



Proposed Agenda & Meeting Materials

June 26, 2019

Board Retreat

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Olympia

415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

RETREAT GOALS

- Understand how the various programs administered by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) have evolved and continue to evolve as we prepare to lead into the future.
- Discuss how to continue to focus on equitable distribution of funds, as well as how to continue to address underserved communities.
- Preview and help prioritize Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) agency and program priorities for the upcoming biennium.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD – BOARD RETREAT

9:00 a.m. Opening

- Welcome, Introductions, and determination of Quorum
- Review Retreat Objectives and Approval of Agenda
- Agree on ground rules
- What is one thing about you that others on the board do not know?
- What one thing would you like to accomplish in the remainder of your term?

*Chair Willhite
Susan Gulick, Facilitator*

9:15 a.m. 1. Diversity and Inclusion in Outdoor Recreation

*Glenn Nelson, Journalist
and Founder of Trail Posse*

10:15 a.m. 2. What has the Board Accomplished Over the Past Biennium?

*Wendy Brown and
Scott Robinson*

- Review of accomplishments from the Policy Work Plan and agency work
- What is the one thing you are most proud of that the board has done over the past two years?

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- What is the one thing that the board has failed to prioritize that should be done in the next biennium?
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11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. 3. Other Factors That May Influence the Work of the Board Over the Next Two Years

*Scott Robinson,
Marguerite Austin,
and Policy Staff*

- What we heard from RCO staff
 - What we heard from stakeholders and advisory committee members
 - SCORP priorities for the board to consider
 - State agency needs
 - Adapting our programs to further increase the equitable distribution of funding to underserved communities.
 - Re-thinking the current evaluation process, given the large increase in grant applications and reliance on volunteer evaluators
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12:15 p.m. LUNCH (Provided for the board)

1:15 p.m. 4. Process for updating board's strategic plan

*Scott Robinson and
Wyatt Lundquist*

1:30 p.m. 5. Issues that Park and Recreation Departments Are Dealing With that Intersect With Board Programs/Policies

*Paul Simmons, Olympia
Mary Dodsworth, Lakewood
Dave Erickson, Wenatchee
Julie Hannon, Vancouver*

- Dealing with homelessness in parks and open space
 - Population growth driving demand for more parks
 - Environmental equity and justice
 - Lack of maintenance funding
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2:30 p.m. 6. Staff Recommended Policy Priorities for the 2019-2021 Biennium

Wendy Brown

- Overview of the list of potential policies, procedures and criteria needing to be worked on.
 - Overview of the board and staff surveys
 - Discussion on the various options and prioritization of the list.
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3:45 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m. 7. Summary and Next Steps

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**4:15 p.m. 8. Staff Presentation on Climate Change Strategy
and Recommendations**

Ben Donatelle

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting – June 27, 2019, Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 26, 2019

Title: Diversity and Inclusion in Outdoor Recreation

Prepared By: Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director

Summary

This memo summarizes a briefing given by Glenn Nelson on diversity and inclusion in outdoor recreation.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Background

Glenn Nelson, journalist and founder of *The Trail Posse*, will brief the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) on his current work toward diversity and inclusion in the Pacific Northwest (PNW). His website, [The Trail Posse](http://www.trailposse.com), offers diverse and user friendly articles, videos, pictures and the basics needed for all who seek their adventure essentials.

More about Glenn Nelson can be found here at <https://trailposse.com/about-the-trail-posse/about-glenn-nelson/>.

Articles by Mr. Nelson:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/12/opinion/sunday/diversify-our-national-parks.html>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/the-whiteness-of-national-parks/>

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/dirt/birding-where-are-black-birders-20190320>

More of Mr. Nelson's work can be found here at <https://trailposse.com/all-articles-2/>.

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 26, 2019

Title: What the Board has Accomplished Over the Past Biennium

Prepared By: Wendy Brown, Policy Director and Scott Robinson, RCO Deputy Director

Summary

This memo serves as a cover page to a conversation around the boards accomplishments during the 2017-19 biennium.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Overview

Wendy Brown, Policy Director will brief the board on the Policy Work Plan accomplishments and Scott Robinson, RCO Deputy Director will provide the board with an overview of grants awarded.

Additional discussion will be made by the board around the following two questions:

- What is the one thing you are most proud of that the board has done over the past two years?
- What is the one thing that the board has failed to prioritize that should be done in the next biennium?

The below attachments are supplements to this continued conversation.

Attachments

- Attachment A – Policy Work-Plan

RCO POLICY WORK PLAN

JULY 2017 – JUNE 2019

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Tier 1 – Required by Law, Governor or Previous Board Direction and/or Necessary for RCO Operations to be Completed by June 2018					
Waiver of Retroactivity	Develop policies for waivers of retroactivity related to all costs incurred pending approval of a capital budget.	Marguerite Austin	RCFB/SRFB	September 2017	complete
Allowable Use Policy – State Parks Trails	Update to Allowable Use Policy for State Parks' trails.	Myra Barker	RCFB	October 2017	complete
Youth Athletics Facilities Program	Update the Youth Athletics Facilities Program to address project eligibility, grant maximums, and other issues raised by stakeholders and evaluators.	Adam Cole	RCFB	October 2017	complete
Land and Water Conservation Fund Evaluation Criteria	Update the Land and Water Conservation Fund evaluation criteria.	Leslie Connelly	RCFB	October 2017	complete
State Need Evaluation Question	Revise the 'state need' evaluation question to incorporate updated demographic measures for underserved populations and opportunities for health improvements.	Leslie Connelly	RCFB	October 2017	complete
JLARC Study – Measuring Outcomes of Habitat and Recreation	Participate in JLARC study of measuring outcomes of habitat and recreation acquisition and regulations.	Wendy Brown	RCO	December 2017	complete

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Acquisition and Regulations					
SCORP	Finalize the state comprehensive outdoor recreation and conservation plan and other related plans by December 31, 2017.	Leslie Connelly	RCFB	December 2017	complete
WWRP Statutory Changes – Phase 3	Complete final phase of WWRP statutory change implementation to address multiple benefits, consideration of conservation easements, community support, operating and management costs, noxious weed costs, conferral, and public access.	Adam Cole	RCFB	January 2018	complete
Public Records – WAC Update	Revise public records WAC to implement new legislation, including conducting a public hearing.	Patty Dickason	RCFB	January 2018	complete
Compliance Policy	Revise the compliance policy to allow RCO to be more responsive on minor conversion issues	Myra Barker	RCFB/SRFB	June 2018	complete
Project Area Guidance	Continue efforts to provide guidance to clarify the project area boundary and mapping requirements.	TBD	RCFB	June 2018	
Actions Necessary to Implement a No Capital Budget Scenario	Identify and implement actions necessary to take should the Legislature not pass a capital budget for the 2017-19 biennium.	Wendy Brown, Scott Robinson	RCFB/SRFB	June 2018	complete
NOVA Grant Program Updates	Update the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) grant program to address issues of streamlining, improved transparency in Nonhighway Road eligibility and defining maintenance.	Adam Cole	RCFB	October 2018	Partially complete, work still to do on streamlining

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Review and Update the No Child Left Inside Program	Review and revise the No Child Left Inside grant program. Prepare and implement needed WAC changes. Prepare proposed legislation for the 2019 Legislative Session	Kyle Guzlas, Ben Donatelle Wendy Brown	RCO	November 2018	complete
JLARC Recommendation on Measuring Outcomes of Habitat and Recreation Acquisition and Regulations	Develop and submit a plan jointly with OFM to the Legislature that details the actions, costs, and timelines needed to comply with statutes that direct them to measure performance of land acquisitions and related programs.	Wendy Brown, Ben Donatelle	RCO	December 2018	complete
JLARC Study on Capital Budget Staffing Study	Track JLARC study on capital budget staffing and provide information to JLARC as requested.	Wendy Brown	RCO	June 2019	completed information submittal; waiting on JLARC for next steps
Update the Public Lands Inventory	Update the GIS-based public lands inventory with current state agency land acquisition parcel and meta-data.	Wendy Brown, Brent Hedden	RCO	June 2019	on track
Recreation Assets of Statewide Significance Study	Conduct a study that identifies recreational assets of statewide significance, where gaps in recreational assets exist, and investment strategies and options for addressing those gaps.	Wendy Brown, Adam Cole, Brent Hedden	RCO	June 2019	on track
Hiking, Walking, Biking Study	Conduct a study of the economic and health benefits of hiking, walking and biking.	Wendy Brown	RCO	October 2019	on track

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Tier 2 – Priorities Identified by Staff and/or RCFB-Approved Plans and to be Completed by June 2019					
Climate Resiliency – Phase 1	Determine how to address climate resiliency as part of the grant application process or how to use the grant process to educate applicants about climate impacts. Begin by inviting climate expert from the University of Washington to discuss the role of grant-making agencies in finding climate solutions.	Wendy Brown	RCFB/SRFB	January 2018	complete
Matching Grant Policy, Phase 1	Review the matching grant policy to identify if the current policies and practices create a barrier to the distribution of funds to the greatest number of projects. Phase 1 will involve a data gathering exercise.	Brent Hedden	RCFB/SRFB	June 2018	complete
Implement Actions from the State Plans, Phase 1	Implement the following actions from the State Trails, Athletic Facilities, and Boating Plans: maintain inventory of mapped trails, maintain inventory of mapped athletic facilities, modify control and tenure requirements.	Darrell Jennings, Adam Cole	RCFB	June 2018	Mapped facility inventory and control and tenure complete
Public Land Acquisition	Identify the board's role on the public land acquisition issue.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB	June 2018	
State Agency Land Acquisition Strategy	With the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group, develop a 6-year strategy on land acquisition for State Parks, WDFW, and DNR. Incorporate as an appendix to SCORP.	Wendy Brown	Lands Group	June 2018	complete
Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship Criteria	Update the sustainability and environmental stewardship criteria to address sponsor and evaluator suggestions.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB	June 2019	

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Underserved Communities and Communities In Need	Evaluate if grant programs are effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities and communities in need and make adjustments as needed. Identify options for reduced planning requirements for small agencies, assess implementation of the population proximity statute, and improve program outreach as recommended in the Unified Strategy.	Adam Cole	RCFB	June 2019	
Matching Grant Policy, Phase 2	Review the matching grant policy to identify if the current policies and practices create a barrier to the distribution of funds to the greatest number of projects. Phase 2 will clarify goals and options for addressing issues identified in the data gathering stage.	Adam Cole	RCFB/SRFB	June 2019	complete – Board decided not to pursue Phase 2
Conservation Easement Template	Develop an updated template for conservation easements.	Karl Jacobs	RCO	June 2019	
Use of Upland Areas Acquired with SRFB and RCFB Funds	Provide guidance on the types of uses allowed on upland property acquired in conjunction with adjacent riparian or near shore land necessary for salmon recovery, conservation, and recreation projects.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB/SRFB	June 2019	
WWRP Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Updates	Update the Urban Wildlife Habitat Category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to ensure the most important projects are being funded. Include criteria related to climate change.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB	December 2019	on track
WWRP Riparian Habitat Category Updates	Update the Riparian Habitat Category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to address the issues raised by the Advisory Committee. Include criteria related to climate change.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB	December 2019	on track

Tier 3 – Assignments to be Completed as Time Allows

Assignment	Description	Lead Staff	Board	Expected Completion Date	Status
Public Lands Stewardship	Determine the role of the RCFB in the stewardship of public lands.	Ben Donatelle	RCFB	June 2019	
Implement Actions from the State Plans, Phase 2	Implement the following actions from the State Trails and Boating Plans: evaluate the state recreation trails designation program, maintain high satisfaction around boating experiences and facilities, promote environmental stewardship and safety, fund development of multiple use sites that reduce user conflict, obligate grants in a single biennium in the Boating Facilities Program state agency category, support the paddle sports community and facility providers.	Adam Cole, Ben Donatelle	RCFB	June 2019	
Revise How Manuals are Prepared and Published	Develop procedures for revising manuals, consider alternative forms for publication, implement changes, and ensure compliance with RCW 42.56.070(3)(c).	Brent Hedden	RCO	June 2019	
Contract Improvements	Move to an electronically-generated contract that is specific to each grant program and to a completely paperless contract with use of electronic signatures. Update and simplify grant contract language.	Brent Hedden	RCO	June 2019	complete

PROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 26, 2019

Title: Climate Change Policy Strategy

Prepared By: Ben Donatelle, Policy Specialist

Summary

This memo serves as a summary to the ongoing conversation around addressing climate change within our grant programs.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Background

In January 2018, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) directed staff to develop an approach to address climate change in the Urban Wildlife Habitat and Riparian Protection categories of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).

At our last board meeting in April 2019, Ben Donatelle, RCO Policy Specialist gave an update to the board on the current development of a climate change policy, including a potential framework and how it links to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) strategic plan. These options had been developed by RCO staff, with assistance from the working group (RCFB members Ted Willhite, Danica Ready and Kathryn Gardow). During the discussion, the board shared their desired direction and insights of how the policy should look.

This is an update of how the policy framework has been revised since the board's last meeting and will also serve as starting point for the board's ongoing discussion about climate change.

Attachments

Attachment A – Draft Climate Statement

Attachment B – Proposed changes to the non-scored application question

Attachment A – DRAFT Board Policy Statement

Climate Change

To be included in WWRP Manuals (10a, 10b) in Section 2, Environmental Requirements

Climate change is expected to profoundly affect Washington's natural and recreation resources in myriad ways. In our region, this will likely include changes to precipitation patterns and the timing of stream flows, reduced snowpack and water supplies, shifts in species ranges and distribution, changes to the timing of events such as flowering and egg laying, sea level rise, increased insect outbreaks, tree mortality and risk of wildfire, and impacts to human health and quality of life. These impacts are expected to accelerate in coming years, and taken together, will fundamentally alter certain ecological processes and challenge the survival of vulnerable species, ecosystems and human communities.

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) invests public funds to acquire recreation and conservation lands and develop recreational facilities. The funding programs they oversee serve to protect the most significant lands for wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation purposes before they are converted to other uses and to develop existing public recreational land and facilities to meet the needs of present and future generations of all Washingtonians.

With this mission and purpose, the RCFB acknowledges the risks a changing climate pose to our investments and will continue to encourage land acquisition and recreational development that address the most significant impacts where the need is greatest, to mitigate greenhouse gasses, the primary driver of climate change, and continue to provide Washington residents with a high quality of life. Recognizing that response strategies and approaches to addressing climate impacts and risks will vary, sponsors are encouraged to consider how future climate changes are likely to impact the projects they propose for funding through climate-smart planning and design. Sponsors are also encouraged to share lessons, best practices, and their approaches to addressing climate change with the RCFB.

Together we can build the collective capacity of the State in addressing this global challenge.

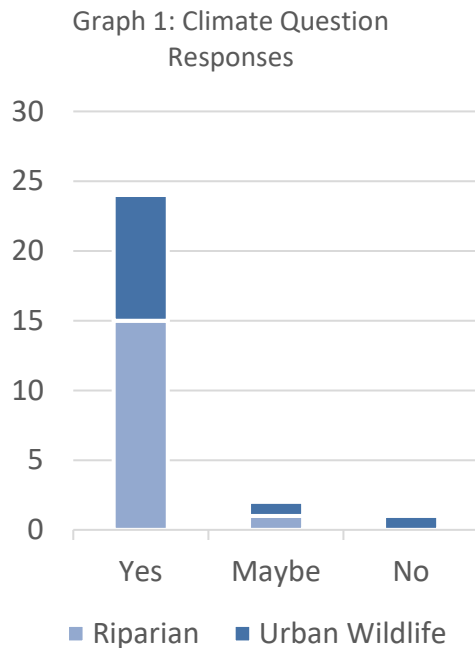
Next Steps

Pending the Board's discussion and direction, RCO staff will revise the policy statement and work with the board members to outline next steps.

Attachment B – Project Application Question (non-scored)

Current question

Does your project address or accommodate the anticipated effects of climate change? If yes or maybe, please describe how.



This non-scored question is asked of every sponsor in every RCO funding application across all programs and project types. The responses from the 2018 grant round from the WWRP Urban Wildlife Habitat and Riparian Protection categories are shown in the graph 1 below. Of the 27 applications, 24 responded, “yes”; two responded, “maybe”; and one responded, “No” to addressing or accommodating climate change.

Narrative responses ranged in approach to addressing or accommodating climate change. Approaches cited increasing habitat connectivity, combating specific impacts such as buffering storm water overflow or stream temperature, and carbon sequestration in trees or vegetation left in a natural state.

Proposed Future Application Questions

At the April 2019 meeting, the board expressed interest in continuing to collect information from project applicants. However, the board’s interest has shifted towards collecting information on how the applicant’s organization is integrating climate information and data into their planning, project design, or prioritization efforts. For example, has the applicant’s organization conducted a vulnerability assessment or have they adopted a climate adaptation plan? Additionally the board is interested in feedback from applicants on how RCO could better assist them (e.g. through resources or technical assistance) in assessing and addressing climate risks in the projects they propose for funding.

RCO staff proposes the following non-scored application questions to replace the existing question:

How has your organization used climate change assessments, projections, or other scientific data into your comprehensive planning, project prioritization, or project design?

What information did you use and how? Please cite your sources.

How could RCO assist you to be better prepared to address climate-related impacts to your projects, jurisdiction, service area, or organization?

Next Steps

Pending the board's discussion, RCO staff will continue to modify the non-scored application questions and bring back to the board for review in October.



Proposed Agenda & Meeting Materials

June 27, 2019

Regular Meeting

Natural Resources Building, Room 172, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501

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: 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 may also submit written comments to the board by mailing them to RCO, attn: Wyatt Lundquist, Board Liaison, at the address above or to wyatt.lundquist@rco.wa.gov.

Meeting Accommodations: Persons with disabilities needing an accommodation to participate in RCO public meetings are invited to contact us via the following options: 1) Leslie Frank by phone (360) 902-0220 or email leslie.frank@rco.wa.gov; or 2) 711 relay service. Accommodation requests should be received by June 12, 2019 to ensure availability.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum B. Review and Approval of Agenda C. Remarks of the Chair	<i>Chair Willhite</i>
9:15a.m.	1. Consent Agenda (<i>Decision</i>) <u>Resolution 2019-12</u> A. Board Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2019 B. Time Extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitol Land Trust, Nelson Ranch Easement Acquisition (14-1629) • Jefferson Land Trust, Bishop Dairy Preservation (14-1359) • Metro Parks Tacoma, Owen Beach (14-1693) • Metro Parks Tacoma, Point Defiance Loop Trail (14-1694) 	<i>Chair Willhite</i>

- Port of Port Townsend, Point Hudson Jetty Replacement ([14-1588](#))
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Heart of the Cascades ([14-1090](#))
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Nooksack River Degroot Boat launch ([14-1650](#))
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rock Creek Unit Motorized Trail Improvements ([14-1858](#))
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Taneum Creek Riparian ([14-1092](#))
 - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Cornet Bay Moorage ([14-1641](#))
 - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Lake Sammamish Docks ([14-1683](#))
 - Whatcom County, Plantation Indoor Range HVAC Replacement ([14-1127](#))
- C. **Policy Waiver:**
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Scatter Creek Addition ([16-1352](#))

9:20 a.m. 2. Director's Report (Briefing)

- A. Director's Report
- B. Legislative and Budget Update
- C. Grant Management Report
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Follow-up on 2018 Legacy Applications
- D. Grant Services Report
- E. Performance Report (Written)
- F. Fiscal Report (Written)

*Kaleen Cottingham
Wendy Brown
Marguerite Austin*

Kyle Guzlas

9:45 a.m. General Public Comment for issues not identified as agenda items. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISION & BRIEFINGS

9:50 a.m 3. Conversions:

- A. **Kent East Hill/Morrill Meadows Conversion** ([91-170A](#), [96-1224D](#), [97-036A](#), [02-1175A](#))
Resolution 2019-13
- B. **Seattle Red Barn Ranch Conversion** ([69-150](#))
- C. **Clallam County Dungeness Farmland Conversion** ([06-1849](#))

Myra Barker

*Myra Barker and
Kim Sellers*

Public comment, please limit comments to three minutes.

11:10 a.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION

11:20 a.m. 4. [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program \(WWRP\):
Riparian Protection Category Policy Update](#) *Ben Donatelle*

11:50 a.m. 5. [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program \(WWRP\):
Urban Wildlife Category Policy Update](#) *Ben Donatelle*

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

1:00 p.m. 6. [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities \(NOVA\)
Program: Approval of Ranked Lists and Grants](#) *Jesse Sims and
Marguerite Austin*

A. Education and Enforcement Category

[Resolution 2019-14](#)

B. Nonhighway Road Category

[Resolution 2019-15](#)

C. Nonmotorized Category

[Resolution 2019-16](#)

D. Off-road Vehicle Category

[Resolution 2019-17](#)

Public comment will occur prior to adopting each individual resolution. Please limit comments to three minutes.

2:00 p.m. 7. [Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\): Approval of Ranked
Lists and Grants](#) *Brian Carpenter and
Marguerite Austin*

A. Education

[Resolution 2019-18](#)

B. General

[Resolution 2019-19](#)

Public comment will occur prior to adopting each individual resolution. Please limit comments to three minutes.

2:30 p.m. 8. **Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium:** *Marguerite Austin*

A. [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account \(ALEA\)](#)

[Resolution 2019-20](#)

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- B. [Boating Facilities Program \(BFP\)](#)
[Resolution 2019-21](#)
 - C. [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation \(FARR\) Program](#)
[Resolution 2019-22](#)
 - D. [Land and Water Conservation Fund \(LWCF\)](#)
[Resolution 2019-23](#)
 - E. [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program \(WWRP\)](#)
[Resolution 2019-24](#)
 - F. [Youth Athletic Facilities \(YAF\) Program](#)
[Resolution 2019-25](#)

Public comment will occur prior to adopting each individual resolution. Please limit comments to three minutes.

3:15 p.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

3:30 p.m. 9. [Boating Infrastructure Grant \(BIG\) Program Projects](#) *Karl Jacobs*

4:00 p.m. 10. [Public Land Inventory](#) *Brent Hedden*

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Next Meeting:

Travel Meeting – October 2-3, 2019 – Cle-Elum, WA, TBD

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Time Extension Requests

Prepared By: Recreation and Conservation 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. There are several requests this quarter, since we are nearing the end of the 2017-19 biennium. Board approval of the extensions is subject to re-appropriation of funds allocated to these projects through legislative approval of the state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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

Resolution: 2019-12 (Consent Agenda)

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the requested time extensions.

Background

Manual #7, Funded Projects, outlines the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) 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 Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director has authority to extend an agreement for up to four years. Extensions beyond four years require board action.

RCO received requests for time extensions for 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 an extension to continue the agreement 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;

Plan Link

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

Staff Recommendation

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

Attachments

A. Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

Capitol Land Trust

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1629 Acquisition	Nelson Ranch Easement Acquisition	WWRP Farmland Preservation	\$716,824 (95%)	6/30/2019	6/30/2020

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

This project is for acquisition of an agricultural easement on 550 acres. To date the Capitol Land Trust (Land Trust) has completed a complex appraisal and review of the property followed by extensive negotiations with the landowner.

Progress on this project was delayed because the property appraised substantially higher than originally estimated. As a result, the Land Trust has had to look for additional funding sources and has had to work with the landowner to negotiate which parcels to include in the easement.

With additional time, the Land Trust will be able to complete negotiations and ultimately a final agricultural easement. Additionally, the Land Trust will complete a plan documenting the baseline condition of the property, as it exists at the time the easement was initiated. This will be used to determine how the property changes over time.

Jefferson Land Trust

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1359 Acquisition	Bishop Dairy Preservation	WWRP Farmland Preservation	\$471,339 (98%)	6/30/2019	6/30/2020

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

Jefferson Land Trust (Land Trust) plans to purchase development rights on approximately 265 acres. The project was initially delayed because the seller (farmer) had a concern with the use of Navy REPI (Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration) funding, which was the sponsor's originally planned and secured source of match. The Land Trust then had to seek other funds, so they submitted an application to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). They received an award, but have been waiting over a year for NRCS' review of the draft easement language.

The farmer is now reconsidering use of the NAVY REPI funding and the appraiser is working to finalize the valuation of the conservation easement and the REPI easement. In addition, the

timber appraiser miscalculated the timber value. This has to be fixed before the appraisal report can be issued. The Land Trust has lined up a review appraiser for the conservation easement appraisal and a Navy appraiser will review the REPI easement appraisal.

Once the appraisal process is complete, the Land Trust will make the official offer, and move forward to have the building envelopes surveyed. The sponsor must finalize the baseline documentation and extent of fencing.

Metro Parks Tacoma (Tacoma Metro)

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1693 Development	Owen Beach	WWRP- Water Access and the Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$2,130,355 (95%)	3/30/2019	6/30/2021

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

Tacoma Metro will be renovating a 6.25-acre beach access site in Point Defiance Park. They are requesting a time extension to allow for the extended preliminary design needed to incorporate relevant climate change data. Tacoma Metro collaborated with the Washington Sea Grant program under their Washington Coastal Resilience Project that chose Tacoma as a focus of study for predicted sea level rise impacts due to climate change. The results of this research informed adjustments to the site plan and relocated the buildings inland to accommodate sea level rise, storm surge projections, and tribal cultural resource concerns. The new design also incorporates green infrastructure and natural stormwater treatment, offering greater resiliency in addition to building public awareness and supporting habitat. Though affecting the project schedule, the adjustments to the design based upon this emerging data will result in much more resilient and sustainable site improvements and will provide a case study from which other agencies will learn and benefit.

Design is nearing 100% completion, geotech is underway, shoreline permit applications have been submitted, and construction documents are currently being developed.

Metro Parks Tacoma (Tacoma Metro)

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1694 Development	Point Defiance Loop Trail	WWRP- Trails and LWCF	\$3,558,974 (95%)	6/30/2019	4/1/2021

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

Tacoma Metro wants to renovate the five-mile loop trail at Point Defiance Park. This project has been significantly delayed by the need for traffic and circulation improvements. Since 2015, Tacoma Metro conducted Master Plan Update for Point Defiance Park, and a 2016-2017 Parking and Circulation Study, which resulted in the 30% design or the "Preferred Route" for the Loop Trail. From 2015 to 2017, Tacoma Metro worked with the public to determine the least impactful location of the Loop Trail, while coordinating many other ongoing projects at Point Defiance.

The circulation improvements included a new roundabout at the park entry, which provides advance transportation mitigation for other major improvements that are currently underway. The Loop Trail will tie into the roundabout and other key projects in the park including the Pacific Seas Aquarium and Waterfront, which links to the Ruston Way waterfront. In addition, Tacoma Metro has been updating master plans for selected destinations and attractions within the park, including Owen Beach and the Japanese Garden. These efforts all influence the alignment of the Loop Trail. The additional time spent on these analyses and planning has produced a thoughtful and forward thinking 60% design that Tacoma Metro is now ready to advance into final design and construction.

Port of Port Townsend

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1588 Development	Point Hudson Jetty Replacement	Boating Infrastructure Grant – Tier 2	\$882,611 (83%)	6/30/2019	6/30/2021

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

The cost of replacing the south jetty increased significantly from the original planning estimates to final design and bidding. This was due to inflation in a more competitive market, and in part to the U.S. imposition of steel tariffs during the permitting phase of the project, driving up the cost of steel. The port has looked for other sources of funding, and has been working to redesign the project to something that will fit within the Port of Port Townsend's (Port) financial capacity (a \$3.1 million project).

They are now in the process of redesigning, engineering and re-permitting the project, to allow the incremental reconstruction of the 258' long batter-pile and rock structure. The project entails the removal of a substantial number (likely 150 or more) of creosote-treated piles and their replacement with galvanized steel batter-piles. High tensile strength stainless steel netting will then be attached between the piles; the void will be backfilled with granite quarry spalls, and the pile tops tied together with galvanized steel cross bracing. In summary, the new

structure will encapsulate elements of the existing structure and remain largely within the footprint of the current breakwater.

The Port expects to finalize the design and submit permit applications by July 2019. It will then take approximately 9 months of permitting, so they should be able to bid and mobilize in the spring of 2020. Construction will occur during the (July 15, 2020 through February 15, 2021) fish window. A 2-year extension will allow the Port to complete construction and provide the final billing and closeout documentation.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1090 Acquisition	Heart of the Cascades 2014	WWRP- Critical Habitat	\$946,959 (23.6%)	9/30/2019	9/30/2020

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is requesting a one-year time extension for their Heart of Cascades 2014 project. To date WDFW has acquired two large parcels of land totaling 1,345 acres. They anticipate closing on a third property (about 644 acres) by the end of June.

Although WDFW was able to move along quickly with these property transactions, the large acreage involved with each transaction has required extension before and after work such as environmental assessments, land and cultural surveys, noxious weed control, and fencing.

A time extension, if granted, would allow WDFW time to complete post-closing work on the final acquisition. This work will include a cultural resources survey, fencing, noxious weed control signs, and a boundary survey.

WDFW anticipates that they will not use all of the remaining grant funds. Once the final property transaction closes, WDFW will identify excess funding and will return it to RCO.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1650 Development	Nooksack River De-Groot Boat Launch	Boating Facilities Program	\$188,000 (40%)	6/30/2019	12/30/2019

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has made significant progress on building a new boat ramp on the Nooksack River where none existed before. This project is about 88 percent complete and was on time, but two floods this winter and spring (during the construction fish window) delayed the work and required cleanup. The site is prepared and ready for finish paving and concrete work. In May, the project went out to bid for a second time due to no bidders in March. WDFW has accepted the current low bid. After WDFW executes the contract, the project will get underway and will likely be done late summer or early fall. WDFW is asking for a 6-month extension to accommodate any possible delays.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1858 Development	Rock Creek Unit Motorized Trail Improvements	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Off- road Vehicles	\$194,828 (97%)	6/30/2019	12/30/2019

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is working in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) on a 4 X 4 motorized trail and bridge replacement project on the Oak Creek Wildlife Area near Yakima. The scope is to install three bridges, reroute 1.25 miles of jeep trail, and abandon one mile of jeep trail, thus opening up 4 miles of motorized trail.

This project unfortunately has been delayed due to high elevation snow pack, late snowmelt, and early wildfires causing the loss of DNR and USFS staff to firefighting work. This has affected the availability of cooperating work-parties and use of the volunteer labor needed for this project. WDFW also had staff changes at Oak Creek, however, they are committed to completing all of the work this year. They have installed one 4 X 4 bridge on the trail system. They hope to re-start work in early July and finish before fire season.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1092 Acquisition	Taneum Creek Riparian	WWRP- Riparian Protection	\$1,649,277 (97%)	6/30/2019	6/30/2020

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

This project is to acquire one of the last privately owned inholdings located along Taneum Creek in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area. The site consists of about 370 acres located in Kittitas County. To date, appraisals have been completed, which included a timber value assessment.

A number of factors caused delays. The county initially had concerns regarding property taxes that would be eliminated if the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) acquired this property. As WDFW negotiated with the county, the elderly landowner and his son decided, for safety reasons, to cut timber on the property to pay for a replacement bridge to access the landowner's home. New appraisals to account for the reduced timber value were completed this spring after delays this fall and winter due to inclement weather. Incidentally, the bridge construction was closely coordinated with WDFW and Tribal staff since future plans for the property include stream restoration.

If approved, a time extension would allow WDFW to make an offer to the landowner. Because of ongoing concerns with the County, WDFW intends to work with a nonprofit organization who would take ownership of the property and then sell a conservation easement to WDFW. It will take some time for WDFW to prepare and approve the conservation easement.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks)

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1641 Development	Cornet Bay Moorage Facility Replacement	Boating Facilities Program - State	\$1,311,656 (79%)	6/30/2019	6/30/2021

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

This moorage expansion project has stalled at the federal level with the two agencies that review and approve the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) permit. The agencies do not see eye to eye on the potential impacts. This delay for has now lasted over a year and the federal shutdown compounded the delay.

The issue is that the two services that consult for the ACOE are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. They do not agree on some of the provisions surrounding Bull Trout and the potential habitat impact of this project. Subsequently, State Parks has been waiting for their findings during the delayed formal consultation period. Unfortunately, State Parks has to wait until the federal agencies reach an agreement and issue their biological opinion.

It is unlikely the agencies will have a decision in time for State Parks to bid and go to construction this fall, since there is a limited in-water work window that closes in February each year. Therefore, they are requesting an extension to June 2021 so they can complete the project in the 2020-21 work window.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks)

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1683 Development	Lake Sammamish Docks	Boating Facilities Program - State	\$929,757 (93%)	6/30/2019	12/31/2020

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

The project has been more challenging than originally expected to permit, due to potential impacts to juvenile salmonids. State Parks has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Muckleshoot Tribe, and the Snoqualmie Tribe to revise the project design to minimize impacts and to find suitable in-kind mitigation. They now believe they have a viable option that will provide recreational benefits to boaters and have no net impact on salmon, but they do not yet have permits.

The mitigation has been changed to include removal of a derelict barge near the park boat launch, removal of derelict pilings near the north end of Lake Sammamish, and addition of habitat gravel in the nearshore north of the dock and swim beach. State Parks will need an Aquatic Use Authorization from the Department of Natural Resources due to the fact that they manage the shore lands. The authorization will cover both the project area and the piling removal area. All of the permit documents were revised based on the new mitigation elements. An amended SEPA MDNS was issued in May 2019, and the amended JARPA will be submitted by June 2019.

The in-water work window to minimize impacts to salmon is in the summer, so State Parks is requesting a time extension through December 31, 2020. The extension will allow them to secure permits, then construct next summer during the fish window.

Whatcom County

Project number and type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request
14-1127 Development	Plantation Indoor Range HVAC Replacement	Firearms and Archery Recreation Range	\$360,485 (100%)	6/30/2019	12/30/2019

Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request

Whatcom County owns and operates a shooting facility in Whatcom County that includes an outdoor pistol and small bore range, 300 yard outdoor rifle range, indoor pistol and small bore range, trap shooting, police training, along with classroom space for teaching and hunter education. The facility serves over 23,000 shooters a year.

The original project was to replace the 25-year-old heating, ventilation and cooling system (HVAC) at the indoor pistol range. Due to unanticipated roof damage and decay, they discovered upon HVAC inspection, they could not move forward with just an HVAC system replacement without a new roof to support the new equipment. The county applied and received a second FARR grant in 2016 to help with the roof replacement costs. Due to that change, permitting and bidding was delayed. They were anticipating construction this June. However, the range staff discovered in April an administrative error in carrying forward their matching funds. This left the parks department without authority to implement a contract with the low bidder. They are fixing that error. They are waiting for good weather to remove the roof and replace and HVAC at the same time. That will likely be late summer or fall since good weather plays a role.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Eligibility for Scatter Creek Addition Property, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, RCO #16-1352

Prepared By: Kim Sellers, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

This action provides a policy waiver to allow the Scatter Creek Addition property to be eligible for grant funding.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Resolution: 2019-12

Purpose of Resolution: Allow the Scatter Creek Addition property to be eligible for grant funding.

Background

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) applied for funding from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Urban Wildlife category to purchase 147.5 acres directly adjacent to the Scatter Creek Unit near Grand Mound in Thurston County. (RCO #16-1352A). The property is currently privately owned. (Attachment A).

Currently, WDFW leases the property from the landowner and manages the site for wildlife habitat and public recreation. The property consists of high quality prairie habitat and is considered a priority area for protecting the Mazama pocket gopher as well as the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, the Mardon skipper butterfly and five additional butterfly species. The property contains the unique south Puget Sound prairie ecosystem including highly sought prairie soils, a significant oak woodland, wetlands, and more than a half-mile of Scatter Creek. The public can use the land for walking,

hiking, dog training, wildlife watching, and bird hunting. The expanded wildlife area would provide one of the largest horseback riding opportunities in the south Puget Sound via a series of trails that meander through restored prairie and upland forests.

It is a keystone property in that it forms the only connection between two blocks of prairie habitat owned by WDFW. This property is key to the connectivity of the Scatter creek unit and thus is critical to WDFW's overall success in managing prairie habitat in this area.

WDFW has leased this property for many years. Recently the landowner informed WDFW that they intend to sell the property.

Conflicting with Existing Policy

The property is not currently eligible for reimbursement, based on the acquisition policies contained in Manual 3, Section 2. These policies state in part that, "In general, property that already is under public ownership *or management* is not eligible for (Recreation and Conservation Office) RCO grant funding..." (RCFB, p. 23).²

There is one exception to this policy that allows existing public property to be eligible for RCO grant funding, if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. State law requires that the agency selling the land must receive compensation, and
2. The land was not originally acquired by the selling agency for recreation use (for outdoor recreation proposals), and
3. The land has never been publicly managed for... "conservation"

Although this property is privately owned, it has been leased by WDFW for many years for wildlife habitat. As a result, it is not currently eligible for grant funding.

Request for Board Decision

WDFW is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to waive the policy so that it can use grant funding to assist in the purchase the property.

Similar Decisions by the board

In 2014, the board waived this policy to allow the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to acquire Civic Center/Field when the Edmonds School District notified the city of their intent to sell. Before that time, the city had leased and managed the property for public recreation since 1977.

In 2012, the board waived this policy to allow the City of Vancouver to acquire John Ball Park when the school district announced its intention to sell the property. Before that time, the city leased, developed and managed the park since 1959.

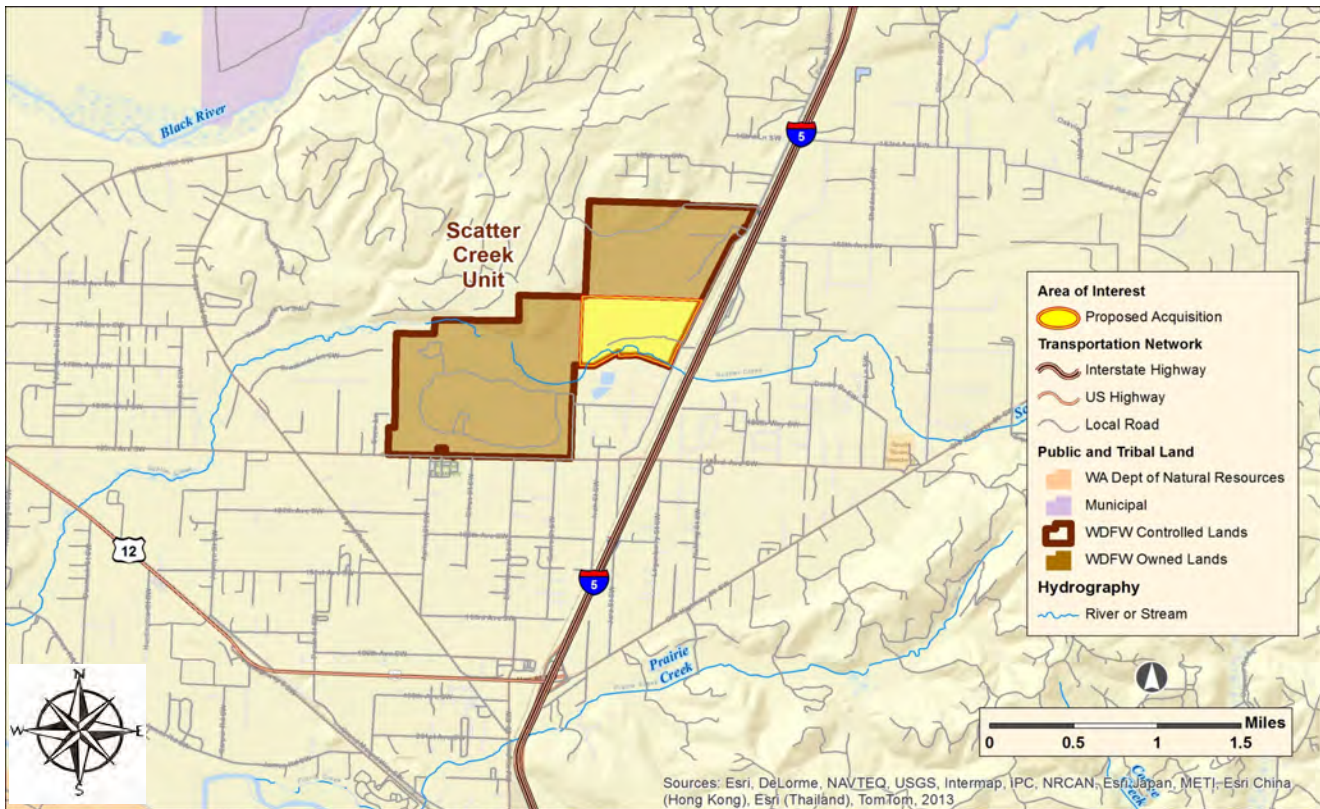
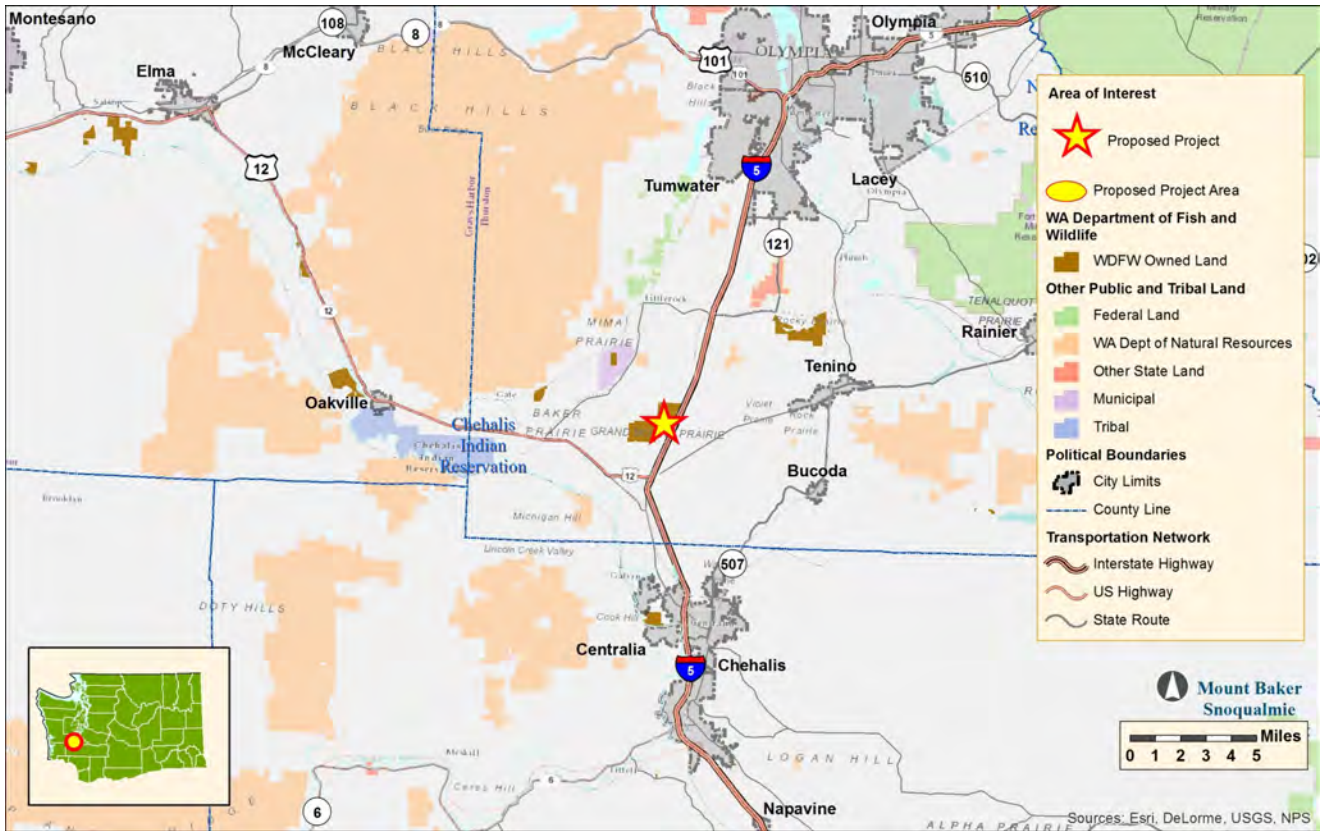
In 2000, the board waived this policy to allow the City of Edmonds to acquire Marina Beach when the private owner announced its intention to sell the property for development. Before that time, the city had leased and managed Marina Beach, for outdoor recreational opportunities.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of this request supports the board's strategies to (1) evaluate and develop strategic investment policies so that projects selected for funding meet the state's recreation needs and (2) regularly monitor progress in meeting objectives and adapt management to meet changing needs.

Attachment

- A. Maps of the Scatter Creek Addition



Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Director's Report

Prepared By: Kaleen Cottingham, Director

Summary

This memo outlines key agency activities and happenings.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- Request for Decision
- Request for Direction
- Briefing

Agency Updates

Leaning our Purchasing Process

RCO fiscal staff and others worked with Kone Consulting on a Lean study to review the purchasing process and identify improvements. The team identified six key areas to focus on, including additional credit cards for key purchasing staff, updating the electronic ordering processes to avoid re-keying information, and improved notification to staff about completed purchases. The team is working through those areas and coming up with several new ideas. Stay tuned.



Record Number of No Child Left Inside Grant Applications

The No Child Left Inside grant program received a record 173 applications for the 2019-21 grant cycle by the April 1 deadline. The proposals requested more than \$8 million. Evaluations took place in May and June, with the State Parks director approving ranked lists in early July. The Legislature included \$1.5 million for this program in the recently approved operating budget.



I spoke at a Young Women Empowered Career Fair in Bothell, hosted by a No Child Left Inside grant recipient.

Bremerton Holds Grand Re-opening Ceremony for Manette Park

The City of Bremerton held a grand re-opening celebration in April for its 2.5-acre Manette Neighborhood Park, which hosts the city's only public, lighted, grass, youth soccer field. The park was rundown with cracked tennis courts, a substandard basketball pad, and a 1940s restroom that was prone to failure during park events. The park has several levels without ramps or pathways. No part of the park, including the restroom, was accessible by people using wheelchairs. The City developed walking paths throughout the park and built a multi-use sports court, restroom, and parking for people with disabilities. The City also replaced the playground and picnic shelter and installed energy-efficient lights in the ball field. Bremerton contributed \$505,600 in staff labor and donations. The City used \$750,000 from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and Youth Athletic Facilities program for the work.



Forestland Outreach Update

The Legislature established the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Forestland Preservation Category in 2016 to protect working forestlands in the state. Applicants submitted four applications during the first grant round in 2017. Two applicants withdrew their proposals leaving only two viable applications. The next grand round in 2018 saw only one application. With two grant rounds resulting in only three applications, RCO decided that additional outreach was needed to ensure the success of this program.

In mid-February, RCO contracted with John Mankowski to help create awareness of the Forestland Preservation Category. John has been a great advocate for the program, targeting a dozen high profile organizations across the state to share information about the program and to gather feedback from potential applicants. As a result, applicants submitted seven applications for our supplemental grant round. Most are from new applicants that have not participated in previous grant rounds.

This outreach has been invaluable, especially for a grant program with a focused priority. As with the Farmland Preservation program, staff anticipates the real success for this category will come after the board awards grants and sponsors secure perpetual easements. The best advertising comes from landowners who have gone through the process and can recommend the program to their peers and neighbors.

Legislative and Budget Report

The Legislature passed final budgets on the last day of the regular session. The operating budget contained our carry-forward levels of funding, and for State Parks, funded the No Child Left Inside program at \$1.5 million with the veteran's preference removed. Below is a summary of what is in the 2019-21 capital budget for RCO:

- WWRP. The program is funded at \$85 million and the list is held intact. However, there is a proviso in the budget that directs the Department of Commerce to "contract for the facilitation and mediation of ownership, development, and use conflicts along the Palouse to Cascades trail in Adams and Whitman Counties." A report and recommendations is due to the Legislature by January 15, 2020. RCO is instructed not to release funding for the WWRP Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden to Rosalia (#4 projects in the State Parks category) until July 1, 2020, following completion of the mediation process.
- There is a project funded with unspent funds (\$615,000) in the RCO Recreation Grants re-appropriation for the replacement and repair of dock facilities available for public use at the Van Riper marina in Clallam County.
- Two community forest pilot projects were funded – Mt Adams Community Forest, Outlet Creek Tract, and Gold Hill Community Forest. RCO is further directed to assist Chelan County and other stakeholders to develop a management plan for potential future community forests, including the Nason Ridge Community Forest. We are to submit the management plan for the Nason Ridge Community Forest to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2019.

Program	2019-21 Request	2019-21 Governor	2019-21 House	2019-21 Senate	2019-21 Final Budget
Outdoor Recreation:					
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	\$130,000,000	\$115,000,000	\$80,000,000*	\$90,000,000	\$85,000,000
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	\$6,600,000	\$4,963,000	\$4,306,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000
Youth Athletics Facilities	\$12,000,000	\$5,035,000	\$12,000,000	\$5,035,000	\$12,000,000
Boating Facilities Program	\$17,872,000	\$17,872,000	\$17,872,000	\$17,872,000	\$17,872,000
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities	\$13,911,000	\$11,411,000	\$11,411,000	\$11,411,000	\$11,411,000
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program	\$735,000	\$735,000	\$735,000	\$735,000	\$735,000

Community Forest Pilot Program	-	-	-	\$6,096,000	\$925,000
Federal Funds:					
Boating Infrastructure Grants	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Recreational Trails Program	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

*State Parks project, Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden to Rosalia is removed from the list.

