ancich Water Access Park	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,600,000	\$10,991,702
15	38.60	14-1686D	Point Defiance Boardwalk	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$1,600,000	\$11,791,702
					\$11,791,702	\$15,198,426	\$26,990,128	

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Table 1 - WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	63.90	14-1098A	West Rocky Prairie	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
2	60.50	14-1276A	Bass-Beaver Lake Acquisition	King County	\$748,000	\$748,000	\$1,496,000	\$3,748,000
3	58.30	14-1130A	Sage Hills Gateway Acquisition	Wenatchee	\$510,000	\$513,000	\$1,023,000	\$4,258,000
4	58.20	14-1251A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,765,352		\$3,765,352	\$8,023,352
5	57.70	14-1250A	Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,147,269		\$3,147,269	\$11,170,621
6	48.20	14-1093A	Ebey Island	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$12,170,621
7	47.10	14-1441A	Hooven Bog Conservation Area	Snohomish County	\$492,750	\$492,750	\$985,500	\$12,663,371
					\$12,663,371	\$1,753,750	\$14,417,121	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition

Table 1 - WWRP, Trails Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	72.25	14-1124D	Spruce Railroad McFee Tunnel Restoration	Clallam County	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$920,000	\$460,000
2	69.25	14-1514D	East Lake Sammamish Trail Phase 4	King County	\$500,000	\$2,980,000	\$3,480,000	\$960,000
3	68.67	14-1137C	Twisp Community Trail	Twisp	\$199,504	\$201,650	\$401,154	\$1,159,504
4	68.08	14-1419D	Squalicum Creek Trail	Bellingham	\$500,000	\$1,215,914	\$1,715,914	\$1,659,504
5	67.83	14-1439A	Bay Street Pedestrian Path Mosquito Fleet Trail	Port Orchard	\$105,750	\$105,750	\$211,500	\$1,765,254
6	67.42	14-1461D	Naches Rail to Trail Final Phase	Yakima County	\$810,700	\$810,700	\$1,621,400	\$2,575,954
7	66.92	14-1677D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 3	Ferry County	\$98,000	\$99,000	\$197,000	\$2,673,954
8	66.17	14-1442D	Foothills National Recreation Trail Final Phase	Pierce County	\$2,755,063	\$2,755,063	\$5,510,126	\$5,429,017
9	65.58	14-1349D	Washougal Waterfront Trail	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$672,264	\$1,172,264	\$5,929,017
10	65.33	14-1694D	Point Defiance Loop Trail	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$6,500,000	\$9,179,017
11	64.08	14-1136D	Appleway Trail Phase 3	Spokane Valley	\$813,000	\$813,000	\$1,626,000	\$9,992,017
12	63.08	14-1353A	Sound to Olympics North Kitsap Gap	Kitsap County	\$740,500	\$949,500	\$1,690,000	\$10,732,517
13	61.92	14-1640D	Willapa Hills Trail ¹	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$400,000	\$80,000	\$480,000	\$11,132,517
14	61.58	14-1711D	Olympic Discovery Trail Discovery Bay	Jefferson County	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$11,382,517

Table 1 - WWRP, Trails Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
15	57.75	14-1515D	Woodland Creek Community Park Trail	Lacey	\$53,172	\$53,172	\$106,344	\$11,435,689
15	57.75	14-1126D	Harris Creek Vosper Multi Use Trail	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	\$140,405	\$140,406	\$280,811	\$11,576,094
17	57.58	14-1796D	Whitehorse Trail Design and Development	Snohomish County	\$2,000,000	\$2,244,000	\$4,244,000	\$13,576,094
18	56.75	14-2031D	Port Angeles Waterfront Trail	Port Angeles	\$500,000	\$1,692,232	\$2,192,232	\$14,076,094
19	53.75	14-1266A	Whitehorse Trail Trailhead Acquisition Oso Mill	Snohomish County	\$236,250	\$236,250	\$472,500	\$14,312,344
20	52.58	14-1243A	Centennial Trail Bryant Trailhead Acquisition ²	Snohomish County	\$83,400	\$83,400	\$166,800	\$14,395,744
					\$14,395,744	\$19,092,301	\$33,488,045	

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¹State Parks received unused WWRP funds in December 2014 for this project, which was an alternate on the 2011-13 ranked list.

²Snohomish County has withdrawn this project because the landowner sold the property to another buyer.

Table 1 - WWRP, State Parks Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Number an	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	67.26	14-1681A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2014	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	62.73	14-1621D	Kukutali Preserve Day Use Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$360,210	\$93,750	\$453,960	\$1,360,210
3	60.31	14-1486A	Westport Park Connection	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,905,000		\$1,905,000	\$3,265,210
4	58.78	14-1555D	Larrabee Clayton Beach Railway Overpass	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,331,365		\$2,331,365	\$5,596,575
5	58.67	14-1622D	Willapa Hills Trail - Trail Development Pe Ell Area	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$962,400		\$962,400	\$6,558,975
6	57.37	14-1682D	Lake Sammamish Sunset Beach Picnic Area	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$3,168,979		\$3,168,979	\$9,727,954
7	56.73	14-1626D	Tolmie State Park Parking	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$553,420		\$553,420	\$10,281,374
8	55.59	14-1634D	Klickitat Trail	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,229,000		\$2,229,000	\$12,510,374
9	52.50	14-1603A	Fudge Point Additional Uplands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$497,623		\$497,623	\$13,007,997
10	52.13	14-1454A	Saint Edward State Park Kenmore Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,164,680		\$2,164,680	\$15,172,677
11	50.99	14-1680A	Nisqually State Park Univeristy of Washington Forest Lands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,619,928		\$2,619,928	\$17,792,605
12	45.97	14-1645D	Sacajawea State Park Trail Connection	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,092,401		\$1,092,401	\$18,885,006
13	45.20	14-1723A	Manchester State Park Additional Uplands	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$508,380		\$508,380	\$19,393,386
14	43.41	14-1635D	John Wayne Pioneer Trail Malden and Rosalia Trailhead Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$700,352		\$700,352	\$20,093,738
					\$20,093,738	\$93,750	\$20,187,488	

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Table 1 - WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	50.22	14-1697R	Grassland Restoration in South Puget Sound	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$387,700		\$387,700	\$387,700
2	48.67	14-1485R	Lacamas Prairie Oak and Wet Prairie Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$507,700
3	48.00	14-1508R	Sinlahekin Ecosystem Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$534,500		\$534,500	\$1,042,200
4	47.44	14-1525R	Trout Lake Meadow Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,000		\$72,000	\$1,114,200
5	44.89	14-1482R	Coastal Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$188,800		\$188,800	\$1,303,000
6	44.22	14-1355R	LT Murray Forest and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$375,000		\$375,000	\$1,678,000
7	44.11	14-1518R	Klickitat Canyon NRCA Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$71,000		\$71,000	\$1,749,000
8	44.00	14-1670R	Phantom Butte Shrub-Steppe and Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$62,500		\$62,500	\$1,811,500
9	40.33	14-1535R	Admiralty Inlet Preserve Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$96,937		\$96,937	\$1,908,437
10	39.67	14-1507R	Selah Cliffs Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$37,000		\$37,000	\$1,945,437
11	39.11	14-1610R	Colockum Wildlife Area Fire Rehabilitation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,200	\$5,000	\$205,200	\$2,145,637
12	37.22	14-1447R	Pogue Mountain and Chesaw Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$235,000	\$35,000	\$270,000	\$2,380,637
					\$2,380,637	\$40,000	\$2,420,637	