Grant Management Report

Applicants Submit Grants for Working Lands

Twelve applicants submitted grant proposals for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's (WWRP) Farm and Forest Account as summarized in this table.

WWRP Category	Applications	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
Farmland Preservation	15	\$6,262,778	\$5,961,910	\$12,224,688
Forestland Preservation	7	\$1,702,320	\$2,050,560	\$3,752,880
Total	22	\$7,965,098	\$8,012,470	\$15,977,568

RCO accepted applications in 2018, however, there were not enough funds requested to use the grant funds available. The board authorized a supplemental grant round to solicit new applications in 2019. With Legislative approval of the state capital budget, WWRP gets \$85 million. The Farm and Forest Account receives \$8.1 million. After funding the applications submitted in 2018, about \$3.1 million is available for 2019 proposals. This summer advisory committee will review and rank these applications. Staff plans to present them to the board for approval and funding in October. The legislature authorized expenditure of these funds following the submittal of the lists by November 1.

Outreach to Our Federal Partner – U.S. Forest Service

Scott Robinson and Marguerite Austin met with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) executives at their regional office in Portland on May 13. The purpose of the meeting was to share information about how the USFS applies for and receives Recreation and Conservation Funding Board grants for development and maintenance of backcountry trails. USFS rangers also are recipients of grants for education and enforcement activities. Since 1994, the board has approved 1,048 Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities and

Recreational Trails Program grants for the USFS. The grants total more than \$53 million and with matching resources this represents and investment of more than \$92 million on national forest lands. Plans are to continue this type of outreach to exchange ideas and figure better ways our state and federal agency can serve the people of our state.

Outreach for the 2020 Grants Cycle

On May 23, Brian Carpenter represented RCO at a Public Works Board regional training in Okanogan. After a morning of training in asset management and long-term planning, representatives from multiple state and federal agencies conducted a funding panel to discuss how we can help meet infrastructure funding needs in various communities. There were approximately 25 attendees representing municipalities, special purpose districts, and other government agencies from across eastern Washington. Several attendees approached Brian afterwards to talk about prospective grant projects.

Grants for Boating Infrastructure

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is accepting applications for Boating Infrastructure Grants for federal fiscal year 2020 through September 16, 2019. The program provides funds to construct, renovate, and maintain facilities that support recreational boating for vessels that are 26 feet or more in length. Details regarding Washington State's participation in this federal program are in [Item 10](#).

Evaluations Complete

Evaluations for the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now complete. Staff extended the schedule for these two programs due to the federal government shutdown earlier this year. Staff conducted the grant results meetings and has provided, for board consideration, the ranked list and recommended grant awards in [Items 6](#) and [7](#).

Project Administration

Staff administer outdoor recreation and habitat conservation projects as summarized in the table below. "Active" grants are those currently under agreement and in the implementation phase. "Director Approved" grants includes grant awards made by the RCO director after receiving board-delegated authority to award grants. Staff are working with sponsors to secure the materials needed to place the Director Approved grants under agreement.

Program	Active Projects	Director Approved Projects	Total Funded Projects
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	15	3	18
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	43	1	44
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)	5	1	6
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	4	0	4
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	13	0	13
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	107	0	107
Recreation & Conservation Office Recreation Grants (RRG)	21	0	21
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	39	1	40
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	145	3	148
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	14	2	16
Total	406	11	417

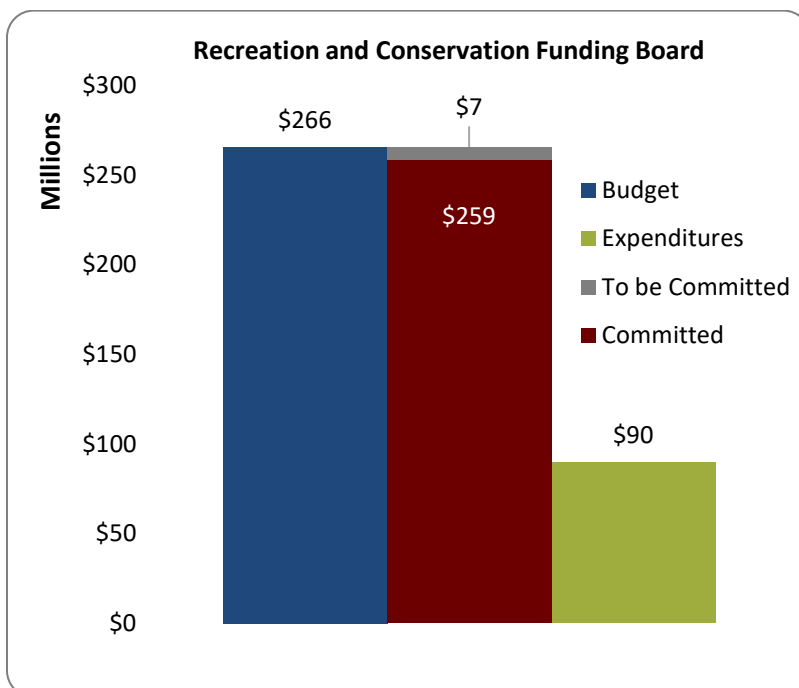
Viewing Closed Projects

Attachment A lists projects that closed between April 1, 2019 and May 31, 2019. Click on the project number to view the project description, grant funds awarded, and other information (e.g., photos, maps, reports, etc.).

Fiscal Report

For July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019, actuals through April 30, 2019 (Fiscal Month 22). Percentage of biennium reported: 91.6 percent. The "Budget" column shows the state appropriations and any received federal awards.

Grant Program	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	Re-appropriations 2017-2019	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% Expended of Committed
Grant Programs							
ALEA	\$16,732,166	\$16,508,932	99%	\$223,234	1%	\$5,756,341	35%
BFP	\$30,471,144	\$30,133,910	99%	\$337,234	1%	\$10,032,756	33%
BIG	\$3,924,298	\$3,924,298	100%	\$0	0%	\$2,140,757	55%
FARR	\$1,414,298	\$1,081,499	76%	\$332,799	24%	\$641,976	59%
LWCF	\$8,965,470	\$8,965,470	100%	\$0	0%	\$3,258,801	36%
NOVA	\$18,007,269	\$17,205,024	96%	\$802,245	4%	\$6,736,971	39%
RTP	\$5,953,317	\$5,619,438	94%	\$333,879	6%	\$2,894,358	52%
WWRP	\$136,856,500	\$133,165,496	97%	\$3,691,004	3%	\$36,502,064	27%
RRG	\$25,765,297	\$24,765,319	96%	\$999,978	4%	\$11,445,892	46%
YAF	\$9,775,000	\$9,370,592	96%	\$404,408	4%	\$3,592,257	38%
Subtotal	\$257,864,759	\$250,739,978	97%	\$7,124,781	3%	\$83,002,173	33%
Administration							
General Operating Funds	\$7,871,177	\$7,871,177	100%	\$0	0%	\$6,547,892	83%
Grand Total	\$265,735,936	\$258,611,155	97%	\$7,124,781	3%	\$89,550,065	35%



Acronym	Grant Program
ALEA	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
BFP	Boating Facilities Program
BIG	Boating Infrastructure Grant
FARR	Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
NOVA	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
RTP	Recreational Trails Program
WWRP	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
RRG	RCO Recreation Grants
YAF	Youth Athletic Facilities

Board Revenue Report

For July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019, actuals through March 31, 2019 (Fiscal Month 20).
Percentage of biennium reported: 87.5%.

Program	Biennial Forecast	Collections	
	Estimate	Actual	% of Estimate
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	\$20,716,886	\$17,938,562	86.6%
Nonhighway, Off-Road Vehicle Program (NOVA)	\$14,586,224	\$12,376,570	84.9%
Firearms and Archery Range Rec Program (FARR)	\$574,137	\$544,494	94.8%
Total	\$35,877,247	\$30,859,626	86.0%

Revenue Notes:

BFP revenue is from the un-refunded marine gasoline taxes.

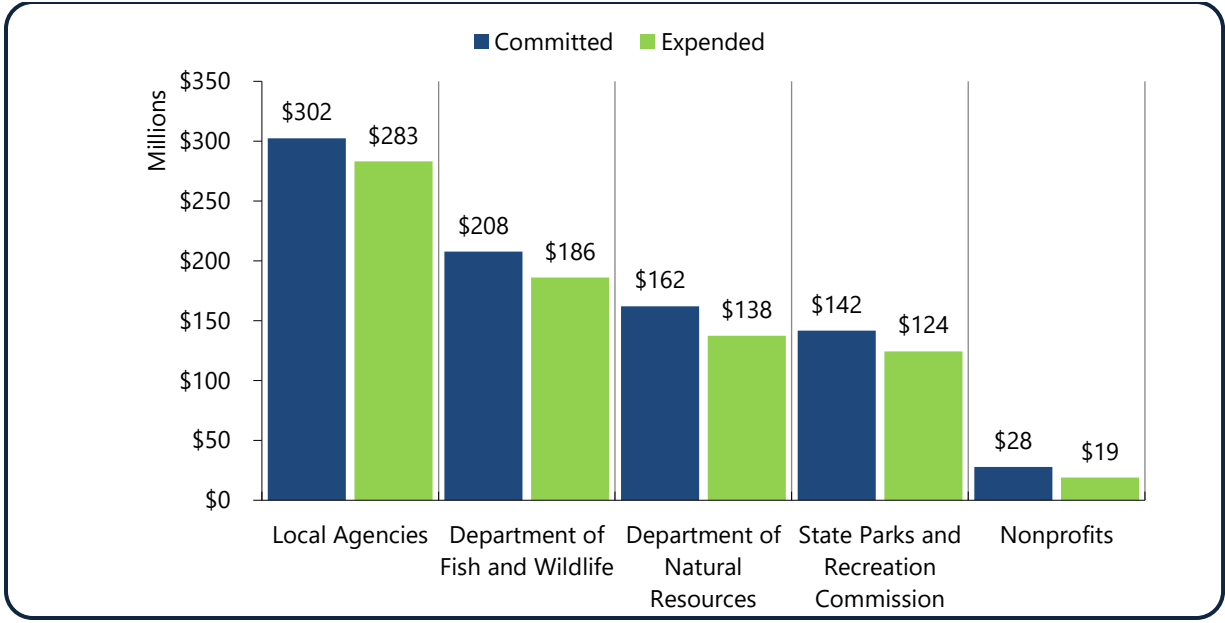
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FARR revenue is from \$2.16 of each concealed pistol license fee.

This reflects the most recent revenue forecast of March 2019. The next forecast is due in June 2019.

WWRP Expenditure Rate by Organization (1990-Current)

Agency	Committed	Expenditures	% Expended
Local Agencies	\$302,345,419	\$283,011,500	94%
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,750,563	\$185,965,429	90%
Department of Natural Resources	\$162,034,907	\$137,508,577	85%
State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$141,629,532	\$124,390,297	88%
Nonprofits	\$27,856,928	\$18,882,188	68%
Conservation Commission	\$3,840,040	\$444,234	12%
Tribes	\$741,411	\$741,411	100%
Other			
Special Projects	\$735,011	\$735,011	100%
Total	\$846,933,811	\$751,678,647	89%



Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2019

The following performance data are for recreation and conservation projects in fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). Data are current as of May 22, 2019.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Fiscal Year-to-Date	Status	Notes
Grant agreements mailed within 120 days of funding	90%	78%	●	38 of 49 agreements were mailed to sponsors within 120 days
Grants under agreement within 180 days of funding	95%	86%	●	242 of 281 agreements were under agreement within 180 days of funding.
Progress reports responded to within 15 days	90%	90%	●	RCFB staff received 600 progress reports and responded to them in an average of 6 days.
Bills paid in 30 days	100%	100%	●	789 bills have come due and all were paid within 30 days. On average, staff paid bills within 11 days.
Projects closed within 150 days of funding end date	85%	78%	●	66 of 85 projects have closed on time.
Projects in Backlog	5	19	●	There are 19 RCFB projects in the backlog
Compliance inspections done	125	45	●	There has been 45 worksites inspected.
Annual bills submitted	100%	82%	●	Bills for 258 of 316 projects have been submitted thru May 22, 2019. The remaining projects have until June 30, 2019 to submit a bill.

Projects Completed and Closed from April 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019

Project Number ⁱ	Project Name	Sponsor	Program ⁱⁱ	Closed On
14-1457D	Ancich Waterfront Park	Gig Harbor	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	4/23/2019
14-1777D	Martin Access Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	5/31/2019
14-1782D	Rowland Lake Boat Ramp	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	5/31/2019
14-2027D	Klickitat County Shooting Range Development Phase 2	Klickitat County	Firearms and Archery Range Recreation	5/16/2019
12-1470D	Torguson Park Plaza and Loop Trail	North Bend	Land and Water Conservation Fund	4/12/2019
14-1984M	Methow Valley Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	4/12/2019
14-1985M	Pasayten River Foot Log and Turnpikes	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	4/12/2019
14-2004M	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Winter Recreation Operation and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	5/16/2019

Project Number ⁱ	Project Name	Sponsor	Program ⁱⁱ	Closed On
14-2105P	Methow Snowy Lakes Trail and Facilities Plan	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	4/15/2019
14-1824C	Reiter Foothills Single Track and All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Off-Road Vehicle	4/26/2019
14-1357D	Beach Park Picnic Shelter and Restroom	Des Moines	RCO Recreation Grants, Local Parks	4/14/2019
16-1951D	Big Rock Sports Park Restroom Facility	Duvall	RCO Recreation Grants, Local Parks	4/29/2019
14-1136D	Appleway Trail Development Phase 3	Spokane Valley	RCO Recreation Grants, Trails	4/15/2019
14-2088M	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Recreational Trails Program, General	5/28/2019
14-1722A	Queets River	Washington Department of Natural Resources	WWRP Natural Areas	4/11/2019
12-1246A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2012	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	WWRP State Parks	5/21/2019
15-1439D	Pasco Little League Revitalization	Pasco Little League	Youth Athletic Facilities, Renovation	4/19/2019

ⁱ *A=Acquisition, C=Acquisition and Development, D=Development, E=Education/Education and Enforcement, M=Maintenance, O=Operation R=Restoration*

ⁱⁱ *WWRP = Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program*

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Conversion Request: City of Kent, East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park
RCO #91-170A, 96-1224D, 97-036A, 02-1175A

Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

The City of Kent is requesting the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approve a conversion of approximately 3.54 acres located at East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. The conversion is due to the city conveying property rights to the YMCA of Seattle and development of an indoor facility.

The board was provided a briefing on this conversion at the January 31-February 1, 2018 meeting.

Resolution: 2019-13

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Overview of the Board's Role and Applicable Rules and Policies

The subject of this memo is the conversion of property acquired and developed with grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), Local Parks Category. The sponsor, the City of Kent, conveyed property interests to the YMCA of Seattle for construction of an indoor facility. Additionally, a portion of the park will be used for dedicated YMCA user parking to meet city requirements.

The Role of the Board

Because local needs change over time, state law and Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) rules allow conversions of grant-funded projects if the project sponsor provides for adequate substitution or replacement as listed below.

The role of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to evaluate the practical alternatives considered for the conversion and replacement (including

avoidance) and to consider whether the replacement property and development meets the requirements set in RCO administrative rules and policies. The board does not have the authority in statute or rule to levy penalties or dictate the future use of the property or project area being converted.

Applicable Policies and Rules

The state law¹ for the WWRP includes a prohibition against conversion without board approval.

Specifically:

Habitat and recreation land and facilities acquired or developed with moneys appropriated for this chapter may not, without prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that for which funds were originally approved. The board shall adopt rules and procedures governing the approval of such a conversion.

The board has adopted Washington Administrative Code² and policy that defines when a conversion occurs, the appropriate replacement measures, and the steps that sponsors must take to request approval. The rule that applies to acquisition and development projects is as follows:

The sponsor must:

- Demonstrate the need to convert the project area³ including all efforts to consider practical alternatives, how they were evaluated, and the reasons they were not pursued;
- Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the identification, development and evaluation of the alternatives, including a minimum public comment period of at least thirty days; and
- Provide another project area to serve as replacement. The replacement must:
 - Be interest in real property of at least equal current market value to the converted property;
 - Be of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location;

¹ RCW 79A.15.030 (9)

² WAC 286-13-160; WAC 286-13-170

³ WAC 286-04-010 (19) Project area is a geographic area that delineates a grant assisted site which is subject to application and project agreement requirements.

- Be administered by the same sponsor unless otherwise approved by the board;
- Be a new project area with facilities that satisfy need(s) identified in the sponsor’s current plan, or other relevant local or statewide plan;
- Be eligible in the WWRP account or category of the original project unless otherwise approved by the board; and
- Satisfies the conversion without grant assistance from the board.

Background – RCO Projects Impacted

Project Name: East Hill Neighborhood Park		Project #: 91-170AD
Grant Program: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks Category		Board funded date: July 1991
WWRP Amount	\$381,060.52	Original Purpose: This project acquired and developed 4.62 acres for a neighborhood park. Development included a playground, basketball and tennis courts, picnic shelter, restrooms, sidewalks and pathways, parking, and landscaping.
Project Sponsor Match	\$381,060.52	
Total Amount:	\$762,121.04	

Project Name: East Hill Neighborhood Park Phase 2		Project #: 97-036A
Grant Program: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks Category		Board funded date: April 1997
WWRP Amount	\$479,443	Original Purpose: This project acquired approximately 13 acres to expand East Hill Park.
Project Sponsor Match	\$479,443	
Total Amount:	\$958,887	

Project Name: Morrill Meadows Park Development		Project #: 96-1224D
Grant Program: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks Category		Board funded date: July 1997
WWRP Amount	\$300,000	Original Purpose:

Project Sponsor Match	\$434,289	This project developed approximately 13 acres to expand East Hill Park. Development included a playground, picnic shelter, pathways, restrooms, roads, parking, and landscaping.
Total Amount:	\$734,289	
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Project Name: Morrill Meadows/East Hill Park Connection **Project #:** 02-1175A

Grant Program: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks Category **Board funded date:** July 2003

WWRP Amount	\$275,660	Original Purpose: This project acquired approximately 3.17 acres located between Morrill Meadows Park and East Hill Park.
Project Sponsor Match	\$275,661	
Total Amount:	\$551,321	

The City of Kent was awarded four grants to acquire five parcels totaling about 21.17 acres and develop the East Hill Neighborhood Park and Morrill Meadows Park from 1991 to 2003. The parks are adjacent and located on SE 248th Street. (Attachment A)

The first grant established the neighborhood park. A few years later, the city was awarded a grant to acquire property that created the Morrill Meadows Park, which is located just west of East Hill Neighborhood Park. The most recent grant (#02-1175A) was used to acquire property that connected and consolidated the two parks into one. RCO funding was used to develop facilities in areas throughout both parks, as described above. (Attachment B)

The city subsequently acquired, without RCO funding, the remaining three parcels that had been inholdings in the overall park boundary. (Attachment B)

The Conversion

The city is requesting approval of a conversion for construction of a 50,000 square foot YMCA facility at the park. Property rights have been conveyed to an ineligible third-party (the YMCA of Seattle) and development of a YMCA or similar indoor facility and aquatic center is not eligible nor allowed on RCO funded sites without conversion.

The conversion area is approximately 3.54 acres and crosses multiple parcels and includes the RCO funded developed facilities at the East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. (Attachment C)

Analysis

In summary, the board considers the following factors in addition to the scope of the original grant and the proposed substitution of land or facilities:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis.
- The fair market value of the converted property has been established and the proposed replacement property is of at least equal fair market value.
- Justification exists to show that the replacement property be of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location
- Justification exists to show that the replacement project area (for conversion of developed facilities) has at least reasonably equivalent utility and location.
- The public has opportunities for participation in the process.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives for Conversion

In 2013, the city began discussions with the YMCA on siting a community recreation center and shared use aquatics facility in Kent. The city was considering how to replace the city-owned and managed, Kent-Meridian High School pool⁴.

Subsequent discussions led to an executed Memorandum of Understanding in 2015 that outlined the terms of a partnership that would satisfy each organization's respective needs and criteria. The city's criteria included siting a facility in the East Hill area due to the anticipated loss of the Kent-Meridian High School Pool and recognition of the city's limited financial resources to contribute to the partnership.

Due to the lack of financial resources, the city limited locations for a new YMCA facility to existing city-owned property. The city determined the location of a new facility must meet the following criteria:

- Convenient to the greatest number of households within the city;
- Located on a street that could accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic;
- Located on city-owned property;
- Meeting the YMCA criteria for location near economically challenged neighborhoods; and
- Sited on a property large enough for an indoor facility and aquatic center and for outdoor public use.

⁴ The pool was constructed in the 1970s.

The opportunity to integrate the design of an indoor facility with park improvements was another factor in determining a location. An inventory of park property was completed to determine the city's preferred site which was narrowed down to Clark Lake Park and East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park.

An inholding property located in the northern portion of Clark Lake Park was considered. It was not chosen due to the park's focus on providing passive recreational opportunities rather than active recreation.

The East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park was chosen due to its size, the need for renovating park facilities, and its location with direct access from 248th Street. The city council approved moving forward with the surplus process to sell a portion of the park to the YMCA of Greater Seattle.

The city began master planning for the park in 2016 that included locating the YMCA facility within the park boundary. Public surveys were conducted in June, August, and December 2016 on preliminary concepts and plans. The final site plan was completed in early 2017.

As part of the agreement, the YMCA will renovate portions of the park with a multi-use sport court, dog park, amphitheater, play area, plaza, and walking trails. In addition, the YMCA will provide financial assistance, free passes, and free or reduce fees for public and city access to the facilities for 50 years.

The city has proceeded with its plan. Construction of the YMCA facility began in the summer of 2018.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives Considered for Replacement Property and Development

The city is proposing three (3) separate sites as the cumulative replacement. The city is requesting board approval to replace the land at two separate sites and to replace the development at a third site.

[Alternatives for Replacement Property](#)

The city considered four (4) sites for replacing the land being converted and two (2) sites for replacing the development.

The following sites were considered for the land replacement:

- Lannoye/Public Works property: Two parcels totaling 1.77 acres located on the southern boundary of Clark Lake Park. It provides an opportunity to provide new access to the park from SE 248th Street. The property offers a scenic view of the

lake and could be developed with amenities following completion of the master planning process.

- Walla Property: A 5.55-acre inholding located on the northern boundary of Clark Lake Park. This is an undeveloped property that would provide an area to add recreational amenities.
- Ransom Property: A 3-acre parcel located on the southern boundary of Mill Creek Earthworks Park. The property is undeveloped and would expand the 107-acre park.
- Mendel Property: A 2-acre parcel located west of the Ransom property and on the southern boundary of Mill Creek Earthworks Park. This property has been developed as a single family residence. It provides an opportunity to expand the park at its southern boundary.

Alternatives for Replacement for Recreational Development

The city considered replacing the converted recreational development at four park sites. Those were Clark Lake Park, Earthworks Mill Creek Park, Springwood Park, and Van Doren's Landing Park. However, the timeline for future development at Clark Lake and Earthworks Mill Creek Parks is unknown. Therefore, the city narrowed the list to those places ready to proceed with development. These two sites were the final sites considered:

- Van Doren's Landing: a 10-acre area that is located within the King County Green River Natural Resources Area at 22161 Russell Road. Planned development includes a multi-purpose play area, playground, pickleball court, wiffleball field, horseshoe pits, picnic shelters, trails, restrooms, and parking.
- Springwood Park, a 10-acre park located at 12700 SE 274th Street. This is a neighborhood park that needs to be redeveloped. Master planning has not been completed, however, future improvements may include a picnic shelter, expanded playground, sports courts, and restrooms.

Details of Proposed Replacement Property and Development Replacement

Location / Property Characteristics / Proposed Development

The city proposes the Lannoye/Public Works and Ransom properties as replacement for the converted land. Both properties are adjacent to existing parks. The city proposes the Van Doren's Landing site as replacement for the converted development.

The Lannoye/Public Works parcels are rectangular-shaped and generally level with a slight downhill slope towards 248th Street. One parcel is undeveloped and one parcel has a house and garage built in 1967.

The Ransom property is square-shaped, relatively level and has a single family home built in 1965.

The Van Doren’s Landing site is undeveloped and relatively level.

Evaluation of Fair Market Value

The conversion area and replacement properties have been appraised for fee title interests that meet board policy.

	Conversion Property	Replacement Property	Difference
Market Value	\$1,350,000	\$1,475,000 ⁵	+\$125,000
Acres	3.54	4.77	+1.23 acres

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Location

The Lannoye/Public Works properties are located about 1.7 miles east of the conversion area at East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. The Ransom property is located about 4 miles southeast of East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park.

The Van Doren’s Landing at Green River Natural Resources Area is located about 6 miles northwest of the East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park.

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Usefulness

The conversion area includes developed and undeveloped areas of the East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. The development that has been converted included the half-court basketball courts, tennis courts, playground, restroom, and parking.

The replacement for the recreational development includes picnic shelters, playground, playfield, pickleball court, wiffleball field, trails, restroom, and parking.

⁵ This is the total value provided by the Lannoye/Public Works property (\$585,000) and the Ransom property (\$890,000).

Evaluation of Public Participation

The city has conducted numerous public outreach efforts on the proposed YMCA at East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. In addition, the city council held several public meetings concerning the partnership with the YMCA and location of the new facility. The city's Park and Recreation Commission was kept informed of the plan for the park.

The outreach and public involvement included the following.

June – December 2016: Public surveys as the park master plan was being developed.

August 2017: A notice of a public hearing regarding city council action to surplus a portion of the park property was published. The public notice described the purpose, to remove a covenant for the construction of the YMCA facility. The public notice referenced removal of the RCO grant covenant (deed of right).

October 2017: A public hearing was held on October 17, 2017 regarding removing the covenants on the park property. The city council authorized moving forward on conveying a portion of the East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park property to the YMCA of Greater Seattle.

March 2019: A public notice and request for comments for the conversion and potential replacement was posted on the city's website. The public comment period ran from March 7, 2019 through April 7, 2019. The notice described the conversion and six potential replacement properties and included an invitation to the public to suggest other sites for replacement.

Summary of Public Comments Received

The city received two comments. One commenter suggested the city use the Mendel, Ransom properties to expand Earthworks/Mill Creek Park, and the Springwood Park property for development. The second commenter supported redeveloping Springwood Park with the added RCO restrictions or the Lannoye/Public Works properties as replacement. The commenter also expressed their desire to not lose any more park land to other uses.

Other Basic Requirements Met

Same Project Sponsor

The replacement property will be administered by the same project sponsor (City of Kent).

Satisfy Needs in Adopted Plan

The replacement properties satisfy needs identified in the city's 2016 Park and Open Space Plan for improving opportunities for connecting people with nature through play, education, trails, and gatherings.

Eligible in the Funding Program

The replacement properties and project area meet eligibility requirements.

Conversion Policy Requirements Met

RCO staff have reviewed the sponsor's conversion documentation and verify that all requirements are met.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the conversion and replacement properties as described and illustrated in the memorandum.

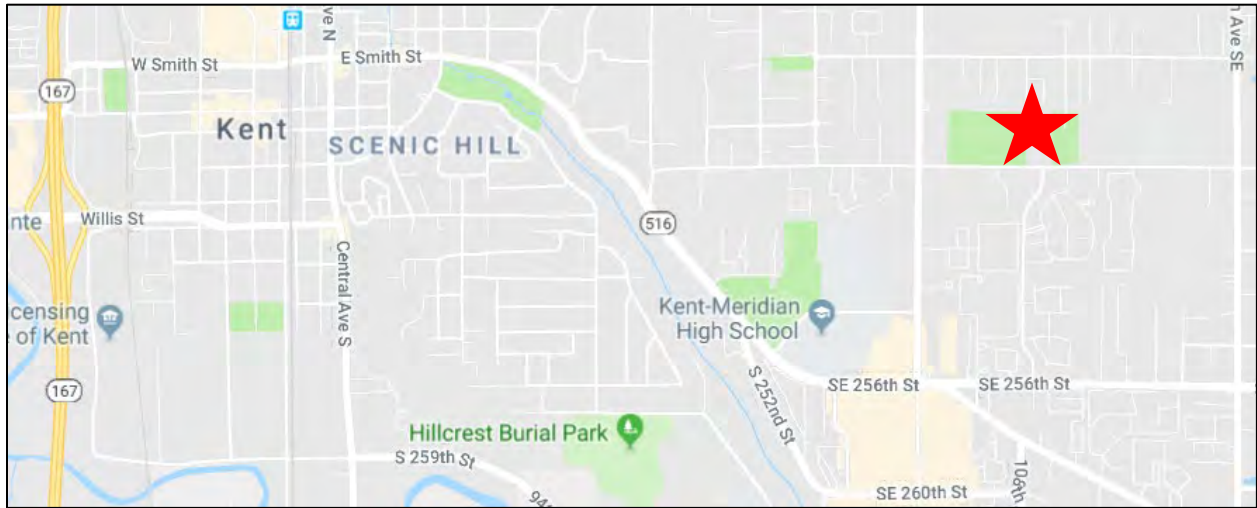
Next Steps

Should the board approve the conversion and replacement, staff will execute all necessary amendments to the project agreement, as directed.

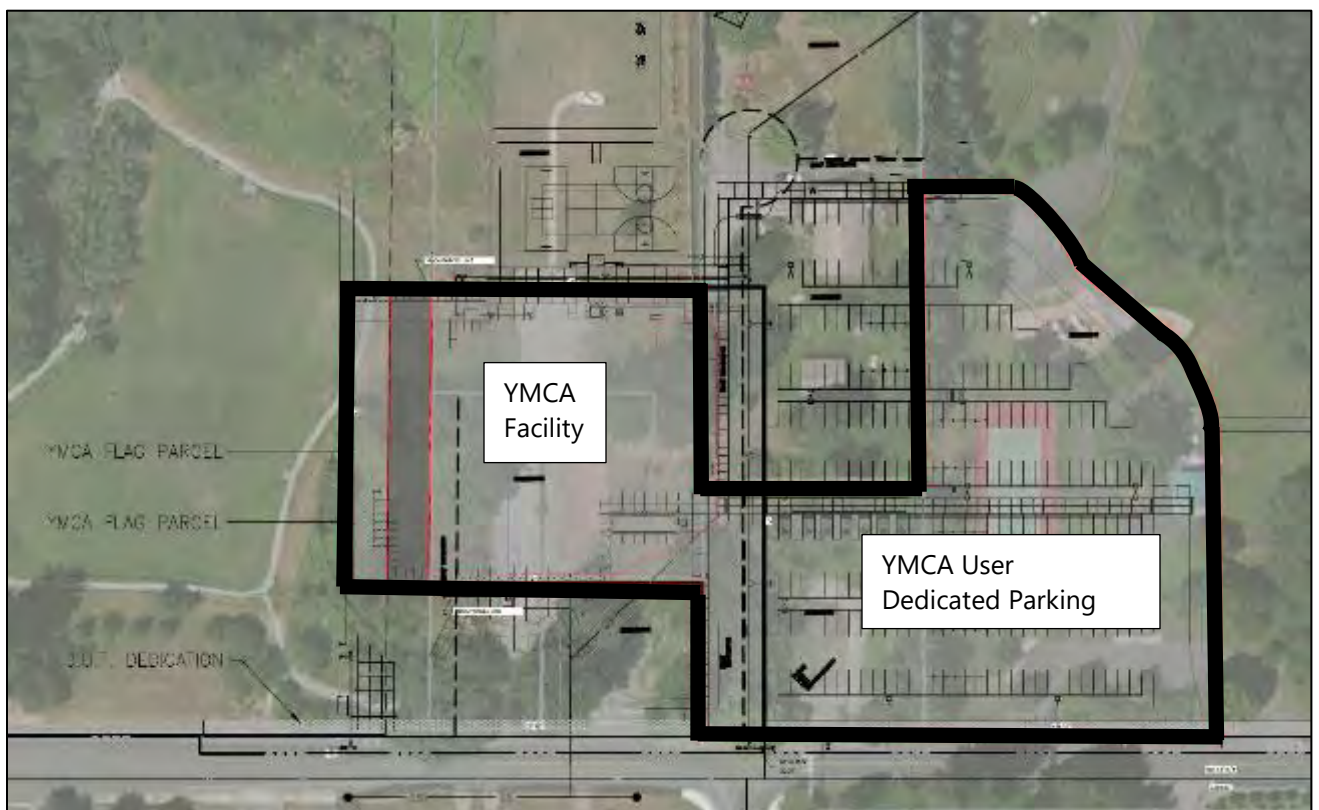
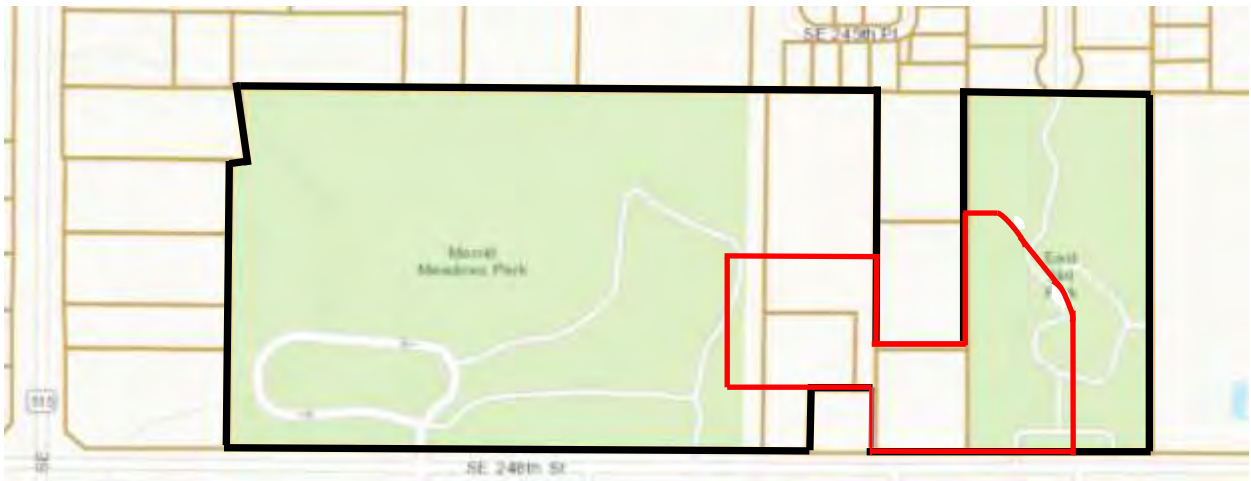
Attachments

- A. East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park Location and Aerial Maps
- B. East Hill/Morrill Meadows Project Boundary and Conversion Area
- C. East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park Photos
- D. Replacement Properties Location and Parcel Maps
- E. Replacement for Development / Project Area and Site Development Plan
- F. Replacement Site Photos
- G. Resolution 2019-13

**Attachment A: East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park Location Maps and Aerial Maps:
Conversion Area is located within the park boundary**



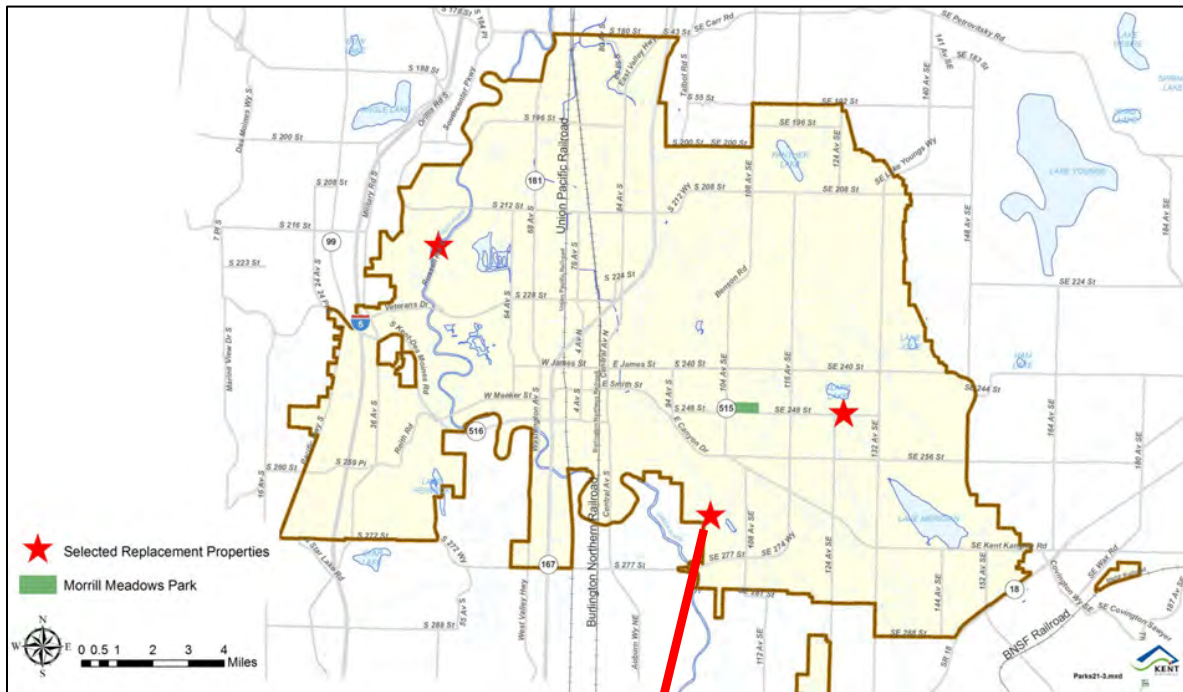
Attachment B: East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park RCO Current Project Boundary and Proposed Conversion Area



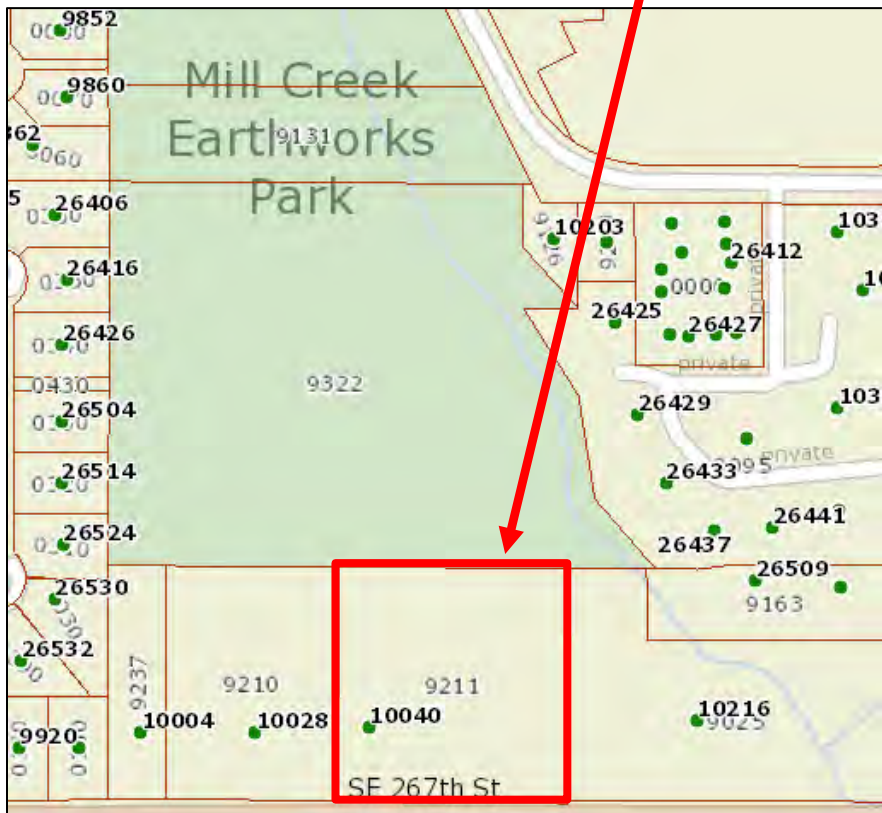
Attachment C: East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park Site Photos - Converted Developed Facilities



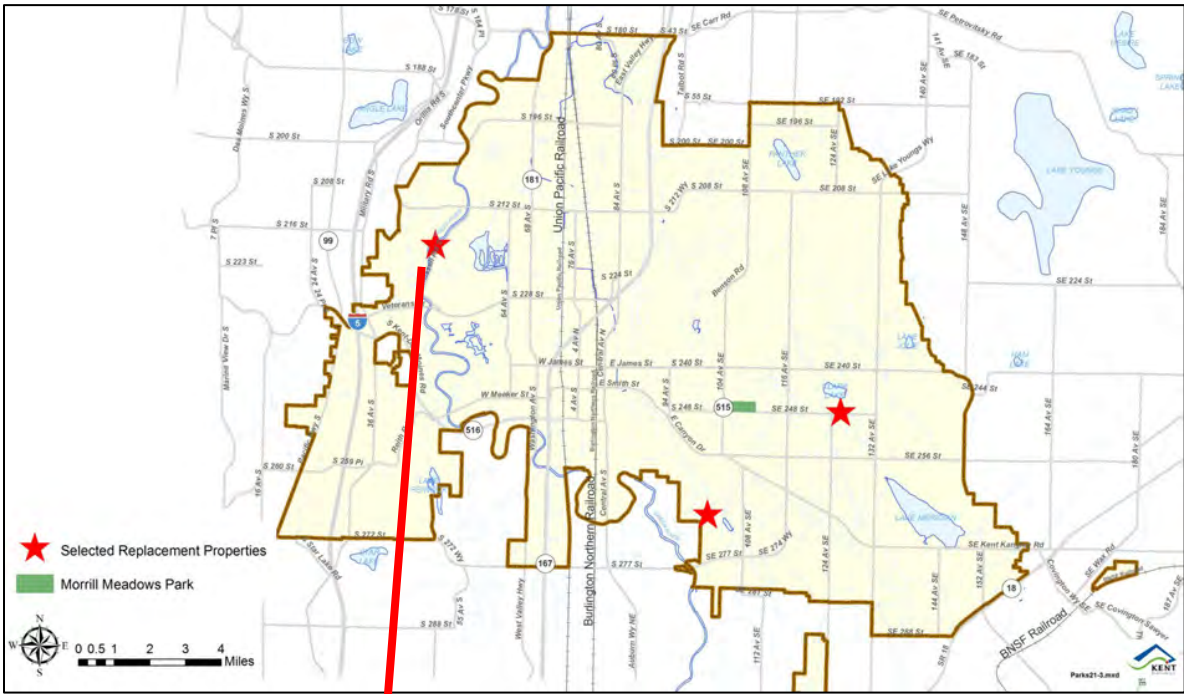
Replacement Property - Ransom



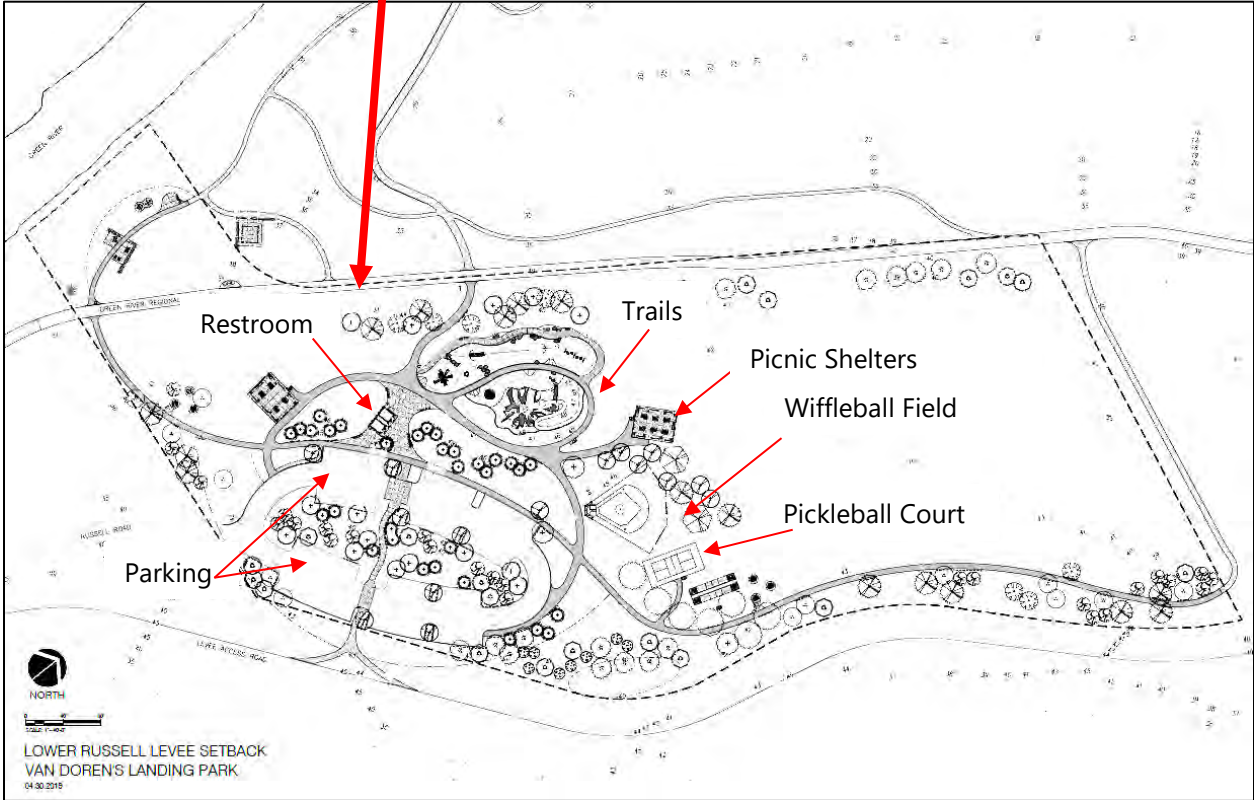
Ransom Property



Attachment E: Replacement – Development Project Area Location Map and Site Development Plan



Van Doren's Landing Site Development Plan



Attachment F: Replacement Site Photos

Lannoye/Public Works Property – Proposed Replacement Land



Ransom Property – Proposed Replacement Land



Van Doren’s Landing – Proposed New Project Area for Replacement of Developed Facilities



**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2019-13
Conversion Request: Kent East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park
RCO #91-170A, 96-1224D, 97-036A, 02-1175A**

WHEREAS, that the City of Kent used grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks category (WWRP-LP) to acquire and develop the parks; and

WHEREAS, the city has converted a portion of the property acquired and developed for construction of a YMCA of Greater Seattle facility thereby creating a conversion; and

WHEREAS, that as a result of this conversion, portions of the property and project area no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, that the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property and project area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement properties are adjacent to existing city parks, have an appraised value that is greater than the conversion area, and has greater acreage than the conversion site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement project area for the converted development is near an existing city park, and will provide reasonable recreational usefulness as the converted development, and

WHEREAS, the replacement properties and project area provide equivalent opportunities of those displaced by the conversion; are supported in the city's parks plan by improving opportunities for connecting people with nature through play, education, trails, and gatherings; thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, that the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion and replacement, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the conversion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board the Board authorizes the Director to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by:

*Resolution seconded
by:*

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Briefing on Conversion Request: City of Seattle Red Barn Ranch
Conversion RCO #69-150A

Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

The City of Seattle is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to approve a conversion of approximately 40 acres of property acquired near Auburn using funding from State Bonds and an open space grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Overview of the Board's Role and Applicable Rules and Policies

The subject of this memo is a proposed conversion of property acquired with a grant using funding from state Bonds and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Open Space Program¹. The project involved the acquisition of a youth recreational camp near Auburn in 1970. The sponsor, the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation, plans to convert the approximately 40 acres of property and replace it with property within the City of Seattle.

The Role of the Board

Because local needs change over time, state laws and Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) rules allow conversions of grant-funded projects if the project sponsor provides for adequate substitution or replacement as listed below.

¹ The HUD grant program was established in 1961 and was repealed in 1983. Projects funded with this federal grant through IAC/RCO remain subject to long-term obligations that survive the grant program.

The role of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to evaluate the practical alternatives considered for the conversion and replacement (including avoidance) and to consider whether the replacement meets the requirements set in RCO administrative rules and policies. The board does not have the authority in statute or rule to levy penalties or dictate the future use of the property or project area being converted.

Applicable Policies and Rules

The board has adopted Washington Administrative Code² and policy that defines when a conversion occurs, the appropriate replacement measures, and the steps that sponsors must take to request approval. The rule that applies to acquisition projects is as follows:

- The sponsor has demonstrated the need to convert the project area³ including all efforts to consider practical alternatives, how they were evaluated, and the reasons they were not pursued;
- Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the identification, development and evaluation of the alternatives, including a minimum public comment period of at least thirty days; and
- Provide another project area to serve as replacement. The replacement for conversion of property acquired with a grant must:
 - Be interest in real property of at least equal current market value to the converted property;
 - Be of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location;
 - Be administered by the same sponsor unless otherwise approved by the board;
 - Satisfy need(s) identified in the sponsor's current plan, or other relevant local or statewide plan;
 - Be eligible in the grant program of the original project unless otherwise approved by the board; and
 - Satisfies the conversion without grant assistance from the board.

² WAC 286-13-160; WAC 286-13-170

³ WAC 286-04-010 (19) Project area is a geographic area that delineates a grant assisted site which is subject to application and project agreement requirements.

Background – RCO Project Impacted

Project Name: Red Barn Ranch	Project #: 69-150A
Grant Program: State Bonds and the Department of Housing and Urban Development ⁴ (HUD)	Board funded date: May 1970
State Bonds Amount \$56,250	Original Purpose: The project acquired approximately 40 acres for an outdoor educational and recreational camping facility.
HUD Amount \$112,500	
Project Sponsor Match \$56,250	
Total Amount: \$225,000	

The City of Seattle was awarded a grant in 1970 to acquire an approximately 40-acre developed recreation and sports camp. It is located in unincorporated King County about 35 miles southeast of the city and 7 miles east of the City of Auburn.

The property, a former farm, had been developed with a dormitory, a house, a barn, sheds, silo, and recreational amenities that included a basketball court and swimming pool. Past use included a sports camp operated by Elgin Baylor and the Seattle Sonics basketball team.

Prior to purchasing the property, the camp was leased by the city, in partnership with the school district, for an educational and recreation camp. The lease included an option to purchase and the city acquired the property in April 1970.

Red Barn Ranch and the facilities were acquired as part of the city's implementation of the Model Neighborhood Program⁵. The purpose of the program was to provide

⁴ The US Department of Housing and Urban Development offered an Open Space Land Program to help curb urban sprawl by providing financial assistance for acquiring land for parks, recreational areas, and for conservation. RCO/IAC utilized the federal funding as a match to state bonds from 1966 to 1983 for fifty six (56) projects. The program was eliminated in 1983.

⁵ The Model Neighborhood Program was part of a federal Model Cities Program created in 1966 to help fund programs to reduce socio-economic disadvantages in designated neighborhoods in urban cities. The federal program ended in 1974.

outdoor educational and recreational camping experiences for youth ages 7-17 in a rural setting.

The city operated the property as a camp through 1982. After that time, the site has been intermittently closed (1982-1985; 1991-1994). In the interim, it was operated as a conference and recreation center (1985-1987); for school group use (1988-1991); leased for Camp Barachah (1995-2007); jointly leased for shared use by Camp Barachah and Seattle Tilth (2008-2016); and lastly by Seattle Tilth (2017-2018). It has been closed since early 2018.

The Conversion

The conversion is being created by the city's decision to sell the property. The site's location and a determination that the property no longer meets an identified need in the Parks Plan led to the decision. The property is vacant and the structures have deteriorated.

Details of Proposed Replacement Property

Location / Property Characteristics

There were initially four properties being considered as replacement property for this conversion. One of those, the Duwamish Waterway Park, is owned by King County. It is not eligible because it has been managed for public outdoor recreation.⁶

The remaining three potential replacement properties include a Seattle City Light property, a King County property, and the North Rainier Charlestown parcel. These properties are located in different sections of the city. (Attachment C)

The city has identified the North Rainier Charlestown property as the preferred replacement property. This 0.51-acre parcel, located adjacent to city-owned property, is planned for development into a neighborhood park. (Attachment C)

Analysis

In summary, the board considers the following factors, in addition to the scope of the original grant and the proposed substitution of land or facilities:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis.

⁶ Manual 3, Ineligible Projects, Acquisition of Existing Public Property

- The fair market value of the converted property has been established and the proposed replacement property is of at least equal fair market value.
- Justification exists to show that the replacement property has at least reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.
- The public has opportunities for participation in the process.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives for Conversion

As an alternative to conversion, the city sought to transfer the property to another public agency. The city contacted King County regarding a transfer or sale, and discussions took place over the period of a year. However, the county was not interested.

The city has attempted to find a buyer who would accept and operate the site in compliance with grant program policies. This effort was unsuccessful.

In addition, city staff advised there were discussions with Seattle Tilth about purchasing the property.

The property is vacant and the structures have deteriorated. There have been numerous break-ins and trespasses.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives Considered for Replacement Property

The city focused their search for replacement property where there are opportunities to add to existing public open space.

The potential replacement properties include:

The North Rainier (Charlestown) property is a 0.15-acre parcel located at the intersection of 35th Ave. S and S. Charlestown Street. It is adjacent to city-owned Parks property that is being developed into a new neighborhood park. It is mostly level and currently has several structures on site.

The South Park Bridge property is a county-owned 0.40-acre property located on South Rose Street near the South Park bridge. It is across the street from the South Park Plaza property, which is planned for development in late 2019 – 2020 to provide community access to open space. It is mostly level and is adjacent to the Duwamish River.

Seattle City Light Broadview property is a 0.89 property located at the intersection of N. 107th and Fremont Ave. North in the Northwest Seattle area. It

is relatively level, has mature deciduous trees, and is located between a residential street and an alley.

Evaluation of Fair Market Value

An appraisal has been ordered for the Red Barn Ranch property. Parks real estate staff estimate a value of approximately \$409,000. Staff will provide the appraised values of the conversion and replacement properties at the October 2019 meeting.

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Usefulness and Location

Administrative rule⁷ ties evaluation of a replacement providing “reasonably equivalent usefulness and location” together.

A significant factor in the location of the replacement for this conversion is that the city no longer pursues property located outside of its jurisdiction or anticipated annexation areas.

Location

The property to be converted is located in unincorporated King County. The preferred replacement property is located about 32 miles away from Red Barn Ranch within the City of Seattle.

Usefulness

Red Barn Ranch has provided focused recreational camping opportunities for youth for about 27 years. It has been used as a conference/retreat center and as a farm.

The city’s preferred replacement property will be a part of a new neighborhood park. It will be located in an area identified in the Parks Plan Gap Analysis as deficit in parks. Conceptual design plans identify potential development of a soccer pitch, sports court or play area.

Evaluation of Public Participation

The city plans to complete the public involvement and comment period before requesting board approval. Staff will provide a summary of the city’s public involvement process at the October 2019 meeting.

⁷ WAC 286-13-160 (c) (i)

Other Basic Requirements Met

Same Project Sponsor

The replacement property will be administered by the same project sponsor (City of Seattle).

Satisfy Needs in Adopted Plan

The city's preferred replacement property meets a need identified in the Parks Plan to "continue to expand park holdings, facilities, and open space opportunities with an emphasis on serving urban centers and urban villages that are home to marginalized populations and areas that have been underserved".

Staff will provide the city's justification on how the final, proposed replacement property satisfies the needs as described in the city's plan at the October 2019 meeting.

Eligible in the Funding Program

The preferred replacement property, North Rainier Charlestown, is eligible as it was acquired under a Waiver of Retroactivity. If through the public involvement process another option for replacement is identified and preferred by the city, staff will provide information on the final proposed replacement property eligibility at the October 2019 meeting.

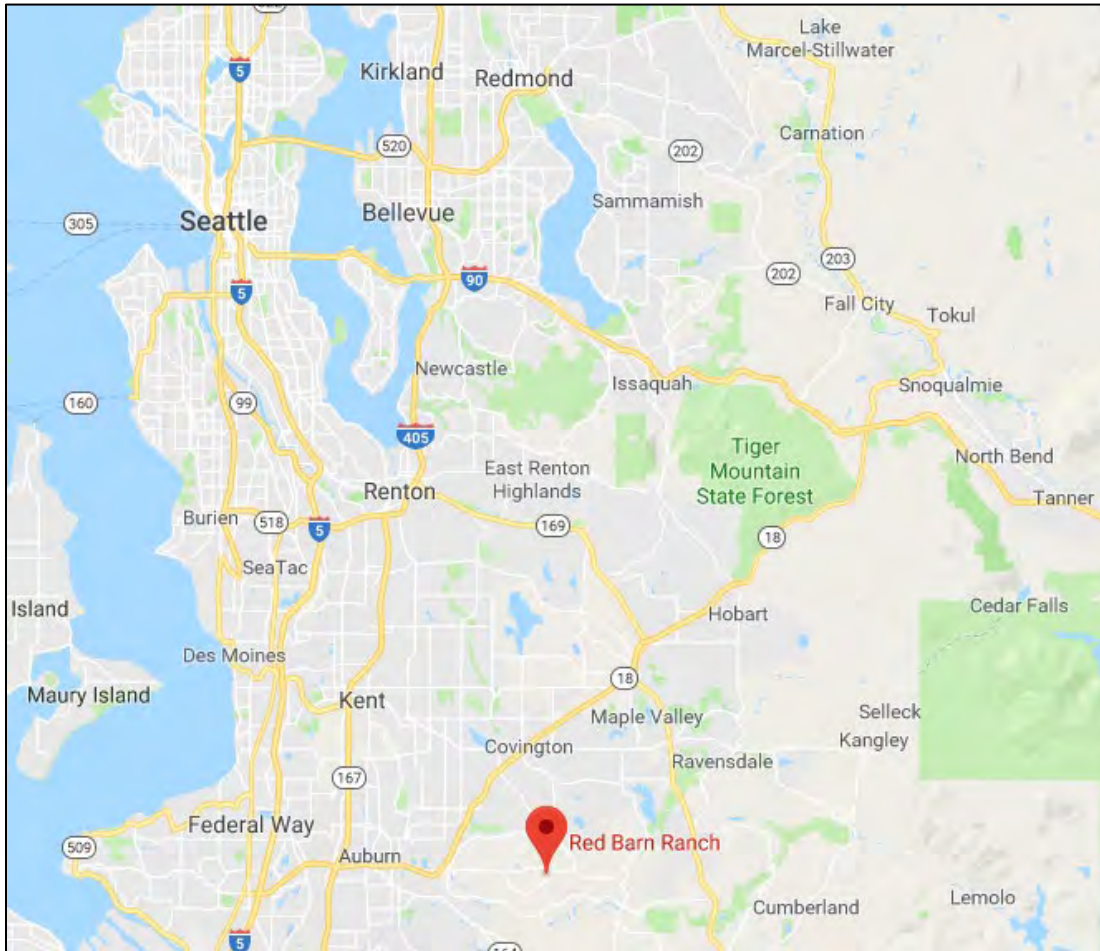
Next Steps

RCO staff will work with the City of Seattle to comply with the conversion requirements and finalize the conversion request for a board decision at the October 2019 meeting. These preparations will take into account any questions raised by the board at the June 27 meeting.

Attachments

- A. Red Barn Ranch Location and Aerial Maps
- B. Red Barn Ranch Site Photos
- C. Potential Replacement Properties Location Map
- D. Preferred Replacement Property – Aerial and Parcel Map
- E. Other Replacement Property Options Aerial, and Parcel Maps
- F. Preferred Replacement Property Conceptual Site Development Plans

Attachment A: Red Barn Ranch Location and Aerial Map

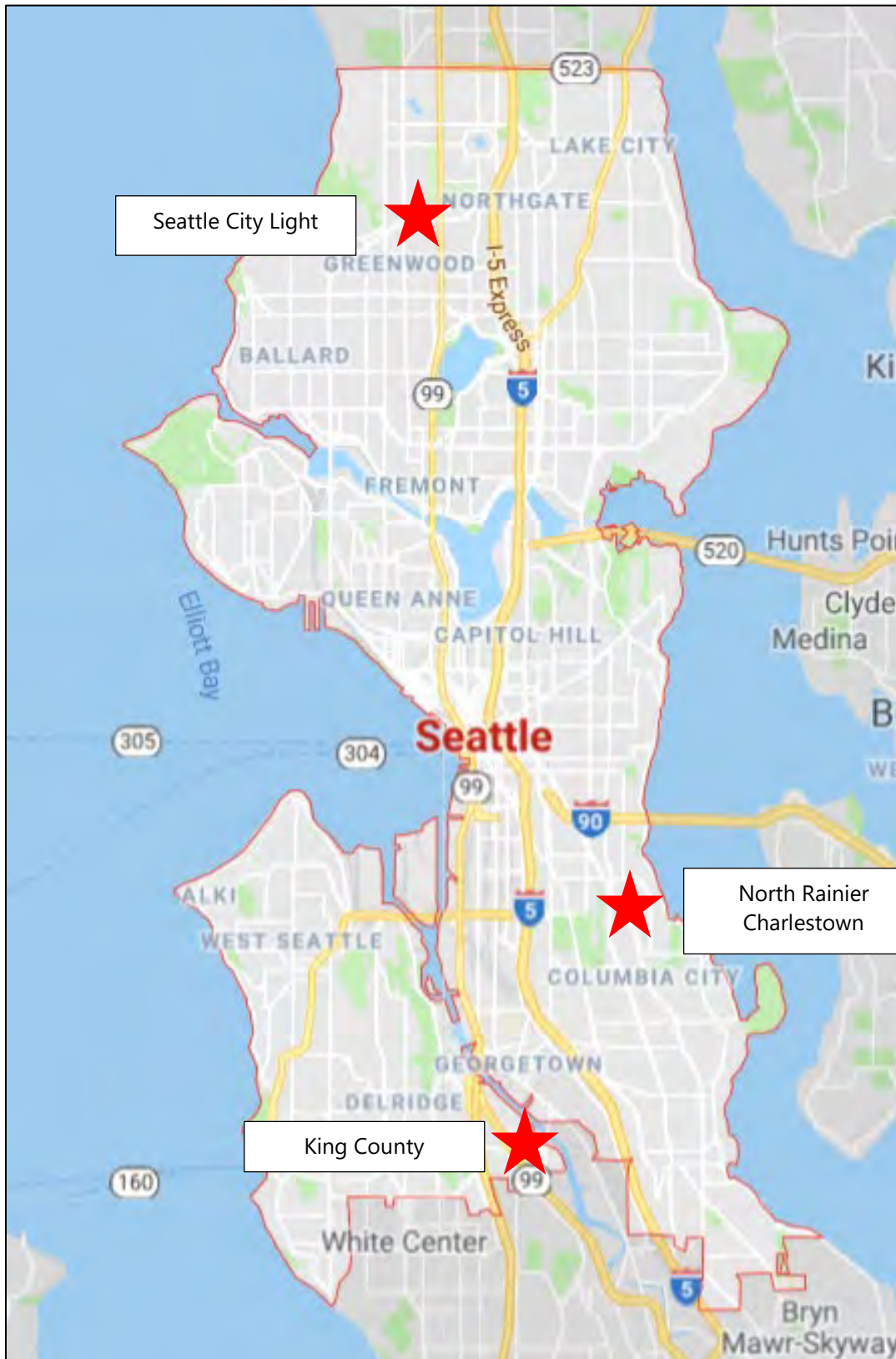


Attachment B: Red Barn Ranch Site Photos





Attachment C: Potential Replacement Properties Location Map

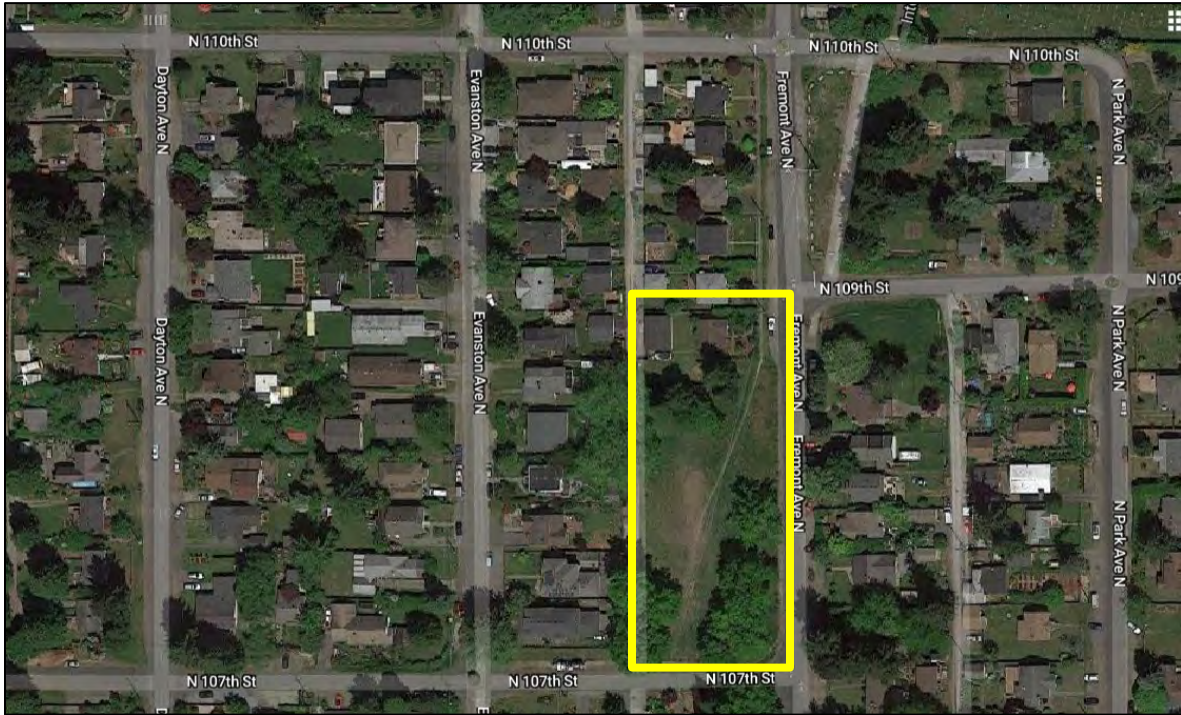
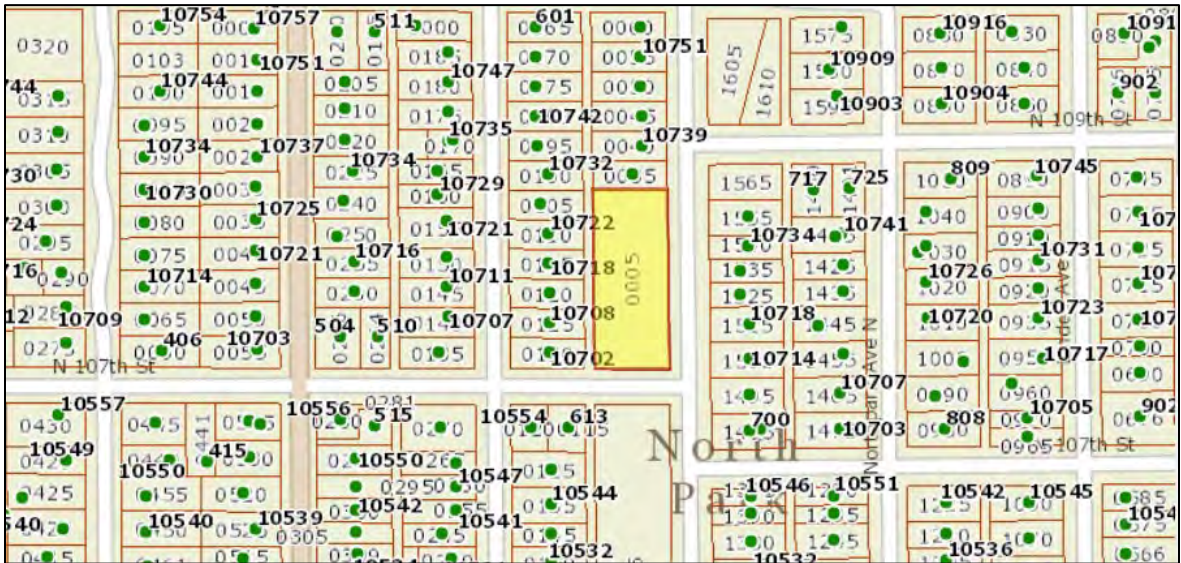


Attachment D: Preferred Replacement Property, North Rainier Charlestown Property: Aerial and Parcel Map

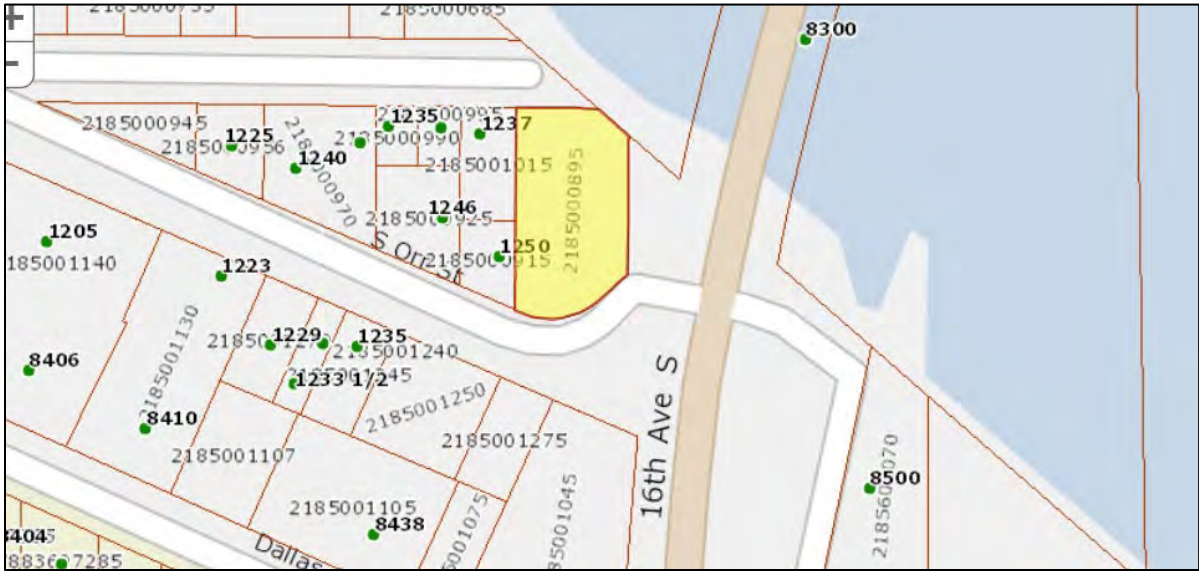


Attachment E: Other Replacement Property Options Aerial, and Parcel Maps

Seattle City Light Property



King County Property



Attachment F: Preferred Replacement Property, Conceptual Site Development Plans





APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Briefing on Conversion Request: Clallam County Dungeness Farm, RCO #06-1849A

Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist and Kim Sellers, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Clallam County is asking the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to approve a conversion of approximately 18 acres of property acquired from a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farmland Preservation.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Overview of the Board's Role and Applicable Rules and Policies

The Role of the Board

Because local needs change over time, state laws and Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) rules allow conversions of grant-funded projects if the project sponsor provides for adequate substitution or replacement as listed below.

The role of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to evaluate the practical alternatives considered for the conversion and replacement (including avoidance) and to consider whether the replacement meets the requirements set in RCO administrative rules and policies. The board does not have the authority in statute or rule to levy penalties or dictate the future use of the property or project area being converted.

Applicable Policies and Rules

The state law¹ for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) includes a prohibition against conversion without board approval.

Specifically,

Habitat and recreation land and facilities acquired or developed with moneys appropriated for this chapter may not, without prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that for which funds were originally approved. The board shall adopt rules and procedures governing the approval of such a conversion. The board has adopted Washington Administrative Code² and policy that defines when a conversion occurs, the appropriate replacement measures, and the steps that sponsors must take to request approval. The rule that applies to acquisition projects is as follows:

- The sponsor has demonstrated the need to convert the project area³ including all efforts to consider practical alternatives, how they were evaluated, and the reasons they were not pursued;
- Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the identification, development and evaluation of the alternatives, including a minimum public comment period of at least thirty days; and
- Provide another project area to serve as replacement. The replacement for conversion of property acquired with a grant must:
 - Be interest in real property of at least equal current market value to the converted property;
 - Be of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location;
 - Be administered by the same sponsor unless otherwise approved by the board;
 - Satisfy need(s) identified in the sponsor's current plan, or other relevant local or statewide plan;
 - Be eligible in the WWRP account or category of the original project unless otherwise approved by the board; and
 - Satisfies the conversion without grant assistance from the board.

¹ RCW 79A.15.030 (9)

² WAC 286-13-160; WAC 286-13-170

³ WAC 286-04-010 (19) Project area is a geographic area that delineates a grant assisted site which is subject to application and project agreement requirements.

Background – RCO Project Impacted

Project Name: Dungeness Farmland

Project #: 06-1849A

Grant Program: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farmland Preservation Category

Board funded date: 6/7/07

WWRP-Farmland \$293,471

Project Sponsor Match \$293,471

Total Amount: \$586,942

Original Purpose:

The project acquired approximately 38 acres via an agricultural conservation easement.

In 2007, Clallam County was awarded a grant to acquire an agricultural conservation easement on about 38 acres of prime farmland located just north of Sequim Washington on the Olympic peninsula. The purpose of the easement was to extinguish all unused development rights on the property to allow the land to remain in farmland in perpetuity.

The easement included a 5 acre building envelop that includes the farms infrastructure as well as 31 acres of farmland and 2 acres of riparian buffer. (See Attachment B: Dungeness Farmland – Current Easement Boundary)

The property is the home to the Dungeness Valley Creamery, which has been in business since the late 1880s. The proximity of the farm’s infrastructure to the fields is an important factor in the farm’s long-term viability and greatly enhances the probability that the farm will remain productive long into the future.

The Conversion

Early in 2000 Clallam County joined a number of partners on the Dungeness River Estuary Project to restore the mouth of the Dungeness River to its natural floodplain habitat. The project included dike removal along 3,400’ of the west bank of the river, ultimately resulting in 150 acres of functional floodplain at the mouth of the river.

With the Dungeness River Estuary Project now completed, the county is looking to expand their efforts further upstream along the Dungeness River. Although the early work was located about a mile to the north of the Dungeness Creamery, new restoration plans would directly impact the western half of the creamery.

The proposed action is to sell the western portion of the property encumbered with the agricultural conservation easement that is closest to an existing levee to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

The eastern portion of the encumbered property would be retained for farmland. The County plans to move the existing levee easterly into the Creamery property in order to reconnect a portion of the Dungeness River with its historic floodplain. This new alignment would allow the river to flow in a more natural pattern, thereby increasing quality habitat and reducing the frequency and intensity of flooding.

Details of Proposed Replacement Property

Location / Property Characteristics

The proposed replacement property is located immediately adjacent to the Dungeness Creamery to the south and has similar to better agricultural values as compared to the current easement area proposed for conversion. Specifically, the replacement property maintains the connectivity of the farm, proving grazing fields and infrastructure in close proximity, which is important efficiency and the long-term viability of the farm.

Additionally, the replacement property has similar soil conditions and water availability as the current property. The replacement property is somewhat superior to the current property because it is slightly higher in elevation, making it is less prone to seasonal flooding and consequently more productive year round. With the current easement configuration, the farmer must remove his cows from a portion of his fields each year due to winter flooding of the northeastern corner of his property.

Analysis

In summary, the board considers the following factors in addition to the scope of the original grant and the proposed substitution of land or facilities:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis.
- The fair market value of the converted property has been established and the proposed replacement property is of at least equal fair market value.
- Justification exists to show that the replacement property has at least reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.
- The public has opportunities for participation in the process.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives for Conversion

Not converting the Dungeness Valley Creamery would mean that the levee setback would not occur on that section of the river. However, the setback would still occur to the north and the south, which would result in there being a narrowing of the channel

migration zone at the Creamery. To protect the Creamery, an expensive spur levee would need to be constructed to the north. See Attachment D.

Performing restoration to the North and South of the Creamery provides important habitat benefits even without the inclusion of the Creamery property. However, without including some of the Creamery property the restoration work would be much more difficult and more costly. The inclusion of the Creamery property allows the river to flow in a more natural path which is critical to maintaining a healthy river ecosystem, improving salmon habitat and reducing the risk of flooding.

Including part of the Creamery in the restoration is also important for the long-term protection of the farm. The trend in this area is for farmland to get wetter and less productive over time. Relocating some of the Creamery from some very low ground to higher ground will be a benefit to the farm operation.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives Considered for Replacement Property

No Action. This alternative would mean that the farm would remain intact and no alteration would be made to the easement area. The result of this alternative would result levee setbacks would proceed to the north and south of the project with the Dungeness Valley Creamery restricting the river in the middle. To protect the Creamery, an expensive spur levee would need to be constructed to the north. This additional expense would be avoided by proceeding with the conversion of the western half of the Creamery.

Preferred Alternative. This alternative would mean that the levee setback work would be completed as planned and would convert the western 18 acres of the Dungeness Creamery. The replacement property would be the farmland located immediately to the south of the current Creamery, thereby maintaining the connectivity of the farm to pastureland. Further, the proposed replacement property is at a slightly higher elevation that renders the fields dryer and therefore more productive than the original pastures. The current landowner of the replacement property has indicated an interest in selling their property and the county is eager to acquire this property before it goes on the open market and is purchased by another buyer.

Other Alternative Replacement Properties. Two other properties located short distances away from the Creamery were considered as potential replacement properties because the landowners have indicated an interest in selling their property and because they are within the County's designated Agricultural Retention zone. These are:

1. Thirty-five acres of farmland for sale on Old Olympic Highway and Dorothy Hunt Lane owned by the McLane-Wallacker Trust.

2. Eighty acres of farmland at the intersection of Towne Road and Woodcock Road in private ownership.

Although these properties were considered, they were determined to not be viable options. The Creamery, being one of only two such operations in the county, is a unique business that requires specific infrastructure and pastureland. The long-term viability of the Creamery is dependent on pastureland being located in close proximity to the farm's infrastructure to eliminate the need to truck cows on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, neither of the two farms selected provide this connectivity. While both provide opportunities for pastureland, the infrastructure that makes the Creamery a successful dairy is not currently available at these sites. Therefore, utilizing one of these alternatives would require the entire Dungeness Creamery, including infrastructure, to be re-established at a new location. The cost for this option would be prohibitive.

Evaluation of Fair Market Value

The estimated value of the conversion area is \$333,500. The county has not yet completed appraisals for either the farmland to be converted or the potential replacement property. These appraisals will be completed prior to staff bringing this project back for final board approval.

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Location

The Preferred Alternative is to purchase the property directly to the south of the existing Creamery. This location maintains the connectivity, which is important to the long-term viability of the farm. Without this connectivity, the farmer would need to truck his cows to a location away from his main operation.

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Usefulness

The Preferred Alternative allows the Creamery to maintain their existing infrastructure and simply move their pastureland to the south.

The soils of the replacement pastureland are equal to or better than the soils in the converted area and the replacement land is less prone to being flooded from the river. The trend for areas along the river is for them to become wetter and less productive over time. By relocating the pastureland from an area of lower elevation to an area of slightly higher elevation will lessen the chance of seasonal flooding and thus be an overall benefit to the farm operation.

Evaluation of Public Participation

The county plans to complete the public involvement in the alternatives analysis and comment period before requesting board approval. Staff will provide a summary of the county's public involvement process at the October 2019 meeting.

Other Basic Requirements Met

Same Project Sponsor.

The replacement property will be administered by the same project sponsor. Additionally, the landowner will also remain the same, so the farming practices that were evaluated at the time the farm was originally funded will remain essentially the same.

Satisfy Needs in Adopted Plan.

The Dungeness Creamery and the potential replacement property are both within the County's designated Agricultural Retention zone that includes over 6,000 acres of prime farmland located within the Sequim-Dungeness Planning Region⁴.

Agricultural resources land goals are included in 31.02.120 of Clallam's County Wide Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, item 31.02.120 (4) states, "Clallam County should ensure that public actions are managed to minimize disruption of agricultural activity. When permanent conservation of a parcel of farmland is assured, utilities and transportation should be designed to minimize conflicts with farming."

Further, the County has incorporated a right-to-farm provision. The County also encourages the preservation of farmland through programs that include the purchase of development rights.

Eligible in the Funding Program

In order for land to be eligible in the Farmland Preservation Program, the land must be either currently designated or eligible as farmland consistent with the County's Open Space Tax Code⁵. The proposed replacement property is designated as farmland with the County Assessor's Office and is currently in a farmable condition, operating as a working farm.

⁴ Section 31.02.115 (2) of the Clallam County-Wide Comprehensive Plan

⁵ Revised Code of Washington 84.34.020

Next Steps

RCO staff will work with Clallam County to comply with the conversion requirements and finalize the conversion request for a board decision at the October 2019 meeting. These preparations will take into account any questions raised by the board at the June 27 meeting.

Attachments

- A. Location Map
- B. Map of the Current Easement
- C. Preferred Alternative – Replacement Property
- D. Location for Levee Setbacks – with Optional Spur Levee
- E. Alternative Replacement Properties Map
- F. Site Photos
- G. Photos of the proposed replacement property

Attachment A - Location and Aerial Maps

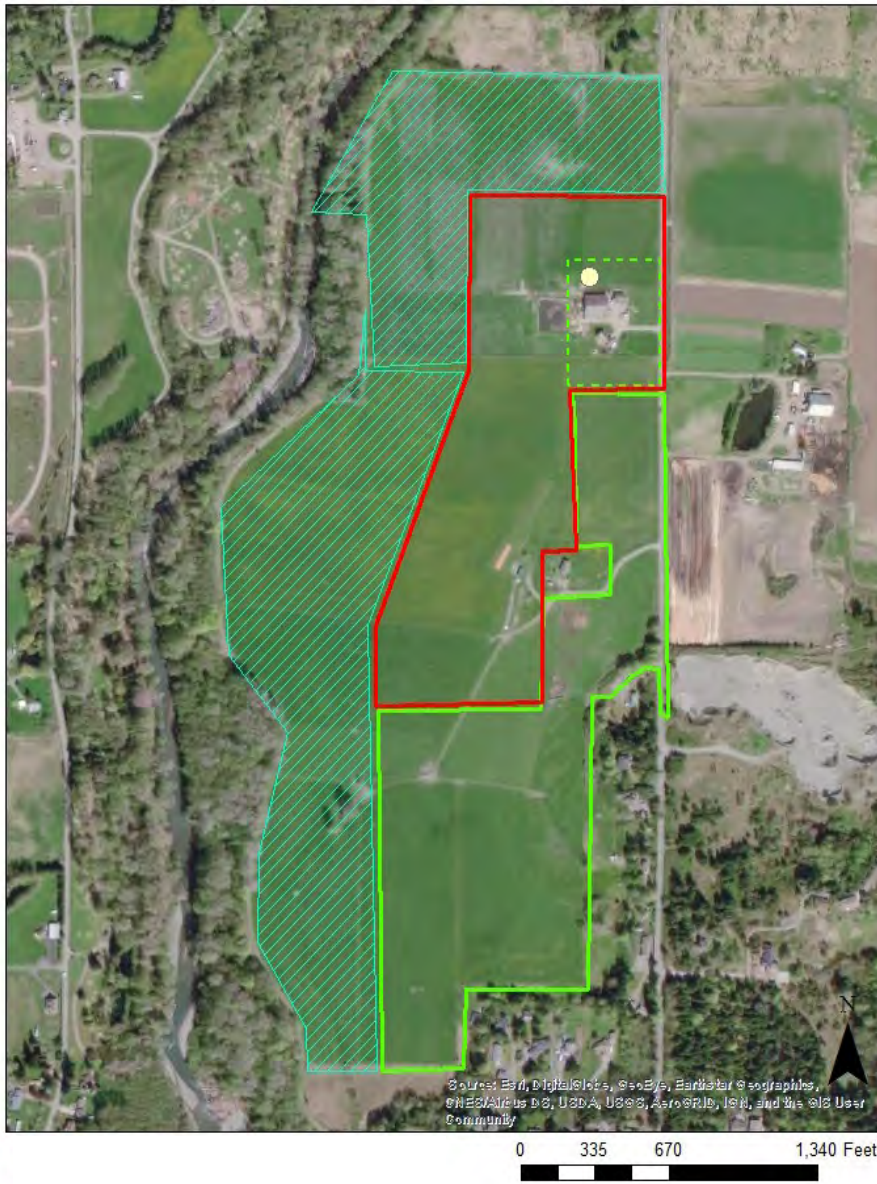
Location Map – Dungeness Creamery







Attachment B - Map of the Current Easement

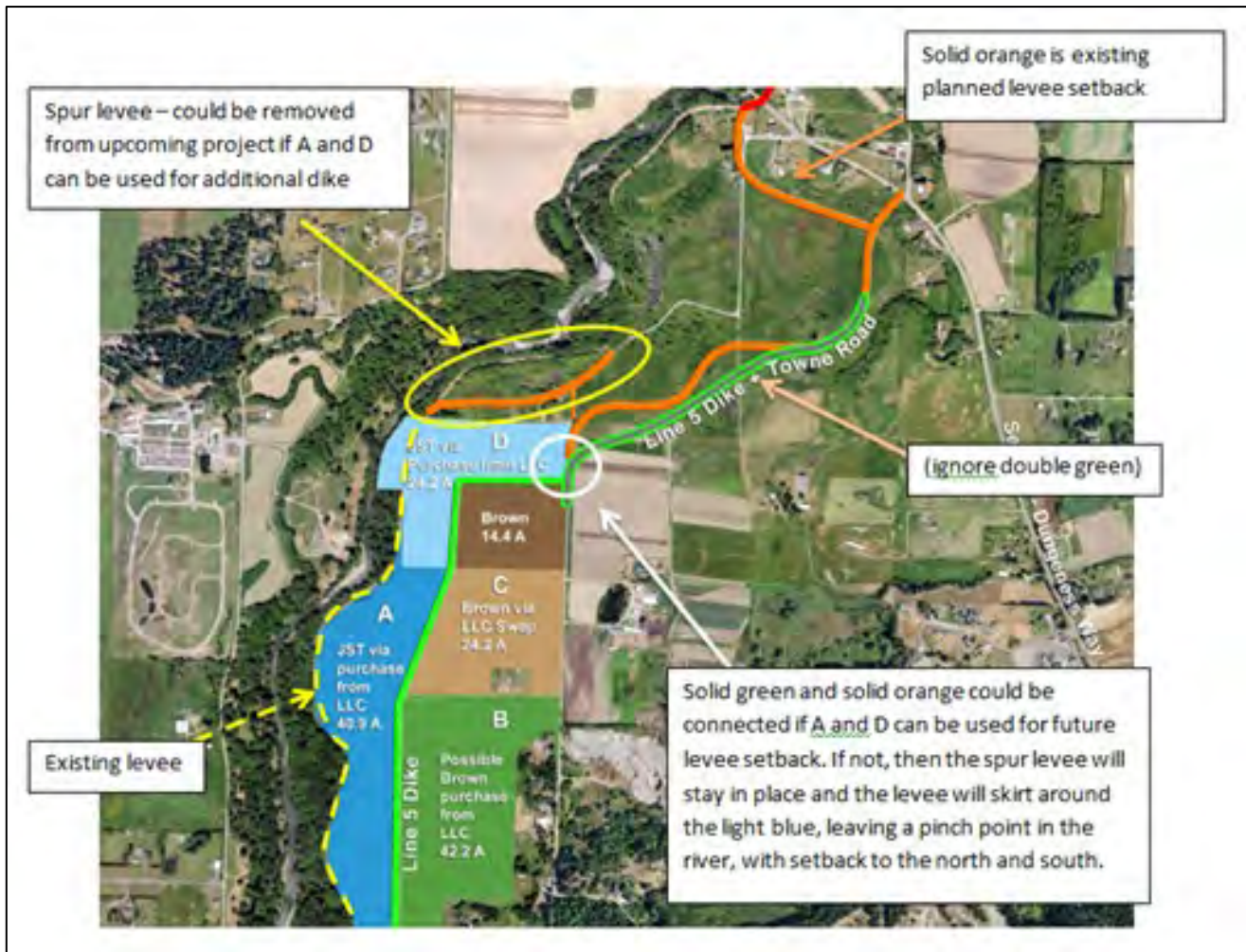


Attachment C - Preferred Alternative – Replacement Property



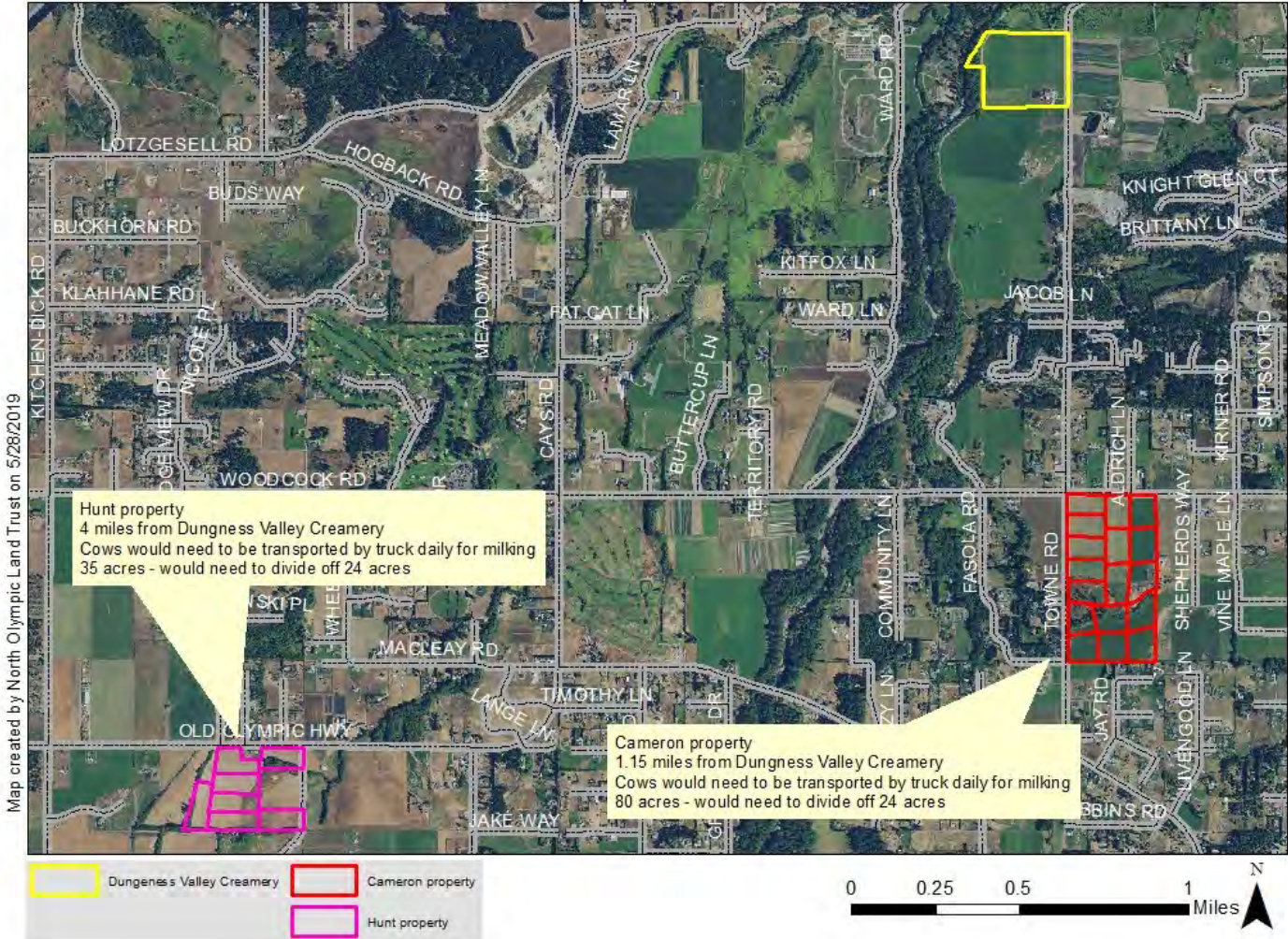
-  - Tribal Ownership – Floodplain Restoration
-  - Dungeness Valley Creamery Easement- Building Envelope
-  - New Boundary of the Dungeness Valley Creamery Easement
-  - Dungeness Farmland Phase II – 2018 Application

Attachment D - Location for Levee Setbacks - with Optional Spur Levee



Attachment E - Alternative Replacement Property Map

**Dungeness Valley Creamery
Alternative properties considered**



Attachment F - Site Photos

Area to be removed from the conservation easement (western portion – levee and river on left)



Area to be removed from conservation easement SW corner (levee and river in background)



Photo of levee on property, looking north



Area to be removed from conservation easement, wet area, north boundary (levee and river in background)



Attachment G - Photos of the proposed replacement property



APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Riparian Protection Category Review

Prepared By: Ben Donatelle, Policy Specialist

Summary

This memo summarizes policy discussions held by the Riparian Protection Category Review Workgroup and details the draft recommended changes to the project evaluation criteria in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Riparian Protection category. The proposed changes aim to increase efficiency of the project evaluation process and reduce redundancy between unique criteria. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requests direction from the board in anticipation of soliciting public comment on the proposed recommendations.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Background

In January 2018, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) directed RCO staff to review the WWRP Riparian Protection category. The goal of the review is to evaluate how well the funded projects align with the statutory intent of the category, make recommendations to address issues raised by the Advisory Committee, and include criteria related to climate change. Issues identified and policy topics discussed by this workgroup were summarized in [Item 5](#) at the April board meeting.

RCO staff worked with the Riparian Protection policy workgroup (workgroup) between January and June to develop recommendations for evaluation criteria changes. This memo details the draft recommendations proposed by the workgroup and requests feedback from the board before soliciting public comment.

Policy Issues

Evaluation Criteria

The workgroup identified the overarching goal of this project as simplifying the evaluation criteria. Upon review, the detailed questions within the evaluation criteria contained significant redundancy and overlap which created confusion for both the applicants and evaluators. The workgroup's primary goals were to reduce this redundancy and clarify detailed questions by replacing subjective questions such as "What is the quality of this habitat," and "how important is this project?" A secondary goal was to remove the yes/no aspect of questions and use prompts to encourage a more descriptive narrative.

In summary, the proposed evaluation criteria eliminate three distinct criteria while maintaining all the statutory considerations. The proposed criteria also eliminate the redundancy and overlap that existed between some of the existing criteria topics. The workgroup focused on reorganizing and clarifying the detailed questions to increase efficiency and reduce both applicant and evaluator confusion. The proposed criteria maintain a high priority on protecting intact, functioning ecosystems at a watershed scale and aim to strike a balance between maintaining the ecological integrity of the protected areas with public access and other public benefits of protecting the site. The full revised evaluation criteria are included as Attachment A.

The workgroup process used a single document procedure to achieve consensus around the revised questions. The proposed criteria drastically changed not only the structure of the criteria, but the detailed questions within that structure. Due to the extensive changes between the existing criteria and the proposed revised criteria, it's impossible to show a strike-out or edited version. Notes at the beginning of each criteria topic summarize the proposed changes, and a link to the [2018 criteria](#) is provided if the board wishes to compare the current criteria with what is proposed.

Pollinator Legislation

The 2019 Legislature passed SSB 5552 which adds a requirement to the WWRP Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, Urban Wildlife Habitat, and Riparian Protection categories for the board to consider, "whether the project provides habitat benefits for the feeding, nesting, and reproduction of all pollinators, including honey bees." RCO staff integrated consideration of pollinator habitat into the Acquisition Benefits evaluation criteria in order to comply with the statutory changes.

Maintain Programmatic Distinction

At the April meeting, the board expressed concern over mission creep in this category and the potential for this category to focus resources on salmon and orca recovery, rather than the broad suite of riparian conservation values defined in the WWRP statutes. This concern has been equally expressed as a topic of conversation at the workgroup's meetings. The workgroup focused on maintaining the broad applicability of the Riparian Protection category in its recommendations to revise the evaluation criteria.

Grant Limits

The board requested that the staff evaluate whether implementing a maximum grant limit in the Riparian Protection category would allow the funding to be distributed to a greater number of projects. RCO staff conducted an analysis of the effect of imposing a hypothetical maximum award limit on the 2016 and 2018 ranked list of projects, which was detailed in [Item 5](#) of the April board meeting.

The ability of the Riparian Protection category to fund large landscape projects is widely recognized as one of the major benefits of the Riparian Protection category. The workgroup agreed that imposing a funding cap would all but eliminate that benefit and rule out projects that provide extremely valuable riparian protection benefits. Therefore, the workgroup does not recommend the board establish a maximum grant limit.

Next Steps

Following the Board's discussion and direction, RCO staff will solicit public comment on the DRAFT policy options and recommendations. Following public comment, RCO staff will convene a final meeting of the workgroup to address public comments and finalize the recommendations, which will be presented for the board's consideration and adoption in October.

Attachments

Attachment A: Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Attachment A: Proposed Riparian Protection Evaluation Criteria

"Riparian habitat" means land adjacent to water bodies, as well as submerged land such as streambeds, which can provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species. Riparian habitat includes, but is not limited to, shorelines and near-shore marine habitat, estuaries, lakes, wetlands, streams, and rivers.

Proposed: Riparian Protection Category Evaluation Summary			
Scored By	Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Maximum Score
Advisory Committee	Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map Project goals and objectives 	Not Scored
Advisory Committee	1. Acquisition benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological makeup Riparian Habitat Pollinator Habitat Surrounding Land Uses Level of protection 	20
Advisory Committee	2. Planning and community support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan support Community engagement 	15
Advisory Committee	3. <u>Stewardship and Restoration</u>		16 points
	Part 1: Acquisition Projects/ Combination Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational capacity Stewardship plan 	16 points/ 8 points
	Part 2: Combination Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration Plan 	8 points
Advisory Committee	4. Threats to the habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threats to the site Immediacy of threat 	5
Advisory Committee	5. Community Benefits and Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Benefits Public Access Public engagement Education and scientific opportunities 	10
RCO Staff	6. Matching share		4
RCO Staff	7. Growth Management Act preference		0
Total Possible Points			70

Project Introduction

This is an opportunity to set the stage for the project. The following detailed criteria will provide an opportunity to describe the project in more depth, however the intent here is primarily to help orient the evaluators to the project.