*Project Type: R = Restoration

Table 1 - WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	55.80	14-1453D	East Tiger Mountain Trail System Development Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$300,000	\$37,000	\$337,000	\$300,000
2	53.00	14-1751D	Heller Bar Access Site Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500	\$624,500
3	51.30	14-1548D	Riverside Access Site Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$949,500
4	50.80	14-1520D	Mailbox Peak Trail Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$178,400	\$25,000	\$203,400	\$1,127,900
5	48.70	14-1172D	Oak Creek Tim's Pond Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500	\$1,452,400
6	47.00	14-1589D	North Olympic Wildlife Area Public Access Facility	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$86,000		\$86,000	\$1,538,400
7	46.90	14-1279D	Samish River Unit Public Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$190,000		\$190,000	\$1,728,400
8	44.10	14-1425D	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$285,000		\$285,000	\$2,013,400
9	43.20	14-1644D	Sprague Lake Fishing Platform Phase 5	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$154,000		\$154,000	\$2,167,400
10	40.20	14-1743D	Shumaker Road and Access Site Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$283,000		\$283,000	\$2,450,400
11	38.70	14-1664D	4-O Ranch McNeill Campground Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$2,775,400
					\$2,775,400	\$62,000	\$2,837,400	

*Project Type: D = Development

Table 1 - WWRP, Riparian Protection Account, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	98.10	14-1480A	Mashel Shoreline Protection Phase 4	Nisqually Land Trust	\$1,100,000	\$1,479,500	\$2,579,500	\$1,100,000
2	97.20	14-1150A	Willapa Bay-Seal Slough Conservation Acquisition	Columbia Land Trust	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,975,000
3	95.10	14-1092A	Taneum Creek Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,700,000		\$1,700,000	\$3,675,000
4	92.30	14-1097A	Reardan Audubon Lake	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$600,000		\$600,000	\$4,275,000
5	89.70	14-1095A	Merrill Lake Riparian Protection	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$7,275,000
6	88.80	14-1702A	Clearwater Riparian Protection Phase 3	The Nature Conservancy	\$986,565	\$990,518	\$1,977,083	\$8,261,565
7	88.70	14-1689A	Skookum Estuary Fletcher Acquisition Phase 2	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$140,000	\$145,000	\$285,000	\$8,401,565
8	88.10	14-2179A	Hoh River Riparian	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,199,400	\$1,425,000	\$2,624,400	\$9,600,965
9	82.60	14-1741C	Jacobs Point Addition	Anderson Island Park District	\$67,000	\$100,612	\$167,612	\$9,667,965
9	82.60	14-1587A	Grover's Creek Acquisition Phase 2	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$398,000	\$439,250	\$837,250	\$10,065,965
11	73.30	14-1283A	Carbon River Valley Expansion	Pierce County	\$612,500	\$911,250	\$1,523,750	\$10,678,465
12	67.00	14-1350A	Little Skookum Inlet Riparian Habitat Protection	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$951,300	\$977,700	\$1,929,000	\$11,629,765
					\$11,629,765	\$7,343,830	\$18,973,595	

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Table 1 - WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	43.00	14-1249A	Dabob Bay Natural Area Shoreline	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,240,955		\$3,240,955	\$3,240,955
2	40.13	14-1254A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$849,659		\$849,659	\$4,090,614
3	39.50	14-1252A	Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek Natural Area Preserves	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,214,554		\$2,214,554	\$6,305,168
4	37.88	14-1722A	Queets River	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,643,135	\$560,000	\$2,203,135	\$7,948,303
4	37.88	14-1247A	South Lake Ozette Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,588,360		\$1,588,360	\$9,536,663
6	37.38	14-1253A	Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$648,164		\$648,164	\$10,184,827
7	35.88	14-1245A	Marcellus Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$215,118		\$215,118	\$10,399,945
8	33.75	14-1094A	Merrill Lake Natural Area	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	\$12,899,945
					\$12,899,945	\$560,000	\$13,459,945	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition

Table 1 - WWRP, Local Parks Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1 of 70	64.83	14-1135D	Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area	Wenatchee	\$480,648	\$480,648	\$961,296	\$480,648
2 of 70	63.50	14-1513C	Springbrook Park Acquisition and Development	Lakewood	\$193,950	\$193,950	\$387,900	\$674,598
3 of 70	62.33	14-1274D	Kasch Park Synthetic Turf Replacement	Everett	\$500,000	\$1,605,000	\$2,105,000	\$1,174,598
4 of 70	61.72	14-1143D	Volunteer Park Development	Selah	\$359,000	\$380,000	\$739,000	\$1,533,598
5 of 70	61.28	14-1111A	Candy Mountain Acquisition	Benton County	\$695,377	\$695,377	\$1,390,754	\$2,228,975
6 of 70	60.83	14-1331D	John Storvik Spray Park and New Restroom	Anacortes	\$335,000	\$347,500	\$682,500	\$2,563,975
7 of 70	59.67	14-1182D	Inspiration Playground Construction, Downtown Park	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,365,000	\$3,063,975
8 of 70	58.50	14-1121D	Randall Park Renovation	Yakima	\$500,000	\$670,100	\$1,170,100	\$3,563,975
9 of 70	58.22	14-1465D	Spokane-Adaptive Baseball Field at Mission Park	Spokane	\$238,055	\$238,056	\$476,111	\$3,802,030
10 of 70	58.11	14-1471D	Columbia River Waterfront Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,615,590	\$2,115,590	\$4,302,030
11 of 70	57.39	14-1434D	Skate Darrington	Darrington	\$296,081	\$302,081	\$598,162	\$4,598,111
12 of 70	57.22	14-1542D	Waughop Lake Trail at Fort Steilacoom Park	Lakewood	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$4,848,111
12 of 70	57.22	14-1616D	Covington Community Park Phase 2	Covington	\$500,000	\$3,045,100	\$3,545,100	\$5,348,111
14 of 70	57.17	14-1701C	Prairie View Park Expansion	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$568,665	\$1,068,665	\$5,848,111
15 of 70	56.78	14-1357D	Beach Park Picnic Shelter and Restroom	Des Moines	\$293,243	\$293,244	\$586,487	\$6,141,354

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15 of 70	56.78	14-1072D	Hartwood Park Red Barn Playground	Washougal	\$78,946	\$78,947	\$157,893	\$6,220,300
17 of 70	56.72	14-1415D	Prosser City Park Restrooms	Prosser	\$87,800	\$87,800	\$175,600	\$6,308,100
18 of 70	56.33	14-1631A	Esperance Park Acquisition	Snohomish County	\$508,600	\$670,000	\$1,178,600	\$6,816,700
19 of 70	55.78	14-1618D	Big Rock Sports Park Improvements	Duvall	\$500,000	\$839,093	\$1,339,093	\$7,316,700
19 of 70	55.78	14-1509D	Twisp Tennis Court Development	Twisp	\$34,025	\$34,765	\$68,790	\$7,350,725
21 of 70	55.56	14-1131C	Hale Park Acquisition and Development	Wenatchee	\$523,000	\$531,923	\$1,054,923	\$7,873,725
22 of 70	55.28	14-1449D	John Dam Plaza Amphitheater	Richland	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$8,173,725
23 of 70	55.00	14-1398A	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	Bothell	\$1,000,000	\$1,410,800	\$2,410,800	\$9,173,725
24 of 70	54.89	14-1120D	Meadowdale Playfields Renovation	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$2,545,336	\$3,045,336	\$9,673,725
25 of 70	54.78	14-1444A	Refuge Road Neighborhood Park Acquisition	Ridgefield	\$225,300	\$225,301	\$450,601	\$9,899,025
26 of 70	54.61	14-1484A	Port Gamble Ride Park-Kitsap Forest and Bay	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$570,000	\$1,070,000	\$10,399,025
27 of 70	54.11	14-1199A	Civic Center Field Acquisition	Edmonds	\$1,000,000	\$1,965,500	\$2,965,500	\$11,399,025
28 of 70	54.06	14-1630D	Lake Stickney Park Phase 1	Snohomish County	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$590,000	\$11,694,025
29 of 70	53.67	14-1592D	Snoqualmie Skate Park ¹	Snoqualmie	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$350,000	\$11,869,025
30 of 70	53.61	14-1606D	Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool ¹	Centralia	\$500,000	\$1,125,150	\$1,625,150	\$12,369,025