- a. Locate the project on statewide, regional, and site maps to help orient the evaluators to the project area and it's context within the landscape; and

- b. briefly provide a broad overview of the site and the project's goals and objectives (e.g. acquisition goals, habitat or ecosystem type, and opportunities for connecting people with nature)

▲ **Project introduction is not scored**

Detailed Scoring Criteria

1. Acquisition Benefits

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include merging questions from site suitability with riparian habitat benefits to reduce redundancy, and clarifying questions to address the benefits of the project to the greater watershed.

Describe the specific environmental benefits of this project.

- a. Describe the ecological structure and composition of the property to be acquired? What riparian habitat types exist on the property (e.g. wetland, stream, estuary, etc.)? What non-riparian habitat types exist on the property? Describe the extent to which sensitive, threatened or endangered species occur on-site?
- b. How much of the property is considered riparian? How was the riparian area defined (e.g. flood maps, channel migration zone, tree height, local regulations, etc.)?
- c. How does the site support the feeding, nesting and reproduction of native pollinator species (e.g. honey bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, etc.)?¹
- d. What are the surrounding land uses? Is this site adjacent to other protected habitat areas? Does this site connect otherwise isolated protected habitat areas?
- e. What level of protection will be placed on the property? Will the site be protected in perpetuity? If the site will be protected with a conservation easement, describe the plan for inspection and enforcement?

¹ Consideration of pollinator habitat required by passage of Senate Substitute Bill 5552.

▲ **Point Range: 0 - 20 points**

2. Planning and Community Support

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include merging questions from Planning Priority and Project Support to reduce redundancy and clarify questions about how the project is supported by local, regional or statewide planning efforts and/or coordinated strategies.

- a. How is this project area, or its ecological characteristics, supported by a current plan or a coordinated state or regional prioritization effort? Who is the plan's proponent(s) and how does this proposal help meet the goals or strategies of the identified plans? (e.g., Natural Heritage Plan; watershed plan; salmon recovery plan; climate adaptation plan; or other local comprehensive or shoreline master plan)
- b. What are the future potential additions to the conserved land base in the area? Is this site an "anchor site" for future conservation opportunities? Why is this site a high priority at this time?
- c. Describe the community engagement efforts for this project proposal. How was the local community engaged in the scoping and development of this project?

▲ **Point Range: 0 - 15 points**

3. Stewardship and Restoration

NOTE: If this is only an acquisition project, answer only Part 1 and receive up to 16 points. If this is a combination acquisition and restoration project, answer both Parts 1 & 2 and receive up to 8 points for each part.

Part 1: All applicants please describe:

- a. Your organization's capacity to manage the site including staff, volunteer, and financial capacity, and any other relevant factors.
- b. What is your experience with riparian habitat land management?
- c. What partners are involved? Describe how partners have demonstrated a commitment to assist with project implementation or long-term management of the site.

- d. Discuss the stewardship plan for the property and the ongoing funding sources to implement the stewardship plan. Include in your discussion plans for controlling or removing invasive species and noxious weeds.

Part 2: If this project seeks funding for restoration please also answer the following questions:

- e. Describe your organization's experience with riparian restoration projects.
- f. Describe the ecological condition of the site. Describe the desired future condition.
- g. Describe the restoration goals and project design: What is the restoration plan? When will it be implemented?
- h. What other sources of funding will be used for restoration activities?
- i. Describe the risks to achieving success of the restoration goals.

▲ **Point Range: 0 - 16 points**

4. Threats to the Habitat

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include clarifying questions about general threats to the property and the immediacy of those threats, and clarifying how the project will address the identified threats.

- a. Characterize the threat(s) to the site. Threats may be ecological, biological, human-caused, or related to climate change. Include in your discussion the county zoning, critical areas and shoreline master program ordinances and why these are not adequate to protecting the property. Based on this assessment, please also describe the potential for development or conversion of the property.
- b. What are the near-term consequences of identified threats to the project site? How do these threats affect the function of the riparian habitat?
- c. How will this project address these threats? What will happen if this project is not funded?

▲ **Point Range: 0-5 points**

5. Community Benefits and Public Access

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include combining multiple benefits with public access and placing a greater emphasis on youth education and citizen science opportunities.

- a. How does this project provide multiple benefits to the community, habitat or surrounding ecological landscape? Include in your discussion :
 - i. Other resource uses or management practices that are compatible with and provide the ability to achieve additional conservation benefits (e.g. grazing uplands for weed control, supporting community-based forestry, etc.);
 - ii. Describe how this project provides other ecosystem service benefits to the surrounding land (e.g. increased tree canopy cover in a dense urban area, aquifer recharge, flood attenuation, increased fire security, etc.).
- b. If public access is not currently allowed on this site, describe your plans to facilitate public access and/or recreation. Describe how the recreation opportunities are compatible with the conservation goals of this project? How will public access or recreation opportunities be managed so as to not interfere with the conservation purpose of this project? If public access will be excluded from some or all of the project area, please explain why?
- c. Describe how this site will be used for youth and community education or scientific study, including citizen science. What is the plan for community engagement?

▲ **Point Range: 0-10 points**

Scored by RCO Staff

6. Matching Share

NOTE: This criteria did not change.

To what extent will the applicant match any Recreation and Conservation Funding Board grant funds with other contributions?

This question is scored by RCO staff based on information submitted as part of the application. Native American tribes, local agencies, nonprofits, and lead entities are required to provide a 50 percent match.⁸² Of the 50 percent match, 10

percent must be from non-federal and non-state sources. State agency applicants are not required to provide a matching share.

All applications are scored whether a match is required or not.

⁸²Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.120(7)

To qualify, matching resources must be eligible for Riparian Protection Category funding. An RCO grant used as match will not count toward the award of matching share points.⁸³

▲ Point Range: 0-4 points

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| 0 points | 50 percent of project's value will be contributed from other resources |
| 1 point | 50.01-60 percent of project's value will be contributed from other resources |
| 2 points | 60.01-70 percent of project's value will be contributed from other resources |
| 3 points | 70.01 percent or more of project's value will be contributed from other resources |

Add 1 point to the score assigned above if the matching share includes non-federal or non-state contributions equivalent to more than 10 percent of the total project cost.

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7. Growth Management Act Preference

NOTE: *This criteria did not change.*

Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?⁸⁴

State law requires that:

- Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants to finance public facilities, it shall consider whether the applicant⁸⁵ has adopted a comprehensive plan and development regulations as required by Revised

Code of Washington 36.70A.040.

- b. When reviewing such requests, the state agency shall accord additional preference to applicants that have adopted the comprehensive plan and development regulations. An applicant is deemed to have satisfied the requirements for adopting a comprehensive plan and development regulations if it:
 - o Adopts or has adopted within the time periods specified in state law;
 - o Adopts or has adopted by the time it requests a grant or loan; or
 - o Demonstrates substantial progress toward adopting within the time periods specified in state law. An agency that is more than 6 months out of compliance with the time periods has not demonstrated substantial progress.
- c. A request from an applicant planning under state law shall be accorded no additional preference based on subsection (B) over a request from an applicant not planning under this state law.

RCO staff score this question using information from the state Department of Commerce, Growth Management Division. Scoring occurs after RCO's technical completion deadline. If an agency's comprehensive plan, development regulation, or amendment has been appealed to the Growth Management Hearings Board, the agency cannot be penalized during the period of appeal.

▲ Point Range: -1 to 0 points

- 1 point The applicant does *not* meet the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250
- 0 points The applicant *meets* the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250
- 0 points The applicant is a nonprofit, state agency, or tribal government

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Statutory Crosswalk

The following table provides a roadmap to how each of the considerations enumerated in RCW 79A.15.060 are addressed in the proposed criteria.

(c) For riparian protection proposals, the board must consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:		
Statutory Clause	Criteria	Detailed Question
(i) Whether the project continues the conservation reserve enhancement program. Applications that extend the duration of leases of riparian areas that are currently enrolled in the conservation reserve enhancement program are eligible. These applications are eligible for a conservation lease extension of at least twenty-five years of duration;	Acquisition Benefits	1e
(ii) Whether the projects are identified or recommended in a watershed plan, salmon recovery plan, or other local plans, such as habitat conservation plans, and these must be highly considered in the process;	Planning and Community Support	2a
(iii) Whether there is community support for the project;	Planning and Community Support	2c
(iv) Whether the proposal includes an ongoing stewardship program that includes control of noxious weeds, detrimental invasive species, and that identifies the source of the funds from which the stewardship program will be funded;	Stewardship and Restoration	4 Part 1
(v) Whether there is an immediate threat to the site;	Threat	4b
(vi) Whether the quality of the habitat is improved or, for projects including restoration or enhancement, the potential for restoring quality habitat including linkage of the site to other high quality habitat;	Stewardship and Restoration	3 Part 2
(vii) Whether the project is consistent with a local land use plan or a regional or statewide recreational or resource plan. The projects that assist in the	Planning and Community Support	2a

implementation of local shoreline master plans updated according to RCW 90.58.080 or local comprehensive plans updated according to RCW 36.70A.130 must be highly considered in the process;		
(viii) Whether the site has educational or scientific value; and	Community Benefits and Public Access	5c
(ix) Whether the site has passive recreational values for walking trails, wildlife viewing, the observation of natural settings, or other multiple benefits.	Community Benefits and Public Access	5a
(x) Whether the project provides habitat benefits for the feeding, nesting, and reproduction of all pollinators, including honey bees.	Acquisition Benefits	1c

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Summary

This memo summarizes draft recommendations for changes to the evaluation criteria and funding policies in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Urban Wildlife Habitat category. The proposed changes include revisions to the project evaluation criteria, funding allocation formula, and project location policies. Recreation and Conservation Office staff will summarize the recommendations and policy options and request direction from the board in advance of soliciting public comment on the proposed recommendations.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Background

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) 2018 [Unifying Strategy](#) directed RCO staff to review the Urban Wildlife Habitat category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to assess whether the policies and evaluation criteria are meeting the statutory intent. The board also expressed an interest in considering how the category can best serve community interests in nature-based activities; improve equitable funding of parks, trails, and conservation lands; and get youth outside.

RCO staff worked with the Urban Wildlife Habitat policy workgroup (workgroup) between January and June 2019 to develop recommendations for program changes. This memo summarizes the workgroup's discussions leading to the policy options and preferred recommendations presented below.

DRAFT Policy Changes

The following summarizes the discussions that resulted in the policy options and preferred option recommendations for three policy topics: evaluation criteria and materials, funding allocation, and project location. For a summary of the identified challenges with each policy topic, please review [Item 4](#) from the April 2019 Board meeting.

Evaluation Criteria

The workgroup concluded that the existing evaluation criteria do not adequately address or prioritize conservation needs in an urban setting; the criteria are nearly identical to the Critical Habitat and Natural Areas categories' criteria. This consistency was intentional at the time the criteria was developed, but the workgroup recognized that this consistency no longer aligns with the needs or opportunities for conservation in an urban setting. For example, the Species and Communities with Special Status criterion, currently worth 10 points, emphasizes protecting habitat for threatened, endangered and rare species. As a result of this focus, RCO has seen a significant decline in applications from county and municipal jurisdictions.

The new criteria, proposed in Attachment A, continue to place a high priority on intact native habitat. Further, they continue to recognize the need to maintain connectivity and provide refuge for all types of species, both rare and common, in the urban setting. The proposed criteria increasingly value public access, educational opportunities, and the multiple social, ecologic, and climate resilience benefits protected natural lands provide in an urban setting.

The proposed criteria drastically changed not only the structure of the criteria, but the detailed questions within that structure. Due to the extensive changes between the existing criteria and those proposed here, it's impossible to show a strike-out or edited version. Notes at the beginning of each criteria topic summarize the proposed changes, and a link to the [2018 criteria](#) is provided if the board wishes to compare the current criteria with what is proposed.

The proposed revisions to the evaluation criteria are presented in Attachment A.

Project Location

Current Policy

Grants in this category are for the acquisition and development of urban wildlife habitat. To be eligible, the land must lie in the following areas:

- Within the corporate limits of a city or town with a population of at least 5,000 or within 5 miles of such a city or town, or its adopted Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary; or
- Within 5 miles of an adopted Urban Growth Area in a county that has a population density of at least 250 people per square mile.

Two components of this policy are critical to determining project eligibility and are presented here as independent options.

- Proximity qualifier
- Population qualifier

At the April meeting, the board expressed a preference for maintaining the urban nature of this category. However, both the workgroup and the board recognize a tension between the focus on urban habitat and the limited opportunity that exists to acquire functioning habitat in the most densely populated urban areas.

The board suggested focusing on population density as another potential mechanism for determining project eligibility. This suggestion is reflected in the options presented for the population qualifier. The workgroup also considered using population growth rates or growth rate projections to identify and anticipate areas that have an increased need for habitat protection. In their preferred option, the workgroup attempted to balance a prioritization of the most urban areas of the state with the needs of communities that are urbanizing and have a greater opportunity to protect intact, functioning native habitat.

Policy Options

Options for addressing each component of the project location policy are highlighted in the table below.

Population Qualifier Options	Proximity Qualifier Options
Maintain current population thresholds (5,000/250)	Do Nothing - Maintain 5 mile radius (as the crow flies)
Reduce the population threshold: 2,500 for cities, and 100 people/Mi ² for counties	Reduce radius to something between 0-4 miles

Remove Population Threshold - eligibility based on designated UGA boundary	Use a walkability, public transit, or alternative transportation metric (e.g. 10/20/30 minute walk or bike ride)
Include population growth rates or growth projections as a qualifier (e.g. 10% or greater over the past 10 years; 10% or greater projection over next 5/10 years)	Some combination of the above
Include city population density as a qualifier (e.g. 1,000 residents/mi ²)	
Include "urban clusters" as a qualifier	
Combination of the above	

Discussion: Population Threshold

Option 1: Maintain Current Population Thresholds

The board could choose to maintain the existing population thresholds at 5,000/250.

Option 2: Reduce population threshold

Reducing the population threshold to communities with a population of 2,500 residents or greater or within a county that has a population density of 100 residents per square mile or more would have two effects:

- Extends eligibility to projects within the proximity measure of any community with a designated Urban Growth Area (UGA) in two additional counties: Benton and Whatcom
- Extends eligibility to projects within the adopted proximity measure of 32 additional communities (not including those in Whatcom and Benton counties)

Projects must still be located within the board adopted proximity of the qualifying community.

Setting the city/town population threshold at 2,500 people is consistent with the [United States Census Bureau](#). The 2010 Census delineated urban and rural areas of the nation

based on population counts in census tracts and clusters of block groups. The census bureau recognizes two types of urban areas:

- Urbanized Areas (UA's) of 50,000 or more people
- Urban Clusters (UC's) of at least 2,500 but fewer than 50,000 people

The US Census Bureau defines rural as anywhere that is not recognized as urban by the definitions above. 100 residents per square mile is the threshold at which a county [qualifies as rural](#) for many rural community assistance programs (economic development and tax programs) administered by other state agencies including the Department of Commerce and the Department of Revenue. Currently there is a gap between the board's policy definition of "urban" counties and those defined as "rural" by these other state programs.

Option 3: Remove population threshold

Removing the population threshold completely extends eligibility to projects located within the board adopted proximity of any of the 286 communities in Washington with an adopted Urban Growth Area. This is the simplest change to the qualifying criteria that would expand eligibility to the widest range of communities. The proximity requirement would remain, so projects would be located within the adopted proximity of the community while the weight of the revised *population proximity* evaluation criteria would both prioritize projects near larger population centers and reward projects for being closer to those populations.

Option 4: Include population growth rates as a qualifier

The Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) publishes annual population estimates for counties and incorporated cities in the state. The Legislature used population growth rates in defining which counties were required to plan under the growth management act. A county must comply with planning requirements when its growth rate was between 10% and 17% over the past ten years¹. Additionally, higher county and city growth rates can indicate a need to protect habitat in rapidly urbanizing areas. As a reference, the state's population change between 2008 and 2018 was estimated at 12.75 percent by OFM.

¹ [RCW 36.70.040](#) set the population growth rate requirement at 10% prior to May 16, 1995 and 17% afterwards.

Using a growth rate qualifier of 10 percent over the past ten years and current population data (OFM, September 2018) would extend eligibility:

- At the County level – to ten additional counties (Adams, Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Mason, Skamania, Whatcom, and Whitman)
- At the city level (if only applied to cities) to eleven communities in counties that would not otherwise qualify (Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Stevens, Whatcom, and Yakima).

Option 5: Include population density as a qualifier

Population density at the community level is measured by OFM in the annual population estimates which are tabulated on April 1st. Population density is a ratio of the jurisdictional land area and the population within that area. Therefore, depending on land use patterns, zoning requirements, and other regulations, density can vary widely from one community to another, regardless of whether the community is considered urban or rural. For example:

City	Population	Land Area (Mi ²)	Density
Spokane, Spokane Co	220,000	70.07	3,141.1
Bridgeport, Douglas Co	2,480	0.64	3,859.1

Option 6: Include Urban Clusters as a qualifier

As suggested above, the US Census Bureau considers Urban Clusters in its measure of urbanized areas. Additionally, OFM’s Small Areas Estimates Program includes urban clusters in population estimates of urbanized areas in the state. The Urban Clusters are delineated using a mix of data from OFM’s official April 1 City-County population estimates and US Census 2010 summary data tabulated by census blocks. These census blocks are clustered to represent jurisdictional boundaries and surrounding urbanized areas that meet the population definition above.

For example, the City of Chelan’s population is 4,210, below the current Urban Wildlife Habitat eligibility threshold. However, Chelan has a rapidly growing segment of its community that includes second homes and vacation retreats, which are not counted as resident population but make up the urban footprint. The Chelan Urban Cluster has a population of 6,281 and encompasses the City of Chelan, the unincorporated community of Manson and the surrounding urbanized area. This area is also prime bighorn sheep and mule deer winter range, but highly vulnerable to development

pressures. Considering urban clusters as a pathway for eligibility allows urbanizing areas that may not meet the population threshold on their own to aggregate the larger urban footprint beyond their jurisdictional boundary.

Discussion: Proximity Qualifier

Option 1: Do Nothing

The current proximity qualifier requires the land to lie within five miles of a qualifying city or town, or its adopted urban growth area. For context, five miles is approximately a ten minute drive (assuming 35 mph average speed) or a twenty minute bike ride (assuming a 15 mph average speed and a safe access route).

Option 2: Reduce the proximity qualifier

Reducing the proximity qualifier to another distance closer than five miles would have obvious effects; projects would lie closer to the qualifying cities or towns. Reducing the distance to urban wildlife habitat sites would increase accessibility for residents, but may also reduce the quality of habitat protected. Assessing how this policy change would have effected past project lists is difficult as RCO does not collect proximity information in the PRISM application but as a separate attachment. And this may not be entirely relevant for determining how this policy change would impact future project proposals.

The goal of this change would be to increase accessibility of the sites by urban residents.

Option 3: Use a walkability or alternative access metric as a qualifier

The board could use a walkability or bike-ability metric as a qualifier for project location. For example, a project must be located within a ten minute walk or bike ride of a city, town, or public transit stop. A ten minute walk a standard metric of service for parks and nature areas used by the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Trust for Public Land. RCO's recent Recreational Assets of Statewide Significance study also uses a ten minute walk metric for its gap analysis of nature activities.

The goal of this policy be to increase accessibility of the sites, especially by urban residents who rely on alternative modes of transportation.

Recommended Options

Proximity Qualifier

The workgroup recommends Option 1, maintain the five mile radius.

Population Qualifier

The workgroup recommends a combination of Option 1 and Option 6. Maintain the population threshold at 5,000 but allow urban clusters to be recognized as qualifying population centers for project eligibility purposes.

Taken together, these two recommendations would modify the current policy to read:

To be eligible in this category, the land must lie:

- *Within five miles of the corporate limits of a city or town, or an urban cluster with a population of 5,000 or more; or*
- *Within five miles of an adopted Urban Growth Boundary in a county that has a population density of 250 people per square mile or greater.*

Funding Allocation

Current board policy maintains a funding distribution formula that allocates 40% of the funds in the category first to local entity projects, then 40% to state agency projects, then 20% first to fully fund partially funded local projects, then to fully fund partially funded state projects, then to fund remaining projects in ranked order. A discussion of the unanticipated effect of this policy was included in the [Item 4](#) from the April board meeting.

RCO staff analyzed the funding distribution in this category between the 2008 and 2018 grant cycles. The data showed that while the number of projects funded is evenly split between state and local entities, 60 percent of the funding has been distributed state agency sponsored projects (see charts 1 & 2, below).

The workgroup discussed several options to address the challenges with the current funding allocation formula. One option includes removing the funding allocation formula altogether and having projects from state and local agencies equally compete for funding based on the revised evaluation criteria. Until the revised evaluation criteria prove to balance the competition between state and local entities, the workgroup was cautious to move forward with such a recommendation, fearing local entities (county and municipal agencies) would abandon the category completely.

Chart 1: Number of Projects Funded by Sponsor Type

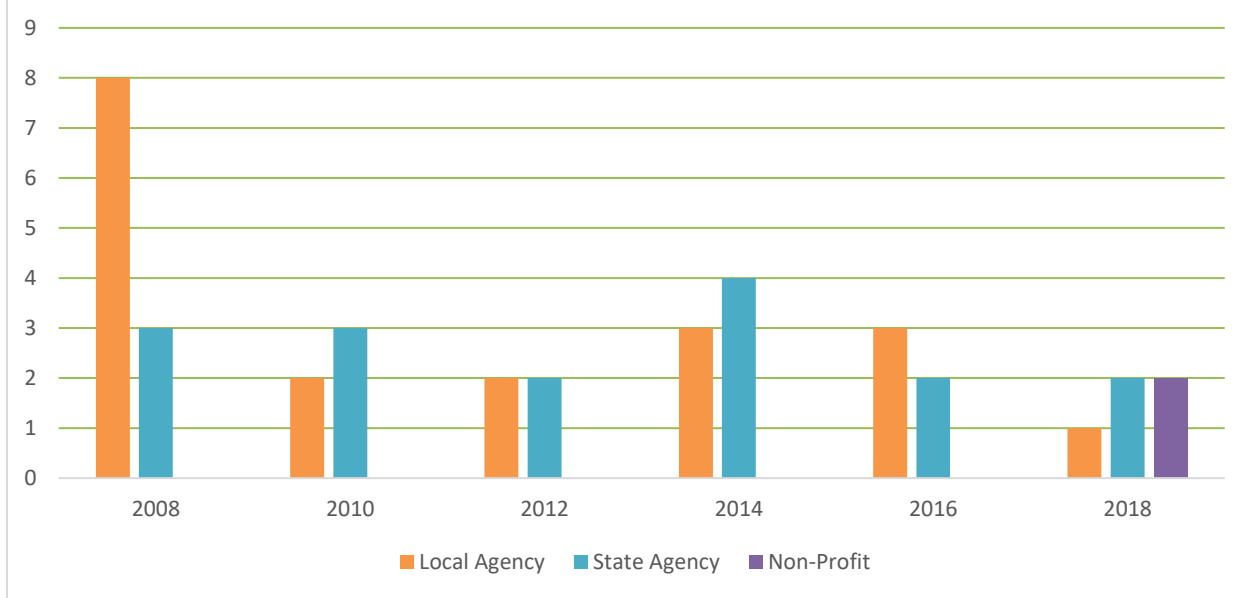
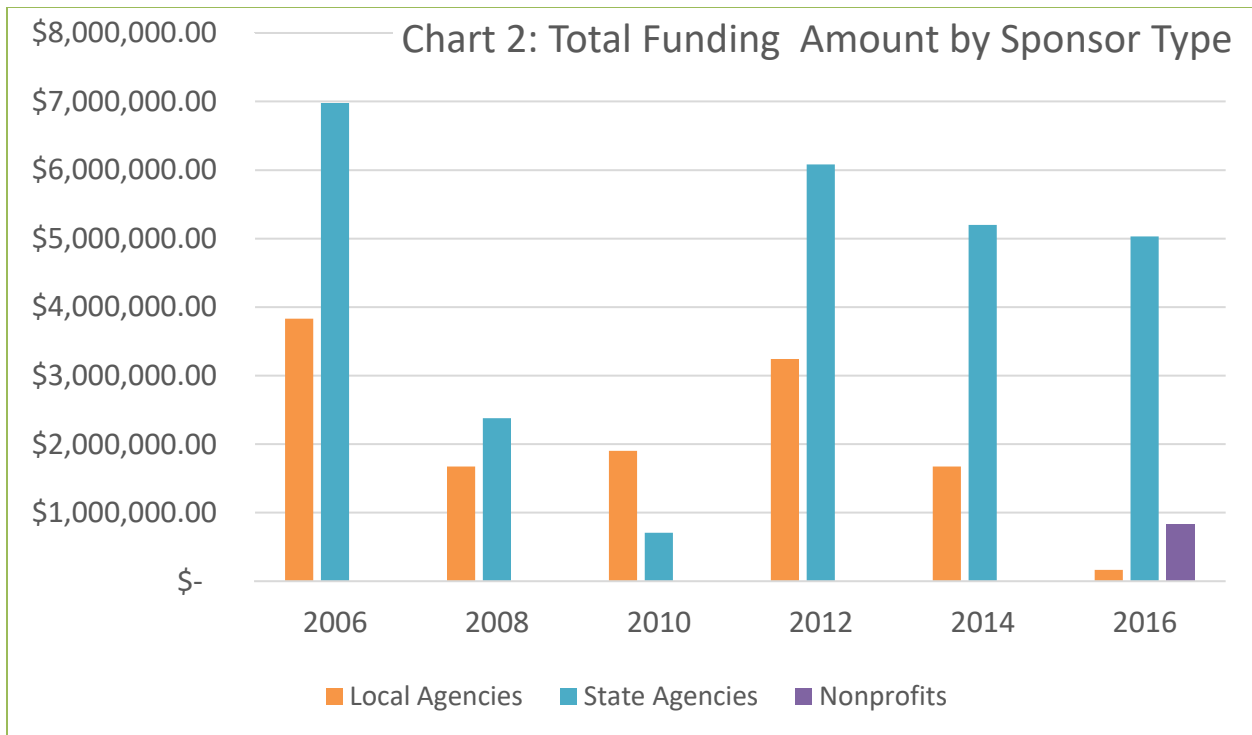


Chart 2: Total Funding Amount by Sponsor Type



Policy Options

- a. Maintain the current allocation formula
- b. Remove funding allocation
- c. Modify formula – 45/45/10
- d. Modify formula – 50/50

Discussion

Option 1: Do Nothing

The board would retain the current 40/40/20 funding allocation formula.

Option 2: Competitive Allocation

The board allocates UWH category funds in ranked order on the project list regardless of the type sponsor.

Effect of the Change	Pros	Cons
Funding would no longer be allocated based on the type of project sponsor.	Awards grant funds based on competitive scoring results.	Sponsors not guaranteed a portion of the funds.

Option 3: Modify Formula – 45/45/10

The board modifies the allocation formula to distribute funds:

- 45% to local entities (agencies, Native American tribes, and non-profits), then
- 45% to state agency sponsored projects
- 10% to fully fund partially funded local agency, Native American tribes, and non-profit organization projects, then fully fund partially funded state agency projects, and finally apply any remaining funds to the next highest ranked project(s), regardless of sponsor.

Option 3a: 10% to fully fund partially funded projects in ranked order.

Effect of the Change	Pros	Cons
The amount of funds reserved to fully fund partially funded projects is reduced from 20% to 10%	Distributes funds more equitably between state and local entities	Does not award grant funds on an overall competitive basis.

Option 4: Modify Formula – 50/50

The board modifies the allocation formula to distribute funds:

- 50% to local entities (agencies, Native American tribes, and non-profits), then
- 50% to state agency sponsored projects

Effect of the Change	Pros	Cons
Funding is evenly split between state and local entities	Equal distribution of funds	Partially funded projects would remain partially funded.

Recommended Option

The workgroup recommends modifying the funding allocation to 45/45/10. The modified policy would read:

The funding formula allocates 45% of the funds in the category first to local entity projects, then 45% to state agency projects, then 10% first to fully fund partially funded local projects, then to fully fund partially funded state projects, then to fund remaining projects in ranked order.

Additionally, the workgroup recommends revisiting this policy after the next grant cycle to assess whether the other proposed changes to this grant category reduce or eliminate the need for a designated funding allocation to local and state entities.

Other Considerations

Grant limits

Grant limits have the potential to distribute funding to more projects on the ranked lists. RCO staff conducted an analysis on how a \$1,000,000 maximum award limit would change the funding distribution for the 2016 and 2018 ranked lists (see Item 4, April 2019). While a maximum grant limit of \$1,000,000 distributes funding to more projects on these two lists, several high-cost projects would not be fully funded.

Workgroup members felt that imposing a limit would be a further disincentive for projects in the most populated urban areas because of heightened property values. Additionally, in lesser populated areas at the urban or suburban fringe, a maximum grant limit would make larger property acquisitions more difficult.

After reviewing this scenario, the workgroup chose to not recommend a policy change on grant limits.

Restoration Funding

A secondary issue that was raised by the workgroup is the fact that restoration projects are not currently allowed in the Urban Wildlife category. The law specifically directs

funds in this category for, “acquisition and development of Urban Wildlife Habitat.”² Development has been interpreted to mean the development of passive recreational facilities but has not been interpreted as development or re-establishment of habitat that had previously been lost (e.g. constructing a wetland or daylighting a creek). Outreach to local communities and stakeholders indicates a need for restoration funds for urban wildlife habitat areas. The workgroup recognizes that undeveloped lands in densely populated urban areas will likely require some restoration action in order to provide suitable habitat and ecosystem values for conservation purposes but there is not currently a ready funding mechanism for such action.

The workgroup chose not to recommend a policy or statutory change on restoration funding.

Statewide Recreation and Conservation Plan Priorities

The board’s unified strategy directed this workgroup to also consider how the category can best serve residents’ interests in nature-based activities as described in the priorities to *Improve the Equity of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands* and *Get Youth Outside*.

The proposed evaluation criteria put a greater emphasis on public access and education opportunities.

Improving the equity of parks, trails, and conservation lands was a major topic of discussion throughout the workgroup’s meetings. The group discussed including an evaluation question similar to the “need” question in the outdoor recreation account categories which would inform evaluators on the demographic information near a project site. However, recognizing the location of a project and opportunities to access it are different qualities of addressing equity issues, the workgroup chose to focus the evaluation criteria questions on opportunities for equal access of the project and the public outreach process involved in the location and design of the project and its access opportunities. The workgroup agreed that equity is an issue better addressed at the urban planning level, rather than project evaluation. The group also recognized that more work is needed to address equity of parks, trails and conservation lands systematically, but requires a larger, more inclusive, and focused effort.

The workgroup chose not to recommend a policy change on these issues.

Next Steps

² RCW 79A.15.040(2)(d)

Following the Board's discussion and direction, RCO staff will solicit public comment on the DRAFT policy options and recommendations. Following public comment, RCO staff will convene a final meeting of the advisory committee to address public comments and finalize the recommendations which will be presented for the board's consideration and final adoption in October.

Attachments

Attachment A: Revised evaluation criteria

Attachment A: Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Urban Wildlife Habitat Category

Urban Wildlife Habitat means lands that provide habitat important to fish and wildlife in proximity to a metropolitan area.³ Urban wildlife habitat also provides an opportunity for human awareness of the importance of nature and the environmental services it provides.

PROPOSED: Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Evaluation Summary			
Score By	Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Not Scored	Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location maps Project goals and objectives 	Not scored
Advisory Committee	1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project area composition Species and communities Pollinator habitat Service area and surrounding land use 	40
Advisory Committee	2. Planning and Community Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan support Public engagement Threat to the site Level of protection 	15
Advisory Committee	3. Public Access and Community Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access, recreation and cultural opportunities Education and citizen science Underserved communities Multiple benefits 	35
Advisory Committee	4. Management and Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management and stewardship plan Restoration needs Organizational capacity 	15
RCO Staff	5. Growth Management Act	Growth Management Act preference	0
RCO Staff	6. Population	Population of, and proximity to, the nearest urban area	10
Total Possible Points =			115

³Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.010 (12)

Project Introduction

This is an opportunity to set the stage for the project. The following detailed criteria will provide an opportunity to describe the project in more depth, however the intent here is primarily to help orient the evaluators to the project.

- a. Locate the project on statewide, regional, and site maps to help orient the evaluators to the project area and its context within the landscape; and
- b. briefly provide a broad overview of the site and the project's goals and objectives (e.g. acquisition goals, habitat or ecosystem type, and opportunities for connecting people with nature)

▲ Project introduction is not scored.

Detailed Scoring Criteria

1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include merging the species with special status questions, and clarifying or simplifying questions about the ecological composition of the site, species that use the site, and surrounding land uses.

- a. Describe the project area and the ecological makeup of the site(s): Include in your description the ecosystem structure and composition, and/or habitat types targeted for conservation; the number of acres; the plant and animal species and the size of the populations present at the site. Describe how the targeted species currently use the site.
- b. Describe any of the plant or animal species at the site that are considered threatened or endangered by any local, state, federal or international species list. Describe the extent to which noxious weeds or other invasive species occur on site.
- c. How does the site support the feeding, nesting and reproduction of pollinator species (e.g. bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, etc.)?
- d. Define your service area or jurisdiction. How unique is this site within your service area or jurisdiction? Is this site part of a larger ownership or management unit?
- e. What are the land uses surrounding the project area? How does this project connect, enhance, or provide ecosystem service benefits to the surrounding land? Are there other protected lands (public or private) near this site that have complementary or compatible habitat characteristics for the target species (consider wide-ranging or migratory species)?

Applicants must complete and submit the “Species or Communities with Special Status” table in Appendix A. This is a required part of the application. Staff may verify the information and evaluators will be given a copy of the table along with the other project materials. As part of the presentation, applicants must describe the significance of the information to evaluators for scoring.

▲ **Maximum Score: 40 points**

2. Planning and Community Support

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include placing a greater emphasis on community engagement in the selection and design of the project, and clarifying questions about the conservation strategy informing the project selection, the level of protection that will be placed on the property, and threats to the integrity of the project.

- a. How is this project supported by a current plan or a coordinated state or regional prioritization effort? Who is the plan’s proponent(s), and how does the plan address this specific project, habitat, or ecosystem type (e.g., a local comprehensive growth management, open space, or shoreline master plan; a watershed or salmon recovery plan; species management plan; climate adaptation plan; Puget Sound Action Agenda; etc.)?
- b. Describe the public engagement process used to identify this project or habitat as a priority. Specifically, how were local citizens, organizations, underserved communities, and elected officials engaged, and how was their input incorporated into the project selection and design? Describe the support or partnership commitments you have secured for the project.
- c. What is the threat to the site’s ecological integrity? Include in your discussion how the site may be vulnerable to any anticipated ecological changes; the zoning and land use potential of the site; and regulatory protections currently afforded to the site. Why are land use regulations not sufficient to achieve the project goals?
- d. For acquisition projects, what level of protection (fee title acquisition vs. easement) will be placed on the property? Is this acquisition part of a phased project? Is a conservation easement sufficient to achieve the project purpose? If not, please explain why.

▲ **Maximum Score: 15 points**

3. Public Access and Community Benefits

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include merging the “multiple benefits” criteria and clarifying questions about public access. The workgroup specifically asks about the public health, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities the site will provide and places a greater emphasis on connecting historically underserved communities with opportunities to access nature.

- a. What public access, public health, recreational, educational, or cultural opportunities will this site provide? In your description please describe in detail how the public will experience the site and any plans for integrating environmental education and/or citizen science at this site. Also consider how people may access this site using public and/or active transportation (i.e. is there public transportation that will bring people to or within a 10 minute walk of this site?)
- b. How does this project address the needs of communities who have been historically underserved by or excluded from opportunities to access nature? Please describe the engagement with these communities and how their input was incorporated into the planning and design of this project.
- c. How does this project provide other multiple benefits to the community, habitat, or surrounding ecological landscape? Include in your discussion:
 - i. Other resource uses or management practices that may help achieve additional conservation benefits (e.g. controlled grazing for weed control, supporting community forestry, etc.);
 - ii. How this project provides other ecosystem service benefits (e.g. protecting tree canopy cover in a dense urban area, aquifer recharge, flood attenuation, increased fire security, etc.).
- d. If development is being proposed at the site, please describe the project plan, site designs, and implementation timeline. How does the proposed development benefit the public (educational, health, recreation, cultural, etc) and contribute to an appreciation for the protected ecosystem? How will it be compatible with the habitat of the site?

▲ **Maximum Score: 35 points**

4. Management and Stewardship

NOTE: Changes to this criteria include clarifying questions about how the sponsor will maintain the ecological integrity of the site, their experience in doing so, and how they will maintain the public access and other community benefits.

- a. Describe the anticipated stewardship and management needs of the site, including those related to the species and ecosystems, public access, recreation, education, and cultural opportunities. To the degree possible, include the desired future condition of the site, an estimate of stewardship and management costs, and plans to maintain the ecological integrity of the site in consideration of changes to surrounding land uses, development pressure, and climate impacts.
- b. Describe any restoration actions, if any are needed, to improve the habitat function or complexity on-site. How will the restoration work be funded? Who will complete the work? What is the proposed timeline to complete the restoration work?
- c. What is your organization's experience in managing a site with these, or similar, conservation values, habitat characteristics, and public access opportunities? What staff, volunteer, and financial resources are available to maintain the site? What is the source of funding for this ongoing work?

▲ **Maximum Score: 15 points**

RCO Staff Scored Questions

5. Growth Management Act Preference

NOTE: *This criteria did not change.*

Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?⁴

State law requires that:

- A. Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants to finance public facilities, it shall consider whether the applicant⁵ has adopted a comprehensive plan and development regulations as required by Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.040.
- B. When reviewing such requests, the state agency shall accord additional preference to applicants that have adopted the comprehensive plan and development regulations. An applicant is deemed to have satisfied the requirements for adopting a comprehensive plan and development regulations if it:

⁴Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250

⁵County, city, or town applicants only. This segment of the question does not apply to state agency, tribal government, nonprofits, or lead entity applicants.

- Adopts or has adopted within the time periods specified in state law;
 - Adopts or has adopted by the time it requests a grant or loan; or
 - Demonstrates substantial progress toward adopting within the time periods specified in state law. An agency that is more than 6 months out of compliance with the time periods has not demonstrated substantial progress.
- C. A request from an applicant planning under state law shall be accorded no additional preference over a request from an applicant not planning under this state law.

This question is scored by RCO staff based on information from the state Department of Commerce’s Growth Management Services. Scoring occurs after RCO’s technical completion deadline. If an agency’s comprehensive plan, development regulation, or amendment has been appealed to the Growth Management Hearings Board, the agency cannot be penalized during the period of appeal.

▲ Point Range: -1 to 0 points

- 1 point The applicant does *not* meet the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250.
- 0 points The applicant *meets* the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250.
- 0 points The applicant is a nonprofit organization, state or federal agency.

RCO staff subtracts a maximum of 1 point.

6. Population

NOTE: Changes to this criteria removed the point award for projects located in urban counties and replaced it with a point award that benefits projects in closer proximity to the identified urban area.

Where is this project located with respect to urban growth areas, cities/towns, and urban clusters?⁶

This question is scored by RCO staff based on a map provided by the applicant. To receive credit, depict on a map 1) your project boundary or your geographic envelop and

⁶Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.250, Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.060 (5)(b)

2) the nearest city, town, or urban cluster. Next, draw a straight line, measure and record on the map the shortest distance in miles "as the crow flies" between 1 and 2 above. Include a scale and legend on the map for reference.

Population of, and Proximity to, the Nearest Urban Area

A. Within 5 miles of a city, town or urban cluster. The score is based on the population of the city, town or urban cluster (using the most current published Washington State Office of Financial Management population estimates):

- 0 points 0-4,999
- 1 point 5,000-9,999
- 2 points 10,000-29,999
- 3 points 30,000-149,999
- 4 points 150,000-299,999
- 5 points 300,000-and above

B. The project's proximity to the identified city, town, or urban cluster.

- 1 point within five miles
- 2 points within four miles
- 3 points within three miles
- 4 points within two miles
- 5 points within one mile or inside the UGA/municipal boundary/urban cluster

▲ Point Range: 0-10 points

Statutory Crosswalk

This table provides a roadmap to how each of the considerations enumerated in RCW 79A.15.060 are addressed in the proposed criteria.

Statutory Consideration	X	Criteria	Detailed Question
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(a) For critical habitat and natural areas proposals:			
(i) Multiple benefits for the project;	x	Public Access and Community Benefits	3e
(ii) Whether, and the extent to which, a conservation easement can be used to meet the purposes for the project;	x	Planning Context	2c
(iii) Community support for the project based on input from, but not limited to, local citizens, local organizations, and local elected officials;	x	Community Engagement and Support	3b
(iv) The project proposal's ongoing stewardship program that includes estimated costs of maintaining and operating the project including, but not limited to, control of noxious weeds and detrimental invasive species, and that identifies the source of the funds from which the stewardship program will be funded;	X	Management and Stewardship	4a
(v) Recommendations as part of a watershed plan or habitat conservation plan, or a coordinated regionwide prioritization effort, and for projects primarily intended to benefit salmon, limiting factors, or critical pathways analysis;	x	Planning Context	2a
(vi) Immediacy of threat to the site;	x	Planning Context	2b
(vii) Uniqueness of the site;	X	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1d
(viii) Diversity of species using the site;	X	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1a

(ix) Quality of the habitat;	x	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1a
(x) Long-term viability of the site;		Management and Stewardship	4a
(xi) Presence of endangered, threatened, or sensitive species;	x	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1b
(xii) Enhancement of existing public property;	x	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1e
(xiii) Consistency with a local land use plan, or a regional or statewide recreational or resource plan, including projects that assist in the implementation of local shoreline master plans updated according to RCW 90.58.080 or local comprehensive plans updated according to RCW 36.70A.130;	x	Planning Context	2a
(xiv) Educational and scientific value of the site;	x	Public Access and Community Benefits	2a
(xv) Integration with recovery efforts for endangered, threatened, or sensitive species;	x	Planning Context	2a
(xvi) The statewide significance of the site.	x	Planning Context	1d&e; 2a
(xvii) Habitat benefits for the feeding, nesting, and reproduction of all pollinators, including honey bees.	x	Ecological benefits	1c
(b) For urban wildlife habitat proposals, in addition to the criteria of (a):			

(i) Population of, and distance from, the nearest urban area;	x	Population	6a&b
(ii) Proximity to other wildlife habitat;	x	Ecologic and Biologic Characteristics	1e
(iii) Potential for public use; and	x	Public Access and Community Benefits	3a&b
(iv) Potential for use by special needs populations.	x	Community engagement/ Public Access	3b

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program:
Approval of Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted 121 projects for the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program. This memo describes the program, evaluation process, categories, ranked lists and the proposed grant awards. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the June 2019 meeting.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- Request for Decision
- Request for Direction
- Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-14, Education and Enforcement Category
2019-15, Nonhighway Road Category
2019-16, Nonmotorized Category
2019-17, Off-road Vehicle Category

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked lists and award grants to projects shown in Table 1 for each category.

Background

The Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program is a motor vehicle fuel-tax refund grant program that provides grants for planning, acquiring land, constructing, and maintaining facilities for a variety of back-road activities. This includes cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles. A portion of NOVA funding is set aside for grants that may be used for education and enforcement programs serving these recreationists in order to preserve and protect NOVA recreation opportunities.

NOVA Categories

The NOVA program has four grant categories: 1) Education and Enforcement, 2) Nonhighway Road, 3) Nonmotorized, and 4) Off-road Vehicle. The program categories share some common and distinct characteristics as shown below:

Category	Education and Enforcement	Nonhighway Road	Nonmotorized	Off-road Vehicle
Recreation Activities Targeted	Information, education, and outreach programs for trail and back-road related outdoor recreation; encourages responsible recreational behavior, and may provide law enforcement for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.	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 Applicants	Native American tribes, and federal, state, and local governments.	Native American tribes, and federal, state, and local governments.	Native American tribes, and federal, state, and local governments.	Native American tribes, federal, state, and local governments, and nonprofit off-road vehicle organizations.
Legal Opinion	To participate in the program, an applicant must submit a legal opinion. ¹			
Plan Required	None	Applicants must have an adopted comprehensive outdoor recreation plan on file with RCO if the grant proposal involves planning, acquisition, or development of facilities.		

¹ First time applicants only.

Eligible Project Types	Education and law enforcement activities that target NOVA eligible uses and recreationists.	Land acquisition ² , development or renovation projects, maintenance and operation of facilities, and planning activities.		
Fund Limits	Up to \$200,000 per project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition, development, and planning projects are limited to \$200,000. Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$150,000 for two-year projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition, development, and planning projects are limited to \$200,000. Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$150,000 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 a maximum of \$200,000 for two-year projects.
Match	By law, no matching share is required, but an evaluation criterion encourages non-RCO match contributions by awarding additional points.			
Typical 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.

² Federal agencies are not permitted to purchase real property using NOVA funding.

Additionally, projects in the Nonhighway Road and Nonmotorized categories must be adjacent to, or accessed by, a nonhighway road. A nonhighway road is any road owned or managed by a public agency, a primitive road, or any private road for which the owner has granted an easement for public use. In addition appropriations from the motor vehicle fund cannot be used for (a) original construction or reconstruction in the last twenty-five years; or (b) maintenance in the last four years.³

The legislative authority for the NOVA program is the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.09 and Washington Administrative Code chapters 286-13 and 286-26. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) [2018-2022 NOVA Plan](#) sets the priorities that guide the program policies and evaluation criteria. The board adopted these policies into [Manual #13, NOVA Education and Enforcement](#) and [Manual #14, NOVA Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicles](#).

Program Funding

The State Treasurer credits one percent of the motor vehicle fuel tax revenues to NOVA programs, as outlined in RCW 46.09. The board receives 58.5 percent of those funds for its recreation grants.⁴ The off-road vehicle (ORV) category receives funding from ORV permit fees in addition to fuel tax funds.

[Allocation of Funds to the Program Categories](#)

Chapter 46.09 RCW directs the allocation of fuel tax funds among these four categories: Education and Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle recreation (see Exhibit 1). The chapter then directs the advisory committee's off-road vehicle and mountain biking recreationists, governmental representatives, and land managers to make recommendations regarding the expenditure of ORV permit fee revenue after the fuel tax. The prioritized funding recommendations from the NOVA Advisory Committee for fuel tax and ORV permit fees are illustrated in Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Off-Road Vehicle Category, 2019-21*.

The remaining ten percent of fuel tax revenue, 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:

- 1) the number of NOVA recreationists served,
- 2) the NOVA advisory committee's confidence in the claimed number served,

³ Revised Code of Washington 46.09.310(7)

⁴ The Treasurer distributes the remainder of the funds for NOVA-related programs as follows: Department of Natural Resources (36%), the Department of Fish and Wildlife (3.5%), and Washington State Parks (2%)

- 3) the amount of non-state matching resources provided to the project by the applicant, and
- 4) the number of unfunded projects in the category.

Staff will allocate these competitive funds, using the board’s procedure adopted in Resolution #2008-15 after the fuel tax and ORV permit fees are allocated.

Distribution of Funds

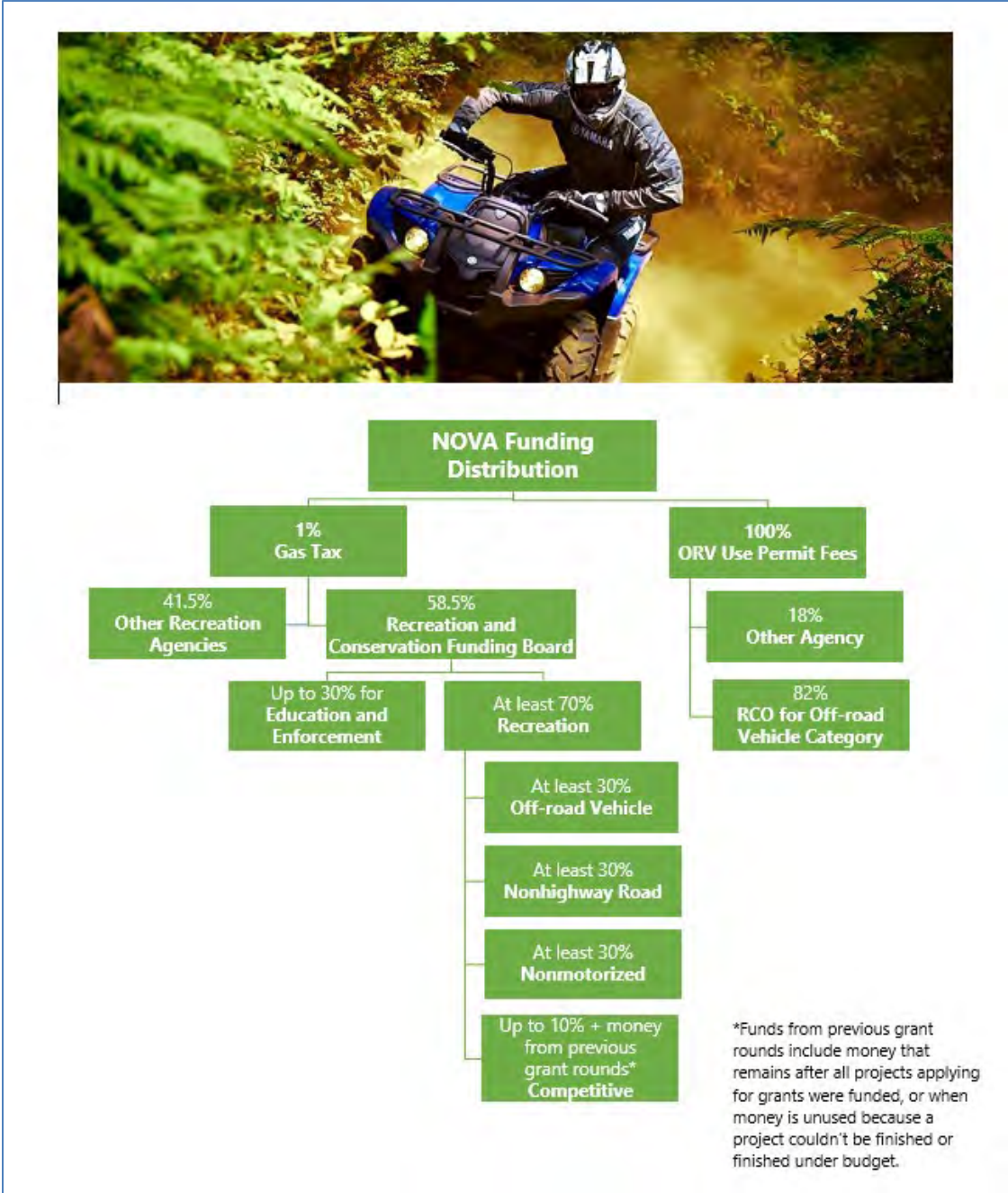


Exhibit 1

Estimated Funds Available

The Legislature approved \$11,411,000 for NOVA projects as part of the 2019-21 State Capital Budget. The board's fifty-eight percent is allocated as follows:

NOVA Category	Percent Allocated	Further Divided	Fuel Tax Dollars	Permit Fees
Education and Enforcement	30%		\$2,738,983	
Nonhighway Road	70%	30%	\$1,917,288	
Nonmotorized		30%	\$1,917,288	
Off-road Vehicle		30%	\$1,917,288	\$2,281,057
Competitive Dollars		10%	\$639,096	
Total	100%		\$9,129,943	\$2,281,057

The funding tables, attached to each resolution, show staff's recommendation for expending statutory dollars. Unused funds from previously funded projects will go into the "competitive pot" and will be allocated to partially funded projects and alternates.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

The NOVA Advisory Committee evaluated 121 NOVA proposals, totaling \$16 million in grant requests.

NOVA Category	Proposals	Requests	Match	Total
Education and Enforcement	30	\$3,625,725	\$3,080,103	\$6,705,828
Nonhighway Road	25	\$2,979,436	\$2,5126,136	\$5,105,572
Nonmotorized	36	\$4,366,305	\$3,875,092	\$8,241,397
Off-road Vehicle	30	\$5,409,659	\$3,015,364	\$8,425,023
Total	121	\$16,381,125	\$12,096,695	\$28,477,820

The NOVA Advisory Committee has governmental representatives that manage land where NOVA activities occur, and a proportional representation of persons with recreational experiences in areas identified in the most recent fuel use study.⁵ Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, are selected for their expertise, experience, and technical knowledge related to NOVA related recreation and topics. Members participating in the review and evaluation include the following:

⁵ Revised Code of Washington 46.09.340(1)

Advisory Committee Member	Representing	Agency/Organization
Bryant Robinson	Local government	Spokane County
Chris Baldini	Nonhighway road recreation	Citizen
Crystal Crowder	All-terrain vehicle	Citizen
Dawn Erickson	Hiking	Citizen
Holly Weiler	Hiking	Citizen
Jim Putman	Four-wheel drive	Citizen
Nancy Toenyan	Motorcycling	Citizen
Nicole Sedgwick	Equestrian/stock	Citizen
Nikki Fields	Land manager	WA State Parks and Recreation
Patricia Jatczak*	Land manager	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Paul Willard	Land manager	U.S. Forest Service
Rosendo Guerrero*	Nonhighway road recreation	Citizen
Tim Stapleton	Land manager	WA Department of Natural Resources
Yvonne Kraus	Mountain bicycling	Citizen

* *Evaluated Education and Enforcement Category projects only.*

The committee evaluated the Education and Enforcement category using a written, score-at-home process. They evaluated the Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle projects in an open public meeting. Advisors used the board-adopted criteria, shown in Attachments C and I, to score all projects. The resulting ranked lists is in Table 1 of each of the attached decision packages.

Do Not Fund Recommendation

During evaluations, if the advisory committee has significant concerns about a project, it must notify staff that it wants to discuss submitting a “Do Not Fund” recommendation to the board. The steps outlined in the board policy are as follows:

1. Staff sends a notice to the applicant identifying the significant concerns expressed by the evaluators. The notice includes an invitation to the grant results meeting, which takes place after staff tabulates the evaluation scores.

The applicant may not give additional testimony at the meeting, but can submit a written response to the evaluators’ concerns and respond to questions. To ensure all projects are treated equally, members of the public may not provide testimony during this meeting.

2. Following the discussion, the advisory committee determines a "Do Not Fund" recommendation by a simple majority vote of the committee members that participated in the evaluations.
3. RCO staff forwards to the board a summary of the recommendation and any committee comments.
4. The board considers the advisory committee's recommendation at a regularly scheduled public meeting, before adopting the ranked list. The board retains discretion in awarding all grant funds.

During the evaluation meeting, one advisory committee member asked the NOVA committee to consider a "Do Not Fund" recommendation for one project proposal. Following the board's procedure, staff notified and invited that applicant to attend the grant results meeting where they could listen to the advisory committee deliberate and answer questions. The applicant, Clallam County, participated in the meeting. Staff then distributed to advisory committee members Do Not Fund Recommendation ballots along with the applicant's written response to concerns about the project proposal. Advisors subsequently submitted their ballots as summarized below.

Question. *Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?*

6 – Yes votes.	4 – No votes.	1 – Conditional vote.	1 – Did not return the ballot.	2 – Did not evaluate.
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Staff has included for board consideration, 1) the summary email sent to Clallam County, outlining some of the concerns with the Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #18-2417D) project, 2) Clallam County's response, and 3) the NOVA Advisory Committee member ballots. These are all included in Attachment W of the Decision Package for the NOVA Off-road Vehicle Category.

In addition, staff has provided two options in Resolution 2019-17 for board consideration. Selecting Option 1 means the board concurs with the NOVA Advisory Committee's recommendation and the Clallam County project is not eligible for funding. If the board selects Option 2 in the resolution, it means the board does not agree with the NOVA Advisory Committee and is reinstating the project as an alternate, meaning it is eligible for funding when unused grant funds become available.

Review of Process and Criteria

Much like last biennium's grant cycle, this year's cycle presented a few challenges.

Number of Grant Proposals

Applicants submitted 121 grant proposals to the NOVA program. This was a 13 percent decrease, however, the dollars requested was 2 percent less than last biennium. The sheer number of proposals for review is proving to be daunting for some. The advisory committee confirmed this by pointing out that the time commitment during evaluation week most likely limits the number of individuals who can volunteer for this committee.

Evaluation Criteria

The board approved adding the *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship* criterion to NOVA in 2016 as a one-year pilot. The criterion was part of this year's evaluation instrument. Advisors used this criterion for the second time and believe the criterion presents some challenges. Applicants are spending too much time trying to address all of the elements described in the lengthy annotated explanation of the question. Few applicants had anything to add to make this a distinguishing criterion. Staff has included a review of this criterion, for all grant programs, on the work plan for this upcoming biennium. Advisory committee members discussed other criteria that are sometimes difficult to score; however, there were no recommendations for revisions.

Nonhighway Road Eligibility

A key eligibility requirement for proposals in the Nonhighway Road and Nonmotorized categories is that the facility a project benefits is adjacent to, or accessed by, a nonhighway road. This is still one of the most difficult aspects in determining the eligibility of a project. Staff and the advisory committee struggle when the nonhighway road is short in length and can be viewed as a park access road or driveway from a highway to a parking lot. A small number of proposals in this portfolio challenged staff with the eligibility determination based only on the statutory requirements. In these instances, the advisory committee seriously questioned staff's determinations because of the legislative intent and purpose of NOVA as a fuel tax refund program intended to benefit the users that pay into the program by driving and consuming fuel on back country roads. Staff has placed this issue on the priority list of policy considerations.

Evaluation Process

Overall, the advisory committee felt the process was organized, well-run, and fair. They were confident in the resulting ranked list and felt that the process works. They liked the regional grouping of projects and asked staff to do the same next time, however, they encouraged staff to rotate the regions each round. Advisors did provide feedback on the proposed electronic scoring module. Staff appreciates the time that the advisory committee dedicated to preparing for and participating fully in the written and in-person evaluation and grant results meetings.

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 *2018-2022 Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Public Comment

Letters of support or concern are in Attachment F for the Education and Enforcement Category, Attachment L for the Nonhighway Road Category, Attachment Q for the Nonmotorized Category, and Attachment V for the Off-road Vehicle Category.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board:

- A. Approve the ranked list and award grants for the 2019-21 biennium for each Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities category as referenced below:
 1. *NOVA, Education and Enforcement Category*
 2. *NOVA, Nonhighway Road Category*
 3. *NOVA, Nonmotorized Category*
- B. Approve the ranked list and award grants for the 2019-21 biennium for the *NOVA Off-road Vehicle Category*, after selecting Option 1 or Option 2 in Resolution 2019-17.

Next Steps

If the board approves the final ranked lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to distribute any remaining competitive dollars and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post approval requirements.

Attachments

Decision Package #1: NOVA Education and Enforcement Category

- A. Resolution #2019-14
 Table 1 –*Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Education and Enforcement Category, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation, 2019-21*
- B. State Map of Projects
- C. Evaluation Criteria Summary: Education and Enforcement category
- D. Evaluation Scoring Summary 2019-21
- E. Project Summaries
- F. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals

Decision Package #2: NOVA Nonhighway Road Category

- G. Resolution #2019-15
 Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Nonhighway Road Category, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation, 2019-21*
- H. State Map of Projects
- I. Evaluation Criteria Summary:
 Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle categories
- J. Evaluation Scoring Summary 2019-21
- K. Project Summaries
- L. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals

Decision Package #3: NOVA Nonmotorized Category

- M. Resolution #2019-16
 Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Category, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation, 2019-21*
- N. State Map of Projects
- O. Evaluation Scoring Summary 2019-21
- P. Project Summaries
- Q. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals

Decision Package #4: NOVA Off-road Vehicle Category

- R. Resolution #2019-17
 Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Off-road Vehicle Category, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation, 2019-21*
- S. State Map of Projects
- T. Evaluation Scoring Summary 2019-21
- U. Project Summaries
- V. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposal
- W. Do Not Fund Recommendation Materials and Ballots

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-14
NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, thirty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Education and Enforcement Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1: Education and Enforcement Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request	Staff Recommends
1	57.00	18-2381E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
2	55.50	18-2330E	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$185,000	\$185,050	\$370,050	\$335,000	\$185,000
3	55.25	18-2308E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$100,000	\$68,000	\$168,000	\$435,000	\$100,000
4	54.92	18-2369E	Methow Valley and Tonasket Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$198,938	\$216,359	\$415,297	\$633,938	\$198,938
5	54.75	18-2358E	Okanogan-Wenatchee Central Zone Backcountry	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$182,000	\$128,000	\$310,000	\$815,938	\$182,000
6	54.25	18-2419E	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement Program	Spokane County	\$136,080	\$160,143	\$296,223	\$952,018	\$136,080
7	54.08	18-2309E	Frontcournty Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$100,000	\$100,500	\$200,500	\$1,052,018	\$100,000
7	54.08	18-2481E	Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$86,522	\$91,610	\$178,132	\$1,138,540	\$86,522
9	53.42	18-2383E	Frontcountry Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$135,000	\$139,725	\$274,725	\$1,273,540	\$135,000
10	53.08	18-2463E	Capitol State Forest Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$197,500	\$132,000	\$329,500	\$1,471,040	\$197,500
11	53.00	18-2487E	Climbing Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$81,189	\$81,692	\$162,881	\$1,552,229	\$81,189
12	52.92	18-2427E	Riverside State Park Education and Enforcement	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$146,727	\$154,335	\$301,062	\$1,698,956	\$146,727
13	52.83	18-2290E	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$95,674	\$95,888	\$191,562	\$1,794,630	\$95,674
13	52.83	18-2507E	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$174,000	\$116,500	\$290,500	\$1,968,630	\$174,000

**Table 1: Education and Enforcement Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request	Staff Recommends
15	52.67	18-2354E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$151,100	\$97,000	\$248,100	\$2,119,730	\$151,100
16	51.58	18-2307E	Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$186,000	\$83,174	\$269,174	\$2,305,730	\$186,000
16	51.58	18-2545E	Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$70,200	\$73,300	\$143,500	\$2,375,930	\$70,200
18	51.25	18-2452E	Reiter Foothill Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$68,250	\$167,250	\$2,474,930	\$99,000
19	50.67	18-2279E	Off-Road Vehicle Area Education and Enforcement	Grant County Sheriff Department	\$200,000	\$303,772	\$503,772	\$2,674,930	\$200,000
20	50.42	18-2495E	Off-Highway Vehicle Forest Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$94,000	\$77,500	\$171,500	\$2,768,930	\$64,053 ²
21	48.83	18-2493E	Tahuya, Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$130,935	\$125,000	\$255,935	\$2,899,865	Alternate
22	48.50	18-2316E	Cle Elum Winter Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$30,000	\$30,500	\$60,500	\$2,929,865	Alternate
23	48.08	18-2513E	High Use Wilderness Areas	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mt Adams Ranger District	\$70,180	\$79,820	\$150,000	\$3,000,045	Alternate
24	48.00	18-2473E	Naches Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$200,000	\$178,000	\$378,000	\$3,200,045	Alternate
25	47.83	18-2285E	Straits District Education and Enforcement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$74,400	\$50,000	\$124,400	\$3,274,445	Alternate
26	46.75	18-2388E	Evans Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Area Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$130,480	\$59,635	\$190,115	\$3,404,925	Alternate
27	46.08	18-2364E	Naches Wilderness Education and Enforcement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$52,200	\$15,850	\$68,050	\$3,457,125	Alternate
28	45.58	18-2415E	Lord Hill Wayfinding and Signs	Snohomish County	\$55,500	\$14,500	\$70,000	\$3,512,625	Alternate
29	31.67	18-2518E	Public Access to Private Lands	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$19,900		\$19,900	\$3,532,525	Alternate

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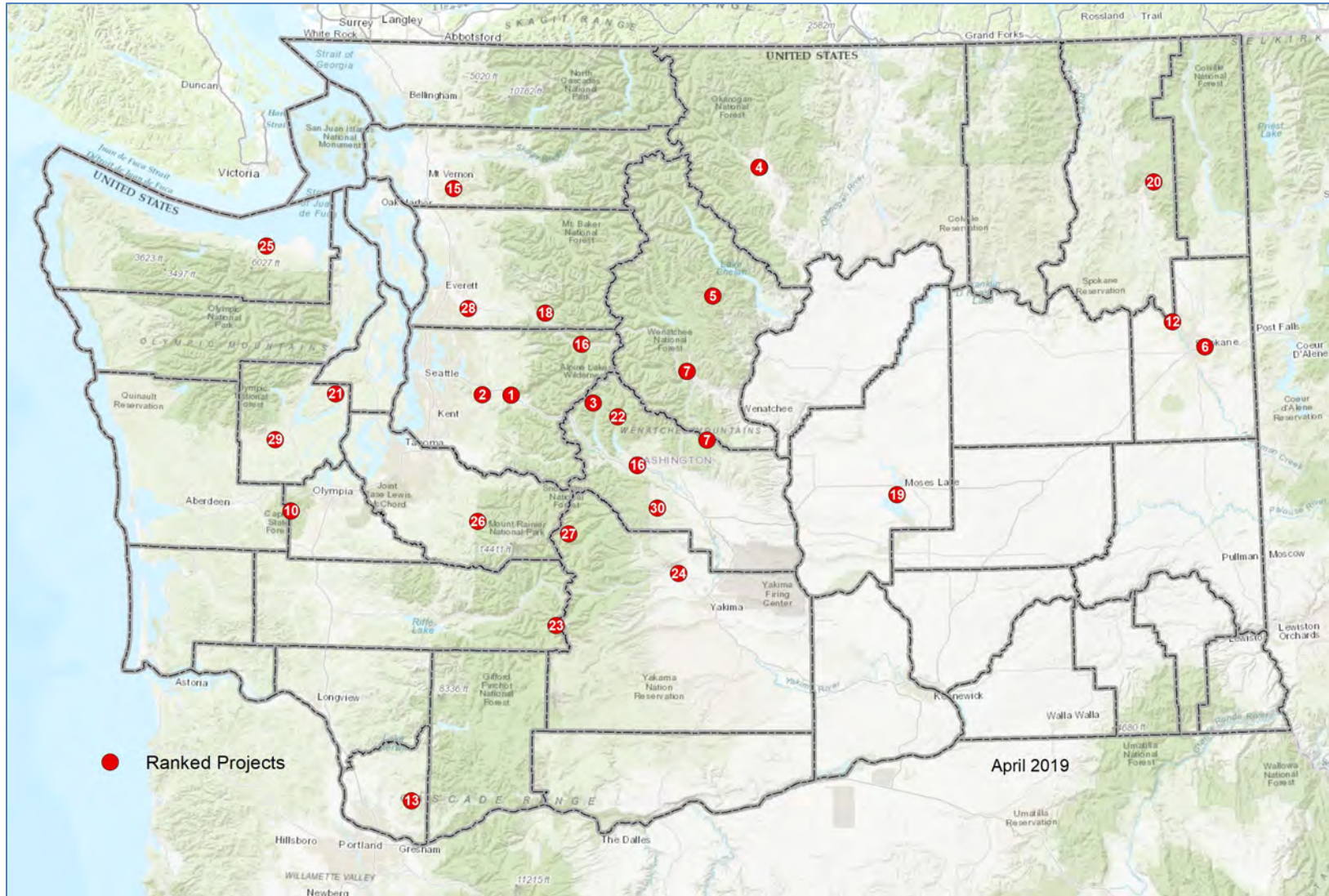
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Request	Staff Recommends
30	30.00	18-2475E	Air Patrol Yakima and Kittitas Counties	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$93,200		\$93,200	\$3,625,725	Alternate
					\$3,625,725	\$3,080,103	\$6,705,828		\$2,738,983

¹Project Types: E=Education

²Partial Funding

State Map for NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category Projects



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Education and Enforcement Evaluation Criteria Summary

NOVA–Education and Enforcement Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Scoring	Number	Item	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:

Item=Criteria title

NOVA Plan Policy=Criteria orientation in accordance with the NOVA Plan 2005-2011, which were carried forward to the 2018-2022 plan. The letter and 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?⁶

⁶Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act preference required.)

Education and Enforcement Projects Evaluation Scoring Summary

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Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	In-field Contacts	Targeting Current Users	Project Support	Non-governmental Contributions	Matching Shares		
1	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	12.75	12.00	8.17	8.00	7.17	3.92	5.00	57.00
2	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	13.00	11.00	6.83	7.67	8.83	4.17	4.00	55.50
3	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	11.75	11.50	8.00	7.50	8.83	3.67	4.00	55.25
4	Methow Valley and Tonasket Education and Enforcement	11.00	11.25	7.50	7.83	8.50	3.83	5.00	54.92
5	Okanogan-Wenatchee Central Zone Backcountry	12.00	11.50	7.83	8.17	8.00	3.25	4.00	54.75
6	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement Program	11.75	10.50	8.17	7.67	7.67	3.50	5.00	54.25
7	Frontcountry Education and Enforcement	11.50	12.25	7.33	6.83	7.67	3.50	5.00	54.08
7	Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement	12.00	11.25	8.00	7.33	7.00	3.50	5.00	54.08
9	Frontcountry Patrol	12.25	10.75	7.00	7.33	7.17	3.92	5.00	53.42
10	Capitol State Forest Education and Enforcement	11.50	11.00	7.33	7.00	8.67	3.58	4.00	53.08
11	Climbing Education	10.75	12.00	7.67	7.17	7.33	3.08	5.00	53.00
12	Riverside State Park Education and Enforcement	12.00	11.00	7.17	6.83	7.83	3.08	5.00	52.92
13	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	10.75	11.00	7.33	7.50	7.83	3.42	5.00	52.83
13	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	11.25	11.00	7.17	7.17	8.50	3.75	4.00	52.83
15	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement Warden	11.25	11.00	7.33	7.17	9.17	3.75	3.00	52.67
16	Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	10.50	11.25	8.00	7.67	8.33	2.83	3.00	51.58
16	Wilderness Education and Enforcement	12.00	10.75	7.67	7.50	5.50	3.17	5.00	51.58
18	Reiter Foothill Education and Enforcement	10.75	11.00	7.00	7.17	8.17	3.17	4.00	51.25
19	Off-Road Vehicle Area Education and Enforcement	10.25	11.00	7.50	7.17	7.17	2.58	5.00	50.67
20	Off-Highway Vehicle Forest Rangers	11.25	10.25	7.83	6.83	7.17	3.08	4.00	50.42
21	Tahuya, Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	12.50	9.75	6.33	6.83	5.83	3.58	4.00	48.83
22	Winter Education and Enforcement	10.25	10.00	6.83	6.50	7.50	2.42	5.00	48.50
23	High Use Wilderness Areas	11.25	10.25	6.33	6.33	6.33	2.58	5.00	48.08
24	Naches Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	11.25	10.75	7.00	7.33	5.17	2.50	4.00	48.00
25	Straits District Education and Enforcement	10.00	9.00	7.33	6.67	8.00	2.83	4.00	47.83
26	Evans Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Area Patrol	10.00	9.50	7.33	7.17	6.67	3.08	3.00	46.75

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	In-field Contacts	Targeting Current Users	Project Support	Non-governmental Contributions	Matching Shares	Total
27	Naches Wilderness Education and Enforcement	11.25	9.75	7.33	7.17	6.33	2.25	2.00	46.08
28	Lord Hill Wayfinding and Signs	10.00	10.50	5.33	6.67	7.50	3.58	2.00	45.58
29	Public Access to Private Lands	6.75	8.00	5.50	5.50	3.83	2.08	0.00	31.67
30	Air Patrol Yakima and Kittitas Counties	8.25	7.25	4.17	5.17	4.67	0.50	0.00	30.00

Advisory Committee scores Questions 1-6; RCO staff scores Question 7

Project Summaries

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Hiring Rangers for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns to patrol trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District. Rangers will provide education and enforcement while hiking and biking to backcountry destinations in the 300,000-acre district that includes 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than 400 miles of trail and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits, which provide a wide spectrum of recreation opportunities such as hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, foraging, and horseback riding. Rangers contact visitors in the field, while monitoring and protecting natural and cultural resources, and backcountry facilities on trails that can receive more than 1,000 hikers in a single day. Rangers also will work with volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$154,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2381)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$185,000

Hiring Specialists to Patrol the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Funding Rangers to Patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund three rangers, a volunteer intern, and volunteers to patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The rangers will educate visitors and protect the wilderness and trail resources. Hikers, backpackers, mountaineers, climbers, hunters, anglers, and horseback riders use the area. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness and adjacent area contain 157 miles of

trail, 16 trailheads, more than 60 lakes, and more than 750 campsites. It sees more than 55,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$68,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2308)

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$182,000**
Hiring Rangers to Patrol the Backcountry

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

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

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

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Educating Visitors about Environmental Stewardship

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$86,522

Funding Rangers to Patrol the Wilderness and Backcountry

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$135,000

Hiring Officers to Patrol the Front Country

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund two full-time and four seasonal officers to patrol the front country

along Interstate 90 and State Route 410. This district's 300,000 acres include 189,000 acres open to a broad range of visitors including hikers, equestrians, campers, off-road vehicles users, target shooters, hunters, and many others. There are more than 50 trailheads, 3 developed campgrounds, and thousands of dispersed campsites in the district. A uniformed presence will decrease vandalism and forest infractions, improve the Service's ability to respond to visitor needs and protect the resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$139,725 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2383)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Funding Capitol State Forest Wardens**

Grant Requested: \$197,500

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

**U.S. Forest Service
Hiring Climbing Rangers**

Grant Requested: \$81,189

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

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Patrolling Riverside State Park and Regional Trails**

Grant Requested: \$146,727

State Parks will use this grant to fund a full-time ranger to patrol Riverside State Park and two regional trails, all in Spokane and Stevens Counties. In addition to Riverside State Park, which is a 12,000-acre camping park with nearly 100 miles of trail, the ranger

will patrol 40 miles of the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail and 24 miles of the Columbia Plateau State Park Trail between Fish and Amber Lakes. Combined, these areas host more than 4 million visits annually. In addition to patrolling, the ranger will educate visitors about park rules, trail etiquette, and environmental stewardship; assist the volunteer program, and monitor the nearly 200 annual events. State Parks will contribute \$154,335 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2427)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$95,674

Educating Climbers in the Methow Valley

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$174,000

Hiring a Warden for the Pacific Cascade Region

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

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Patrolling Puget Sound Recreation Areas****Grant Requested: \$151,100**

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

**U.S. Forest Service
Funding Rangers to Patrol Off-road Vehicle Areas****Grant Requested: \$186,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund one full-time officer and four seasonal officers and to buy a trailer. The officers will patrol more than 400 miles of front country trails open to off-road vehicle users, including 7 campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads with dispersed camping. Located 80 miles east of the Puget Sound, the district is one of Washington's most popular off-road destinations, and hosts thousands of users every week. The rangers provide information and assistance to visitors, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe-riding principles. The Forest Service will contribute \$83,174 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2307)

**U.S. Forest Service
Funding Rangers to Patrol and Educate the Public****Grant Requested: \$70,200**

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$94,000**
Funding Education Rangers in the Colville National Forest

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$130,935**
Patrolling the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests and Stavis Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one recreation warden and additional agency police services to patrol the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests and the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Bremerton. The warden will patrol 200 miles of trail, 5 campgrounds, and 7 trailheads, focusing on off-road vehicle use and correcting safety issues. The warden also will support forest watch volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of stewardship. Additionally, the warden will help manage trail events in the forests. The grant also will pay for needed equipment. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$125,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2493)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$30,000**
Funding Winter Rangers

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to add two seasonal rangers to the existing winter staff to meet increasing demand for winter recreation in the area. The district has 10 sno-parks, 560 miles of winter trail, and 300,000 acres of backcountry open to winter recreation. Due to its proximity to the Puget Sound area, the district receives tens of thousands of visitors who play in the snow, cross-country ski, snowshoe, dogsled, and ride fat tire bikes during the 4-month season. The rangers will meet the public in sno-parks and on trails to educate them about avalanches and winter safety, trail etiquette, environmental stewardship, and local information. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,500 in a state grant and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2316)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$70,180**
Funding Patrols for the Gifford Pinchot High Use Wilderness Areas

The Mount Adams Ranger District in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to fund four seasonal rangers to provide education and law enforcement at Snowgrass Flats in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, Blue Lake in the Indian Heaven Wilderness, South Climb in the Mount Adams Wilderness, and on the Pacific Crest Trail in all three wilderness areas. The rangers will focus on visitor safety and environmental stewardship. Most of the project area is within 5 miles of a trailhead, and many visitors are relatively inexperienced, creating more need for search and rescues. More than 30,000 people visit the area each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$79,820 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2513)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$200,000**
Funding Rangers to Patrol the Naches Off-highway Areas

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund five rangers, who will focus on educating riders of off-highway vehicles about the need to protect streams, meadows, and wet areas. The rangers will contact visitors at campsites, staging areas, and on the more than 250 miles of trail in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The Naches District trail system provides an estimated 10 percent of trails for motorized uses in Washington. Its centralized location makes it one of the most highly used areas in the state. The Forest Service will contribute \$178,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2473)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$74,400**
Funding a Warden in the Clallam and Jefferson Counties

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a warden in the Olympic Region's Straits District, which covers portions of northern Clallam and east Jefferson Counties. The seasonal warden will patrol both designated and undesignated recreation areas on agency-managed lands during the highest use seasons and weekends. Additionally, the warden will help establish and support a volunteer Forest Watch program, which helps support partnerships with groups and visitor education. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$50,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2285)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$130,480**
Patrolling the Evans Creek Off-highway Vehicle Area

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest will use this grant to fund seasonal officers to patrol the Evans Creek ORV Park, campground, and trailhead, about 15 miles south of Buckley in Pierce County. The officers will assist visitors, address safety concerns, manage volunteers and special events, and patrol trails. Having officers in the field has reduced vandalism, abandoned garbage, and other infractions. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy an all-terrain vehicle. The recreation program has only one all-terrain vehicle and officers work in pairs. The Forest Service will contribute \$59,635 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2388)

**U.S. Forest Service
Funding Rangers to Patrol the Naches Wilderness**

Grant Requested: \$52,200

The Naches Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers and up to four part-time volunteers to patrol high-use areas in the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district. Rangers will educate visitors about environmental stewardship and safety. The ranger district encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington. Areas such as Dewey Lakes, Twin Sisters Lakes, and Surprise Lake have all been popularized in numerous guidebooks. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,850 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2364)

**Snohomish County
Funding Staff and Signs for the Lord Hill Regional Park**

Grant Requested: \$55,500

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to fund one part-time, seasonal ranger to patrol and educate visitors about trail use on the 32-mile trail system in the Lord Hill Regional Park, in south Snohomish County between Snohomish and Monroe. The County also will use the grant to buy mountain bikes and an all-terrain vehicle, install more than 200 wayfinding posts and signs throughout the 1,480-acre park, and develop a trail map. Currently, the trail system has minimal signs, and rangers commonly deal with lost visitors. Snohomish County will contribute \$14,500 in cash and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2415)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Funding Patrols in Private Forests**

Grant Requested: \$19,900

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use the grant to fund staff to educate visitors and enforce regulations primarily on private lands that are open to the public. The staff will focus on 1,200 square miles of private industrial forests in Grays Harbor and Mason Counties, within Game Management Units 648, 636, and 633. Closure of private timberlands to the public has been a key concern in western Washington. The staff will work mostly during peak periods, such as hunting and mushroom picking seasons. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2518)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Funding Air Patrols in Yakima and Kittitas Counties**

Grant Requested: \$93,200

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to fund air patrols of 400,000 acres of agency land in Yakima and Kittitas Counties across four wildlife areas. The department's officers will patrol roads used by all-terrain and off-road vehicles and

jeeps and contact users during weekends in the spring and early summer. Unfortunately, it is common for visitors to drive on closed roads and across meadows, damaging the landscape. Limited aerial patrols have proven effective at patrolling large areas. Some of the grant will be used to buy safety equipment for officers, such as helmets and flight suits, and to update signs and maps. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2475)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

Education and Enforcement (E&E) Category Letters are in Ranked Order

- 18-2381E Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol (1) Rank 1
- 18-2330E Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (11) Rank 2
- 18-2308E Cle Elum Ranger District Alpine Lakes Wilderness (14) Rank 3
- 18-2369E Methow Valley and Tonasket Education and Enforcement (3) Rank 4
- 18-2358E OKWEN Central Zone Backcountry E&E (3) Rank 5
- 18-2309E Cle Elum Ranger District Front Country E&E (14) Rank 7
- 18-2481E Wilderness and Backcountry Education and Enforcement (3) Rank 7
- 18-2383E Snoqualmie Ranger District Frontcountry Patrol (16) Rank 9
- 18-2463E Capitol State Forest Education and Enforcement (17) Rank 10
- 18-2487E Wenatchee River RD Climbing Education (3) Rank 11
- 18-2427E Riverside State Park Education and Enforcement (9) Rank 12
- 18-2290E Methow Valley Climbing Rangers (5) Rank 13
- 18-2507E Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement (1) Rank 13
- 18-2354E Northwest Region Education and Enforcement Warden (9) Rank 15
- 18-2307E Cle Elum RD ORV Education and Enforcement (9) Rank 16
- 18-2279E Grant County ORV Area Education and Enforcement (1) Rank 19
- 18-2495E Colville National Forest OHV E&E Forest Rangers (5) Rank 20
- 18-2316E Cle Elum Winter Education and Enforcement (8) Rank 22
- 18-2513E Gifford Pinchot High Use Wilderness Areas (2) Rank 23
- 18-2388E Evans Creek OHV Area Patrol (23) Rank 26
- 18-2364E Naches Wilderness Education and Enforcement (6) Rank 27
- 18-2475E WDFW E&E Air Patrol Yakima and Kittitas Counties (2) Rank 30



18-2381 NOVA EE #1

Washington Trails Association

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October 29, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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RE: Letter of support for NOVA & RTP proposals

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following NOVA and RTP projects:

#18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
#18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
#18-2379 E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
#18-2378 M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2399 D	Middle Fork Trail Relocation

Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 4,400 WTA volunteers perform over 140,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

For 50 years, WTA has focused on helping Washingtonians get on trail to experience the great outdoors in our state and national parks, national forests and other public lands with an emphasis on ensuring the sustainability of trails and making outdoor experiences fulfilling and fun for hikers.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers some of the most visited trails and trailheads in the state. With this increase in users, Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance is essential to providing safe and sustainable trails to all users in addition to the need for more Front Country and Backcountry Ranger Patrols to help alleviate and control user impact.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



ALPINE LAKES
protection society

January 4, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Application 18-2330 EDU
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

Alpine Lakes Protection Society (ALPS) is writing to express our very strong support for your grant application 18-2330, to fund one full time and one seasonal Education and Enforcement positions in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River valley.

ALPS has been closely involved in all aspects of management of the Middle Fork valley for decades. We have seen it go from a forgotten place, to a place infested with dumping, shooting and lawlessness, and now to a place in danger of being loved to death by overwhelming levels of public use.

Although public use is obviously a good and desirable thing, the special circumstances of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie valley put it especially at risk. The road network on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is crumbling away at the same time that population and traffic in the Seattle area are growing. The result is that more and more people are looking for close-in places to recreate in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork.

With the paving of the Middle Fork road, usage is skyrocketing. Land management agencies are facing an urgent need to have more people on the ground. If rules governing parking and overnight camping are not explained and enforced, it will degrade everyone's experience visiting the Middle Fork and other nearby public land areas.

The exploding level of usage in the Middle Fork is leading to crowding problems never before seen in this region. If cars park illegally along the road, it could lead to epic traffic jams and the inability for emergency access to the valley. It seems inevitable that private vehicle access will need to be restricted, and alternate ways found to get people in and out of the Middle Fork valley.

Until solutions to these problems can be found and implemented, it is critical that agencies' physical presence in the valley be increased. Thus we believe it is vital that grant application 18-2330 be

approved, in order to get personnel on the ground to deal with the unprecedented crowding and the problems it will create.

An immense amount of work and investment has gone into the Middle Fork over the past few decades. That work and investment could now be undermined by overcrowding that was once unimaginable. Grant application 18-2330 is a necessary first step toward addressing and managing the ever increasing levels of use in the Middle Fork valley. We urge its approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick McGuire".

Rick McGuire, President

ALPINE LAKES PROTECTION SOCIETY



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18-2330 NOVA EE #2

January 3, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) to support DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office fund the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and support the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor includes some of the most popular and accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in Washington year-round. Important trails for our organization include the C.C.C trail, an easily accessible trail that leads to further opportunities in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley as well as the popular South Tiger Mtn trail network outside Issaquah.

It is truly remarkable for these opportunities to be so close to a growing metropolitan Seattle area. Many consider the Alpine Lakes Wilderness as one of the most accessible wilderness areas in the county. The recent large federal road investment will only bring more equestrians and others to enjoy the valley. Without consistent enforcement and education staff on the ground, many of our trail investments could suffer, leading to trail closures due to safety concerns.

We hope that this application is funded in order for DNR to provide a committed staff patrolling the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is committed partnering with the DNR and the USFS to ensure that visitors enjoy these incredible landscapes.

Thank you,

s/ *Kathy Young*

Kathy Young

President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington

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Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



18-2330 NOVA EE #2

January 4, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
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RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

On behalf of the City of North Bend, I am writing to clearly state our support of the Department of Natural Resource's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office fund the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and support the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley includes some of the most popular trail opportunities in the region, located just outside North Bend city limits. North Bend's economy is heavily driven by outdoor recreation tourism. The hiking, mountain biking and equestrian community represents a large portion of our visitors. This grant opportunity will ensure that there is adequate enforcement and education staff for DNR and USFS to manage these recreation opportunities. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley is experiencing a dramatic increase in use with the federal road paving project completed. It is necessary for agencies to have adequate funding for official presence in the valley.

Increased education and enforcement staff patrolling trails will provide public safety, protect sensitive environmental resources, and improve user experience. All of these benefit will draw recreationists, and bring more visitors into the City of North Bend. Thank you for the opportunity to support this project and we look forward to DNR and USFS being awarded this grant.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important project,

Sincerely,

Lynn Hyde
City of North Bend,
Economic Development Manager
and Planner



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18-2330 NOVA EE #2

January 4, 2019
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RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports DNR's proposal to provide education service and educational resources in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. This grant funding will support a successful, full time staff person in the Snoqualmie Corridor and fund a unique cross-commissioned DNR and US Forest Service seasonal staff person, focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley are less than an hour from the growing Seattle area. At the end of the valley, is the most accessible designated wilderness area in the country. The Middle Fork road paving project is increasing visitation to the valley. It is critical that there is adequate staff and support for the DNR and USFS to support visiting public. Without this funding, much loved public lands in Snoqualmie could see an increase in illegal dumping and unsafe conditions.

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is involved with a multi-stakeholder recreation planning process in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. Ensuring education and enforcement staff will help protect the public's investment in the recreational resources.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,300 members and more than 32,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. We are particularly supportive of this proposal since it includes a significant planning effort between multiple stakeholders to protect the incredible natural and recreational resources of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley, yet make it accessible and safe for all non-motorized recreational user groups.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



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January 4, 2019

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18-2330 NOVA EE #2

RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to continue funding for the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and to support the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley are less than an hour from the Seattle and Bellevue metropolitan center. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most accessible wilderness areas in the county. A recent federal road improvement project vastly improved the primary access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley, managed by DNR and USFS. It is critical to secure funds to ensure dedicated education and enforcement staff across this landscape.

The Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, from Puget Sound to Central Washington. The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the DNR and USFS and many others to plan for long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

Without a consistent, funded education and enforcement presence, agencies will be unable to meet the challenge to managing public use and natural resources. This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan and other multi-stakeholder meetings organized as part of the larger the Middle Fork Valley planning efforts. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure that uniformed education-and-enforcement personnel are able to frequently patrol the Middle Fork Valley at a level commensurate with the high public visitation in the Valley, enhancing public knowledge of the area and furthering the efforts to conserve its natural areas and improve the recreational experience for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director

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18-2330 NOVA EE #2

PO Box 351 Issaquah, WA 98027

January 4th, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board P.O. Box 40917 Olympia, Washington
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RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement Snoqualmie
Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club is dedicated to the protection of the lush mountains, valleys and rivers and streams in the Issaquah Alps region and beyond. We have partnered with DNR for over twenty years on key conservation acquisitions, recreation planning and volunteer stewardship.

I am writing on behalf of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club (IATC) to support DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to fund the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and support the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor includes some of the most treasured hikes near Issaquah. This includes West Tiger No 3, Poo Poo Point and the lower elevation Tradition Plateau trail network, perfect for families and environmental education. In addition the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley is less an hour from the greater Seattle area. A multi-million dollar federal road improvement project will vastly improve the primary access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley, both managed by DNR and USFS.

We fully support this proposal and understand that without continued staff presence, especially on weekends, many of our trail investments are in jeopardy. IATC is committed to supporting DNR's mission to provide safe and sustainable recreation in the Snoqualmie Corridor.

Sincerely,

David Kappler

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King County

18-2330 NOVA EE #2

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January 4, 2019

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RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of King County to express our enthusiastic support of Washington Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to fund an education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and the cross-commissioned DNR and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The goal for this project is to provide education and enforcement staff year round in the Snoqualmie Corridor and a unique DNR/USFS cross-commissioned position in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan.

DNR and King County have been working together in Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley for over twenty years. From conservation land acquisitions to recreation management, we have worked together to provide seamless management throughout the valley. Last summer, we collaboratively opened a new trailhead to access the Granite Creek trail. Our day use sites are directly adjacent to DNR managed land and providing a DNR education and enforcement presence will directly benefit our sites. Thank you for the opportunity to support this project,

Kelly Heintz
Natural Lands Program | Parks & Recreation Division
King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks



The
Mountaineers

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January 10, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Mountaineers writes today to express our support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) proposal to fund an education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and the cross-jurisdictional DNR and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Mountaineers, based in Seattle, Washington and founded in 1906, is a nonprofit outdoor education and conservation organization whose mission is "to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond." The Mountaineers Books publishing division expands the mission internationally through award-winning publications. We are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors and protects the outdoor experience for current and future generations.

The Snoqualmie Corridor includes some of most popular accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in Washington year-round, including Mount Si, Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Poo Poo Point, Tiger Mountain, and many others. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley is a very important area to our members for our hiking, scrambling, and rock climbing trips and courses close to the greater Seattle area. With its mountain peaks, alpine lakes, old-growth forests, whitewater rivers, and strong native trout runs located within an hour's drive of downtown Seattle.

After the completion of the Middle Fork Road reconstruction project in the fall of 2017, the valley is now more accessible than ever before. The renovation and development of high quality and sustainable facilities along the river, both up in the Middle Fork Valley and down near the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, will provide much needed local and regional outdoor recreational opportunities that people of all ages can benefit from. The Mountaineers supports this educational project in order for DNR to provide year round education to the visiting public as well as protect investments and access for future generations.

Thank you and we hope that you will also support these projects,

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Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director

December 15, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District and U.S Forest Service to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to fund the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

While the DNR is submitting the application, this is a truly a unique and collaborative application, in which both agencies will be better poised to manage the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. Both the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and Alpine Lakes Wilderness are adjacent to DNR's conservation lands in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. From conservation land acquisitions and recreation management, our agencies have been working together in this valley for more than 20 years. Many popular trails on DNR managed land eventually lead to USFS managed land. We look forward to continuing this partnership and ensure that there is adequate education staffing. This is vital after the major federal road improvement project dramatically upgraded the condition of the only road entering the valley. DNR and USFS will not be able to manage the expected influx of population in the valley without this funding.

USFS and DNR, among other agencies and non-profit recreation organizations, are working together to plan for the improved county road paving project. This specific grant opportunity was recommended by a multi-stakeholder committee process, which organizes recreation planning in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. Both agencies are replying on this grant opportunity to have much needed education and enforcement in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

Sincerely,



Brian McNeil
USFS Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Snoqualmie Ranger District
North Bend, WA



18-2330 NOVA EE #2

Don Hoch
Director

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January 15, 2019

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RE: Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement
Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (18-2330 EDU)

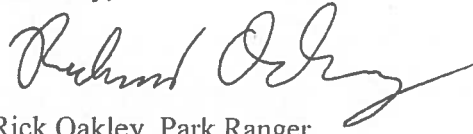
Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of Olallie State Park and Washington State Parks to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to fund the successful education and enforcement program in the Snoqualmie Corridor and support the cross-commissioned Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and US Forest Service (USFS) seasonal staff person focused in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley.

The Snoqualmie Corridor, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and Alpine Lakes Wilderness are adjacent to Olallie State Park and the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail near North Bend. Many visitors park at our trailheads to access the expansive DNR and USFS landscape. We look forward to continuing our agencies partnership and working together to ensure that there is adequate education staffing in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. The Far Side Trailhead is managed by Washington State Parks and leads hikers to the popular Dirty Harry's Peak trail. Having an official presence on trails will ensure a better educated public and less resource damage.

USFS and DNR, among other agencies and non-profit recreation organizations, have been working together to plan recreation opportunities in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. This specific grant opportunity was recommended by a multi-stakeholder committee process, which organizes recreation planning in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. We look forward to partnering with DNR and USFS in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Oakley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rick Oakley, Park Ranger
Olallie State Park
Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail



Washington Trails Association

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January 11, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917, Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Non-Highway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E (#18-2330 EDU)

Dear RCO Board Members:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following Washington State Department of Natural Resource's NOVA project: Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley E&E #18-2330 EDU.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Snoqualmie Corridor includes some of the most popular accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in Washington year-round, including Mount Si, Little Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, Poo Poo Point, Tiger Mountain and many others. In the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, the Mailbox Peak trail is well known as a challenging route with rewarding views. The multi-million dollar federal road improvement project vastly improved the primary access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, managed by DNR and the United States Forest Service. Without a committed staff patrolling and educating the visiting public, much of the investments will not be viable for the long-term. Funding for these projects will aid in providing safe, sustainable and accessible recreation in the Snoqualmie Corridor.

As an organization providing countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

P.O. Box 1494
Ellensburg, WA 98926



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Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
mlong@kittitasconservationtrust.org
509-649-2951

September 17, 2018

18-2308 NOVA EE #3

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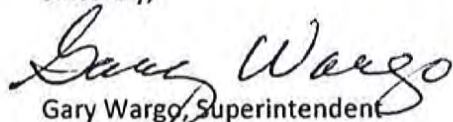
To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



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National Historic District and Preserve America Community

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Roslyn strongly endorses Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn

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18-2308 NOVA EE #3

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeeps. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



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Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

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October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: *The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- Jim Becker, Retired, formerly Founder, SmartLab Toys and beaker4my!
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- Jim Simmons, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association
- Al Smith, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
- David Suterant (*), Retired, Vice President, CH2M Hill
- Maryamethagay, Community at Large Representative
- Chris Thomas, SVP & Managing Director, Government Relations & Seattle-based Client Account Executive, CH2M
- Lesh Tivoli, Organizational Performance Manager, City Budget Office, Seattle
- Mike Williams (D), Supervisor, USFS Okanogan-Wentworth National Forest
- Kathy Williams, Retired, Former Senior Vice President, HomeStreet Bank
- Joel Voker, Solution Architect, Microsoft
- Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activities and Community Center

[*] Former Greenway member
[X] Former Greenway Director



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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



Kittitas County, Washington
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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners



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Michelle Capp, District Ranger
Cle Elum Ranger District, Okanogan Wenatchee NF
802 West 2nd St.
Cle Elum, WA 98922

Mrs. Capp,

October 15, 2018

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) supports the Cle Elum Ranger District in its pursuit of RCO grants for the upcoming grant cycle. RCO grants have become vital to the management of recreational opportunities on National Forest lands in Kittitas County. In recent years, due to its proximity to the greater Seattle area we have seen the use of this popular area increase exponentially. We only expect the recreational pressure on National Forest Service lands within Kittitas County to continue grow.

BCHW has a long history using the trails and back country in the Cle Elum District and have spent countless hours volunteering to assist in the maintenance of these trails and campgrounds. We are fully aware of the pressure placed on the FS employees to not only maintain the area trails and campgrounds, but to educate users and to provide adequate Forest Service Law Enforcement. Funding for additional FS personnel, law enforcement and Youth Conservation Corps crews will be vital if this area is to remain user friendly and accessible. The recently enacted "Trails Stewardship Act" mandates increased use of volunteers in the forest. This grant funding will further assist the district in planning for and increasing the efforts of volunteers and volunteer groups.

BCHW has a particular interest in the proposed expansion of the Salmon La Sac Trailhead to include a new parking lot for stock users. The stock trailer parking at that trailhead has become untenable. On any given day passenger vehicles use the posted stock trailer parking and at times no trailer parking is available at all. New and increased signs posted by the Cle Elum District FS have been largely ignored resulting in stock users being literally blocked in by cars; unable to load animals or even exit the lot. Expansion is an excellent option here, and can be accomplished so that all users have a satisfactory experience.

In closing, Back Country Horsemen of Washington supports the application of the Cle Elum Ranger District for RCO grant funding for the upcoming grant cycle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Young

Kathy Young,
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
president@bchw.org

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



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October 3, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum District's wilderness ranger patrol and wilderness trail maintenance efforts. The wilderness ranger work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. Complementary wilderness trail maintenance efforts are critical to maintaining access for non-motorized users to a popular trail network. Both the patrol and maintenance work are needed in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness because it is one of the most-visited wilderness area in the country and has heavy year-round recreational use, making it vulnerable to degradation.

Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit conservation organizations. Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. We work in partnership with local communities, businesses, conservation organizations, and local citizens to find solutions for the preservation and stewardship of our national public lands. Representing more than one million supporters nationwide and 25,000 in Washington state, The Wilderness Society has long been involved in public land management issues statewide.

The projects proposed by the U.S. Forest Service align well with the focus of our North Cascades Initiative: to protect the last great wild places in the North Cascades and preserve and enhance opportunities for recreation on our public lands. Recreation and Conservation Office funding would protect the beloved Alpine Lakes Wilderness through the provision of much-needed oversight and education and on-the-ground trail maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support. Feel free to contact me at (206) 473-2523 or at kcraig@tw.s.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kitty Craig
Acting State Director
Washington State Program
The Wilderness Society



ALPINE LAKES

protection society

September 30, 2018

Via email

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: **Cle Elum District – wilderness ranger funding**

To Whom It May Concern:

Alpine Lakes Protection Society (ALPS) is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum District's wilderness ranger patrol efforts. This work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. The work is potentially most needed in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness because it is the most-visited wilderness area in the country and has heavy year-round recreational use.

Consistent with its mission to protect the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, ALPS believes the wilderness rangers play an important role making contact with people visiting the Wilderness and passing along knowledge of Leave No Trace and minimal impact practices. This contact is crucial to help keep the Wilderness natural and pristine for future generations.