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
31 of 70	53.33	14-1623A	SoCo Park	Covington	\$558,915	\$558,915	\$1,117,830	\$12,927,940
31 of 70	53.33	14-1543D	Mirror Pond Pathway	Spokane	\$91,500	\$91,500	\$183,000	\$13,019,440
33 of 70	53.28	14-1218D	Star Park Playground Development	Ferndale	\$230,666	\$230,685	\$461,351	\$13,250,106
34 of 70	53.17	14-1512A	Cougar-Squak Corridor Acquisition	King County	\$500,000	\$3,800,000	\$4,300,000	\$13,750,106
35 of 70	52.89	14-1499D	Island Crest Park Renovation	Mercer Island	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$1,150,000	\$14,250,106
36 of 70	52.67	14-1729D	Ilwaco City Park Rejuvenation ¹	Ilwaco	\$320,000	\$323,118	\$643,118	\$14,570,106
37 of 70	52.44	14-1290D	Moorlands Neighborhood Park Renovation	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$951,325	\$1,451,325	\$15,070,106
38 of 70	51.67	14-1265D	Central Park Multipurpose Sport Field Improvements	Issaquah	\$500,000	\$2,636,228	\$3,136,228	\$15,570,106
39 of 70	51.22	14-1463D	Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Playground Renovation	Fircrest	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$73,000	\$15,606,606
40 of 70	50.67	14-1590D	Karl Grosch Field Replacement ²	Federal Way	\$150,000	\$430,000	\$580,000	\$15,756,606
41 of 70	50.56	14-1173D	Crow Butte Park Playground Development	Port of Benton	\$167,200	\$182,047	\$349,247	\$15,923,806
42 of 70	50.22	14-1280D	Cashmere's Riverside Park Revitalization	Cashmere	\$249,925	\$249,925	\$499,850	\$16,173,731
42 of 70	50.22	14-1696D	Russell Road Athletic Field Conversion	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,528,259	\$2,028,259	\$16,673,731
44 of 70	49.50	14-1873C	Snoqualmie Riverview Park Expansion	Snoqualmie	\$500,000	\$506,700	\$1,006,700	\$17,173,731
45 of 70	49.22	14-1695D	Point Defiance Off Leash	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$17,673,731

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
46 of 70	49.17	14-1361D	Hansen Park Completion-Pathway and Amenities	Kennewick	\$360,198	\$360,199	\$720,397	\$18,033,929
47 of 70	48.56	14-1467D	Sandhill Park Renovation	Mason County	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$450,000	\$18,258,929
48 of 70	48.33	14-1323D	Mukilteo Athletic Fields ¹	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$900,000	\$1,400,000	\$18,758,929
49 of 70	48.28	14-1367D	Civic Field Lighting Replacement	Port Angeles	\$226,500	\$226,500	\$453,000	\$18,985,429
50 of 70	48.11	14-1763D	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	Mossyrock	\$71,450	\$72,550	\$144,000	\$19,056,879
51 of 70	48.00	14-1790D	Concrete Water Spray Park	Concrete	\$199,013	\$243,237	\$442,250	\$19,255,892
51 of 70	48.00	14-1613A	Squire's Landing Park Expansion (Twedt Property)	Kenmore	\$340,485	\$340,485	\$680,970	\$19,596,377
53 of 70	47.94	14-1533D	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	Island County	\$163,140	\$163,140	\$326,280	\$19,759,517
54 of 70	47.83	14-1428D	Hanford Legacy Park Multi-Purpose Sports Fields ¹	Richland	\$500,000	\$575,685	\$1,075,685	\$20,259,517
55 of 70	47.78	14-1144D	Meydenbauer Bay Park Upland Development	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$2,616,942	\$3,116,942	\$20,759,517
56 of 70	46.33	14-1524D	Yesler Neighborhood Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$21,259,517
57 of 70	46.11	14-1408D	Lake Tye Park Skate Park Improvements	Monroe	\$120,000	\$122,000	\$242,000	\$21,379,517
58 of 70	46.00	14-1438D	McCormick Village Park Phase 2	Port Orchard	\$385,500	\$385,500	\$771,000	\$21,765,017
59 of 70	45.89	14-1399D	Conner Waterfront Park	La Conner	\$105,400	\$106,400	\$211,800	\$21,870,417
60 of 70	45.72	14-1503D	Gateway Park Development Phase 1	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$500,000	\$537,500	\$1,037,500	\$22,370,417

Table 1 - WWRP, Local Parks Category, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
61 of 70	43.50	14-1107D	Kiwanis Park Renovation	College Place	\$195,340	\$200,000	\$395,340	\$22,565,757
62 of 70	43.17	14-1213C	Washington Boulevard Park Phase I	Port of Kingston	\$400,000	\$424,292	\$824,292	\$22,965,757
63 of 70	42.89	14-1581D	North Mason Soccer-Football Field Renovation	Mason County	\$485,280	\$485,280	\$970,560	\$23,451,037
64 of 70	42.67	14-1424D	SERA Campus Multi-Use Field Development	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,750,000	\$23,951,037
65 of 70	40.33	14-1469D	Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park Phase 1 Improvements	Bainbridge Island	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$24,451,037
66 of 70	38.44	14-1529D	Foss Waterway 21st Street Park Play Area	Tacoma	\$60,000	\$63,996	\$123,996	\$24,511,037
67 of 70	37.67	14-1516D	Swan Creek Park Gateway	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,434,040	\$1,934,040	\$25,011,037
68 of 70	35.78	14-1745A	Van Doren's Landing Park Expansion	Kent	\$746,025	\$746,025	\$1,492,050	\$25,757,062
69 of 70	33.67	14-1750D	Park at Bothell Landing Expansion and Renovation ¹	Bothell	\$500,000	\$5,075,850	\$5,575,850	\$26,257,062
70 of 70	31.11	14-1679D	Foss Waterway Central Park Development	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$509,282	\$1,009,282	\$26,757,062
					\$26,757,062	\$57,144,031	\$83,901,093	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination; D = Development
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.
²Federal Way has used its own resources to complete this project.

Table 1 - WWRP, Farmland Preservation Account, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	123.50	14-1510A	Vander Voet Farm	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$564,100	\$1,150,000	\$1,714,100	\$564,100
2	123.25	14-1526A	Olma South Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$277,354	\$283,353	\$560,707	\$841,454
3	122.25	14-1527A	Strandberg Farm and Ranchland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$758,563	\$765,562	\$1,524,125	\$1,600,017
3	122.25	14-2178A	Skagit County Farmland	Skagit County	\$1,379,712	\$1,379,713	\$2,759,425	\$2,979,729
5	122.13	14-1629A	Nelson Ranch Easement Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,729,729
6	121.75	14-1359A	Bishop Dairy Preservation	Jefferson Land Trust	\$481,225	\$481,225	\$962,450	\$4,210,954
7	121.63	14-1293A	Lust Family Farm and Ranch Preservation	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$1,704,153	\$8,333	\$1,712,486	\$5,915,107
8	121.50	14-1756A	Maple K Meyers Place	Palouse Land Trust	\$540,250	\$540,250	\$1,080,500	\$6,455,357
9	121.25	14-1443A	Dungeness Watershed Farmland Protection Phase 3	North Olympic Land Trust	\$343,875	\$343,875	\$687,750	\$6,799,232
10	121.13	14-1522A	Olma North Ranchland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$762,000	\$763,000	\$1,525,000	\$7,561,232
11	120.00	14-1652A	Soriano Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$2,115,250	\$2,154,250	\$4,269,500	\$9,676,482
12	119.88	14-1400A	Smith Family Farms Protection Phase 1	North Olympic Land Trust	\$627,000	\$627,000	\$1,254,000	\$10,303,482
13	119.75	14-1295A	Stevenson Farm and Ranch Preservation	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$513,780	\$8,333	\$522,113	\$10,817,262
14	117.50	14-1719C	Schweickert Farm Easement Acquisition-Restoration	Capitol Land Trust	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$330,000	\$10,982,262

Table 1 - WWRP, Farmland Preservation Account, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-2017

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
15	117.38	14-1476A	Bailey Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$591,275	\$591,275	\$1,182,550	\$11,573,537
16	115.13	14-1297A	Emerick Rangeland Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$1,300,114	\$8,333	\$1,308,447	\$12,873,651
17	114.00	14-1557A	Double R Bar Ranch Conservation Easement	San Juan County Land Bank	\$379,000	\$379,000	\$758,000	\$13,252,651
18	113.38	14-1235A	Quilcene Farm Center	Jefferson Land Trust	\$295,451	\$295,451	\$590,902	\$13,548,102
19	110.50	14-1478A	Harman Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$165,000	\$205,550	\$370,550	\$13,713,102
20	109.75	14-1477A	Olson Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$228,300	\$228,300	\$456,600	\$13,941,402
21	108.50	14-1541A	Sather Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$319,100	\$319,100	\$638,200	\$14,260,502
22	108.25	14-1456A	Upper Naneum Creek Farm ¹	Kittitas County	\$187,500	\$187,500	\$375,000	\$14,448,002
23	107.25	14-1128A	Imrie Ranches Rock Creek Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$5,171,135		\$5,171,135	\$19,619,137
24	107.13	14-1140A	Kelley Ranches Agricultural Easement	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$2,437,826		\$2,437,826	\$22,056,963
25	107.00	14-1472A	Hofstra Farm ¹	Forterra	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$610,000	\$22,361,963
					\$22,361,963	\$11,939,403	\$34,301,366	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

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Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	60.30	14-1531C	Glendale Shoreline Access and Restoration	Island County	\$587,500	\$715,000	\$1,302,500	\$587,500
2	59.10	14-1521D	Waterman Fishing Pier and Seawall Renovation	Port of Waterman	\$500,000	\$828,000	\$1,328,000	\$1,087,500
2	59.10	14-1395C	Discovery Bay Restoration and Trail Construction	Jefferson County	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,587,500
4	58.70	14-1030C	Damon Point Restoration and Signs	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,500	\$98,500	\$171,000	\$1,660,000
5	58.40	14-1103D	Edmonds Pier Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,160,000
5	58.40	14-1278D	Washougal Waterfront Aquatic Access Area	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$1,090,624	\$1,590,624	\$2,660,000
7	55.50	14-1789A	Coulter Creek Acquisition Phase 2	Mason County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,660,000
8	54.60	14-1358C	Hidden Cove Park Phase 1	Bainbridge Island Park District	\$299,000	\$299,000	\$598,000	\$3,959,000
9	53.90	14-1086D	South Willapa Bay Access	Pacific County	\$30,998	\$30,998	\$61,996	\$3,989,998
10	53.80	14-1492D	Qwuloolt Estuary Trail Development	Marysville	\$342,369	\$342,370	\$684,739	\$4,332,367
11	53.40	14-1240C	Jacobs Point Phase 2	Anderson Island Park District	\$82,556	\$82,556	\$165,112	\$4,414,923
12	52.80	14-1125C	Stevenson Shoreline Restoration and Recreation Enhancement	Port of Skamania	\$354,000	\$354,000	\$708,000	\$4,768,923
13	50.60	14-1470D	Columbia River Waterfront Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,615,590	\$2,115,590	\$5,268,923
14	50.50	14-1457D	Ancich Waterfront Park	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,600,000	\$5,768,923

Table 1 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	49.90	14-1582C	Meydenbauer Park Development and Restoration	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$3,582,700	\$4,082,700	\$6,268,923
16	49.30	14-1455C	Poulsbo's Fish Park Phase 3	Poulsbo	\$426,750	\$486,500	\$913,250	\$6,695,673
17	48.30	14-1227C	Calkin's Point Restoration and Access Improvements	Mercer Island	\$161,000	\$171,607	\$332,607	\$6,856,673
18	47.40	14-1190C	Port Angeles Waterfront Park and Trail	Port Angeles	\$500,000	\$1,725,592	\$2,225,592	\$7,356,673
19	47.10	14-1647D	Friday Harbor Waterfront Esplanade	Port of Friday Harbor	\$441,900	\$441,901	\$883,801	\$7,798,573
20	45.50	14-1748D	Waverly Beach Park Renovation	Kirkland	\$325,665	\$325,665	\$651,330	\$8,124,238
21	44.30	14-1341D	Arboretum Waterfront Trail	Seattle	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$950,000	\$8,599,238
22	41.90	14-1474D	Log Boom Park and Water Trail Bridge Development	Kenmore	\$105,702	\$105,703	\$211,405	\$8,704,940
23	34.10	14-1450D	Central Docks Public Trail Enhancements	Port of Everett	\$500,000	\$1,940,000	\$2,440,000	\$9,204,940
					\$9,204,940	\$17,811,306	\$27,016,246	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; C = Combination; D = Development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-08
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-2017 biennium, fifteen Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifteen projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 15, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, these projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, but is expecting legislative authority to expend federal Land and Water Conservation Funds for the 2015-17 biennium; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the projects acquire or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 funds to the projects based on the ranked list, subject to federal approval and Congressional funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director execute project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program and subject to authorization in the state budget.

<i>Resolution moved by:</i>	<u>Ted Willhite</u>
<i>Resolution seconded by:</i>	<u>Mike Deller</u>
<i>Adopted Date:</i>	<u>June 24, 2015</u>

Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative Total Grant Request	
1	59.38	14-1362A	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	Bothell	\$500,000	\$1,806,600	\$2,306,600	\$500,000
2	56.75	14-1537D	Covington Community Park Phase 2	Covington	\$500,000	\$3,045,100	\$3,545,100	\$1,000,000
3	52.38	14-1716D	Inspiration Playground Construction	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,365,000	\$1,500,000
4	51.25	14-1699D	Point Defiance Loop Trail	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$2,000,000
5	50.00	14-1752D	Lake Meridian Dock Redevelopment	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,244,800	\$1,744,800	\$2,500,000
6	49.88	14-1672D	Washougal Waterfront	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$672,264	\$1,172,264	\$3,000,000
7	46.88	14-1532D	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	Island County	\$163,140	\$163,140	\$326,280	\$3,163,140
7	46.88	14-1483A	Port Gamble Ride Park and Kitsap Forest	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$570,000	\$1,070,000	\$3,663,140
9	45.50	14-1209A	Tamanowas Rock-Heidgerken Property Acquisition	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	\$322,362	\$322,363	\$644,725	\$3,985,502
10	42.63	14-1141D	Arlington Riverfont Improvement	Arlington	\$100,000	\$170,000	\$270,000	\$4,085,502
11	42.13	14-1671D	Owen Beach	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$5,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,585,502
12	41.38	14-1468D	Pearl Street Veterans Pool ¹	Centralia	\$500,000	\$1,125,150	\$1,625,150	\$5,085,502
13	39.00	14-1501D	Cusick Park Enhancement	Cusick	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$5,110,502
14	38.50	14-1757D	Gratzer Park Ball Fields	Orting	\$341,411	\$341,412	\$682,823	\$5,451,913
15	37.38	14-1698D	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	Mossyrock	\$71,450	\$72,550	\$144,000	\$5,523,363
16	36.63	14-1759D	Concrete Water Spray Park	Concrete	\$199,013	\$243,237	\$442,250	\$5,722,376
					\$5,722,376	\$23,166,616	\$28,888,992	

Project Type: A = Acquisition; D=Development
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-09
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, ten Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all ten projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program*; and