Too often we seem to think that our job is finished once we acquire or legislatively protect wildlands. However, that is in many ways just the beginning. Proper management is critical to keeping our public lands from being loved to death.

The Cle Elum District's Wilderness ranger efforts have been exemplary. Their talented team deserves support. We wholeheartedly urge you to give the most serious consideration to supporting their efforts.

Sincerely,

ALPINE LAKES PROTECTION SOCIETY

Rick McGuire, President



September 17, 2018

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers enthusiastically endorses the Cle Elum Ranger District's RCO grant proposal to fund wilderness rangers with the purpose to contact and educate wilderness users on Leave-No-Trace and other best practices for low-impact backcountry use. The Cle Elum Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is one of the most popular destinations for hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing and other wilderness activities in the Pacific Northwest. Every year, Mountaineers members frequent the District for hiking, climbing and scrambling outings and outdoor recreation skill instruction.

At The Mountaineers, we experience increased interest in our courses and activities ever year, as our region experiences continued population rise. Unfortunately, the very crowds that are drawn to the beauty and challenge of the District's unique terrain threaten to destroy the Wilderness experience they are seeking. Our members observe that recreation in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness has been drastically increasing these past few years. Popular Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest destinations such as Rampart Ridge, Rachel Lake, Spectacle Lake, Tuck and Robin Lakes and the Pacific Crest Trail are increasingly the sites of wildlife conflicts, safety incidents, and major impacts to the vegetation, soil and water quality. In order to preserve the integrity of the land as well as the experience of hikers, backpackers and other recreational users, we support the District in moving forward with pro-active, in-field education.

The Cle Elum District's proposal follows a proven model to prevent and remediate backcountry impacts and improve safety in popular destinations. The dedicated wilderness rangers will be able to provide current and relevant information directly to the recreating public. These ranger-to-recreationist interactions in the field are a powerful way to share important information on responsible recreational use. These rangers play an integral role in identifying key problem areas so they can harness volunteer power to steward the most fragile and affected recreation sites.

The Cle Elum District's wilderness education program will provide measurable results for improving the natural features of the landscape as well as the experience of those who recreate in the District. The Mountaineers strongly supports this effort. Thank you for considering this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Katherine Hollis,

Conservation and Advocacy Director, The Mountaineers



18-2308 NOVA EE #3

September 26, 2018

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

RCO Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the Cle Elum Ranger District Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest request for funding (*insert funding proposal number*).

Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) is a nonprofit organization that strengthens the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research. As a part of programming, we utilize AmeriCorps volunteers to support the work of wilderness managers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Many of our volunteers continue to serve the cause after their term of service ends. Over the past 7 years, our organization's support of wilderness and public lands has resulted in over 63,000 hours of volunteer service.

Since 2004, we have partnered with the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to provide additional support for managing our public lands. By placing our AmeriCorps Members with the OWNF we realize a dual benefit: The Forest has additional resources to assist its increasing work load due to increased visitor traffic, wildfire recovery and decreasing budgets; And our members have the opportunity to develop career skills and experience that increase their probability of finding permanent employment in the field.

MAI is very supportive of the efforts of the OWNF to minimize the negative impacts by providing more opportunities to educate wilderness visitors and restore impacted areas. In addition to their efforts to increase the presence of wilderness rangers on the ground, MAI is committed to amplifying this awareness, including the relevant Leave No Trace principles, through our various social media channels. Together, we will endeavor to steward public lands so that they remain accessible and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Brendan Norman
Executive Director
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18-2308 NOVA EE #3

October 10, 2018

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in support of the Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest in submitting the following applications:

18-2485 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Non-motorized Trails M&O 2020-2022

18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2308 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Alpine Lakes Wilderness E&E 2020-2022.

There is no doubt that improved access to our public lands leads to augmented public support for them. In this same vein, increased youth access to and interaction with public land necessarily adds to the longevity of that public support.

Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest clearly recognize these benefits of improving access, but have also made the comfortably prudent decision to pair recreation applications with Wilderness Education and Enforcement, showing a strong respect for the import of balancing utilization and conservation. This is exactly the ethic NYC hopes to instill in our corps members, and is why we are proud to partner with Cle-Elum RD.

NYC is a youth development and outdoor education organization that has provided opportunities to more than 12,000 young people since its establishment in 1984. NYC employs over 900 youth annually to complete conservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, many of which are stationed out of our field office in Leavenworth, WA.

NYC and the Cle Elum RD have worked in partnership to benefit land and youth alike since the early 1990s. The applications mentioned above will help to further this partnership. A partnership through which the District and Northwest Youth Corps will continue to complete necessary maintenance projects while helping young people to learn, grow, and experience success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Taitano", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Taitano, Washington State Program Manager



Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 11, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Cle Elum Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Cle Elum Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in central Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed over 933 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff.

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most popular backpacking areas on the entire Pacific Crest Trail. Its proximity to the cities of Western Washington and its stunning beauty make it a unique backcountry resource. Public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the high volumes of users in the backcountry necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations. Without these individuals, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness could not handle the vigorous public use it experiences.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for funding NOVA grant 18-2485 and NOVA grant 18-2308.





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

It is our contention that the best way to protect and enhance the fabulous public resources on the Cle Elum Ranger District, including the Pacific Crest Trail, is to enable the Forest Service to hire experienced trail crews and wilderness rangers. Their local knowledge and tireless labor are instrumental in assuring the continued protection of this prized landscape. PCTA strongly believes these grant applications serve the public good.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





Protect America's Climbing



October 19, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020 - 2021 (#18-2290) and Methow Valley E&E 2020 - 2021 (#18-2369)

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express our support of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD)'s proposals for Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020 - 2021 (#18-2290) and Methow Valley E&E (#18-2369). These two proposals promote education of Washington's climbing community, improve the recreational experience, and help protect the climbing environment. We strongly support these projects and the value that they will bring to recreationalists in the Methow Valley.

The MVRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are the Washington Pass Spires such as Liberty Bell, the Wine Spires of Silver Star Peak, Goat Wall, and dozens of crags and bouldering areas in the Mazama area, the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and the Chewuch River Valley. Climbing history in this district dates back 70 years and, with over 400 published climbing routes, the popularity of climbing continues to grow. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season on the MVRD.

The Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021 proposal is built upon a prior grant and continues its important work of educating climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, collecting use and resource data, identifying environmental impacts, building relationships within the community, and enforcing regulations. This grant will fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make contacts with visitors on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley. In previous seasons, the Climbing Ranger Program made significant progress on planning trail improvement projects, improving sustainability of existing access routes, managing human waste, data collection, and making educational contacts with hundreds of climbing parties. In conjunction with the Climbing Rangers proposal, the Methow Valley E&E proposal will fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

In the past few years, the Climbing Ranger Program and MVRD planning team made significant investments in trail assessment, planning, and review of the Washington Pass Spires Access Trail Project (Liberty Bell Conservation Initiative). Building upon the success of this planning, our organizations raised over \$100,000 in 2018 for professional trail crews to work with the MVRD in implementing the Liberty Bell Conservative Initiative to create a sustainable and safe network of climbing access trails on the western slopes of the Liberty Bell group of Washington Pass. This project addresses issues that have arisen due to the increased popularity of the region, focusing on erosion issues and deteriorating trail conditions. We sincerely thank them for their collaboration and commitment to maintaining and improving the recreational experience in the Methow Valley.

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the MVRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting MVRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Methow Valley Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway

Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

About the American Mountain Guides Association

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization that provides training and certification for climbing instructors, mountain guides, and ski guides throughout the United States. Founded in 1979, the AMGA has trained over 13,000 climbing and skiing guides who provide outdoor experiences for the general public that emphasize safety, stewardship, and education. As the American representative to the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, the AMGA institutes international standards for the mountain guiding profession in the United States and serves as an educational body for land management agencies, guide services, outdoor clubs, and others wishing to establish internationally-recognized standards for guided climbing and skiing activities. The advocacy arm of the AMGA supports sustainable use of public lands, facilitates stewardship opportunities, and works in cooperation with guides and land managers to promote best practices and preserve access to areas utilized by the guided public. For more information, visit www.amga.com.

Sincerely,



Joe Sambataro
Northwest Regional Director & National Access Director, Access Fund



Matt Perkins
Secretary and Treasurer, Washington Climbers Coalition



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Matt Wade
Advocacy and Policy Director, American Mountain Guides Association



October 12, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
 P.O. Box 40917
 Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects:

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

The District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to provide 5600 hours of education and enforcement activities during two field seasons. Rangers will perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

This grant would fund the continuation of the climbing program, as funded by prior grant. The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this education grant to fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make educational visitor contacts on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley RD. The goals of the program are to educate climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, continue building relationships within the community and with climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The primary recreational opportunity provided will be environmentally and socially responsible climbing.

18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees and conduct tread, drainage and brushing maintenance on trail segments with the greatest need within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness and surrounding backcountry areas in Okanogan County. This grant will fund a full-

time seasonal trail crew of 4 people to work for two seasons and will be matched by over 4000 hours of volunteer time. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is hiking and horseback riding.

18-2382: PNW National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this funding to continue to replace equipment and address deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail through the Pasayten Wilderness in Northcentral Washington. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this grant are hiking and equestrian use of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.

18-2385: MVRD Fire Trail Maintenance (Category: Maintenance & Operation)

The Methow Ranger District will use this funding to continue to address the maintenance backlog on trails affected by wildfires throughout the District, including the 2017 Diamond Creek Fire. Many of these trails access popular destinations and support multiple day loop options. Other trails are at lower elevations and provide early spring and late fall access when the backcountry is snowed in. This project will improve recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

These proposals promote education of Washington's human-powered recreation community and help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The Methow Valley Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance, The Mountaineers visit the Methow every season of the year.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the WRRD, including climbers. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Methow Valley Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



18-2308 NOVA EE #4

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October 24, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Support for Methow Ranger District's Planning Proposals 18-2290 and 18-2369

Dear Washington Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing on behalf of the National Forest Foundation to support Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Methow Ranger District's Proposals for Education and Enforcement Programs:

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021 - Continuation of the MVRD Climbing Ranger program aimed at education for climbers about environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, visitor use information, educational materials, monitoring environmental impacts, and climbing stewardship projects.

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021 - Continuation of the MVRD wilderness and backcountry ranger program to perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas by horseback, day-hiking, and backpacking patrols.

From 2012 – 2017 the National Forest Foundation worked extensively with the Methow Valley Ranger District to make recreation opportunities in the Upper Methow Valley ecologically sustainable, through our *Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences* initiative. This area was one of 14 sites selected across the entire 193 million acre National Forest System to receive the *Treasured Landscapes* designation. The area was chosen because of its iconic character, its variety of wildlife habitat, its importance to the rural Methow Valley economy and because of the need to address recreational use that is beginning to adversely affect this increasingly popular area.

While implementing projects in the Upper Methow Valley, we worked in areas popular with climbers, and worked with the Forest Service and the climbing community to improve safety, to

encourage leave-no-trace principals, and to make use of climbing areas more ecologically sustainable. Through this work, it was apparent that there was a great need to fund climbing rangers who would educate climbers and enforce regulations, to protect both the recreationalists and the environment. The climbing ranger program has so far been a success in these undertakings and it should be continued and enhanced.

We urge you to fund these proposals, which are critical for public safety and will help to conserve this special part of Washington.

Best Regards,

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Dayle L. Wallien
Conservation Partnerships Director

November 5, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance

18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21

18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21
18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
18-2292 MNT, MOTORIZED/MULTI-USE TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021



October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation
and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

18-2358 NOVA EE #5

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director

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18-2358 NOVA EE #5

Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
- 18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance
- 18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
- 18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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18-2309 NOVA EE #7

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



Kittitas County, Washington
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

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October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeppers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2309 NOVA EE #7

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



CLE ELUM · ROSLYN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND LIVE

September 17, 2018

18-2309 NOVA EE #7

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



18-2309 NOVA EE #7

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Long", is written over a vertical blue line that extends from the signature down to the contact information below.

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
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18-2309 NOVA EE #7

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: *The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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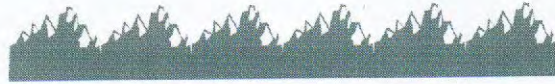
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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

18-2309 NOVA EE #7



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10/18/2018

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Dear RCO and NOVA Grant Committee,

This letter is intended to request support for the very highly visited recreation destinations within the Cle Elum Ranger District. As the population of the area is rapidly increasing, and, with larger numbers of folks visiting from across the state and beyond, these wilderness areas, trailheads, boat launches, dispersed campsites, etc., are under increased demand and pressure.

As founder and Executive Director of Friends of the Trail, a nonprofit organization conducting large scale cleanups on public lands across Washington State for a variety of government agencies for almost 23 years, I believe I have a good insight to various needs and problems associated with this growing demand. The nature of our business puts us on the forefront as witness to many needs first hand. Using court-appointed community service workers to tackle the hard work we do, FOT has gained a solid reputation for getting abandoned recreational vehicles, appliances, and mountains of dumped and discarded trash out of high-use areas and along rivers and watersheds, that must be removed. For example, as the water level of Lake Cle Elum recedes from spring to summer, and the Forest Service crews are busy battling fires, we fill the void to make the publics' visit to these areas pleasant and healthier, as well as the wildlife that also calls the area home. This lake bed is being abused by many campers and boaters who "relieve" themselves along the shore and leave hundreds of pounds of trash yearly after their visit. Since this is the source of water for the City of Cle Elum, someone has to pick it up. Some other examples are:

Lack of funding prohibits many important things such as portable toilets that make areas around recreation sites disgusting and unhealthy; lack of Forest Service Protection and Law Enforcement Officers reduce the publics' safety from rowdy campers and other visitors to the forest, timber theft, and other unsavory activities; back country Rangers to help protect the

Alpine Lakes Wilderness; Sno Park security and environmental stewardship. We also need to provide funding for increasing a maintenance crew to fix what's in need of repair, and maintain USFS lands.

All of these things are important to plan for increased usage on Forest Service lands in Kittitas County, and last, but not least, is ensuring a healthy economy in communities where these Forest Service visitors are spending their money. Friends of the Trail is proud and dedicated to the Forest Service and other governmental agencies need to address this increasing pressure. I hope I've painted a picture of this dire need to keep up with this responsibility to the public lands we all serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wade S. Holden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Wade Holden
Executive Director/President



Protect America's Climbing



18-2481 NOVA EE #7

October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

**RE: 18-2291 MNT, WRRD TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2481 EDU, WRRD WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY E&E 2020-2021
18-2487 EDU, WRRD CLIMBING EDUCATION 2020-2021**

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express continued support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District (WRRD) Climbing Education program (18-2487) and the Wilderness/Backcountry Education and Enforcement (18-2481), as well as critical maintenance proposals for WRRD trailheads, dispersed sites, and Wilderness/non-motorized trails (18-2291 and 18-2393). All four proposals promote education of Washington's climbing community and help protect the climbing environment.

The WRRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are Mount Stuart and the massifs of Prusik, Dragontail, and Colchuck Peaks. There are also countless other smaller crags and rocks in the district that have climbing history dating back 70 years. Washington climbers visit WRRD every season of the year, whether to climb rock, ice, boulders, or alpine objectives across the District.

Since 2012, WRRD's climbing ranger program has participated and co-hosted several volunteer events, taught climbing-specific Leave No Trace seminars, hosted Climbers Coffee with resource specialists, made hundreds of contacts in the field, cleaned up countless climbs and staging areas, worked with partners to install a climbing information bulletin board, donation tube, and temporary toilet at a popular parking area, and developed a WRRD Climbing Education Plan. All of this is done in a collaborative process with Leavenworth Mountain Association, Access Fund, Washington Climbers Coalition, American Alpine Club, NW Mountain School, Mountaineers, and the Forest Service. The RCO-NOVA funded Climbing Education Program (18-2487) continues to produce positive results in protecting the environment, creating a safe, positive recreational experience, and protecting NOVA opportunities.

The Enchantments and Stuart Range of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness of the WRRD continue to grow in popularity and use across all Wilderness recreational users. As WRRD struggles to meet the growing demands of this cherished Wilderness area, continued support from RCO for the Wilderness/Backcountry Education proposal (18-2481) will provide critical education of climbers and other recreational user groups in popular wilderness recreational areas.

Critical maintenance of trails, trailheads, dispersed recreation, and Wilderness must accompany education and enforcement programs to effectively address the growing needs and impacts of recreational users. We support the necessary maintenance proposals for WRRD trailheads, dispersed sites, and Wilderness/non-motorized trails (18-2291 and 18-2393).

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the WRRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting WRRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Wenatchee River Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Leavenworth Mountain Association

Leavenworth Mountain Association is a climbing advocacy and stewardship non-profit organization (501c3) with a mission to strengthen the community through climbing. Promoting environmental consciousness, preservation, and stewardship is a core component. Through collaborative efforts with other like-minded groups, and the help of our community, we strive to enhance our trail systems, encourage Leave No Trace practices, promote sustainability for our high use areas, and make the outdoors a more accessible place for youth, while teaching about the value of our natural resources. For more information, visit www.leavenworthma.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway

Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

Sincerely,



Joe Sambataro
Northwest Regional Director & National Access Director, Access Fund



Andrew Puhl
Cascade Section Chair, American Alpine Club



Alison Miller
President, Leavenworth Mountain Association



Matt Perkins
Secretary and Treasurer, Washington Climbers Coalition



Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River
Ranger District's RCO grant applications #18-2291, #18-2393, #18-2481

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant applications submitted by the Naches Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Wenatchee River Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in central Washington. Our volunteers log out and maintain the PCT each season, but the trail season is short, and the need is great.

The Highway 2 corridor is one of the most popular hiking areas on the entire PCT. The proximity of the district to this heavily trafficked corridor and the stunning beauty of the area has resulted in large amounts of recreation use. This is a very positive situation, but public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and managing the heavy use of the area requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in the area necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations. Increased use also means increased maintenance needs at the packed trailheads.





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





18-2481 NOVA EE #7

October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation
and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director

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October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

We of Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants NOVA categories.

We endorse and support these grant applications.

As a long- time recreation visitors and/or volunteers, we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. In addition, the Middle Fork Trail has a severe washout during the fall of 2017 and the popular Asehel Curtis picnic site off I-90 is in need of restoration.

The District recreation staff coordinate thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, JEREMY SCHAEFER am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, *Shay Schakel* am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, *Kathleen Hollingsworth* am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Hollingsworth

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, *Ashley Hollingsworth* am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ashley Hollingsworth

October 25 , 2018

18-2383 NOVA EE #9

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

As President of the Hi- Country Snowmobile club, I am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreational user and volunteer, (literally hundreds of volunteer hours) We are very aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

We have done many projects working side by side with the great people out at the Enumclaw Forest Service office.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dan Johnson President

Hi-Country Snowmobile Club

3670 53rd st se

Auburn wa. 98092

253-606-0108

Members with

October 12, 2018

18-2383 NOVA EE #9

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

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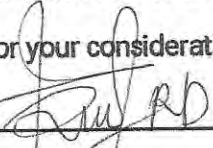
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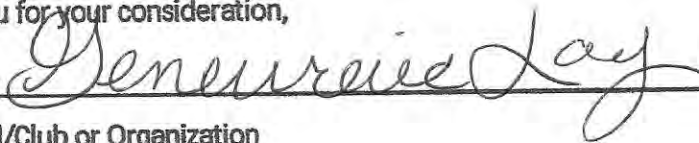
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Sincerely,



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I/We Ronnie Clark are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Sincerely,



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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Hayley Clark

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Shannon Clark

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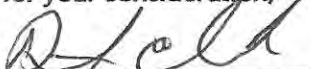
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Sincerely,  REDNECKS & RUGRATS JEEP CLUB

Individual/Club or Organization

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October 12, 2018

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Individual/Club or Organization



Friends of Capitol Forest

ktwood@gmail.com | 206-979-9494 | 1713 Camden Park Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98512

December 18, 2018

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Very truly yours,

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Kelly Wood
President, Friends of Capitol Forest



THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON
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18-2463 NOVA EE #10

JOHN D. SNAZA
Sheriff

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TIMOTHY P. BRANIFF
Undersheriff

October 16, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia WA 98504

RE: Letter of Support – Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement Grant

I would like to express my support for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) application for the #18-2463 Capitol State Forest Education and Enforcement grant.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office has an excellent working relationship with DNR and we highly support any opportunity they have to provide education and enforcement in the Capitol State Forest. This grant would afford DNR the ability to maintain one full-time and one half-time recreation warden and additional police services to patrol 150 miles of trails, four campgrounds, six trailheads, 150 miles of trail, and 560 miles of open roads to ensure safety for the public. The recreation wardens will support Forest Watch volunteers and campground hosts who assist E&E efforts to promote safety and proper forest use. The wardens and volunteers will also assist with event management. DNR Police Services will provide additional patrols and funds will be used to deploy equipment to aid in the investigation of criminal activity at trailheads.

This additional education and enforcement presence will result in a more enjoyable, safer, and sustainable recreation in the Capital State Forest. These efforts are of great value to me and my staff in ensuring the safety of all Thurston County citizens. I fully support this request and hope they can continue this great program.

Sincerely,

Undersheriff Timothy Braniff

For JOHN D. SNAZA
SHERIFF

JDS/tdg

"People First. Public Safety Always"





State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N · Olympia, WA 98501-1091 · (360) 902-2200, TTY (800) 833-6388
Main Office Location: Natural Resources Building · 1111 Washington Street SE · Olympia, WA

November 5th, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA

RE: Letter of Support – Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement Grant

Please note our support for the Department of Natural Resources grant application #18-2463: "Capitol State Forest Education & Enforcement".

The Capitol State Forest receives heavy recreational use from hunters during the Deer seasons that run from September through December. Over 1,500 deer hunters routinely use the state forest during that timeframe. Additionally, these public lands provide a variety of other recreational hunting opportunities such as bird, bear, or elk hunting. A large number of non-hunting recreationists and commercial harvesters are active throughout the forest during the remainder of the year. Education and Enforcement staff are critical to preserving our natural resources for future generations. Please support this application

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Novack", written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Novack
WDFW District Wildlife Biologist
48 Devonshire Road
Montesano, WA 98563

18-2463 NOVA EE #10



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WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Trey Wilson <trey@racecascadia.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 1:25 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: Letter of Support

Recreation & Conservation Office RE grant #18-2463

To whom it may concern,

I support RCO grant #18-2463! Education and Enforcement (E&E) in Capitol Forest is greatly needed...

My friends and family frequent the trails in Capitol Forest multiple times a week and it good to know someone is looking after our safety in and around the trailhead.

I also host a events in Capitol Forest and having the E&E officer in place helps streamline the permit process and our event participants appreciate have a DNR representative at our events.

Sincerely,



Trey Wilson, Series Director
| phone: 360.915.5100
| email: trey@racecascadia.com
| site: www.racecascadia.com



18-2463 NOVA EE #10

October 24, 2018

To: Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Capitol Forest Education & Enforcement Grant #18-2463

I am writing in support of RCO grant #18-2463. Education and Enforcement (E&E) in Capitol Forest is greatly needed.

As a member of the Tacoma Trail Cruisers my friends and I regularly use the trails in Capitol Forest and it is good to know someone is looking after our safety in and around the trails.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doyal Wright", written in a cursive style.

Doyal Wright

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

October 22, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

To funding committee

Marty & I are campground hosts at Middle Waddell campground and we would like to offer our support for RCO grant #18-2463. From what we understand funding from this grant will to continue and increase Education & Enforcement presence in Capitol State Forest.

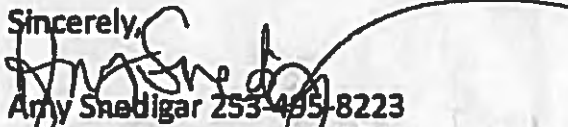
As camp hosts we appreciate the direct support and services provided by the current warden, Barry Godfrey. We would not be effective as campground hosts without the support of the warden.

As there is only one warden assigned to the 100,000 acre Capitol Forest it means there is a gap in coverage 2 or 3 days a week. Continued and increased funding will allow the current and second warden to fill the gap and provide more coverage on busy weekends. Our campground is routinely full on the weekends – on occasion we need help encouraging people who overstay the 7 day limit to move on.

We a enjoy helping Barry with ORV checks on event weekends and we hope to continue doing so

Please fund request # 18-2463

Sincerely,



Amy Snedigar 253-495-8223

mariette123@yahoo.com



Marty Hunt 253-468-1932

bigdaddytrucker1973@yahoo.com

Marty@gulleylogging.com

Ryan McCord
(415) 624-5530
ryankmccord@gmail.com

November 4, 2018

RE: Letter in support of DNR Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement Project, # 18-2463


Dear Committee and Board members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Department of Natural Resource's grant proposal for education and enforcement in Capitol Forest, project 18-2463. Capitol Forest is an excellent resource and one of the things that makes the Olympia area a great place to live. The access to recreational opportunities it affords is wonderful. I know I am not unique in that sentiment because every time I go to the forest I encounter other users: hikers, bikers, off-road motorcyclists, equestrians and shooters. And the number of users seems to be rising every year.

There is a considerable need for increased enforcement and education in the Forest. I believe most Forest users recreate responsibly. However, I have personally felt unsafe there due to other users behavior. Twice in the past year I have been biking or hiking on trails and have heard a bullet whizzing close by. They were close enough that I shouted and quickly turned back in the other direction. Another problem I see frequently is trash dumping. Unfortunately, it seems to be getting worse. It's hard to go far down a forest road these days without seeing a pile of trash. I believe increased DNR education and enforcement activities can curb some of this behavior.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project funding proposal.

Sincerely,



Ryan McCord

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

October 23, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

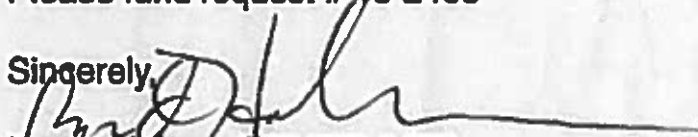
I support RCO grant #18-2463 on continue funding for the Education & Enforcement Warden in Capitol State Forest.

I understand the grant will include additional funding for a second warden in the forest. Another warden will be very helpful in directing use and enforcing agency recreation laws.

As a mountain biker I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to safely ride in the Capitol Forest. The problems associated with target shooting have been reduced since the warden has been in place in the forest.

Please fund request # 18-2463

Sincerely,


Roger Holman 253-732-1468

roger.d.holman@gmail.com

242 N Lenore

Tacoma WA 98406

October 25, 2018

To: Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Capitol Forest Education & Enforcement Grant # 18-2463

I support RCO Grant #18-2463. Education and Enforcement (E&E) is very important and greatly needed in Capitol Forest.

As a member of Tacoma Trail Cruisers my family, friends and grand children frequently use the trails in Capitol Forest. It is very important to know someone is looking out for our safety on and around the trails and trail heads in Capitol Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis R. Lingo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'L'.

Dennis R. Lingo

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Brenda Folkerts <intheriver4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: RCO Grant Requests/Capitol Forest

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
Attention: Phil Wolff

I am writing to give my support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant applications:

RCO #18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
RCO #18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
RCO #18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails
RCO #18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

I took up hiking and trail running after moving to Olympia a few years ago and my husband and I really enjoy the year-round opportunities that the Capitol State Forest has to offer for outdoor recreation in our area. We really appreciate the improvements to the restroom facilities and the ongoing trail maintenance provided by DNR and volunteers over the last few years. We fully support the ongoing maintenance of the present trail system and the work to rebuild and/or repair trails after damage due to logging or weather conditions.

We had heard about the possibility of additional trails being added around The Margaret McKinney Trailhead and the Mima Falls area, and fully support that grant application. We look forward to exploring these new connectors and loops and fully support the ongoing education and maintenance that will be required for these additional trails.

Sincerely,

Brenda Folkerts

3024 Moore Street SE
Olympia, Washington 98501
360-731-2907
intheriver4@gmail.com

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

Subject: Support for Capitol Forest Education & Enforcement

From: SisterDanell <castleedge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:29 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR) <PHILIP.WOLFF@dnr.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Capitol Forest User Group Meeting

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

To: Recreation Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your consideration In approving Rco 18-2476/ Rco 18-2465/ Rco18-2463. This is a letter of support to these matters.

The trails, staff and volunteers are a key roll in the community and family fun that is provided for ATV and UTV use on capital forest lands.

My husband and I are members of the Washington ATV club and have volunteered our services to maintain the middle waddle trail head.

We are both small business owners in Washington State and enjoy what capital forest has to offer on our days off. This letter is also a big Thank you!

Sincerely Danell Wessel and Brian Mitchell
903 Tipsoo Loop RD. N. Rainier Wa, 98576
(253) 359-5128 (360) 972-4155

18-2463 Capitol Forest Education & Enforcement

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

John Miller

millerjohnmd@gmail.com

Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Office Funding Board

I support this aspect of funding for Cap Forest. As a mountain biker I have had my truck broken into and robbed at a Cap Forest trailhead. While gains have been made in garbage and illegal shooting, these are still menaces in the forest. Continued funding of enforcement and education is crucial for the success of the forest.

Thanks. John Miller.

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Subject: FW: Regarding grant applications for Capitol Forest

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RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As local area trail runners we greatly appreciate the opportunities Capitol State Forest offers to us for recreation so close to home.

Though we are relatively new to trail running and the area we have seen DNR and local volunteers make great improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years. Maintenance of the already created trail system is extremely important and we have been impressed by the work that has been done to rebuild trails after logging or repair after wind and flood damage.

We are especially excited to hear about the possibility of additional trails being added around the Mima Falls and Margaret McKinney trailheads. Additional loops and connector trails will allow for greater variations in distances which will make the trail system even more popular (which will also necessitate additional education and enforcement) so we are also excited about that grant application.

Seth Miller and Laura Jordan

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

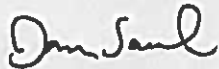
RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



Dan Saul

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Recreation & Conservation Office Grant Committee

12/14/2018

RE: 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education & Enforcement Grant

To whom it may concern,

As a mountain bike enthusiast and volunteer with Friends of Capitol Forest, I'd like to express my support for the new Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails grant #18-2463.

Capitol Forest is huge and one Education and Enforcement staffer for a Forest spanning over 100,000 acres is simply not enough. Adding additional personnel will help decrease illegal activity in the Forest, including target shooting without proper precautions and backstops is a significant problem in Capitol Forest. In previous years the increase of education and enforcement has made a tremendous impact on the safety and enjoyment of the recreation opportunities in Capitol Forest.

I feel that grants to continue these programs are an essential part of comprehensive recreation plan that DNR has put in place for Capitol Forest

Thank you for considering this grant request

Julian Sammons

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November 19, 2018

18-2463 NOVA EE #10

RCO Funding Board:

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

- # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
- # 18-2464 Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance
- # 18-2467 New Capitol Forest New Off Road Vehicle Trails
- #18-2466 New Capitol Forest New Non - Motorized Trails

The multi-use recreational facilities in Capitol Forest are a fabulous resource for area residents and visitors alike, and are greatly loved and appreciated. These grants will help leverage volunteer trail building and maintenance efforts various user groups provide. DNR has a great relationship with the public, coordinating and communicating with these groups to provide opportunities and address problems with facilities or policies. I have been riding in Capitol Forest for over a decade and DNR staff has increased their responsiveness, which keeps users safe and prevents small problems from growing into larger and more costly ones. We even work together to report issues “from the field” via GPS-enabled smartphone apps to pinpoint problems and help staff respond more efficiently. As citizen volunteers we are able to respond to many trail maintenance issues, but some we cannot, such as those requiring heavy equipment operation. Additionally, while we help foster good trail etiquette among users, we are not authorized to address enforcement issues. Use of Capitol Forest is growing for many

reasons and with it comes a need for greater education and enforcement (E&E) presence to help ensure proper use and curtail illegal activities. Having dedicated E&E personnel in the forest is important and even “positive contacts” promotes communication between the agency and the public and user safety. Perhaps the greatest challenges come from areas of higher concentration of use, notably campgrounds and trailheads, especially restrooms. DNR’s extra efforts to keep these clean, well organized, and orderly are notable and have improved user experience, especially at Fall Creek Trailhead.

DNR has been responsive to the need for recreational opportunities for users of different experience levels as well. I was very involved in several bridge replacement projects last year (thanks in part to previous RCO grant funds) and was amazed at how popular the non-motorized trails especially around Fall Creek have become among hikers and trail runners. While I used to encounter an occasional user on these trails, during one volunteer shift replacing a bridge on the Mima Falls East Trail, I counted over 50 people — individuals and families with infants and toddlers. I was amazed by this growth. DNR has provided increased signage on these routes so that people who are less familiar with the trail system can have safe and enjoyable experiences. The agency has worked with Friends of Capitol Forest to create a “kids mountain bike trail” and with equestrian organizations to provide route separation or directionality when needed to address safety and minimize potential conflicts such the new Green Line Climbing Trail. On the other end of the user-experience spectrum, the agency has been a good partner for advanced mountain bikers through provision of downhill and “freeride” trails on the North Slope of the forest. In turn user groups hold competitive events in the forest, which raise funds for continued trail building and maintenance.

Although primarily a mountain biker, I also benefit from quality “ORV trails” — with a few exceptions, cyclists can use them too (and frequently do). Additionally, electric-assist mountain bikes, limited to ORV trails, will only become more popular as the population ages but wants to continue to enjoy outdoor recreation. In short, despite the term, Capitol Forest’s “ORV trails” are important to more than

just motorcycle and quad riders. Aside, I have never once had a negative interaction with another “user type” in the forest, which is partly due to DNR’s sound recreational management of the forest.

I hope that this letter helps you better understand how DNR has been a good steward of Capitol Forest as a recreational resource and also of public dollars. Please support their grant requests so that the agency’s good work can continue here (and at Yacolt Burn State Forest, where I have also ridden this past year). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurence Leveen

Larry Leveen



Protect America's Climbing



18-2487 NOVA EE #11

October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

**RE: 18-2291 MNT, WRRD TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2481 EDU, WRRD WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY E&E 2020-2021
18-2487 EDU, WRRD CLIMBING EDUCATION 2020-2021**

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express continued support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District (WRRD) Climbing Education program (18-2487) and the Wilderness/Backcountry Education and Enforcement (18-2481), as well as critical maintenance proposals for WRRD trailheads, dispersed sites, and Wilderness/non-motorized trails (18-2291 and 18-2393). All four proposals promote education of Washington's climbing community and help protect the climbing environment.

The WRRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are Mount Stuart and the massifs of Prusik, Dragontail, and Colchuck Peaks. There are also countless other smaller crags and rocks in the district that have climbing history dating back 70 years. Washington climbers visit WRRD every season of the year, whether to climb rock, ice, boulders, or alpine objectives across the District.

Since 2012, WRRD's climbing ranger program has participated and co-hosted several volunteer events, taught climbing-specific Leave No Trace seminars, hosted Climbers Coffee with resource specialists, made hundreds of contacts in the field, cleaned up countless climbs and staging areas, worked with partners to install a climbing information bulletin board, donation tube, and temporary toilet at a popular parking area, and developed a WRRD Climbing Education Plan. All of this is done in a collaborative process with Leavenworth Mountain Association, Access Fund, Washington Climbers Coalition, American Alpine Club, NW Mountain School, Mountaineers, and the Forest Service. The RCO-NOVA funded Climbing Education Program (18-2487) continues to produce positive results in protecting the environment, creating a safe, positive recreational experience, and protecting NOVA opportunities.

The Enchantments and Stuart Range of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness of the WRRD continue to grow in popularity and use across all Wilderness recreational users. As WRRD struggles to meet the growing demands of this cherished Wilderness area, continued support from RCO for the Wilderness/Backcountry Education proposal (18-2481) will provide critical education of climbers and other recreational user groups in popular wilderness recreational areas.

Critical maintenance of trails, trailheads, dispersed recreation, and Wilderness must accompany education and enforcement programs to effectively address the growing needs and impacts of recreational users. We support the necessary maintenance proposals for WRRD trailheads, dispersed sites, and Wilderness/non-motorized trails (18-2291 and 18-2393).

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the WRRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting WRRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Wenatchee River Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Leavenworth Mountain Association

Leavenworth Mountain Association is a climbing advocacy and stewardship non-profit organization (501c3) with a mission to strengthen the community through climbing. Promoting environmental consciousness, preservation, and stewardship is a core component. Through collaborative efforts with other like-minded groups, and the help of our community, we strive to enhance our trail systems, encourage Leave No Trace practices, promote sustainability for our high use areas, and make the outdoors a more accessible place for youth, while teaching about the value of our natural resources. For more information, visit www.leavenworthma.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway

Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

Sincerely,



Joe Sambataro
Northwest Regional Director & National Access Director, Access Fund



Andrew Puhl
Cascade Section Chair, American Alpine Club



Alison Miller
President, Leavenworth Mountain Association



Matt Perkins
Secretary and Treasurer, Washington Climbers Coalition



Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

18-2487 NOVA EE #11

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District's RCO grant applications #18-2291, #18-2393, #18-2481

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant applications submitted by the Naches Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Wenatchee River Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in central Washington. Our volunteers log out and maintain the PCT each season, but the trail season is short, and the need is great.

The Highway 2 corridor is one of the most popular hiking areas on the entire PCT. The proximity of the district to this heavily trafficked corridor and the stunning beauty of the area has resulted in large amounts of recreation use. This is a very positive situation, but public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and managing the heavy use of the area requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in the area necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations. Increased use also means increased maintenance needs at the packed trailheads.





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





18-2487 NOVA EE #11

October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation
and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director

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October 15, 2018


Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members,

The Recreation and Leisure Services degree program at Eastern Washington University is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement. The project name is: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020. The project number is: 18-2427.

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually, promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Last, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

The RCLS program at EWU works closely with Riverside State Park and the local trail systems. Many of our students volunteer to help with efforts related to safety, information dissemination, education, and event programming. This position is critical for the oversight and placement of students in the field. In addition, as a recreation program, we utilize the state park and local trails for our own educational purposes and outcomes. Efforts such as these are closely coordinated with the Education and Enforcement Ranger in order to assure good communication and proper use of the natural resources.



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18-2427 NOVA EE #12

10/12/18

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Support of Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427.

Dear Board Members,

The City of Liberty Lake is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA users annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users regarding everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

The addition of this ranger is important and can help alleviate the duties of local law enforcement on the trail. There is wide ranging consensus that a “presence” along the trail is highly beneficial for reasons of safety and security for trail users and is a primary mission for the Centennial Trail Coordinating Council and its jurisdictions.

Even though safety is the primary responsibility, the ranger also plays a critical role in gathering information and communicating back to the jurisdictions and the CTCC. The Centennial Trail is a highly valued amenity to our region and the ranger is the one who interacts with the public, communicating information with them, receiving feedback, and promoting safety.

Thank you for your consideration and support for the Education and Enforcement ranger.

Sincerely,

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Katy Allen, City Administrator



10-24-2018

18-2427 NOVA EE #12

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members,

The MSF Dirt Bike Schools is pleased and proud to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement

(Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

We have been a decade's long supporter and provider of ORV rider safety as well as specific E & E training for Washington and Idaho ORV deputies, Military and the U.S. Border Patrol, and fully support the ORV safety efforts and activities for and at, Riverside State Park.

The staff at Riverside State Park does a great job and are focused and very effective as well, with both the ORV users and non-users. These efforts have far reaching specific benefits and value for the grant moneys provided by your Funding Board, because the millions of ORV users and non-users, who use the Riverside facilities, also go to many other areas throughout Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and how these riders and non-users behave and use the other areas, is directly influenced by the safety training and interaction of, the Riverside State Park E&E staff and educational programs.

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol these areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In

addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

It's important to point out, NOVA is getting a huge leveraged return on their funding by utilizing this E & E investment and by continuing this funding at the Riverside State Parks, which also effects all the other area facilities around Washington State and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

We fully support Riverside State Parks in this, and will continue to do so in the future.

Sincerely,

Stephen May

CEO

Options & Solutions Inc.

The MSF Dirt Bike Schools



18-2427 NOVA EE #12

October 19, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members,

Round & Round Productions is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol these areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

This project is a substantial benefit to our annual 24 Hour race held at Riverside State Park (7 mile airstrip area) every Memorial weekend. The ranger collaboration before, during and after the event ensures its success and the overall health of the park. Additionally, the education offered our attendees regarding the park, safety, environmental concerns, etc. are of great help in preserving our recreation areas for years to come.

Thank you,

Wendy Zupan
Gino Lisiecki
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18-2427 NOVA EE #12

October 23, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members,

REI in Spokane, Washington is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol these areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

Here at REI we inspire, educate, and outfit for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship. To meet this goal, Spokane REI partners with Riverside State Park on numerous events and classes including Wednesdays in the Woods coming back for its fifth year this summer 2019. These programs would not be possible without the support of the E&E ranger. We are happy to support this grant application, and look forward to another year of outdoor recreation, education, and stewardship in Spokane, Washington

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenna Bracken".

Jenna Bracken
Outdoor Programs & Outreach Coordinator
Spokane REI

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Bree Warner
Store Manager
Spokane REI



October 15, 2018

18-2427 NOVA EE #12

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Dear Board Members,

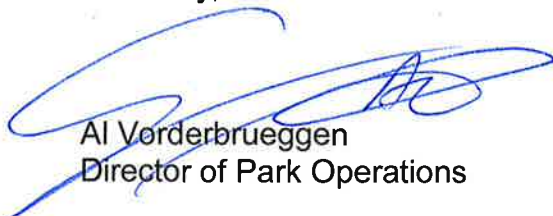
The City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

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Without this ranger position, the success of our trail system will be in jeopardy. We depend on this ranger to augment our other staff contribution to the trail work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (509)363-5464 or at avorderbrueggen@spokanecity.org

Sincerely,



Al Vorderbrueggen
Director of Park Operations



October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members:

The City of Spokane Valley Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) Ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol these areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

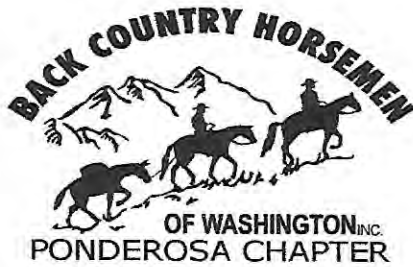
The Spokane Centennial Trail comprises 40 miles of natural beauty following the historic Spokane River from the Idaho state line, through the heart of Spokane Valley, WA to Nine Mile Falls, WA. The trail has something for everyone, and it has become an important part of Spokane Valley's culture and recreation. The value that this Ranger position brings to the Centennial Trail is huge. Having an extra Ranger on the trail is critical for the safety of trail users and vital to the overall success of the trail.

Thank you for the opportunity for the City of Spokane Valley to submit its support for the Riverside State Park grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Stone".

Michael D. Stone, CPRP, PLA
Director of Parks and Recreation



18-2427 NOVA EE #12

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"Keeping Washington Trails Open"

October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Board Members,

The Ponderosa Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (PBCH) is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

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The Ponderosa Chapter of BCH works closely with state parks to maintain a safe, usable and friendly system of public land for all of our citizens. The education of the users and the enforcement of the necessary regulations is a vital part of reaching these goals. Riverside State Park, Centennial Trail and Columbia Plateau Trail all encompass a large diverse recreational area drawing people from across the state. We are grateful for the opportunities these properties bring to the community and public in general. We view education and enforcement vital roles in maintaining this diverse recreational opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ken Carmichael
BCH State Director



18-2427 NOVA EE #12

October 10, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
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Dear Board Members,

The Riverside State Park Foundation is pleased to support the Riverside State Park grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Riverside State Park Area Education and Enforcement (Project name: Riverside State Park E&E 2018 – 2020; Project number: 18-2427).

This project will fund one full-time Education and Enforcement (E&E) ranger who will assist Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial Trail, and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park. This ranger will patrol these areas that are open year-round and collectively support over 4 million visits from motorized and non-motorized NOVA user annually promoting public safety and ensuring the appropriate use of natural resources. In addition, this position will support the volunteer program and educate users about everything from trail systems in the park to good stewardship practices. Lastly, the E&E Ranger will help to manage the nearly 200 annual events that take place within Riverside State Park and on the Centennial Trail.

Having an Education and Enforcement Ranger on staff is crucial to the continuity of Riverside State Park and the area this position oversees. The invaluable skills in Education and Enforcement benefit the Park immeasurably. We value the connection to the Park that this position provides and the collaboration in promoting stewardship, natural resource protection, event coordination, and volunteer opportunities for Riverside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caren L. Hubbard".

Caren L. Hubbard
Board of Directors
Riverside State Park Foundation

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Protect America's Climbing



October 19, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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RE: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020 - 2021 (#18-2290) and Methow Valley E&E 2020 - 2021 (#18-2369)

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express our support of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD)'s proposals for Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020 - 2021 (#18-2290) and Methow Valley E&E (#18-2369). These two proposals promote education of Washington's climbing community, improve the recreational experience, and help protect the climbing environment. We strongly support these projects and the value that they will bring to recreationalists in the Methow Valley.

The MVRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are the Washington Pass Spires such as Liberty Bell, the Wine Spires of Silver Star Peak, Goat Wall, and dozens of crags and bouldering areas in the Mazama area, the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and the Chewuch River Valley. Climbing history in this district dates back 70 years and, with over 400 published climbing routes, the popularity of climbing continues to grow. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season on the MVRD.

The Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021 proposal is built upon a prior grant and continues its important work of educating climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, collecting use and resource data, identifying environmental impacts, building relationships within the community, and enforcing regulations. This grant will fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make contacts with visitors on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley. In previous seasons, the Climbing Ranger Program made significant progress on planning trail improvement projects, improving sustainability of existing access routes, managing human waste, data collection, and making educational contacts with hundreds of climbing parties. In conjunction with the Climbing Rangers proposal, the Methow Valley E&E proposal will fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

In the past few years, the Climbing Ranger Program and MVRD planning team made significant investments in trail assessment, planning, and review of the Washington Pass Spires Access Trail Project (Liberty Bell Conservation Initiative). Building upon the success of this planning, our organizations raised over \$100,000 in 2018 for professional trail crews to work with the MVRD in implementing the Liberty Bell Conservative Initiative to create a sustainable and safe network of climbing access trails on the western slopes of the Liberty Bell group of Washington Pass. This project addresses issues that have arisen due to the increased popularity of the region, focusing on erosion issues and deteriorating trail conditions. We sincerely thank them for their collaboration and commitment to maintaining and improving the recreational experience in the Methow Valley.

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the MVRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting MVRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Methow Valley Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway

Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

About the American Mountain Guides Association

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization that provides training and certification for climbing instructors, mountain guides, and ski guides throughout the United States. Founded in 1979, the AMGA has trained over 13,000 climbing and skiing guides who provide outdoor experiences for the general public that emphasize safety, stewardship, and education. As the American representative to the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, the AMGA institutes international standards for the mountain guiding profession in the United States and serves as an educational body for land management agencies, guide services, outdoor clubs, and others wishing to establish internationally-recognized standards for guided climbing and skiing activities. The advocacy arm of the AMGA supports sustainable use of public lands, facilitates stewardship opportunities, and works in cooperation with guides and land managers to promote best practices and preserve access to areas utilized by the guided public. For more information, visit www.amga.com.

Sincerely,



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October 24, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Support for Methow Ranger District's Planning Proposals 18-2290 and 18-2369

Dear Washington Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing on behalf of the National Forest Foundation to support Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Methow Ranger District's Proposals for Education and Enforcement Programs:

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021 - Continuation of the MVRD Climbing Ranger program aimed at education for climbers about environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, visitor use information, educational materials, monitoring environmental impacts, and climbing stewardship projects.

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021 - Continuation of the MVRD wilderness and backcountry ranger program to perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas by horseback, day-hiking, and backpacking patrols.

From 2012 – 2017 the National Forest Foundation worked extensively with the Methow Valley Ranger District to make recreation opportunities in the Upper Methow Valley ecologically sustainable, through our *Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences* initiative. This area was one of 14 sites selected across the entire 193 million acre National Forest System to receive the *Treasured Landscapes* designation. The area was chosen because of its iconic character, its variety of wildlife habitat, its importance to the rural Methow Valley economy and because of the need to address recreational use that is beginning to adversely affect this increasingly popular area.

While implementing projects in the Upper Methow Valley, we worked in areas popular with climbers, and worked with the Forest Service and the climbing community to improve safety, to

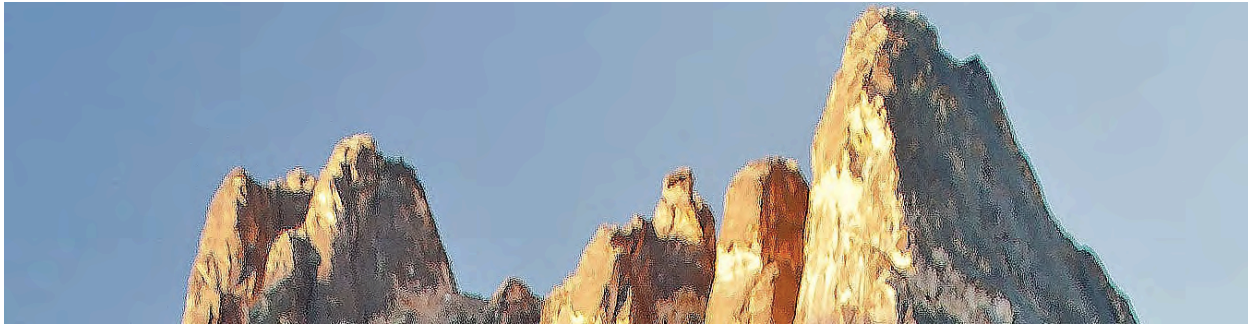
encourage leave-no-trace principals, and to make use of climbing areas more ecologically sustainable. Through this work, it was apparent that there was a great need to fund climbing rangers who would educate climbers and enforce regulations, to protect both the recreationalists and the environment. The climbing ranger program has so far been a success in these undertakings and it should be continued and enhanced.