WHEREAS, these FARR projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

<i>Resolution moved by:</i>	Ted Willhite
<i>Resolution seconded by:</i>	Jed Herman
<i>Adopted Date:</i>	June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Ranked List of Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	71.00	14-2101D	Issaquah Sportsmen's Club Sound Abatement	Issaquah Sportsmen's Club	\$54,964	\$27,073	\$82,037	\$54,964
2	66.78	14-2134D	Hayward Hill Range	Cascade Field and Stream Club	\$29,498	\$18,752	\$48,250	\$84,462
3	66.56	14-2126D	Cowlitz Range Pistol Shed	Cowlitz Game and Anglers	\$68,985	\$68,985	\$137,970	\$153,447
3	66.56	14-1127D	Plantation Indoor Range Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Replacement	Whatcom County Parks and Recreation	\$144,900	\$145,000	\$289,900	\$298,347
5	63.78	14-2011D	Walla Walla Gun Club Indoor Pistol Range	Walla Walla Gun Club	\$150,000	\$151,500	\$301,500	\$448,347
6	63.11	14-1911D	Yakima Valley Trap Range Improvements	Yakima Valley Sportsmans Association	\$61,850	\$61,850	\$123,700	\$510,197
7	62.44	14-2027D	Klickitat County Shooting Range Development Phase 2	Klickitat County Public Works	\$53,000	\$53,050	\$106,050	\$563,197
8	60.78	14-1885D	Expand Sporting Clays Range	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$63,000	\$64,363	\$127,363	\$626,197
9	59.89	14-2058D	Renton Fish and Game Club Clubhouse Renovation Phase 3	Renton Fish and Game Club Inc	\$31,250	\$31,250	\$62,500	\$657,447
10	58.89	14-2006D	Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Trap Machine Upgrades	Gig Harbor Sportsmens Club	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$42,000	\$678,447
					\$678,447	\$642,823	\$1,321,270	

*Project Type: D = Development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-10
Boating Facilities Program – State Agency Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, nine state agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all nine BFP program projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 9, *Boating Facilities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for acquisition, planning, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

<i>Resolution moved by:</i>	<u>Mike Deller</u>
<i>Resolution seconded by:</i>	<u>Ted Willhite</u>
<i>Adopted Date:</i>	<u>June 24, 2015</u>

Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of State Agency Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	52.90	14-1777D	Martin Access Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$474,000		\$474,000	\$474,000
2	51.80	14-1393D	South Montesano Chehalis River Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$498,000		\$498,000	\$972,000
2	51.80	14-1683D	Lake Sammamish Docks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000	\$375,200	\$1,375,200	\$1,972,000
4	51.70	14-1641D	Cornet Bay Moorage Facility Replacement	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,664,000		\$1,664,000	\$3,636,000
5	50.10	14-1394D	Saint Clair Lake Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$570,000		\$570,000	\$4,206,000
6	49.80	14-1139A	Chapman Lake Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,150,000		\$1,150,000	\$5,356,000
7	48.90	14-1221D	North Cove Access Redevelopment Lake Stevens	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$544,000	\$5,000	\$549,000	\$5,900,000
8	47.60	14-1650D	Nooksack River Degroot Boat Launch	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$680,000		\$680,000	\$6,580,000
9	47.40	14-1782D	Rowland Lake Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$265,000		\$265,000	\$6,845,000
					\$6,845,000	\$380,200	\$7,225,200	

*Project Type: A = Acquisition; D = Development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-11
Boating Facilities Program – Local Agency Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, eighteen local agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 9, Boating Facilities Program*, and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated by a team of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process;; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for planning, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

<i>Resolution moved by:</i>	<u>Pete Mayer</u>
<i>Resolution seconded by:</i>	<u>Betsy Bloomfield</u>
<i>Adopted Date:</i>	<u>June 24, 2015</u>

Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	55.09	14-2100D	Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch Ramp Extension	Port of Bellingham	\$74,262	\$137,915	\$212,177	\$74,262
2	54.82	14-1886D	Port Townsend Boat Haven Ramp Expansion	Port of Port Townsend	\$339,024	\$150,598	\$489,622	\$413,286
3	53.45	14-2099P	Seaport Landing Boating Facilities	Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority	\$185,000	\$66,000	\$251,000	\$598,286
4	53.36	14-1498D	Port Angeles Boat Launch Improvements	Port of Port Angeles	\$371,969	\$148,540	\$520,509	\$970,255
5	52.09	14-2013P	City of Asotin Boat Launch and Jetty Restoration Plan	Asotin	\$61,611	\$20,537	\$82,148	\$1,031,866
6	51.82	14-1105D	Fairhaven Boat Launch Float Replacement	Port of Bellingham	\$216,765	\$72,285	\$289,050	\$1,248,631
7	50.82	14-1178D	Wenber County Park Waterfront Improvements	Snohomish County Parks Department	\$592,599	\$198,000	\$790,599	\$1,841,230
8	50.00	14-1236D	Entiat Marina Construction	Entiat	\$1,000,000	\$3,493,500	\$4,493,500	\$2,841,230
9	49.27	14-1927D	Evergreen Boat Ramp Rehabilitation	Port of Bremerton	\$347,595	\$116,000	\$463,595	\$3,188,825
10	48.91	14-1948D	Port of Grays Harbor 28th St. Landing Phase 2	Port of Grays Harbor	\$811,942	\$275,000	\$1,086,942	\$4,000,767
11	47.55	14-1938D	Tokeland Marina Redevelopment Phase 2	Port of Willapa Harbor	\$563,780	\$241,620	\$805,400	\$4,564,547
12	47.36	14-1963D	Odlin Park Float and Gangway Replacement	San Juan County Public Works	\$214,528	\$72,312	\$286,840	\$4,779,075
13	47.00	14-1859D	Possession Ramp Construction	Port of South Whidbey Island	\$360,500	\$120,810	\$481,310	\$5,139,575
14	46.64	14-1953D	Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park City Dock	Bainbridge Island	\$834,461	\$710,838	\$1,545,299	\$5,974,036

Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program, Ranked List of Local Agency Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
14	46.64	14-2021D	Lake Pateros Boat Launch ¹	Pateros	\$534,500	\$220,000	\$754,500	\$6,508,536
16	46.45	14-1386P	Keller Ferry Boat Launch	Colville Confederated Tribes	\$107,557	\$36,000	\$143,557	\$6,616,093
17	45.36	14-1866D	Port of Grapeview 1-2014	Port of Grapeview	\$528,279	\$177,000	\$705,279	\$7,144,372
18	42.55	14-1420D	Crow Butte Boat Slip Expansion	Port of Benton	\$590,000	\$198,500	\$788,500	\$7,734,372
19	37.18	14-2023D	Union Boat Ramp Development 2014 ¹	Mason County	\$601,200	\$200,400	\$801,600	\$8,335,572
19	37.18	14-2142D	Kirkland's Marina Pier & Boat Launch Renovation	Kirkland Community Services	\$444,357	\$255,000	\$699,357	\$8,779,929
21	28.55	14-2073P	Putters and Pit Lakes Boating Area ¹	Rock Island	\$33,750	\$11,250	\$45,000	\$8,813,679
					\$8,813,679	\$6,922,105	\$15,735,784	

*Project Type: P = Planning; D = Development
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-12
NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, twenty-three Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-three projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 13, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities: Education and Enforcement Category*; and

WHEREAS, these Education and Enforcement category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board, supporting the board's strategy to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation; and

WHEREAS, the projects focus on protecting user needs and minimizing environmental impacts and conflict between user groups, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Ted Willhite

Resolution seconded by: Mike Deller

Adopted Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	62.58	14-1838E	Snoqualmie Corridor Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$89,000	\$89,050	\$178,050	\$89,000
2	60.33	14-2083E	Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$56,371	\$57,509	\$113,880	\$145,371
3	58.83	14-1959E	Cle Elum Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$29,400	\$30,600	\$60,000	\$174,771
4	58.25	14-1798E	Naches District Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$148,927	\$183,075	\$332,002	\$323,698
5	57.83	14-2121E	Methow Valley Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$34,416	\$34,440	\$68,856	\$358,114
6	57.50	14-2084E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Climbing Ranger Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$47,847	\$48,833	\$96,680	\$405,961
7	57.42	14-1972E	Snoqualmie Ranger District Backcountry Ranger Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$145,128	\$140,663	\$285,791	\$551,089
7	57.42	14-2030E	Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$174,900	\$90,000	\$264,900	\$725,989
7	57.42	14-1849E	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$156,000	\$104,400	\$260,400	\$881,989
10	56.67	14-1818E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$108,000	\$72,500	\$180,500	\$989,989
10	56.67	14-2144E	Colville National Forest South End Off-highway Vehicle Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$61,900	\$50,000	\$111,900	\$1,051,889
12	56.42	14-1924E	Cle Elum Off-road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$178,024	\$97,324	\$275,348	\$1,229,913
13	55.92	14-1805E	Southwest Washington Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$171,400	\$115,000	\$286,400	\$1,401,313

*Project Type; E=Education and Enforcement

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	54.33	14-2131E	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$132,078	\$162,647	\$294,725	\$1,533,391
15	54.00	14-2102E	Methow Valley Backcountry Stock Ranger Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$38,319	\$38,600	\$76,919	\$1,571,710
16	53.50	14-1944E	Cle Elum Frontcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$53,000	\$1,596,710
17	52.50	14-2066E	Skykomish Ranger District Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$57,004	\$58,001	\$115,005	\$1,653,714
18	52.42	14-2054E	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Areas Education and Enforcement	Grant County	\$200,000	\$211,287	\$411,287	\$1,853,714
19	52.25	14-2113E	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$59,150	\$40,400	\$99,550	\$1,912,864
20	52.00	14-1814E	Olympic Straits District Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$190,112	\$82,210	\$272,322	\$2,102,976
21	51.83	14-2033E	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement	Spokane County	\$171,100	\$119,792	\$290,892	\$2,274,076
22	50.67	14-1844E	Tahuya and Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$191,890	\$82,398	\$274,288	\$2,465,966
23	46.25	14-1826E	Northeast Region Education and Enforcement ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,800	\$50,000	\$147,800	\$2,563,766
24	45.83	14-2091E	Evans Creek Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$84,000	\$57,500	\$141,500	\$2,647,766
25	42.33	14-1822E	Reiter Foothills Forest Education and Enforcement ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$140,000	\$20,000	\$160,000	\$2,787,766
					\$2,787,766	\$2,064,229	\$4,851,995	

¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project not eligible for funding.

*Project Type; E=Education and Enforcement

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-13
NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, fourteen Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonhighway Road category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fourteen projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Nonhighway Road category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy activities such as nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Ted Willhite

Resolution seconded by: Pete Mayer

Adopted Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	68.25	14-2130M	Methow Valley Campground Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$100,000	\$149,920	\$249,920	\$100,000
2	68.00	14-2037M	Naches Campgrounds Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$100,000	\$105,000	\$205,000	\$200,000
3	67.75	14-2154M	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds and Trailheads Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$230,000
4	67.00	14-1852M	Capitol Forest and Yacolt Recreation Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,500	\$65,800	\$164,300	\$328,500
5	66.17	14-2039M	Cle Elum Frontcountry Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$88,000	\$89,480	\$177,480	\$416,500
6	65.75	14-2074M	Entiat Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$65,000	\$72,000	\$137,000	\$481,500
7	64.42	14-2095M	Skykomish Dispersed Site and Trailhead Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$83,138	\$86,532	\$169,670	\$564,638
8	63.83	14-2038M	Cle Elum Ranger District Sani Can Rentals	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$584,638
9	63.42	14-2072M	Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$65,000	\$67,653	\$132,653	\$649,638
10	63.08	14-2089M	Naches Campgrounds Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$95,000	\$100,000	\$195,000	\$744,638
11	60.83	14-1825M	Northeast Region Nonhighway Road Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$67,100	\$28,900	\$96,000	\$811,738
12	59.08	14-2018M	Tonasket Ranger District Campground Operation and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$84,653	\$52,400	\$137,053	\$896,391
13	56.33	14-2159M	Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$95,000	\$25,000	\$120,000	\$991,391

*Project Type: D=Development, M = Maintenance

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	51.25	14-2152D	Slate Peak Parking Area Improvements	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$95,310		\$95,310	\$1,086,701
					\$1,086,701	\$892,685	\$1,979,386	

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**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-14
NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, forty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonmotorized category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all forty projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Nonmotorized category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Betsy Bloomfield

Resolution seconded by: Mike Deller

Adopted Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	72.67	14-1800M	Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$98,100	\$110,530	\$208,630	\$98,100
2	72.33	14-2080M	Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$99,000	\$101,000	\$200,000	\$197,100
3	71.08	14-1851M	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,500	\$97,550	\$195,050	\$294,600
4	70.67	14-1837M	Snoqualmie Corridor Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$66,020	\$165,020	\$393,600
5	69.83	14-1865M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$89,678	\$133,620	\$223,298	\$483,278
6	69.67	14-1854D	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Bridges	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,372	\$42,500	\$140,872	\$581,650
7	69.42	14-1810M	Yacolt Burn Nonmotorized Trail Bridge	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$84,292	\$21,750	\$106,042	\$665,942
8	69.25	14-1816M	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,410	\$86,571	\$185,981	\$765,352
9	68.92	14-1986M	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$89,500	\$72,252	\$161,752	\$854,852
10	68.25	14-1828M	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$103,000	\$203,000	\$954,852
11	68.08	14-1840D	Granite Creek Trailhead Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$146,000	\$246,000	\$1,054,852
12	67.83	14-1952D	Antoine Peak Public Access Development	Spokane County	\$86,500	\$87,209	\$173,709	\$1,141,352
13	67.25	14-2069D	Ski Hill Freund Trail System Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$40,620	\$42,380	\$83,000	\$1,181,972

*Project Type: D = Development, M = Maintenance, P = Planning

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
14	66.42	14-1945P	Mica Peak Nonmotorized Recreation Plan	Spokane County	\$48,000	\$35,000	\$83,000	\$1,229,972
15	66.33	14-2147D	Middle Fork Trail Flood Repairs	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	\$1,299,972
16	66.00	14-1807M	Southwest Washington Yacolt Nonmotorized Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$100,200	\$200,200	\$1,399,972
17	65.67	14-2070D	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development Phase 1	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$96,000	\$107,721	\$203,721	\$1,495,972
18	65.25	14-1856D	Deep Creek Trailheads Reconstruction	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$36,500	\$37,400	\$73,900	\$1,532,472
19	64.75	14-1841P	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities Design	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$67,000	\$167,000	\$1,632,472
20	64.33	14-2017D	Alpine Baldy Multi-Use Trail Construction	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$96,147	\$42,920	\$139,067	\$1,728,619
21	64.08	14-1989M	Pomeroy Backcountry and Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$1,803,619
22	64.00	14-1890D	Whitechuck Bench Relocation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$100,000	\$116,000	\$216,000	\$1,903,619
23	63.92	14-1839D	East Tiger Mtn Trail Connections Final Phase	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$66,030	\$165,030	\$2,002,619
24	63.00	14-1984M	Methow Valley Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$82,150	\$37,205	\$119,355	\$2,084,769
25	62.92	14-1802P	Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$27,500	\$10,000	\$37,500	\$2,112,269
26	62.33	14-2158D	Olallie State Park Twin Falls Trail Realignment	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$88,800	\$20,000	\$108,800	\$2,201,069

*Project Type: D = Development, M = Maintenance, P = Planning

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
27	62.17	14-1815M	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,805	\$68,698	\$166,503	\$2,298,874
28	61.75	14-2111P	North Summit Recreation Area	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$46,900	\$5,700	\$52,600	\$2,345,774
29	61.33	14-2148P	Wenas Wildlife Area Manastash Ridge Trails ¹	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000	\$15,500	\$75,500	\$2,405,774
30	60.50	14-1985M	Pasayten River Foot Log and Turnpikes	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$24,275	\$11,055	\$35,330	\$2,430,049
31	60.25	14-2105P	Methow Snowy Lakes Trail and Facilites Plan	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$9,472		\$9,472	\$2,439,521
32	59.83	14-2110P	Chickadee Nonmotorized Trails Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$31,000	\$3,500	\$34,500	\$2,470,521
33	58.58	14-1848P	Green Mountain Trail Planning ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$67,000	\$167,000	\$2,570,521
34	58.33	14-1813P	Olympic Region Reade Hill Planning ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$63,619	\$28,600	\$92,219	\$2,634,140
35	58.17	14-1979D	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail South Fork Nooksack Phase 1	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$100,000	\$22,000	\$122,000	\$2,734,140
36	58.00	14-2156P	Pacific Northwest Trail Bridge	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$33,000		\$33,000	\$2,767,140
37	57.00	14-1912P	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Recreation Plan	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,700	\$54,800	\$153,500	\$2,865,840
38	56.33	14-1956P	Milk Creek Bridge Replacement and Trail Relocation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$40,000	\$14,000	\$54,000	\$2,905,840
39	55.42	14-1821D	Reiter Foothills Nonmotorized Trail Phase 2 ¹	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,308	\$66,243	\$165,551	\$3,005,148