We urge you to fund these proposals, which are critical for public safety and will help to conserve this special part of Washington.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dayle L. Wallien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

Dayle L. Wallien
Conservation Partnerships Director



Methow Valley Climbers Group

18-2290 NOVA EE #13

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Dear Zachary,

October 18, 2018

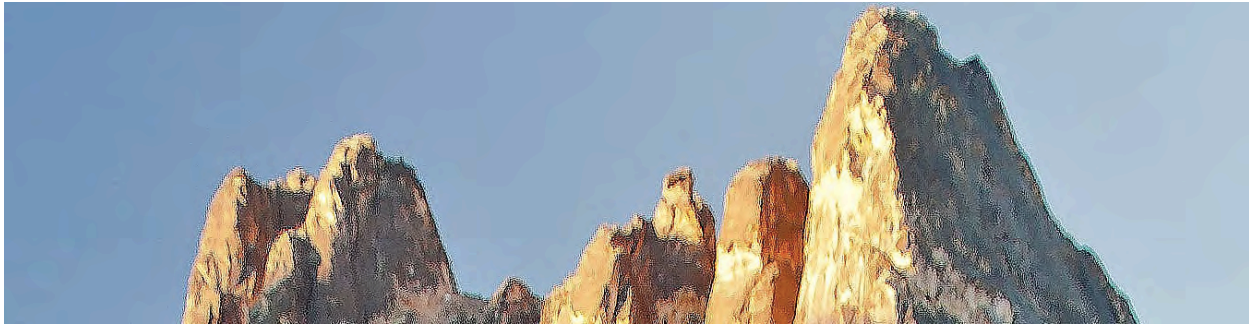
The Methow Valley Climbers group is a group of climbers with a shared appreciation of the climbing opportunities in the Methow Valley. The group is currently 600 members and recently decided to organize and become a chapter of the Washington Climbers Coalition 501c3. We are writing to offer our strongest support for four proposed Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects (18-2290; 18-2369; 18-2375 and 18-2377). The Methow Valley Climbers group relies upon our local crags, wilderness and climbing areas for recreating and all of the proposed projects will provide a safe and pristine environment for years to come. We wholeheartedly support the excellent work that the Forest Service does.

As our membership increases and more climbers discover the Methow Ranger District climbing areas we believe that continued patrolling and ranger visibility is crucial to maintaining a high standard of land stewardship. Projects 18-2290 and 18-2369 are vital to continued education on responsible climbing practices, leave-no-trace techniques and environmental awareness.

We also strongly support projects 18-2375 and 18-2377 as campgrounds and maintained hiking trails keep climbing area users from creating new trails and camping in environmentally fragile areas.

The Methow Valley Climbers group hopes to continue promoting land stewardship and leave-no-trace practices at all times we operate in the backcountry. Unfortunately, we often witness other users not upholding these standards as well as the impacts from those actions. We support continued education and enforcement to reduce impact upon the wilderness. It is our hope that additional education paired with fair enforcement can alleviate some of the issues seen in high use areas.

The specific projects that we are writing to support are:



Methow Valley Climbers Group

- Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021: Project #18-2290
- Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021: #18-2369
- MVRD Campground Maintenance 2020-2021: Project #118-2375
- MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-2021: Project #18-2377

Sincerely,
Jennifer Schumacher
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October 12, 2018

18-2290 NOVA EE #13

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks "to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond" we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects:

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

The District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to provide 5600 hours of education and enforcement activities during two field seasons. Rangers will perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

This grant would fund the continuation of the climbing program, as funded by prior grant. The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this education grant to fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make educational visitor contacts on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley RD. The goals of the program are to educate climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, continue building relationships within the community and with climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The primary recreational opportunity provided will be environmentally and socially responsible climbing.

18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees and conduct tread, drainage and brushing maintenance on trail segments with the greatest need within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness and surrounding backcountry areas in Okanogan County. This grant will fund a full-

time seasonal trail crew of 4 people to work for two seasons and will be matched by over 4000 hours of volunteer time. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is hiking and horseback riding.

18-2382: PNW National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this funding to continue to replace equipment and address deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail through the Pasayten Wilderness in Northcentral Washington. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this grant are hiking and equestrian use of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.

18-2385: MVRD Fire Trail Maintenance (Category: Maintenance & Operation)

The Methow Ranger District will use this funding to continue to address the maintenance backlog on trails affected by wildfires throughout the District, including the 2017 Diamond Creek Fire. Many of these trails access popular destinations and support multiple day loop options. Other trails are at lower elevations and provide early spring and late fall access when the backcountry is snowed in. This project will improve recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

These proposals promote education of Washington's human-powered recreation community and help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The Methow Valley Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance, The Mountaineers visit the Methow every season of the year.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the WRRD, including climbers. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Methow Valley Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director

18-2290 NOVA EE #13

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects.

We support

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

18-2375: MVRD Campground Maintenance 2020-2021

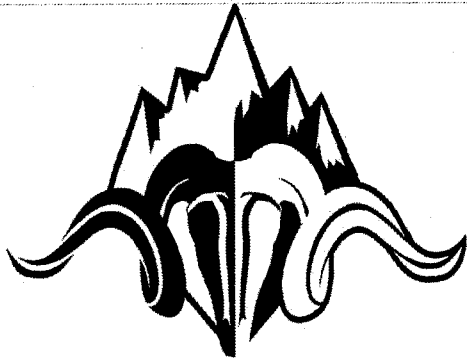
18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

Continuation of the MVRD Climbing Ranger program is an invaluable resource to our recreation, local community, and the public lands we utilize to offer wonderful outdoor experiences for our customers. Working with the rangers to education climbers about environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices helps this venue stay wild, untrodden, and safer to climb. If it were not for the efforts of this group of climbing rangers, the stewardship and restoration of the high use climbing areas would not have happened to date or the near future. More, continuation of the MVRD wilderness and backcountry ranger program is critical to educate the public to promote leave-no-trace techniques and regulations that help support keeping the wilderness just that. There is an increasing number of visitors each year, supporting the wilderness ranger program is the only way to mitigate the user groups impact.

Also, maintenance of 24 campgrounds on the Methow Valley Ranger District and high-priority trail segments within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness will also be a critical component to the management of this Forest with the increase in use and in the surrounding backcountry areas.

Please take this proposal seriously. Our forests depend on it.

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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES



Dear Grant Committee:

18-2507 NOVA EE #13

My name is Steve Jones. I regularly use DNR lands and I support the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region's grant requests.

This area of Southwest Washington has seen increased recreational use due to the fires in the Columbia River Gorge. The fire burned about 50,000 acres over three months in the summer of 2017. I believe many people in the Portland Metro area have discovered the DNR lands in Southwest Washington because I see many Oregon license plates driving the roads and parked at trailheads.

I applaud the efforts of the DNR to construct new trails and their partnering with volunteer organization such as Washington Trails Association and the Chinook Trail Association in the maintenance and construction of trails.

With the great collaboration with trail organizations I firmly believe this grant money will be used efficiently and wisely.

On behalf of the recreational users in the Southwest Washington area and the Chinook Trail Association, please approve these grants for the Pacific Cascade Region.

RCO#18-2507 Education and Enforcement
RCO#18-2508 Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2509 Non-Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2510 Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation
RCO#18-2511 Non-Motorized Trail Bridges
RCO#18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association

18-2354 NOVA EE #15



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Northwest Motorcycle Association
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To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
RE: Northwest Region Education and Enforcement: 18-2354
RE: Walker Valley ORV Area Maintenance and Operations: 18-2352
RE: Walker Valley Bridge Replacement Project: 18-2357

The Walker Valley State Forest is heavily utilized by many OHV user groups, including off-road motorcyclists. Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) is a strong supporter education and enforcement programs that promote the responsible use of off-road motorcycles and ensure the safety of all outdoor recreationists. Understanding and practicing responsible use of off-road motorcycles helps ensure public riding areas can support the growing off-road motorcycling community in Washington. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2354, to achieve this.

The Walker Valley State Forest provides virtually the only OHV recreation opportunity in NW Washington. It is heavily utilized resulting in high maintenance needs. The area is strongly supported by OHV volunteer groups, such as Skagit Valley MC (an NMA Charter Club) and many other groups. Numerous hours are volunteered in support of maintenance. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2352, to address the maintenance needs of the forest trails.

One of the bridges in the Walker Valley State Forest requires replacement. It's age and current configuration are driving the need for replacement. Loss of the bridge will mean loss of recreation opportunity in this heavily utilized area. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2352, to replace the bridge and prevent loss of open trail.

Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends funding all three grant proposals.**

Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President
Dale Williams - Vice President
Tod Petersen - Legislative Coordinator
Steve Wilson - Land Use Coordinator

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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For more information about this grant funded program, contact Gary Bellows, Trail Warden: 360-708-7629, or Jim Cahill at 360-854-2874.

Dear RCO,

I support continued grant funding for an Education and Enforcement Trail Warden in the Skagit County area for recreation sites managed by the Department of Natural Resources. The primary purpose of the Education and Enforcement program is to serve the public that recreates on DNR-managed lands so that they may have a safe, enjoyable and environmentally sustainable outdoor experience.

The Department of Natural Resources has applied for a two-year grant that will continue to fund the Education and Enforcement program.

The recreation areas served by this grant will be:

- Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area
- Blanchard Mountain Hiking, Equestrian, Biking, and Free-Flight Area, and
- Harry Osborn Equestrian Trails.

More than 100,000 people visits these sites annually.

The Recreation Trail Warden will patrol recreation sites providing assistance on public safety, informing users on trail use and recreation rules, and issuing warnings and citations for rule violations. The Trail Warden will also work with volunteers on education and enforcement projects such as public outreach and education programs.

Thank you for your continued grant funding support!

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18-2354 NOVA EE #15

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September 21, 2018

Dear NOVA Grant Reviewers,

As President of the **Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA)**, I would like to offer our full support of the Cle Elum Ranger District's requests for 2020-2021 Education & Enforcement and Maintenance & Operations grant funds.

The work that Mikki Douglass and her team accomplish, in support of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) opportunities, is an absolute stellar example of how the Forest Service (FS) can get more done through developing & maintaining active partnerships with the motorized users. Every year, OHV volunteers spend thousands of hours working to help clear & maintain the trail systems. We consistently hear back from our members about the great recreational opportunities in the Cle Elum RD and the positive interactions with FS staff.

We realize that grant-funding is a very competitive process so we'd like to single out the Cle Elum Rangers, as they have created an outstanding example of how an OHV recreation program should operate. Thank you in advance for your support of their grant requests.

Sincerely,

Bryan Peterson
President
Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
www.wohva.org

18-2307 NOVA EE #16



9/24/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
Re: Cle Elum Ranger District ORV Program – 2019-20

The Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends** funding the Cle Elum ORV Education and Enforcement Program and Maintenance and Operations projects by grants awarded through the RCO grant programs.

There are hundreds of miles of multiple use trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The primary recreational use type in this forest is motorized offroad use. Because of this, the forest plays a vital recreational role for offroad motorcyclists in Washington. The area has strong support and high utilization from the local population and is easily accessible from the Puget Sound area as well. It is hugely popular with the offroad motorcycling user group. The area provides opportunities for unique backcountry experiences for the offroad motorcyclist. It is imperative that these opportunities are protected for future generations of offroad motorcyclists.

The ORV recreation program developed by the Cle Elum Ranger District has an extensive history in properly managing the multiple use trails and the various user groups that recreate there. This track record defines their experience and knowledge in trail maintenance and education and enforcement. The Cle Elum OHV Rangers have a popular relationship with the ORV user groups. The rangers have developed and delivered education, training and coordination to a large group of ORV volunteers. As a result, the volunteer group continues to grow and is highly effective. This growth is largely attributed to the rangers making direct, in-field contact with the general ORV public during patrols and while conducting trail maintenance using their offroad vehicles, chainsaws and other tools.

Additionally, the multiple use trails within the Cle Elum Ranger District are heavily utilized by the motorized user groups due to the minimal backcountry opportunity for ORV users in Washington. Despite the large volunteer inputs and efforts of the district, there is a backlog of trail maintenance that should be quickly addressed through RCO grants for tooling and heavy equipment.

Sincerely,

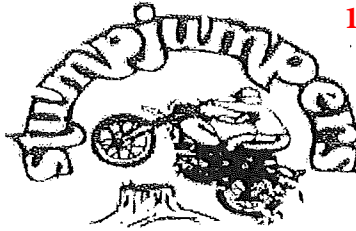
Northwest Motorcycle Association

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Tod Petersen - Land Use/Legislative Coordinator

18-2307 NOVA EE #16



Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club
PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

On behalf of the Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club and our over 150 member families, we ask that you provide full funding for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide an enormous value to our off-road community. The Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. Their outreach and attitude provide an effective way to keep our trails maintained and our users safe. The trail systems they manage are some of the best riding in the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Wisner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumper MC

Cc: mdouglass@fs.fed.us

Subject : NOVA – September 10, 2018

To the Off-Road Vehicle Education Program,

RE: Cle Elum Ranger District - Nova Grant Application

I am writing to express my support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's NOVA Grant Application to maintain and continue providing access to the ORV trails in their district. Mikki Douglass and the rest of the Cle Elum Ranger District team have done a great job maintaining these trails at a time of limited funds and increased use. They should be commended and supported for their hard work!

The ORV trails maintained by the Cle Elum Ranger District are some of the best in the nation with hundreds of miles of single-track, dramatic terrain and sweeping views of the Central Cascades. From the beginner trails out of Taneum Junction used by my young son, to the advanced all-day epics, there is truly something for everyone of all abilities to get outside and have fun in the great outdoors.

Which brings me to my main justification for funding the Cle Elum Ranger District's ORV program - for a large segment of our state's population, ORVs are one of the few ways in which they get out into and connect with the great outdoors. The Cle Elum Ranger District's ORV trails allow people to experience the forests and mountains of the Central Cascades, realize the beauty of the natural world and provides a real world alternative to the monotony of our digital age.

18-2307 NOVA EE #16

Kirk Gulian
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September 24, 2018

Dear Grant Awarders,

I wrote a similar letter to this in 2016, but not a thing has changed! We are still out loving the forests around Cle Elum! I own a recreational cabin in Cle Elum, WA that abuts Forest Service land. My family uses our place at least every other weekend through the summer and winter. Using the roads and trails in the Cle Elum ranger district is one of our favorite activities. Through the summer and fall we routinely dirt bike, hike and just tour around on the Forest Service roads. Through the winter our access is via snowmobile and snowshoes.

I appreciate all of the hard work our district employees put into the program. I am most impressed with the level of engagement with our community of outdoor enthusiasts. The outreach and involvement throughout the year should be a model for all FS districts. It is not an easy task to convince a community of users to participate in trail maintenance in remote areas of the forest. It's not like trail parties in the state parks and trail networks where everyone walks a half mile and puts in some work with a shovel for a day and calls it good for the year. It is an investment of dozens upon dozens of hours of saw certification and weekends spent away from home clearing blocked trees and improving access for all users of the trails. Convincing users to do this for free is not some easy task. This is where the community engagement and communication goes a long way, and it takes great employees to make it happen.

You read many trail reports on hiking websites of users complaining about coming across a few dirt bikes on their hikes into the forest district, but I don't think they have any idea that actual trail users are the ones keeping these trails open. This trail maintenance wouldn't happen organically though, it takes management and oversight to track and coordinate these efforts. This ranger district is able to coordinate, engage, and excite a very large group of users to get these trails open and maintained at the start of each summer. Hard winters here are hard on our trails, and without great funding and employees, getting them opened back up wouldn't happen. I would encourage the decision makers to explore ways to increase funding and expand these programs to other ranger districts in the state.

Sincerely,



Kirk Gulian

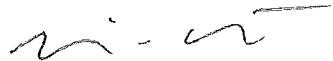
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October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

My family recreates in the Cle Elum area many times a year. We enjoy camping and riding the off-road trail system. I would like to provide my support of fully funding the NOVA grant for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide a great area for our family to enjoy. The effort they put into keeping these areas safe and fun is why we prefer to come back to these areas. I volunteer at several off-road areas and the Cle Elum R.D. Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. This funding is critical to keeping the area enjoyable for all.

Sincerely,



Neil Stamp

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From: Elgin Shaw <Elgin.Shaw@co.chelan.wa.us>
ent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: NOVA ORV Grabt Fund Request

Importance: High

TO: NOVA

FROM: Elgin E. Shaw

DATE: September 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Funding Request ORV Programs

To Whom It May Concern; my name is Elgin Shaw, I am a nineteen year veteran of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, I am also an avid and veteran ORV user. In the past I have had the honor and privilege of befriending and volunteering for Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew and in particular USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass.

Mikki and her Off-Road Crew are highly effective and proficient in their care and maintenance of all Off-Road areas within the Cle Elum Ranger District. The trail system is highly popular with countless dual sport riders, hikers, horseback riders and the mountain biking community. Trail Running has gained popularity as well within the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Mikki and her crew have a unique way of clearing and maintaining the trail system that affords NOVA the most bang for the buck.

I sincerely and with all due respect request your organization continue to grant fund USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass and her ORV Off-Road program.

Sincerely,

Elgin E. Shaw

ELGIN SHAW

DEPUTY - CAMPUS SECURITY

CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

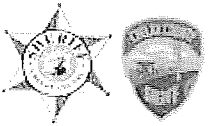
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Douglass, Mikki -FS

From: Dave Walters <grumpyscoutii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: Letter of support

NOVA grant committee,

Cle Elum Ranger District 2020-2021 Grant Requests

I am the Land Use Coordinator for the Peak Putter's of Tri Cities in Kennewick, a group that uses the trails on the Cle Elum RD extensively, and work, along with other trail users, to keep 4x4 trails open and sustainable throughout the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF.

Education & Enforcement and Operations & Maintenance are among the most important aspects of a successful Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program on any forest, along with a robust volunteer program. In this regard, Mikki Douglass and her crew at Cle Elum have become an outstanding example of how these programs should be operated. All of those who recreate on the motorized trails on Cle Elum district enjoy some of the best areas in the state, thanks to the OHV program and volunteer cooperation built over the years.

I would ask that you give due consideration to these grant applications so that these programs can be continued and enhanced into the future.

Regards,

Dave Walters
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Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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18-2307 NOVA EE #16

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personnel when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police Region 2- North Central Washington

Mission: "To protect our natural resources and the public we serve"

18-2279 NOVA EE #19

October 1, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Olympia, WA

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the The Grant County Sheriff's Office in obtaining funding through your agency for continued operations at the Moses Lake ORV Park. As you know, the Moses Lake and Beverly sand dunes in Grant County are a very popular and important source of public recreation for citizens all over the Pacific Northwest. Throughout the year, the Sheriff's Office continually strives to maintain a safe environment for the thousands of visitors who recreate here. Additionally, our local Officers work very closely with the Deputies to conduct joint law enforcement patrols, ensure the parks are well regulated, and coordinate resources for clean up and maintenance.

The funding the Sheriff's Office receives from RCO is crucial for ensuring these continued law enforcement services and I wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Respectfully,

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October 30, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest Recreation Site Maintenance and Colville National Forest OHV Education and Enforcement

The Board of County Commissioners supports the pursuit of grant funding for the above referenced projects.

Recreation sites are an important part of the effort to open the forest to the outdoor enthusiasts. These sites can be challenging to maintain, but is crucial to deter illegal dumping and other public health concerns. The operation and maintenance of 30 campgrounds, 75 information sites and trailheads and 800 dispersed campsites across the Colville National Forest will provide jobs in Stevens County and give a boost to our economy.

The hiring of OHV Rangers is a very important component to the education of the public on state and federal OHV regulations, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection and providing forest information related to other activities/uses. With the implementation of rangers, this will assist in the solution to illegal use by educating those who utilize the trails and encouraging the protection of the landscape. Building solid relationships between the Forest Service and the OHV community will certainly lead to improved recreation experiences.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,



Chairman Wes McCart



Commissioner Don Dashiell



Commissioner Steve Parker

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October 29, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest OHV Ranger & Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance

The Board of County Commissioners supports the pursuit of grant funding for the above referenced projects.

The hiring of OHV Rangers is a very important component to the South End Project that may aid in the opening of additional roads for OHV use providing for much needed connectivity. With the implementation of Rangers, this will assist in the solution to illegal OHV use by educating those who utilize the trails and encouraging the protection of the landscape. Building solid relationships between the Forest Service and the OHV community will certainly lead to improved recreation experiences.

This project will hire two OHV Rangers, purchase educational materials and provide OHV training. The goal of this project is to educate the public on State and Federal OHV regulations, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection and provide forest information related to other activities/uses. The Rangers will monitor routes identified for OHV designation in future phases of the South End Project implementation plan. There are currently 237 miles of OHV designated routes open in the project area with an additional 129 miles of routes to be opened. The end result will be a loop route system connecting communities in Pend Oreille and Stevens counties. The Rangers will be working to improve the relationship between the multiple users and continue to lead the CNF OHV Ambassador Program established in 2015.

Dispersed sites are an important part of the effort to open the Forest to the outdoor enthusiasts. These sites can be challenging to maintain but are crucial to deter illegal dumping and other public health concerns. These maintenance employees offer benefits to the public by providing a safe camping opportunity while protecting the natural resources. Furthermore, providing jobs in Pend Oreille County gives a boost to our economy.

This project will support the operation and maintenance of 20 campgrounds, 60 information sites and trailheads and 800 dispersed campsites across the Colville National Forest. The maintenance work to be

Pend Oreille County Commissioners Letter of Support -

completed consists of the following: trash removal; toilet cleaning; hazard tree removal; water system repairs and testing; general repairs of picnic table, fire rings, signs, information boards; noxious weed removal; and visitor contacts. With funding from this project, the forest would hire two GS-5 Recreation Technicians and two GS-3 Forestry Aids to perform the needed maintenance work across the forest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


PEND OREILLE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Stephen Kiss, Chair

Absent

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City of Chewelah

PO Box 258 • 301 E. Clay Avenue • Chewelah WA 99109
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To: RCO Grant Committee

I take great pleasure in lending the City of Chewelah's support for the RCO Grant Application from the Recreation Office of the Colville National Forest.

My community is endeavoring to become the gateway community serving the Colville National Forest. We are centrally located here in Stevens County, providing access to all points in the forest. 49 Degrees North, a premier winter skiing facility just 10 miles east of our city, serves as an anchor facility located in the Colville National Forest with year-round recreational opportunities that have become an increasingly important aspect of our local economy.

We have begun a regional recreation planning program incorporating all types of recreation, which includes the vast areas encompassed by the Colville National Forest. We appreciate our partners in the US Forest Service and especially the work they do to keep our forest open and accessible to all our citizens and visitors, while simultaneously protecting our public lands.

We support this funding application wholeheartedly. As our community invests its own funds towards improving recreational activities, we want to see our Colville National Forest also be able to improve its facilities. Together, we can make our entire region a great destination, a wholesome family recreation area, and a totally grand experience for all who wish to share in this beautiful environment.

This grant application must be given top priority. We all have a vested interest in keeping our region moving ahead, making it a better, safer and more enjoyable experience for our community of recreation enthusiasts on the Colville National Forest.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Knauss, Mayor
City of Chewelah



November 2, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest Grant Application

The Tri County Economic Development District supports applying for RCO grant funding to continue Colville National Forest OHV Ranger Program and Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance.

The Colville National Forest (CNF) provides extensive outdoor recreation opportunities in Northeast Washington and is a key asset for economic development as the area transitions from a resource-based economy to an economy where tourism and recreation play an ever-growing role.

The Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) community are enthusiastic about the opportunities on the Colville National Forest, and the Rangers provide a much-needed conduit to provide information about which trails and areas are open to legal OHV use. It is important to build and foster positive relationships between the CNF and this rapidly growing segment of trail users.

Continued maintenance of dispersed camping areas not only provides jobs, but also provides a safer and generally better experience for forest visitors. While protecting our natural resources, continued maintenance will ensure that users will return again and again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Lamont", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barry Lamont
Interim Executive Director



October 29, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Support for South End OHV Ranger & Recreation Site Maintenance Projects

The Pend Oreille County Economic Development Council is in full support of the Colville National Forest efforts to secure grant funding for both the South End OHV Ranger and Recreation Site Maintenance projects.

Economic development is critical to our local communities. Both of these grants will provide additional opportunities for economic growth in support of local businesses and help to protect our natural resources through education as well as improving the recreation experience.

The South End OHV Ranger project's overall goal is to educate the public about State and Federal regulations in regards to OHV use, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection and rehabilitation. There are currently 176 miles of designated OHV routes open in the South End project area with an additional 129 miles of routes to be opened. The end result will be an improved loop route system that connects communities in Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties.

The Recreation Site Maintenance grant will provide staff to clean campsites, remove garbage and other hazards, repair facilities, monitor usage and provide information to visitors. The economy of the local communities is dependent on recreation and tourism, and well maintained Forest Service recreation sites help attract people to the area and encourage them to stay for multiple days.

These grants enable the forest to increase field staff, support the local economy, protect natural resources and provide a safe place for outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,

Jamie Wyrobek
Director
Pend Oreille County EDC

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

P.O. Box 1494
Ellensburg, WA 98926



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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

18-2316 NOVA EE #22

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2316 NOVA EE #22

SKI FOR LIGHT PUGET SOUND

To the Recreation and Conservation Office:

Ski For Light is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1975. Our mission is to teach visually-impaired individuals how to cross-country ski. Our program uses the Erling Stordahl trail system exclusively. Its flat trails and user-friendly slopes make it an ideal location to instruct and guide our participants. We require special grooming (double tracks) and good trail maintenance. Thanks to the great support of the Cle Elum Ranger District in meeting those needs, Ski For Light Puget Sound is the most active of the nine regional groups in the country. Without it, our program would not exist.

Sincerely,

Doug Sundberg, Vice-President, Ski For Light Puget Sound



Kittitas County, Washington
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

City of Cle Elum
119 West First Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922



18-2316 NOVA EE #22

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October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2316 NOVA EE #22

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



September 17, 2018

18-2316 NOVA EE #22

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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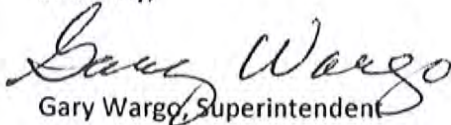
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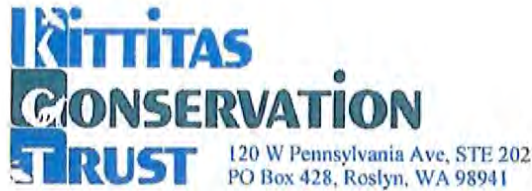
The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
mlong@kittitasconservationtrust.org
509-649-2951



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Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

18-2316 NOVA EE #22

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- Jodi Yokar, Solution Architect, Microsoft
- Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activities and Community Center

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



18-2513 NOVA EE #23

September 27, 2018

Washington State RCO Wilderness Education and Enforcement Grant

RCO Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the Mt. Adams Ranger District Gifford Pinchot National Forest request for funding.

Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) is a nonprofit organization that strengthens the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research. As a part of programming, we utilize AmeriCorps volunteers to support the work of wilderness managers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Many of our volunteers continue to serve the cause after their term of service ends. Over the past 7 years, our organization's support of wilderness has resulted in over 67,000 hours of volunteer service.

Since 2014, we have partnered with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to create and facilitate a regional wilderness volunteer training. MAI helped develop the curriculum that included 10 different training modules ranging from wilderness stewardship 101 to advanced wilderness restoration techniques. As a result of these trainings, over 140 participants have received over 25 hours of wilderness specific training. Additionally, our participation has led to a greater understanding of the issues that are impacting our local wilderness areas on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

As visitor use to these special areas has increased there has been a corresponding negative impact to the land: Trash and other human debris is more visible, more campsites are being established in critical riparian areas, trees are being cut down and, in general, the solitude once offered in these wilderness areas is being endangered.

MAI is very supportive of the efforts of the Forest Service to minimize these impacts by providing more opportunities to educate wilderness visitors and restore impacted areas. In addition to their efforts to increase the presence of wilderness rangers on the ground, MAI is committed to amplifying this awareness, including the relevant Leave No Trace principles, through our various social media channels. Together, we will endeavor to steward public lands so that they remain accessible and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Brendan Norman
Executive Director
www.mtadamsinstitute.com



To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Sgt. Randy Briscoe, Yakima County Sheriff's Office
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: October 10, 2018

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation grant application review board, greetings.

I am the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Coordinator and over the past 3 years I have seen the incredible value and service to the public that the Mount Adams Ranger District's Rangers provide.

Outdoor recreation is becoming more and more popular and the number of users continues to grow. The new modern era, led the technical advancement of cell phones, allows users to post pictures on social media sites which increases the desire of others to see the wonders.

Over the past several years I have maintained communications with Justin Ewer, Wilderness Manager/Rec Planner for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Justin and I discuss the number of hikers visiting Mount Adams and we have seen not only an increase of users, but an increase in calls and the diversity of the calls. The climbing year is almost over, but we still had over a dozen calls for service on Mount Adams. Without Justin, and his team of Rangers that cover Mount Adams, it would be extremely difficult to provide service for all the SAR calls that area generated. This includes the saving in response time for use to get to the mountain on a mission.

The drive alone to Mt. Adams from Yakima is close to 4 hours. Upon arrival at the mountain, it is a 4-6 hour climb to get to the location where most assistance is needed. A 12-hour response to the staging area called the "Lunch Counter" is unfortunately the norm!

One of our first steps to a mission on the mountain is to call Justin Ewer. Justin, and his team of hiking rangers, have shown time and time again to be a huge asset and in many cases, and have helped clear a mission without a full response from SAR. One example came when we received a call from a lost climber. She called crying and very upset and had no idea where she was. I called Justin to inform him of the incident. He suggested I call the missing subject and see if she could take a picture of where she was. I did, and she sent me the picture in a text. I then sent it to Justin and he recognized the area immediately. He then called her back and directed her on the

path to help her walk out. Another example this year which **saved a life** came when we received a call reference a subject trapped on a crevasse at 11,000 feet. I again called Justin. Using his knowledge of the mountain, he gave what he thought was the location of our subject. This led to a near dark and harrowing helicopter rescue that could not of happen if we were delayed in traying to locate the subject!

These are just a few of the examples where the Rangers of the Mt. Adams District have provided immediate public assistance that may have, and has, saved lives! Having them on the mountain is not a nicety, it's a necessity!

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Randy Briscoe

Yakima County Sheriff's Office

SAR Coordinator

October 10, 2018

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

We of Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants NOVA categories.

We endorse and support these grant applications.

As a long- time recreation visitors and/or volunteers, we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. In addition, the Middle Fork Trail has a severe washout during the fall of 2017 and the popular Asehel Curtis picnic site off I-90 is in need of restoration.

The District recreation staff coordinate thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen

October 18, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from RTP. We endorse and support these grant applications.

As a long-time recreation visitors and/or volunteers, we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. In addition, the Middle Fork Trail has a severe washout during the fall of 2017 and the popular Asehel Curtis picnic site off I-90 is in need of restoration.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Pierce County Chapter of Back Country Horsemen

Nancy Wiest Secretary



18-2388 NOVA EE #26

October 29, 2018

US Forest Service – Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District
Attn: Alex Weinberg, I-90 Corridor Manager

Alex,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) supports the Snoqualmie Ranger District's following grant applications and project proposals:

18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21	NOVA Education and Enforcement
18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21	NOVA Education and Enforcement
18-2378 M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21	RTP - General
18-2399 M	Middle Fork Trail Relocation	NOVA Nonhighway Road
18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21	NOVA Nonhighway Road
18-2400 M	Corral Pass Trail and Camping Area Rehabilitation	NOVA Nonhighway Road

The Snoqualmie Ranger District in the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the busiest districts in the state, and experiences tremendous pressure from population growth in the Puget Sound region. As trail use and recreational activities in the 300,000-acre district continue to grow and diversify, education, enforcement and maintenance are becoming increasingly more urgent to protect 400+ miles of District trails, as well as 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas.

Current funding is inadequate to pay professional rangers to provide law enforcement authority on Forest Service trails. The proposed E&E projects listed above for improved education and enforcement through field contacts will aid the district in better protecting resources and facilities, reducing vandalism and user conflict, and educating users who are new to the District and/or new to outdoor recreation.

Projects 18-2378M, 18-2399M, 18-2386M and 18-2400M are imperative to maintaining existing recreational opportunities as well as addressing the need for more opportunities in the Snoqualmie Ranger District. The quickly growing Seattle area is creating a rapidly growing need for increased trail maintenance, construction and facilities rehabilitation.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,300 members and more than 32,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. As a trusted partner with the USFS, we look forward to assisting the Snoqualmie Ranger District with both its new projects and future trail maintenance needs and support the District's efforts to improve outdoor recreation experiences for our community members and visitors.

Sincerely,

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Cody Olsen
Trail Maintenance and Volunteer Manager

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, JEREMY SCHAEFER am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, *Shay Schakel* am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Hollingsworth

October 12, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ashley Hollingsworth

October 12, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We Miguel Caro are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Individual/Club or Organization

Miguel Caro

Miguel Caro
Fringe MC

October 20, 2018

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Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I Alex Peterson am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

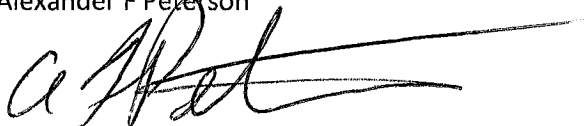
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Alexander F Peterson

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October 25 , 2018

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Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

As President of the Hi- Country Snowmobile club, I am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreational user and volunteer, (literally hundreds of volunteer hours) We are very aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

We have done many projects working side by side with the great people out at the Enumclaw Forest Service office.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dan Johnson President

Hi-Country Snowmobile Club

3670 53rd st se

Auburn wa. 98092

253-606-0108

Members with

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

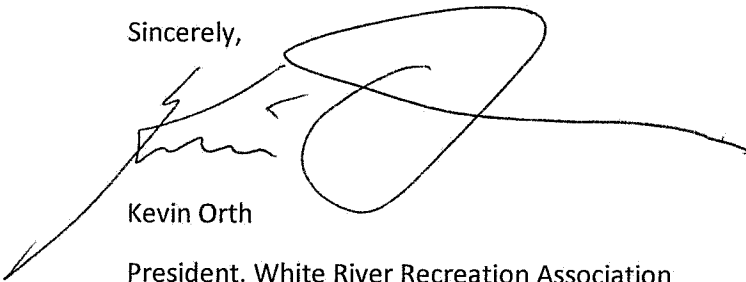
It has come to my attention by speaking with our local Forest Service staff that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. The White River Recreation Association wholeheartedly endorses and supports these grant applications. Our association members and families (currently over 500 strong) have been visiting and recreating in these lands for the last century, and we are aware of the immense benefit that these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

Aside from the grants for trail maintenance, and front country patrol and back country patrol, and other uses, I understand that the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. This fire damaged the area that our organization has summer homes in, and recreates in, so it is important to all of us to focus on recovery efforts as soon as possible. We are currently working with the Forest Service to assist in trail and forest restoration efforts, but anything we do will be greatly aided by additional funding.

As you know, the District recreation staff coordinate thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants from the Recreation Conservation Office will help ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Orth', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Orth

President, White River Recreation Association

orthadventures@hotmail.com

206-232-1764

October 12, 2018

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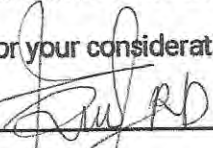
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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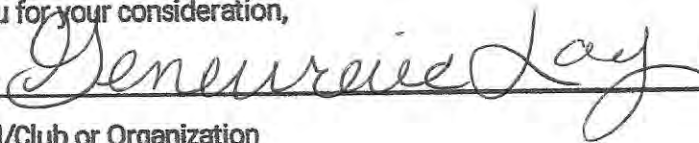
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Hayley Clark

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October 12, 2018

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Shannon Clark

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October 12, 2018

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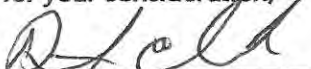
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  REDNECKS & RUGRATS JEEP CLUB

Individual/Club or Organization

October 12, 2018

18-2388 NOVA EE #26

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Shara Clark

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October 19, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I, Nancy Wiest are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories.

I endorse and support these grant applications.

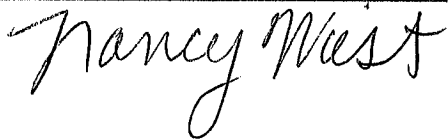
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Nancy Wiest





18-2388 NOVA EE #26

Washington Trails Association

705 Second Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle WA 98104 • 206.625.1367 • wta.org

October 29, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for NOVA & RTP proposals

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following NOVA and RTP projects:

#18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
#18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
#18-2379 E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
#18-2378 M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2399 D	Middle Fork Trail Relocation

Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 4,400 WTA volunteers perform over 140,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

For 50 years, WTA has focused on helping Washingtonians get on trail to experience the great outdoors in our state and national parks, national forests and other public lands with an emphasis on ensuring the sustainability of trails and making outdoor experiences fulfilling and fun for hikers.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers some of the most visited trails and trailheads in the state. With this increase in users, Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance is essential to providing safe and sustainable trails to all users in addition to the need for more Front Country and Backcountry Ranger Patrols to help alleviate and control user impact.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

Robin Faulk
1504 Stein Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

October 31, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for Naches Wilderness

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am a member of BCHW (Backcountry horsemen of Washington) and participate in the Naches Ranger District TWIG group. As a user and volunteer, I strongly support the following grants:

- Wilderness Education & Enforcement (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (RTP)
- Campgrounds Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)

Our local wilderness areas are heavily used by a variety of user groups and we all need to maintain them. Without these funds we will lose access to our wilderness areas for everyone and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Faulk



18-2364 NOVA EE #27

November 1, 2018

Recreation Conservation Office
Advisory Board

RE: Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grants:

- #18-2364 Naches Wilderness E&E 2020-21 (\$52,200 for 2 years)
- #18-2384 Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred M&O 2020-21 (\$80,000 for 2 years)
- #18-2397 Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2020-21 (\$80,000 for 2 years)

The Wenas Valley Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington write to endorse and support the grant requests by the Naches Ranger District to fund trail crew members, maintenance crews, OHV Rangers, and transportation for maintenance of backcountry trail use in the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and the Goat Rocks Wilderness areas.

These trails are used extensively by users of saddle and pack stock and hikers. It is critical that backcountry recreational trails throughout the beautiful state of Washington are maintained to preserve the benefits of an enduring resource for the use and enjoyment of all the people.

BCHW is committed to nurturing and educating the next generation, keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices, and providing volunteer service to resource agencies. We strongly endorse our continued support in efforts to maintain wilderness areas for tomorrow's generation.

It is our recommendation that these grant applications to fund maintenance and operations be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shari Tayar, Director
Wenas Valley Chapter BCHW



Washington Trails Association

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November 1, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Naches Wilderness E&E

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District grant proposal for Wilderness Education and Enforcement Rangers.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

Visitation on our national forests, including the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, has increased significantly in recent years. The Naches Ranger District will use the grant funding to provide two seasonal education and enforcement rangers, up to four part-time volunteers and two wilderness interns to patrol high use areas within the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district. Ensuring a ranger presence on the Naches Ranger District will provide valuable information and education to a large amount of hikers and is just as important as maintaining trails. Better educated visitors can help reduce environmental impacts and user conflicts. Hiker safety is also enhanced through the presence of rangers.

We know how important RCO funds are to your ongoing work to steward these public resources. WTA is pleased to support you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Imler".

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

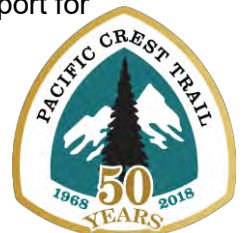
I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Naches Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Naches Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in southern Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed 353 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff. This partnership is especially important because trails in the Naches Ranger Districts have been significantly damaged by fire in recent years. In 2017, the Norse Peak Fire scorched trails north of Chinook Pass. This summer the Miriam Fire burned for weeks near the summit of White Pass. Both fires damaged trail infrastructure and added to the district's workload.

Considering the challenges facing the trails on the district, public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and reopening areas affected by fire requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in areas like the Goat Rocks Wilderness necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for





Pacific Crest Trail Association

18-2364 NOVA EE #27

Northern Cascades Regional Office

funding #18-2397 Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance, #18-2384 Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred M&O, and #18-2364 Naches Wilderness E&E.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





November 17, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Naches District's wilderness education and enforcement and wilderness trails maintenance and operations efforts. The Naches Ranger District will use these grants to add much-needed seasonal and part-time staff capacity to patrol high-use areas within the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district as well as meet critical wilderness trails maintenance and operations needs. Staff will provide education and enforcement to promote leave-no-trace ethics, resource protection, and visitor safety. This work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. Furthermore, grant funding will be used to restore and maintain popular wilderness trails throughout the Naches District.

Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit conservation organizations. Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. We work in partnership with local communities, businesses, conservation organizations, and local citizens to find solutions for the preservation and stewardship of our national public lands. Representing more than 700,000 supporters nationwide and 25,000 in Washington state, The Wilderness Society has long been involved in public land management issues statewide.

The efforts proposed by the U.S. Forest Service align well with the focus of our North Cascades Initiative: to protect the last great wild places in the North Cascades and preserve and enhance opportunities for recreation on our public lands. Recreation and Conservation Office funding would protect the beloved Norse Peak, Goat Rocks, and William O. Wilderness Areas through the provision of much-needed oversight and education and trail maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support. Feel free to contact me at (206) 473-2523 or at krcraig@tws.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kitty Craig".

Kitty Craig
Acting State Director
Washington State Office

18-2475 NOVA EE #30

November 1, 2018

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Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia WA 98504-0917

WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Re: WDFW's NOVA PRISIM Project #18-2475

To whom it may concern:

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas County Field and Stream Club supports this project. There are only four enforcement officers to patrol hundreds of miles of primitive Green Dot Roads on WDFW's five Wildlife Areas in our county. People come from all over the state to recreate on these lands year around.

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**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-15
NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty-five Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonhighway Road category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-five 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Nonhighway Road Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Nonhighway Road Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars
1	66.42	18-2490M	Naches Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$234,000	\$384,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
2	63.58	18-2246M	Southeast Region Maintenance and Operations North	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$126,951	\$276,951	\$300,000	\$150,000	
3	62.83	18-2497D	North Summit Horse Camp Phase 2 Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$111,747	\$48,135	\$159,882	\$411,747	\$111,747	
3	62.83	18-2546M	Skykomish Ranger District Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$122,500	\$127,900	\$250,400	\$534,247	\$122,500	
5	62.75	18-2512M	Capitol and Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$64,500	\$214,500	\$684,247	\$150,000	
6	62.67	18-2400D	Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead Restoration	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$103,341	\$70,050	\$173,391	\$787,588	\$103,341	
7	62.33	18-2245M	Samish Overlook and Lily-Lizard Lakes Campground Nonhighway Road Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$55,962	\$56,204	\$112,166	\$843,550	\$55,962	
8	61.75	18-2499M	Colville National Forest Recreation Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	\$99,950	\$100,050	\$200,000	\$943,500	\$99,950	
9	61.50	18-2310M	Cle Elum Ranger District Frontcountry Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,500	\$300,500	\$1,093,500	\$150,000	
10	61.25	18-2291M	Wenatchee River Ranger District Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$87,426	\$60,754	\$148,180	\$1,180,926	\$87,426	
11	61.00	18-2375M	Methow Valley Ranger District Campground Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$150,000	\$224,783	\$374,783	\$1,330,926	\$150,000	
12	59.50	18-2274D	Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$200,000	\$330,000	\$530,000	\$1,530,926	\$200,000	
13	58.08	18-2426D	Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$198,800	\$70,000	\$268,800	\$1,729,726	\$198,800	
14	57.50	18-2361M	Entiat Ranger District Campgrounds and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$104,500	\$104,700	\$209,200	\$1,834,226	\$104,500	

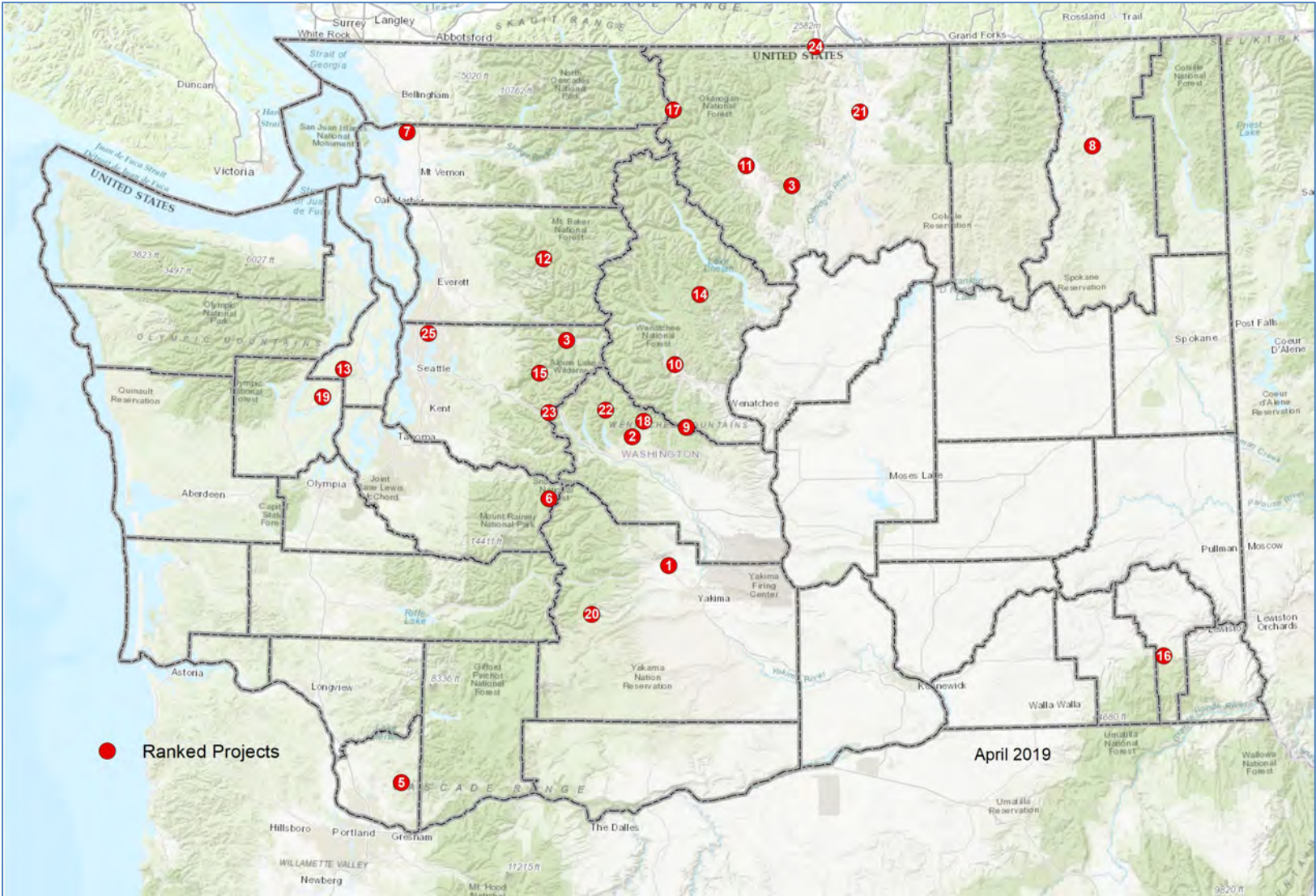
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15	57.42	18-2402D	Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$130,000	\$65,000	\$195,000	\$1,964,226	\$83,062	\$46,938
16	57.17	18-2266M	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds, Dispersed Sites, Concentrated Use Areas Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$90,000	\$2,004,226		\$40,000
17	56.17	18-2371D	Hart's Pass Trailhead Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$198,140	\$23,435	\$221,575	\$2,202,366		\$198,140
18	55.58	18-2311M	Cle Elum Ranger District Sanitation Rentals	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$2,232,366		Alternate
19	54.00	18-2503M	Hood Canal District Nonhighway Road Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$71,100	\$34,500	\$105,600	\$2,303,466		Alternate
20	53.75	18-2318D	Eagles Nest Visa Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$199,950	\$50,050	\$250,000	\$2,503,416		Alternate
21	52.33	18-2403M	Tonasket Ranger District Development and Dispersed Recreation Sites Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$142,520	\$100,924	\$243,444	\$2,645,936		Alternate
22	51.67	18-2317P	Cle Elum Salmon La Sac Trailhead Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$2,710,936		Alternate
23	50.67	18-2401M	Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$86,000	\$10,000	\$96,000	\$2,796,936		Alternate
24	47.67	18-2395D	Similkameen River Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$72,500	\$8,700	\$81,200	\$2,869,436		Alternate
25	44.83	18-2500P	Saint Edward Trail Planning	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$110,000	\$15,000	\$125,000	\$2,979,436		Alternate
					\$2,979,436	\$2,126,136	\$5,105,572		\$1,917,288	\$285,078

¹Project Types: D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

State Map for NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category Projects



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities

Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle Categories – Evaluation Criteria Summary

NOVA Evaluation Questions Summary					
Scored By	Question	Title	Questions by Category and Project Type	Maximum Points	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15	A-1, C-7
			Maintenance and Operation	20	
Advisory Committee	2	Need fulfillment	All	15	A-1, C-6, C-7
			Maintenance and Operation	25	
Advisory Committee	3	Site suitability	Acquisition	10	C-15
			Combination Acquisition and Development	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Project design	Development	10	C-1, C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
			Combination Acquisition and Development	5	
Advisory Committee	5	Planning	Planning	10	C-6, C-15
Advisory Committee	6	Sustainability and environmental stewardship	All	5	
Advisory Committee	7	Readiness to proceed	All projects, except Maintenance	5	
Advisory Committee	8	Predominately natural	Nonmotorized and Nonhighway Road categories only	5	C-13
Advisory Committee	9	Project support	All	10	C-3, C-4

NOVA Evaluation Questions Summary					
Scored By	Question	Title	Questions by Category and Project Type	Maximum Points	NOVA Plan Policy
Advisory Committee	10	Cost-benefit	All	5	A-1, C-3
RCO staff	11	Matching shares	All	5	C-4
RCO staff	12	Population proximity	All	2	C-2
RCO staff	13	Growth Management Act preference	All	0	
Nonhighway and Nonmotorized Total Points Possible				77	
Off-road vehicle Total Possible Points				72	

KEY:

All=includes acquisition, development, maintenance and operation, and planning project types.