*Project Type: D = Development, M = Maintenance, P = Planning

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
40	55.33	14-2129D	Rustlers Gulch County Park Nonmotorized Connect	Pend Oreille County	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$230,000	\$3,105,148
41	55.17	14-1908P	Elbow Lake Trail Relocation and Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$33,000	\$12,000	\$45,000	\$3,138,148
42	53.67	14-2004M	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Winter Recreation Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$49,685	\$53,573	\$103,258	\$3,187,833
43	48.25	14-2016D	Irongate Trailhead Improvements	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$22,905	\$8,806	\$31,711	\$3,210,738
44	47.17	14-2120P	Nonmotorized Recreation Plan for Bremerton Utility Land	Bremerton	\$100,000	\$44,000	\$144,000	\$3,310,738
					\$3,310,738	\$2,450,333	\$5,761,071	

¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project not eligible for funding.

*Project Type: D = Development, M = Maintenance, P = Planning

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-15
NOVA Program Off-road Vehicle Category
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, thirty-six Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonmotorized category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty-six projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 14, *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Off-road Vehicle category projects were evaluated by NOVA Advisory Committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2015-17 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Pete Mayer

Resolution seconded by: Ted Willhite

Adopted Date: June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	67.00	14-1799M	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$132,330	\$154,360	\$286,690	\$132,330
2	66.17	14-2053M	Grant County Off-road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operation	Grant County	\$25,701	\$30,299	\$56,000	\$158,031
3	64.17	14-1843M	Tahuya and Green Mountain Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$199,960	\$136,110	\$336,070	\$357,991
4	63.08	14-2032M	Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$194,500	\$60,800	\$255,300	\$552,491
5	63.00	14-1850M	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Trails and Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$179,950	\$120,000	\$299,950	\$732,441
6	62.83	14-1845M	Tahuya Trail Water Quality Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$51,000	\$22,000	\$73,000	\$783,441
7	62.33	14-1832D	Southeast Region 4x4 and All-terrain Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$30,500	\$31,500	\$62,000	\$813,941
8	62.00	14-2081M	Wenatchee River Ranger District Off-road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$136,323	\$139,077	\$275,400	\$950,264
9	61.75	14-1954M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$89,100	\$96,218	\$185,318	\$1,039,364
10	61.42	14-1831M	Southeast Region Off-road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$179,750	\$46,750	\$226,500	\$1,219,114
11	61.08	14-1812M	Olympic Region Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$141,880	\$61,128	\$203,008	\$1,360,994
12	60.25	14-1817M	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$200,000	\$112,000	\$312,000	\$1,560,994
13	59.25	14-1820M	Reiter Foothills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$58,800	\$39,250	\$98,050	\$1,619,794
14	58.83	14-1806M	Southwest Washington Off-road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$64,500	\$214,500	\$1,769,794

*Project Types: C=Combination, D=Development, M=Maintenance, and P=Planning

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	58.58	14-1922M	Cle Elum Ranger District North Zone Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$188,850	\$47,250	\$236,100	\$1,958,644
16	58.50	14-2136D	Horn Rapids Off-road Vehicle Entry and Building Improvements	Richland	\$243,500	\$62,800	\$306,300	\$2,202,144
16	58.50	14-1819M	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Trail Bridge Replacement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$31,300	\$21,500	\$52,800	\$2,233,444
18	58.08	14-1827M	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$189,476	\$81,524	\$271,000	\$2,422,920
19	57.17	14-1853D	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Bridge and Trail Renovation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,156	\$12,900	\$128,056	\$2,538,076
20	56.83	14-1990M	Pomeroy Ranger District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$50,000	\$95,000	\$145,000	\$2,588,076
21	56.75	14-1847D	Tahuya 4x4 Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$142,950	\$37,200	\$180,150	\$2,731,026
22	55.83	14-1921M	Cle Elum Ranger District South Zone Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$189,550	\$52,500	\$242,050	\$2,920,576
23	55.08	14-2124M	Horn Rapids ORV Park Maintenance and Operations	Richland	\$96,600	\$108,400	\$205,000	\$3,017,176
24	54.92	14-1829D	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Trailhead Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$302,000	\$42,000	\$344,000	\$3,319,176
25	54.17	14-2108P	Hoyt Bridge Planning Analysis	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$42,500		\$42,500	\$3,361,676
26	52.25	14-1858D	Rock Creek Unit Motorized Trails Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000	\$13,000	\$213,000	\$3,561,676
27	52.08	14-1916P	Johnson and Jungle Creeks Trail Relocation Analysis	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$19,600		\$19,600	\$3,581,276
27	52.08	14-1809D	Yacolt Burn Recreation Plan Off-road Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$373,800	\$93,700	\$467,500	\$3,955,076

*Project Types: C=Combination, D=Development, M=Maintenance, and P=Planning

Table 1 - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Off-road Vehicle Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
29	51.92	14-1823D	Reiter Foothills Forest 4x4 Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$491,000	\$55,000	\$546,000	\$4,446,076
30	51.75	14-1846P	Green Mountain GM-1 Area Planning	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$156,800	\$17,500	\$174,300	\$4,602,876
31	49.67	14-1824C	Reiter Foothills Single Track and All-terrain Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$500,800	\$56,000	\$556,800	\$5,103,676
32	49.00	14-2160M	Straddleline ORV Park Maintenance	Grays Harbor County	\$143,800	\$44,800	\$188,600	\$5,247,476
33	47.17	14-2103D	Sawtooth Backcountry Off-road Vehicle Facilities Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$174,812	\$5,100	\$179,912	\$5,422,288
34	46.58	14-2155D	Rustler's Gulch Motorized Trail Head and Signage	Pend Oreille County	\$186,048	\$28,000	\$214,048	\$5,608,336
35	42.25	14-1999D	Salmon Meadows Campground Expansion	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$89,140	\$10,294	\$99,434	\$5,697,476
36	37.83	14-2014D	Westside Trailheads Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$21,938	\$8,202	\$30,140	\$5,719,414
					\$5,719,414	\$2,006,662	\$7,726,076	

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-16
Recreational Trails Program
Final Approval for 2015-17 Ranked List of Projects

WHEREAS, for the 2015-17 biennium, seventy-four Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all seventy-four projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation process and criteria, thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the advisory committee and board have discussed and reviewed these evaluations in open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has appropriated federal fiscal year 2015 funds for this program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive additional funds for federal fiscal year 2015 and an apportionment for federal fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, five percent of the apportionment may be used for projects in the education category as recommended by the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2015-17 budget, so funding authority is not available for the 2015-17 biennium;

WHEREAS, if funded, the projects will provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailhead facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Programs, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17* and *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Programs, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal year 2015 and 2016 funds to the projects based on the ranked lists, and subject to federal approval and authorization in the state 2015-17 biennial budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	Ted Willhite
Resolution seconded by:	Pete Mayer
Adopted Date:	June 24, 2015

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
1	73.69	14-1981M	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000	\$150,000
2	72.08	14-1983M	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$82,000	\$285,000	\$367,000	\$232,000
3	71.69	14-1982M	Backcountry Trail Teams	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000	\$382,000
4	70.62	14-2035M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$95,000	\$290,000	\$385,000	\$477,000
5	70.54	14-1880M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$627,000
6	69.46	14-1969M	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$777,000
7	69.00	14-2140M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$130,366	\$133,620	\$263,986	\$907,366
8	68.69	14-2143M	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	Lopez Island Conservation Corp	\$26,500	\$23,500	\$50,000	\$933,866
9	68.38	14-1987M	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,825	\$18,228	\$39,053	\$954,691
10	67.92	14-2061M	Statewide Trail Maintenance	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,104,691
11	67.31	14-1797M	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$124,224	\$129,150	\$253,374	\$1,228,915
12	67.08	14-2040M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$38,000	\$42,000	\$80,000	\$1,266,915
13	66.69	14-1869M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,504	\$26,196	\$46,700	\$1,287,419
14	66.54	14-1804M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$44,930	\$38,849	\$83,779	\$1,332,349

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
15	66.23	14-1971M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$129,610	\$279,610	\$1,482,349
16	65.69	14-2132M	Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$83,000	\$115,000	\$198,000	\$1,565,349
17	64.92	14-2046M	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000	\$1,715,349
18	64.77	14-2086M	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	Leavenworth	\$56,375	\$63,000	\$119,375	\$1,771,724
18	64.77	14-2010M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot Natinal Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$105,206	\$113,494	\$218,700	\$1,876,930
20	63.77	14-2044D	Marble Mountain Trailhead and SnoPark Shelter	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot Natinal Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$125,000	\$143,000	\$268,000	\$2,001,930
21	63.31	14-2087M	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$87,241	\$117,241	\$2,031,930
22	63.15	14-1882M	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	Washington Department of Ecology	\$150,000	\$86,440	\$236,440	\$2,181,930
23	63.00	14-2114M	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$55,000	\$112,000	\$167,000	\$2,236,930
24	62.85	14-2019M	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000	\$2,386,930
25	62.54	14-2075D	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$104,800	\$94,400	\$199,200	\$2,491,730
26	62.46	14-2077M	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,800	\$159,200	\$224,000	\$2,556,530
27	61.62	14-1781M	Olympic Youth Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	\$2,706,530
28	60.92	14-2093M	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$208,016	\$358,016	\$2,856,530

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
29	60.85	14-2065M	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$45,100	\$28,000	\$73,100	\$2,901,630
29	60.85	14-1767M	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snomobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$448,688	\$598,688	\$3,051,630
31	60.77	14-2048M	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$188,000	\$3,145,630
32	60.69	14-1488M	North Cascades Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$168,000	\$318,000	\$3,295,630
33	60.46	14-1766M	Taneum Manastash SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$103,578	\$103,578	\$207,156	\$3,399,208
34	60.15	14-2012M	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$33,019	\$21,000	\$54,019	\$3,432,227
35	59.69	14-1904M	Trailhead Maintenance	Friends of the Trail	\$37,000	\$20,000	\$57,000	\$3,469,227
36	59.46	14-2047M	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	King County	\$50,105	\$78,345	\$128,450	\$3,519,332
37	59.38	14-1964M	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	Port Townsend	\$15,117	\$10,792	\$25,909	\$3,534,449
38	59.23	14-1765M	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$102,245	\$102,245	\$204,490	\$3,636,694
38	59.23	14-2104M	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	Methow Valley Snowmobile Association	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$64,000	\$3,668,694
40	59.15	14-2090M	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$65,650	\$140,650	\$3,743,694
41	58.92	14-2003M	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	Volunteers for Outdoor Washington	\$20,750	\$22,500	\$43,250	\$3,764,444
42	58.54	14-2162M	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$47,000	\$3,801,444

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
43	58.38	14-2098M	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$150,000	\$167,090	\$317,090	\$3,951,444
44	58.23	14-2034M	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$69,500	\$45,000	\$114,500	\$4,020,944
45	58.08	14-1530M	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000	\$4,170,944
45	58.08	14-1768M	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$41,319	\$41,319	\$82,638	\$4,212,263
47	57.77	14-1775M	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$53,967	\$53,967	\$107,934	\$4,266,230
48	57.38	14-1788M	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	\$4,416,230
49	57.23	14-1780M	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$439,174	\$589,174	\$4,566,230
50	57.08	14-1835D	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$8,960	\$7,830	\$16,790	\$4,575,190
51	56.92	14-2088M	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$45,000	\$12,000	\$57,000	\$4,620,190
52	56.69	14-1774M	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$193,260	\$343,260	\$4,770,190
53	56.38	14-1783M	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$181,460	\$331,460	\$4,920,190
54	55.54	14-1776M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$62,100	\$62,100	\$124,200	\$4,982,290
55	55.08	14-2067M	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$48,500	\$28,000	\$76,500	\$5,030,790
56	54.92	14-2107M	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance ¹	Ilwaco	\$39,150	\$32,200	\$71,350	\$5,069,940

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of General Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount	Cumulative Grant Request
57	54.54	14-2060M	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement ¹	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$62,000	\$20,903	\$82,903	\$5,131,940
58	54.23	14-1773M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$25,900	\$14,100	\$40,000	\$5,157,840
59	53.38	14-2094M	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$5,282,840
60	52.85	14-1833M	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	\$62,000	\$51,000	\$113,000	\$5,344,840
61	52.46	14-1834D	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$21,315	\$10,665	\$31,980	\$5,366,155
62	51.92	14-1786M	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$137,500	\$137,500	\$275,000	\$5,503,655
63	50.69	14-1836D	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead ¹	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$23,442	\$10,545	\$33,987	\$5,527,097
64	50.08	14-2043M	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	Issaquah	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500	\$5,677,097
					\$5,677,097	\$7,798,355	\$13,475,452	\$196,452,345

*Project Type: D=Development, M=Maintenance
¹Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
1	22.23	14-1974E	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$64,420	\$84,420	\$20,000
2	21.38	14-1958E	Cle Elum Wilderness Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$18,250	\$38,250	\$40,000
3	20.69	14-2096E	Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$50,000
4	20.54	14-2041E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$70,000
5	20.23	14-2052E	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$90,000
6	19.38	14-2082E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,404	\$40,404	\$110,000
7	19.31	14-2042E	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$15,400	\$12,600	\$28,000	\$125,400
7	19.31	14-1906E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,300	\$43,300	\$145,400
9	19.15	14-2112E	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,000	\$7,212	\$27,212	\$165,400
10	19.00	14-1905E	Minimun Impact Recreation	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$185,400
11	18.69	14-1937E	Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,940	\$19,890	\$38,830	\$204,340
11	18.69	14-2028E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$41,000	\$224,340
13	17.00	14-2125E	Puget Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team	Washington Water Trails Association	\$18,960	\$4,740	\$23,700	\$243,300
14	16.46	14-2145E	Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$5,200	\$2,150	\$7,350	\$248,500

Table 1 - Recreational Trails Program, Ranked List of Education Category Projects, 2015-17

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request
15	16.00	14-2026E	Cowiche Canyon Trails Education and Safety Ranger	Cowiche Canyon Conservancy	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$268,500
					\$268,500	\$272,966	\$541,466	

*Project Type: E=Education

REVISED
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2015-17
Administrative Rule Changes Chapter 286-04 WAC

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopts administrative rules that govern its grant programs and sets procedures for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); and

WHEREAS, the administrative rules in Chapter 286-04 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) provide policy direction to the board, director, and office on general grant program administration and are in need of updating to align the rules with statutory authorities and the project agreement; and

WHEREAS, RCO filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC with the Office of the Code Reviser on March 31, 2015 and it was published April 15, 2015 in issue #15-08 of the Washington State Register and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, RCO filed a Proposed Rule Making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 20, 2015 and it was published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register and also provided the proposed rule making to the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, RCO posted notice, in accordance with RCW 34.05.320, of the proposed rule making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC on its Web site, sent an email notification to interested persons, and accepted public comments from June 3 – 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the board conducted a public hearing, in accordance with RCW 34.05.325, on the proposed rule making to amend Chapter 286-04 WAC on June 25, 2015 and considered all written and verbal comments submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt Attachment A, as amended, with non-substantive changes in response to public comments received and to add a new statutory reference to the designation of state recreation trails; and the proposed rule making as filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 20, 2015 and published June 3, 2015 in issue #15-11 of the Washington State Register; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board directs RCO staff to file a final rule making order, in accordance with RCW 34.05.325, with the Office of the Code Reviser and it shall have an effective date of 31 days from the date it is filed.

Resolution moved by: Mike Deller

Resolution seconded by: Ted Willhite

Adopted Date: June 25, 2015