NOVA Plan Policy=Criteria orientation in accordance with the NOVA Plan 2005-2011, which were carried forward to the 2018-2022 plan. The letter and number codes reference corresponding policies in the plan.

Scoring Criteria, Boating Facilities Program

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. **Planning.** To what extent will the proposed plan or study help provide opportunities and address sustainability of the natural environment? (*Planning projects*)?
6. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a project, plan, or program that protects the integrity of the environment?
7. **Readiness to proceed.** How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin?
8. **Predominately natural.** Is the project site in a predominately natural setting? (ORV applicants do not answer this question.)
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 applicant⁷ made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?⁸

⁷ County, city, town, and special district applicants only. This question does not apply to nonprofit organizations or state and federal agency applicants.

⁸ Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act-preference required)

Nonhighway Road Projects Evaluation Scoring Summary

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-21

Rank	Project Name	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total		
		Need	Need Fulfillment	Acquisition	Combination	Development	Combination	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost-benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference				
1	Naches Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	18.00	21.67							4.00		4.08	8.17	4.50	5.00	1.00	0.00	66.42		
	Southeast Region																			
2	Maintenance and Operations North	18.00	21.25							3.67		3.42	7.83	4.42	4.00	1.00	0.00	63.58		
3	North Summit Horse Camp Phase 2 Development	12.00	13.00					8.83				4.00	4.83	4.08	9.17	3.92	3.00	0.00	62.83	
	Skykomish Ranger District																			
3	Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance	17.00	19.58							3.58		3.92	8.00	3.75	5.00	2.00	0.00	62.83		
5	Capitol and Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance and Operations	17.00	20.00							3.58		3.83	9.50	3.83	3.00	2.00	0.00	62.75		
6	Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead Restoration	13.25	12.50					7.83				3.83	4.00	4.33	8.00	3.92	4.00	1.00	0.00	62.67
7	Samish Overlook and Lily-Lizard Lakes Campground	16.00	20.42									3.75		3.67	8.33	4.17	5.00	1.00	0.00	62.33
8	Colville National Forest Recreation Maintenance	17.67	19.17									3.67		4.33	7.67	4.25	5.00	0.00	0.00	61.75
9	Cle Elum Ranger District Frontcountry Maintenance and Operations	16.00	19.58									4.00		4.00	8.00	3.92	5.00	1.00	0.00	61.50

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10	Wenatchee River Ranger District Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance and Operations	17.00	19.17						3.83		4.50	7.50	4.25	4.00	1.00	0.00	61.25	
11	Methow Valley Ranger District Campground Maintenance	16.00	20.42						3.83		4.25	7.17	4.33	5.00	0.00	0.00	61.00	
12	Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2	11.50	12.25			8.00			3.67	3.75	4.00	6.17	3.17	5.00	2.00	0.00	59.50	
13	Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation	10.75	12.00			8.50			3.50	3.50	3.50	8.67	3.67	2.00	2.00	0.00	58.08	
14	Entiat Ranger District Campgrounds and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	15.33	18.33						3.25		4.00	6.83	3.75	5.00	1.00	0.00	57.50	
15	Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development	11.75	10.00			7.17			3.58	3.67	4.08	8.50	3.67	3.00	2.00	0.00	57.42	
16	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds, Dispersed Sites, Concentrated Use Areas Maintenance and Operations	15.33	17.92						3.42		4.33	7.17	4.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	57.17	
17	Hart's Pass Trailhead Development	12.50	12.00			8.00			3.50	3.58	4.08	8.00	3.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	56.17	
18	Cle Elum Ranger District Sanitation Rentals	16.33	19.17						3.58		3.42	7.67	4.42	0.00	1.00	0.00	55.58	

Nonhighway Road Projects

Evaluation Scoring Summary

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-21

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19	Hood Canal District Nonhighway Road Maintenance and Operations	16.00	17.50							3.08		3.75	5.83	3.83	3.00	1.00	0.00	54.00
20	Eagles Nest Visa Development	11.25	11.25			6.83				3.25	4.17	4.08	6.83	3.08	2.00	1.00	0.00	53.75
21	Tonasket Ranger District Development and Dispersed Recreation Sites Operations and Maintenance	15.00	16.67							3.33		4.25	5.67	3.42	4.00	0.00	0.00	52.33
22	Cle Elum Salmon La Sac Trailhead Planning	12.00	10.50					7.67		3.42	3.67	3.75	7.50	3.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.67
23	Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation	14.33	17.50							3.50		3.17	5.83	3.33	1.00	2.00	0.00	50.67
24	Similkameen River Access Improvements	9.25	11.00			6.83				3.25	3.25	4.58	5.83	2.67	1.00	0.00	0.00	47.67
25	Saint Edward Trail Planning	8.00	9.25					6.50		3.17	3.17	2.67	6.50	2.58	1.00	2.00	0.00	44.83

Advisory Committee scores Questions 1-10; RCO staff scores Questions 11-13

Nonhighway Road Project Summaries

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Naches Ranger District Recreation Opportunities

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain campgrounds, trailheads, day-use sites, and boat launches throughout the district. Duties will include increasing site accessibility, enhancing aging facilities, and restoring plants along lakes, rivers, and shorelines by adding parking control structures. The District will also replace deteriorated picnic tables, fire rings, parking bollards, bulletin boards, and site posts markers where needed. More than 63,000 visitors from the Seattle and Tacoma, Tri-Cities, and Yakima areas come to this area every year to hunt, fish, camp, boat, swim, hike, picnic, and ride off-road-vehicles every year. The Ranger District will contribute \$234,000 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2490)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Recreation Opportunities in Southeastern Washington

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$111,747

Developing North Summit Horse Camp

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

donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2497)

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

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

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to contract or hire staff to clean and maintain restrooms. Duties will include buying cleaning supplies and pumping vault toilets. Maintenance will include removing litter in campgrounds, campsites, and trailheads. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable campground and trailhead facilities. The Department will contribute \$64,500 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2512)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$103,341**
Restoring Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal employees to coordinate volunteers to restore its Corral Pass Campground and Trailhead, which wildfire destroyed in 2017. East of Enumclaw, this site accesses the Noble Knob Trail and provides views of the Norse Peak Wilderness. Visited by more than 6,000 people every year, this site is accessible from late June until November depending on snow levels. Restoration duties will include replacing outhouses, installing hitching rails and high lines, bear-proofing garbage cans, and installing trail signs, picnic tables, and fire rings. The project will replace eight to ten campsites popular with hunters, mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers. Other work would include continued assessment of trees that pose a hazard to visitors, building a fence to protect a nearby meadow and adding parking. The Ranger District will contribute \$70,050 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2400)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$55,962**
Caring for Recreation Opportunities at Samish Overlook and Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a staff person, seasonal Washington Conservation Corps crew, and support volunteers to maintain its Samish Overlook day-use area and Lily and Lizard Lake campgrounds located in Blanchard Forest in Skagit County. Duties will include repairing signs, removing litter, upgrading campsites, maintaining restrooms and maintaining two free-flight paragliding and hang gliding launch areas. By providing timely, routine and maintenance, this project enables the Department to continue to protect natural resources and enhance the longevity of its recreation opportunity while enhancing public safety. The Department will contribute \$56,204 in donation of labor, staff equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2245)

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

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to hire 4 seasonal employees to maintain 20 campgrounds, 60 developed recreations sites and trailheads, and 800 dispersed campsites across the forest within 50 miles of Spokane, the second largest city in the state. The goal of the project is to provide safe, well-maintained recreation facilities for forest visitors, who in turn support local economic growth through the purchase of fuel, groceries and other supplies. Colville National Forest will contribute \$100,050 in a federal appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2499)

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

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund a 10-person crew to maintain 21 campgrounds, 30 trailheads, numerous day use areas, 5 boat launches, and 2 rental cabins in Kittitas County. Land in the ranger district is used for camping, picnicking, sightseeing, swimming, hunting, and hiking. The crew will assess and remove hazardous trees, remove trash throughout the district as well as at a large dumpsite, clean restrooms, repair the water system, and maintain signs, bulletin boards, picnic tables, and fire rings. Hundreds of thousands of visitors venture to the area annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2310)

**U.S. Forest Service
Maintaining Methow Valley Campgrounds****Grant Requested: \$150,000**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain seven campgrounds, one rental cabin, one historic Civilian Conservation Corps shelter, two lookout towers, and two group sites in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. An estimated 60,000 campers visit the area from April to October each year. However, funding has decreased 30 percent in the past 10 years. Without these funds, the historic shelter will continue to deteriorate and may become unusable. Staff will remove trash, clean restrooms, remove hazard trees, maintain and repair of campground facilities, the hand well, and signs. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy small tools and equipment. The Forest Service will contribute \$104,700 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2361)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$130,000****Redeveloping the Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead**

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

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

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 13 developed campgrounds, 5 concentrated use areas, and dispersed campsites throughout the district. Crews will remove garbage and maintain the toilets, fire rings, picnic tables, the feed mangers and hitching rails, and the bulletin boards and signs. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy cleaning supplies and toilet paper. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor,

and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2266)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$198,140

Developing Hart's Pass Trailhead

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$30,000

Renting Toilets

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to rent multiple portable toilets in the summer for dispersed camping areas, especially near riverfront areas. Dispersed campsites are created by campers, not planned by the Forest Service, and do not usually include amenities such as toilets. Bringing in the portable toilets will provide sanitation in areas with very heavy recreational use and reduce public health hazards associated with improper waste disposal. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2311)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$71,100

Maintaining Campgrounds in Mason and Kitsap Counties

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds in the Hood Canal District, which is in Mason and Kitsap Counties. The department will hire a professional restroom cleaning company, maintain and repair facilities, buy supplies, pump out toilets, remove litter, and install signs. The department will contribute \$34,500 in staff labor and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2503)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Renovating Eagles Nest Vista**

Grant Requested: \$199,950

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff, supplies, and materials to renovate Eagles Nest Vista, located in the Ahtanum State Forest about 45 miles west of Yakima. The Department will rebuild an 800-ft. pathway to make it accessible to people with disabilities. It will also add interpretive signs to a 100-ft. rock wall, replace an aging kiosk, and rehabilitate short trails at the vista to protect habitat. This project will enhance safety and accessibility at Eagles Nest Vista. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safe and sustainable viewpoint facilities. The Department will contribute \$50,050 in donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2318)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$142,520

Maintaining Recreation Sites and Trails in the Tonasket Ranger District

Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to hire two staff to maintain 11 campgrounds, 13 trailheads, and 10 dispersed areas. Duties will include maintaining restrooms, updating signs, repairing the parking area, parking area repair, and building and maintaining picnic tables, fire grates, and site numbers. The campgrounds, trailheads, and dispersed sites are popular with both local and out-of-area visitors and the hunting community. Visitors provide a much-needed economic boost to the local community through the purchase of gas, permits, food, and other supplies. The Tonasket Ranger District will contribute \$100,924 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2403)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$65,000

Planning Improvements to Salmon La Sac Trailhead

The Cle Elum Ranger District in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to fund the environmental analysis, biological evaluation, cultural resource analysis, site plan, and contract package required to upgrade the Salmon La Sac Trailhead. The current size and configuration of the trailhead no longer supports the number and different types of users. Too many people has resulted in damage to the surrounding plants, user conflicts, and stock users no longer visiting the trailhead. The Forest Service wants to redesign and expand the trailhead to improve access to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Cooper River for stock users and single vehicles. The project also will improve fish passage to a stream next to the parking area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2317)

U.S. Forest Service
Rehabilitating the Asahel Curtis Picnic Area

Grant Requested: \$86,000

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to repair and rehabilitate a unique and historic picnic area along Interstate 90. The Asahel Curtis Picnic Area, located less than 1 hour from Seattle and 3 miles from the extremely popular Franklin Falls and Denny Creek Trails, includes an interpretive trail that winds through an old-growth forest and along the banks of the South Fork Snoqualmie River. Crews will remove overgrown bushes and hazardous trees, place new picnic tables and bear-proof garbage cans, replace gravel, repair the toilet roof and exterior, replace the gate and badly weathered signs, and repair the interpretive trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,000 in donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2401)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving the Similkameen River Access

Grant Requested: \$72,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the western-most water access site along the Similkameen River in Okanogan County. Purchased in 1969, the department has made little to no improvements to the site, which serves the Similkameen Water Trail and users of the Similkameen River from nearly the Canadian border to recreation sites downstream almost 10 miles. The department will improve the entrance to the site at the intersection of Chopaka Road by installing a cattle guard and cleaning out the existing cattle guard. The department also will grade the access road, create a parking area accessible to people with disabilities, create a wildlife viewing area near developed parking, and install a reader board and signs. The department will contribute \$8,700 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2395)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Planning Saint Edward State Park Trails

Grant Requested: \$110,000

State Parks will use this grant to develop a trail master plan for Saint Edward State Park. The 326-acre park is on Lake Washington in Kenmore and hosts about 1 million visits annually. Heavy visitation combined with multi-uses such as hiking, running, biking, orienteering, and nature viewing, places a burden on the existing 8.5 miles of trail. Users also have developed unofficial trails, which can damage fragile ecosystems especially on the waterfront, steep slopes, and in wetlands. Planners will identify existing conditions and prioritize which trails the Commission should maintain, improve, re-route, add, or potentially close. Planners also will determine if it is necessary to separate some uses. They will engage visitors and investigate two potential trails identified in previous planning efforts. State Parks will contribute \$15,000 in staff labor and donations of labor.

Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2500)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

Nonhighway Road Category Letters are in Ranked Order

- 18-2490M Naches Developed and Dispersed M&O (1) Rank 1
- 18-2246M Southeast Region Maintenance and Operations North (3) Rank 2
- 18-2512M Capitol and Yacolt Forest Facilities M&O (7) Rank 5
- 18-2245M Samish Overlook and Lily-Lizard Lakes CG NHR M&O (1) Rank 7
- 18-2499M Colville National Forest Recreation Maintenance (4) Rank 8
- 18-2310M Cle Elum Ranger District Frontcountry M&O (1) Rank 9
- 18-2291M W.R.R.D. Trailhead and Dispersed Site M & O (1) Rank 10
- 18-2375M MVRD Campground Maintenance (1) Rank 11
- 18-2274D Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 (7) Rank 12
- 18-2426D Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation (10) Rank 13
- 18-2266M Pomeroy Ranger District. Campgrounds, Dispersed Sites (7) Rank 16
- 18-2311M Cle Elum Ranger District Sanitation Rentals (8) Rank 18
- 18-2318D Eagles Nest Vista Development (2) Rank 20
- 18-2317P Cle Elum Salmon La Sac Trailhead Planning (8) Rank 22
- 18-2401M Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation (1) Rank 23
- 18-2500P St. Edward Trail Planning (8) Rank 25

Robin Faulk
1504 Stein Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

October 31, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for Naches Wilderness

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am a member of BCHW (Backcountry horsemen of Washington) and participate in the Naches Ranger District TWIG group. As a user and volunteer, I strongly support the following grants:

- Wilderness Education & Enforcement (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (RTP)
- Campgrounds Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)

Our local wilderness areas are heavily used by a variety of user groups and we all need to maintain them. Without these funds we will lose access to our wilderness areas for everyone and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Faulk



18-2246 NOVA NHR #2

December 21, 2018
Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Letter of Support: **WA DNR - 18-2246 MNT SE Region Maintenance & Operations North**

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) strongly supports the DNR's grant application to fund operations and maintenance activities at campground facilities within Kittitas, Chelan and Grant counties. With growing interest in camping and outdoor recreation activities in the SE Region, ongoing maintenance funds are crucial to supporting quality outdoor experiences and maintain environmental integrity as well as sanitary services at the multiple sites included in the DNR's grant request for this region. DNR's funding request will ensure ongoing resources for staff, equipment and materials across the north part of DNR's Southeast Region.

DNR's maintenance services funded by this grant request include routine maintenance of restrooms, camp sites and day-use areas. Additional grant funds will be used for the purchase of vehicle accessories, small tools/minor equipment, and maintenance supplies. The primary recreation opportunity provided is safe and sustainable recreation support, on which our members rely as they enjoy trails, trailheads, and camping facilities.

The north area of DNR's SE region is becoming ever more popular and we have seen significant member growth in our Central and Kittitas chapters. Statewide, we've doubled in membership size since 2015. Pressures from the fast-growing outdoor recreation economy is stressing existing systems and resources continue to be sparse to keep up with demand. It is critical that DNR receives funding to continue to maintain and operate facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety.

DNR and Evergreen have partnered to build and maintain new mountain bike trails in the region and Evergreen has provided valuable volunteer match hours within the region over the years. We continue to be committed to helping the DNR with volunteer services to keep up with demand. But without this funding, these much-loved recreational amenities could fall into disrepair, while service needs are ever growing.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,200 members and over 36,000 social media followers and supporters. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. As a trusted partner with public land managers across the state, Evergreen's contributed over 25,000 hours of volunteer labor to date this year.

We look forward to assisting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to maintain the popular recreation amenities and campgrounds in the North area of the DNR's SE region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Kraus", written over a horizontal line.

Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director

FRIENDS OF THE TEANAWAY



<http://www.friendsoftheteanaway.org/>

PO Box 604 Cle Elum, WA 98922

TO: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

Re. DNR grant application: SE Region Maintenance & Operations North – number 18-2246 MNT

To Whom It May Concern;

Our organization, Friends of the Teanaway, focuses on issues and concerns related to the Teanaway Valley. We support and applaud the progress that has been made by DNR and DF&W in the management of the recently established Teanaway Community Forest, comprising close to 50,000 acres of timberland and meadows at the upper end of the valley, and including three campgrounds, two of which were “inherited” from the previous owner, a private timber company. Over the last few years, these campgrounds, which were never more than rudimentary in their layout and amenities, have experienced increased usage resulting in the need for increased maintenance and upgrades for sanitation and safety. Because of our interest in having these campgrounds continue to be adequately maintained, we are writing in support of the grant application (referenced above) to fund DNR recreation site maintenance and operations in the southeast region.

Sincerely;

The Friends of the Teanaway board of directors.

Pam Henry, President

Patrick McGowan, Vice President

Pico Cantieni, Secretary/Treasurer

Rocky Higgins

Sonny Thomas

Barb Hamel

Chuck Adams

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18-2246 NOVA NHR #2

November 29, 2018

Hello NOVA Grant Committee,

The members of Tahoma Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) are writing you to express our support for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), Non-Highway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) grant application Number 18-2246 MNT "SE Region Maintenance & Operations North" submitted by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region. This grant request will retain the position of a Recreation Maintenance Technician authorized by a previous successful grant, and create a second position to further support DNR recreation sites across Kittitas, Chelan, and Grant Counties in the State of Washington. These personnel and additional tools to support the maintenance of campgrounds in these counties is of great importance to the many users of these recreational resources. We see and experience the backlogs created by inadequate funding, and appreciate that needed support can be made available through NOVA funded resources.

Although Tahoma Chapter BCHW is based in King County of Washington State, we actively recreate with our horses and mules regularly in the aforementioned Counties and on DNR lands. The Teanaway Community Forest and BBQ Flats in the Wenas/Selah Valley are some of our favorite places where we love to camp and ride.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit service organization established with the goal of keeping public lands open for recreational use with horses and mules. We are part of a national organization, Back Country Horsemen of America. By providing hands-on trail maintenance and education on the proper use of stock on public lands to horse and mule owners throughout the state, we support the recreational interests and goals of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Please help us recreate safely with our horses and mules by approving this WADNR grant request.

Best regards,

Mary Kane
Director, Tahoma Chapter
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



18-2512 NOVA NHR #5

Dear Grant Committee:

My name is Steve Jones. I regularly use DNR lands and I support the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region's grant requests.

This area of Southwest Washington has seen increased recreational use due to the fires in the Columbia River Gorge. The fire burned about 50,000 acres over three months in the summer of 2017. I believe many people in the Portland Metro area have discovered the DNR lands in Southwest Washington because I see many Oregon license plates driving the roads and parked at trailheads.

I applaud the efforts of the DNR to construct new trails and their partnering with volunteer organization such as Washington Trails Association and the Chinook Trail Association in the maintenance and construction of trails.

With the great collaboration with trail organizations I firmly believe this grant money will be used efficiently and wisely.

On behalf of the recreational users in the Southwest Washington area and the Chinook Trail Association, please approve these grants for the Pacific Cascade Region.

RCO#18-2507 Education and Enforcement
RCO#18-2508 Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2509 Non-Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2510 Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation
RCO#18-2511 Non-Motorized Trail Bridges
RCO#18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association

November 9th 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the **Capitol & Yacolt Facilities Maintenance grant proposal # 18-2512.**

I visit Capitol Forest with my boyfriend and occasionally I am lucky enough to ride horses with the Scatter Creek riders.

Over the past couple of years I certainly have appreciated the much cleaner bathrooms! I have heard they are using a contractor to clean the facilities versus staff. I would rather have DNR folks out improving trails for us than cleaning bathrooms!

Please fund request # 18-2512

Thank you



Teri Johnson 360-970-3538

Tjma4950@gmail.com

November 7th 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

Funding review committee

I am in full support of **Capitol & Yacolt Facilities maintenance grant proposal # 18-2512.**

I am a member of Friend of Capitol Forest, and I frequently ride with my wife in Capitol Forest.

Having regular maintenance at trailhead bathrooms as certainly been a big plus for us. We no longer have the “dread” of walking up to a bathroom.

Please fund request # 18-2646

Thank you

Roger Holman 253-732-1468
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Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

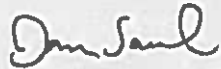
RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



Dan Saul

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WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Brenda Folkerts <intheriver4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: RCO Grant Requests/Capitol Forest

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
Attention: Phil Wolff

I am writing to give my support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant applications:

RCO #18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
RCO #18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
RCO #18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails
RCO #18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

I took up hiking and trail running after moving to Olympia a few years ago and my husband and I really enjoy the year-round opportunities that the Capitol State Forest has to offer for outdoor recreation in our area. We really appreciate the improvements to the restroom facilities and the ongoing trail maintenance provided by DNR and volunteers over the last few years. We fully support the ongoing maintenance of the present trail system and the work to rebuild and/or repair trails after damage due to logging or weather conditions.

We had heard about the possibility of additional trails being added around The Margaret McKinney Trailhead and the Mima Falls area, and fully support that grant application. We look forward to exploring these new connectors and loops and fully support the ongoing education and maintenance that will be required for these additional trails.

Sincerely,

Brenda Folkerts

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WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: FW: Regarding grant applications for Capitol Forest

Recreation and Conservation Office

We are writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As local area trail runners we greatly appreciate the opportunities Capitol State Forest offers to us for recreation so close to home.

Though we are relatively new to trail running and the area we have seen DNR and local volunteers make great improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years. Maintenance of the already created trail system is extremely important and we have been impressed by the work that has been done to rebuild trails after logging or repair after wind and flood damage.

We are especially excited to hear about the possibility of additional trails being added around the Mima Falls and Margaret McKinney trailheads. Additional loops and connector trails will allow for greater variations in distances which will make the trail system even more popular (which will also necessitate additional education and enforcement) so we are also excited about that grant application.

Seth Miller and Laura Jordan

November 19, 2018

RCO Funding Board:

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

- # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
- # 18-2464 Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance
- # 18-2467 New Capitol Forest New Off Road Vehicle Trails
- #18-2466 New Capitol Forest New Non - Motorized Trails

The multi-use recreational facilities in Capitol Forest are a fabulous resource for area residents and visitors alike, and are greatly loved and appreciated. These grants will help leverage volunteer trail building and maintenance efforts various user groups provide. DNR has a great relationship with the public, coordinating and communicating with these groups to provide opportunities and address problems with facilities or policies. I have been riding in Capitol Forest for over a decade and DNR staff has increased their responsiveness, which keeps users safe and prevents small problems from growing into larger and more costly ones. We even work together to report issues “from the field” via GPS-enabled smartphone apps to pinpoint problems and help staff respond more efficiently. As citizen volunteers we are able to respond to many trail maintenance issues, but some we cannot, such as those requiring heavy equipment operation. Additionally, while we help foster good trail etiquette among users, we are not authorized to address enforcement issues. Use of Capitol Forest is growing for many

reasons and with it comes a need for greater education and enforcement (E&E) presence to help ensure proper use and curtail illegal activities. Having dedicated E&E personnel in the forest is important and even “positive contacts” promotes communication between the agency and the public and user safety. Perhaps the greatest challenges come from areas of higher concentration of use, notably campgrounds and trailheads, especially restrooms. DNR’s extra efforts to keep these clean, well organized, and orderly are notable and have improved user experience, especially at Fall Creek Trailhead.

DNR has been responsive to the need for recreational opportunities for users of different experience levels as well. I was very involved in several bridge replacement projects last year (thanks in part to previous RCO grant funds) and was amazed at how popular the non-motorized trails especially around Fall Creek have become among hikers and trail runners. While I used to encounter an occasional user on these trails, during one volunteer shift replacing a bridge on the Mima Falls East Trail, I counted over 50 people — individuals and families with infants and toddlers. I was amazed by this growth. DNR has provided increased signage on these routes so that people who are less familiar with the trail system can have safe and enjoyable experiences. The agency has worked with Friends of Capitol Forest to create a “kids mountain bike trail” and with equestrian organizations to provide route separation or directionality when needed to address safety and minimize potential conflicts such the new Green Line Climbing Trail. On the other end of the user-experience spectrum, the agency has been a good partner for advanced mountain bikers through provision of downhill and “freeride” trails on the North Slope of the forest. In turn user groups hold competitive events in the forest, which raise funds for continued trail building and maintenance.

Although primarily a mountain biker, I also benefit from quality “ORV trails” — with a few exceptions, cyclists can use them too (and frequently do). Additionally, electric-assist mountain bikes, limited to ORV trails, will only become more popular as the population ages but wants to continue to enjoy outdoor recreation. In short, despite the term, Capitol Forest’s “ORV trails” are important to more than

just motorcycle and quad riders. Aside, I have never once had a negative interaction with another "user type" in the forest, which is partly due to DNR's sound recreational management of the forest.

I hope that this letter helps you better understand how DNR has been a good steward of Capitol Forest as a recreational resource and also of public dollars. Please support their grant requests so that the agency's good work can continue here (and at Yacolt Burn State Forest, where I have also ridden this past year). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurence Leveen

Larry Leveen



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2245 NOVA NHR #7

November 19, 2018

To the RCO Review Committee:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports DNR Baker District's grant proposals #18-2245M Samish Overlook and Lily and Lizard Lake Campgrounds, #18-2243M Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities M&O, and #18-2460D Lily & Lizard Lakes Sustainable Backcountry Toilets. These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and several popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like DNR Baker District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

DNR Baker District is entrusted with 24 miles of the PNT - which carries users over scenic Mount Josephine, Lyman Hill, Anderson Mountain, and the iconic Blanchard State Forest. These trails are not only popular with local residents; they provide critical connectivity for PNT long distance users, who catch their first glimpses of salt water from atop Blanchard Mountain, on their way from Montana to the Pacific.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a huge undertaking, but with partners like DNR Baker District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also facilitate efforts from partner groups like the PNTA, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premier long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



Pend Oreille County

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October 29, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest OHV Ranger & Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance

The Board of County Commissioners supports the pursuit of grant funding for the above referenced projects.

The hiring of OHV Rangers is a very important component to the South End Project that may aid in the opening of additional roads for OHV use providing for much needed connectivity. With the implementation of Rangers, this will assist in the solution to illegal OHV use by educating those who utilize the trails and encouraging the protection of the landscape. Building solid relationships between the Forest Service and the OHV community will certainly lead to improved recreation experiences.

This project will hire two OHV Rangers, purchase educational materials and provide OHV training. The goal of this project is to educate the public on State and Federal OHV regulations, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection and provide forest information related to other activities/uses. The Rangers will monitor routes identified for OHV designation in future phases of the South End Project implementation plan. There are currently 237 miles of OHV designated routes open in the project area with an additional 129 miles of routes to be opened. The end result will be a loop route system connecting communities in Pend Oreille and Stevens counties. The Rangers will be working to improve the relationship between the multiple users and continue to lead the CNF OHV Ambassador Program established in 2015.

Dispersed sites are an important part of the effort to open the Forest to the outdoor enthusiasts. These sites can be challenging to maintain but are crucial to deter illegal dumping and other public health concerns. These maintenance employees offer benefits to the public by providing a safe camping opportunity while protecting the natural resources. Furthermore, providing jobs in Pend Oreille County gives a boost to our economy.

This project will support the operation and maintenance of 20 campgrounds, 60 information sites and trailheads and 800 dispersed campsites across the Colville National Forest. The maintenance work to be

Pend Oreille County Commissioners Letter of Support

completed consists of the following: trash removal; toilet cleaning; hazard tree removal; water system repairs and testing; general repairs of picnic table, fire rings, signs, information boards; noxious weed removal; and visitor contacts. With funding from this project, the forest would hire two GS-5 Recreation Technicians and two GS-3 Forestry Aids to perform the needed maintenance work across the forest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
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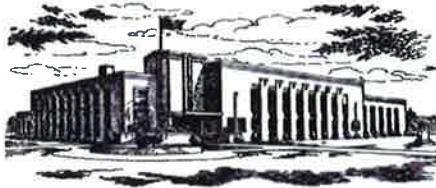


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October 30, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest Recreation Site Maintenance and Colville National Forest OHV Education and Enforcement

The Board of County Commissioners supports the pursuit of grant funding for the above referenced projects.

Recreation sites are an important part of the effort to open the forest to the outdoor enthusiasts. These sites can be challenging to maintain, but is crucial to deter illegal dumping and other public health concerns. The operation and maintenance of 30 campgrounds, 75 information sites and trailheads and 800 dispersed campsites across the Colville National Forest will provide jobs in Stevens County and give a boost to our economy.

The hiring of OHV Rangers is a very important component to the education of the public on state and federal OHV regulations, responsible trail riding etiquette, resource protection and providing forest information related to other activities/uses. With the implementation of rangers, this will assist in the solution to illegal use by educating those who utilize the trails and encouraging the protection of the landscape. Building solid relationships between the Forest Service and the OHV community will certainly lead to improved recreation experiences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Chairman Wes McCart


Commissioner Don Dashiell


Commissioner Steve Parker

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18-2499 NOVA NHR #8

November 5, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

RE: Colville National Forest Grant Applications

Dear Sirs

On behalf of the International Selkirk Loop, I fully endorse the Colville National Forests' applications to receive funding to continue Coville National Forest OHV Ranger Program and Colville National Forest Recreation Site Maintenance.

The International Selkirk Loop is a Scenic Byway located in Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington, and Southeastern British Columbia. Our mission is to enhance the economies of the communities along our route through the promotion of tourism, thereby creating opportunities for the communities to attract and serve visitors. Hiking, RV travel and camping are top requests from our travelers and the proposed projects will greatly enhance the visitors experience in the area. Eastern Washington is seeing an increase in tourism and these projects will exemplify and produce long-term strategic benefits for this region.

The ISL supports the proposed projects and recommends their full consideration.

Sincerely

Stephanie Sims
Executive Director



18-2499 NOVA NHR #8

November 2, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest Grant Application

The Tri County Economic Development District supports applying for RCO grant funding to continue Colville National Forest OHV Ranger Program and Colville National Forest Recreation Site Maintenance.

The Colville National Forest (CNF) provides extensive outdoor recreation opportunities in Northeast Washington and is a key asset for economic development as the area transitions from a resource-based economy to an economy where tourism and recreation play an ever-growing role.

The Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) community are enthusiastic about the opportunities on the Colville National Forest, and the Rangers provide a much-needed conduit to provide information about which trails and areas are open to legal OHV use. It is important to build and foster positive relationships between the CNF and this rapidly growing segment of trail users.

Continued maintenance of forest recreation areas not only provides jobs, but also provides a safer and generally better experience for visitors. While protecting our natural resources, continued maintenance will ensure that users will return again and again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Lamont".

Barry Lamont
Interim Executive Director

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Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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18-2310 NOVA NHR #9

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



October 25, 2018

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18-2291 NOVA NHR #10

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programming in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects.

We support

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021 .

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

18-2375: MVRD Campground Maintenance 2020-2021

18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

Continuation of the MVRD Climbing Ranger program is an invaluable resource to our recreation, local community, and the public lands we utilize to offer wonderful outdoor experiences for our customers. Working with the rangers to education climbers about environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices helps this venue stay wild, untrodden, and safer to climb. If it were not for the efforts of this group of climbing rangers, the stewardship and restoration of the high use climbing areas would not have happened to date or the near future. More, continuation of the MVRD wilderness and backcountry ranger program is critical to educate the public to promote leave-no-trace techniques and regulations that help support keeping the wilderness just that. There is an increasing number of visitors each year, supporting the wilderness ranger program is the only way to mitigate the user groups impact.

November 8, 2018

Dear NOVA Advisory Committee:

I would like to offer my support for the Big 4 Bridge Extension Project # 18-2273 and the companion project Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 #18-2274. Big 4 is a place of superlatives – a low elevation beaver pond that allows viewing of a variety of wildlife, a river crossing, an old growth forest, and an alpine avalanche blast zone at the trails end with a view straight up – 4,000 feet – to the ramparts of Big Four Mountain. Of course, the ice caves themselves are a huge, and dangerous attractant. And all of this crammed into a trail not more than a mile long with only 200 feet of elevation gain. This is something you don't find anywhere else! Which is why this trail is likely *the most visited mountain trail in western Washington*.

I have visited this unique trail many times since 1970 and have watched as the Stillaguamish River suddenly started to raise havoc with the bridge over the river beginning with the flooding in 1990. Since that time, the trail was upgraded to better handle the crowds, a new parking area and loop trail were added, and the boardwalk through the marsh was redecked. More flooding in 2006 destroyed the glu-lam bridge built in 1969 and forced installation of the new aluminum bridge. Continued bank erosion is now putting the new bridge at risk and it needs to be extended ASAP to keep from losing an expensive infrastructure investment.

Decking on the boardwalk loop trail is deteriorating as its substructure. Replacing it will be expensive, but worth the investment given the extreme popularity of the site.

I am hopefully that both of these projects will be considered favorably for funding.

Sincerely,



GARY PAULL



18-2274 NOVA NHR #12

HPC County Liaison: Gretchen Kaehler
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- Dist 3: Nathan Proudfoot
- Dist 4: Joe Harasen
- Dist 5: Jennifer Hushour, alt. Fred Cruger



Date: 04 Feb 2019

To: Washington RCO

From: Fred Cruger

Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (SnoCo HPC)
League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO)

Please consider this a letter of support for several grants being sought by the USFS as part of their commitment to maintain the Mountain Loop Highway as an important site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. Over 300,000 biking/hiking/motoring visitors travel the Mt. Loop each year, and we must maintain the sites they use and enjoy during their stay.

Grant request 18-2273 (**Big 4 Bridge Extension**) would help fund extending the bridge across the South Fork Stillaguamish to continue providing access to Big 4 and the ice caves. The bridge is likely to wash out in the next major flood event, cutting off access to what is documented as the single most popular outdoor attraction in Snohomish County. As a natural phenomenon and an important heritage site, Big 4 plays an important role in our county recreation and tourism. Loss of access would create untold damage to tourism in the area.

Grant request 18-2274 (**Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2**) would fund further improvement in access to Big Four. It is rare to have such a uniquely accessible site in an otherwise rugged area that would normally prohibit access to people with physical handicaps. The trail, boardwalk, and bridge at Big 4 combine to offer a beautiful heritage site to the broadest possible public, that they might enjoy the grandeur, history, and true northwest character of our community. The Big 4 Inn is gone, but the ice caves and the beauty remain.

Grant request 18-2272 (**Verlot Maintenance**) would help fund a seasonal crew to service recreation sites along the Mountain Loop Highway. Keeping the sites attractive and available helps to reduce the amount of roadside camping that would otherwise damage the beauty and environment of the Mt. Loop.

As a commissioner on the SnoCo HPC, and vice-president of LOSCHO, I support the ongoing USFS commitment to the maintenance of the Mt Loop as a premier site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. I ask that you consider the importance of this scenic byway to the health and prosperity of our visitors and of our region when you decide how to allocate the funds you grant.

Respectfully,

Fred Cruger
(425) 308-9580

Oct 28, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

18-2274 NOVA NHR #12

PO Box 40917

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RE: Support for RCO Grants:

#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension

#18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

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To whom it may concern:

I have visited Big 4 many times. It is an excellent place for bird watching and to view nature. I support the bridge extension and repair of the boardwalk. Thank you for your consideration of these important projects.

John Edison

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RE: Support for RCO Grants:
#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the RCO grants # 18-2273 Big4 Bridge extension grant and #18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 grant.

I have been leading birding/native plant trips to Big 4 in June and July for over 30 years. This is a unique area that is easily accessible to enjoy mountain birding and native plant exploration. The repair of the boardwalk and the bridge extension would be welcomed by the many visitors the Big 4 area gets annually.

Please note the article I wrote for Seattle's BirdWeb page that explains the value of this unique area:

www.birdweb.org/BIRDWEB/site/big_four_ice_caves

Thank you for your consideration of these important grant proposals.

Pam Pritzl
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RE: Support for RCO Grants:
#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the RCO grants # 18-2273 Big4 Bridge extension grant and #18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 grant.

My family has enjoyed this unique and accessible natural wonder for over 30 years for hiking when the kids were small and now birding. The grant would ensure continued and enhanced access for all. Please fund these valuable projects.

Sincerely,



Colleen Shannon
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Arlington, WA 98223

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October 30, 2018

RE: Support for RCO Grants

#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

The undersigned Washington State Audubon Societies support the applications submitted by the Darrington Ranger District for grants #18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension and #18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2.

With over 11,296 individual and family members in our chapters located primarily in Snohomish, Island, Skagit, Whatcom, King, Jefferson and Clallam counties, many have enjoyed annual excursions of birding fieldtrips to Big 4 Ice Caves Recreation Area over many decades. In addition to organized trips, members, their families and friends also make personal visits.

Our members are not the only visitors to enjoy the spectacular views and birdlife at this recreation visitor area. Big 4 Ice Caves is among the most visited destination areas on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, with over 50,000 visitors a year.

At a recent conference for Washington's 25 Audubon chapters from across the state, nearly every one of the 80+ people in attendance confirmed that they had visited Big 4 Ice Caves Recreation Area, and had extended their visits beyond bird viewing to include the hike to the Ice Caves area.

Why so popular?

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It is very popular over generations because almost everyone can access the barrier-free Big 4 Boardwalk, to enjoy the prolific, seasonal diversity of birds which use its marshes, other wetlands, nearby forests and meadows. It is described by one website as being among the best birding areas in the North Cascades!

There are websites aplenty about the Big 4 Ice Caves Trail, focusing upon the ice caves, of course. But one with excellent descriptions of the birdlife and habitat greeting visitors is Seattle Audubon Society's **Bird Web** which includes the Big 4 Ice Caves Trail. It briefly contains specific information about the diverse habitats and birds attracted to the area.

A copy of the website entry is attached. The link to the site follows here:

www.birdweb.org/BIRDWEB/site/big_four_ice_caves

We urge continued access via a Big 4 Ice Caves Trail across the marsh, now badly in need of replacement, after affording access for hundreds of thousands of visitors over the past 20+ years, and thousands of people via a predecessor boardwalk trail 20+ years before that. No doubt that bird watching was an attraction going back to when the Big Four Inn was built in 1921 and could be accessed only by the Hartford Eastern Railroad.

By the time the Mountain Loop Highway was completed after World War II, fully accessing the resort, the inn was destroyed by fire in 1949. The resort was gone. The marsh, meadows and forest remained along with abundant populations of birds and other wildlife.

We support the grant application details submitted to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) by the Darrington Ranger District:

- Grant #18-2273 - Big 4 Bridge Extension will allow the Forest Service to extend the aluminum truss bridge which already spans the S. Fork Stillaguamish River. Presently the bank is being eroded on the ice caves side of this structure. If the sill for this side of the bridge is not moved further away from the bank, the bridge could be lost. Plans call for a 30 foot extension to the bridge.
- Grant #18-2274 - Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 will widen and replace the boardwalk currently used by Auduboners in their bird excursions. Nearing the end of its useful life, the Forest Service used a RCO planning grant #14-1802 to accomplish the NEPA and engineering for replacement of this structure. This new grant is the second phase construction for the new boardwalk.

We join with many other Audubon members - there are over 35,000 in Washington State - who will enjoy their future visits to the Big 4 Ice Caves recreation area.

In company with the Darrington Ranger District, we look forward to participating in the eventual ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new boardwalk facility and the extended Ice Caves Bridge.

Thank you for consideration of these grant applications.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cynthia Easterson
President
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Snohomish, WA

Robert Kaye
Conservation Chair
North Cascades Audubon Society
Bellingham, WA

Robert Phreaner
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Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society
Sequim, WA

Tim Manns
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Skagit Audubon Society
Mt. Vernon, WA

Dan Streiffert
Conservation Chair
Rainier Audubon Society
Auburn, WA

John Brosnan
Executive Director
Seattle Audubon Society
Seattle, WA

Cc: All of the above and Peter Forbes, Darrington District Ranger; Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Attachment: Big 4 Ice Caves Trail printout from Seattle Audubon Society's BIRDWEB

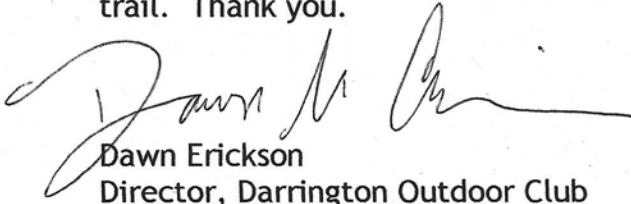
November 8, 2018

Dear NOVA Committee,

The Darrington Outdoor Club supports both the Big 4 Bridge Extension Project # 18-2273 and Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 #18-2274. The Darrington Outdoor Club helps get rural kids out to explore and have fun in Darrington's big back yard. While there is much focus on getting city kids out to the woods, some of the same barriers are faced by rural kids. We provide gear and transportation for kids age roughly 9 to 16 get outdoors for a variety of hiking, backpacking and many other adventures.

One of our favorite introductory locales is a trip to Big 4. The short hike is so much fun for our kids with its bridges, beaver ponds, waterfalls, cliffs and scary ice caves. So much to see and learn about the outdoors!

The Darrington Outdoor Club is concerned that the damaged boardwalk and problems with the bridge could lead to this trail being closed if these issues are not addressed soon. Please consider funding these projects, our kids love this trail. Thank you.



Dawn Erickson
Director, Darrington Outdoor Club



18-2426 NOVA NHR #13

Washington Trails Association

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January 18, 2019

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Letter of Support for **Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation** in Nonhighway Road, Development Category; **Application Number: RCO 18-2426**

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant proposal for Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation, a project in the NOVA-NHR Development Category.

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

This grant will fund the renovation of a summit vista in Green Mountain State Forest on the Kitsap Peninsula to reduce erosion, improve public safety and provide a nice place for hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, motorcycle riders and scenic drivers to meet and enjoy views of Seattle, Mount Rainier and the Olympics. This project will design and construct a new picnic shelter for the summit, and install new picnic tables, benches, and bike/motorcycle racks and horse hitching posts. An existing railing on the edge of a clifftop viewpoint will be replaced with a new railing that meets current safety standards. A new sitting wall will be constructed around footings from a former fire tower lookout, and an interpretive sign will be designed and installed. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be the safe and sustainable use of day use facilities.

We know how important RCO funds are to ongoing work to steward these public resources. WTA is once again pleased to support DNR - not only with the sweat equity of our volunteers, but also with this official endorsement.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



18-2426 NOVA NHR #13

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November 26, 2018

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Subject: Support of 18-2426 - Green Mountain State Forest Summit Vista Renovation

Dear Review Committee,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) supports the Department of Natural Resources' proposal to renovate the Green Mountain Summit Vista. This proposed project will renovate the summit to provide a better user experience, reduce erosion potential, and enhance the overall recreation experience for all user groups.

The Green Mountain summit vista has great untapped potential for views of Seattle, Bremerton, The Olympics, Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, and Hood Canal. Currently some of these views are blocked or otherwise not visible due to obstructions in the area and the area lacks needed guard rails and similar features to enhance the user experience. This proposal would provide facilities and improvements to unleash the potential of this amazing place.

Washington DNR has been working with various user groups to determine the facilities that best suit the users and the proposed improvements do a great job of providing facilities to enhance, rather than overwhelm, the natural beauty of this area.

We particularly support this proposal since it provides improvements to the Green Mountain Non-Motorized Trail System, a popular mountain bike trail network that is seeing increasing use by mountain bikers, and has become the go-to destination for riders in Bremerton, Silverdale, and surrounding peninsula communities.

We look forward to assisting the Olympic District with its future trail maintenance needs in the region, and support the District's efforts to improve the outdoor recreation experience at the Summit Vista for all community members and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Slaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Slaney
President
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
West Sound Chapter

Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club

December 28th, 2018

18-2426 NOVA NHR #13



To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Re: NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation

The Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club fully supports the DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to renovate the summit vista on Green Mountain on the Kitsap Peninsula.

The trail system on Green Mountain is what brings our friends and families together outdoors regardless of what form of travel we use, and all trails lead to the beautiful vista. The improvements planned by this grant are enhancements that all users such as motorcycles, hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers support and look forward to.

The uniqueness of this location to Kitsap County provides a very serene view of the Olympics, Cascade Range, Mount Rainier, Hood Canal, Puget Sound and Seattle. This location is the number one destination for all trail users and these improvements will retain the primitive feeling of here while improving and preserving the experience for all.

The proposed improvements enhance the qualities that make Green Mountain a special place. Thinning trees will open up the views so that people can once again see the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier from the vista. The proposed new guardrail, shelter, tables, and sitting areas will make the summit more inviting as a place to spend time, meet each other, enjoy the views, and learn about the former fire lookout tower without changing the low key, natural feeling of the forest.

Thank you and we hope that you will also support this project.

Sincerely,

Steve DeCoy

Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club Land Use Representative

Washington Trail Runners (Evergreen Turtle Rockets)

December 19, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

PO box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf the(Evergreen Turtle Rockets) a trail running group with over 400 members. Our group wishes to express overwhelming support of the Green Mountain Vista Renovation. This DNR project is a start of an overall plan approved for this recreation area.

Green Mountain is the highest point in Kitsap County offering views of Puget Sound, Seattle, and the Cascade and Olympic Mountain Ranges. The Vista is used by not only our group but all user groups coming to this recreation area. It is a true "Diamond in the Rough" appreciated by all! You have accomplished a huge goal getting to the Summit to experience the beautiful reward.

For me it is a part of nature being shared by multiple users. It is peaceful, beautiful, and natural. Yet at the Vista you can see all of the outside world. I believe all user groups know and want to preserve this area as an undeveloped State Forrest for all generations.

The proposed Vista project was very well presented both in the classroom and at the Vista itself. Each user group felt that their suggestions and desires were built into the renovation project. This project will provide lunch area, viewing areas, parking for horses, motorcycles, and cars. It will not destroy the natural beauty of the Vista.

Thank you and we hope that you will support this project.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Lemke

PS Charter member of the planning group for this area. Trail runner, hiker, mountain biker.

December 6, 2018

Dear Members of the Recreation & Conservation Funding Board,

The Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society Board met on [November 29, 2018](#) & voted to unanimously to support NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation. KPMS is a 501c3 non-profit & currently comprises over 200 households. As the KPMS representative to the Green Mountain/Tahuya State Forest DNR Focus Group I have been authorized to write this letter of support.

For the past 7 years KPMS has enjoyed the privilege of a DNR Recreation Permit, but throughout its long history of about 50 years, it has encouraged its many members, their friends & family to experience the many trails within Green Mountain. Sadly, the pinnacle of three main trails at the Vista, has been long neglected. The proposed new improvements: new guard rails, shelter, tables, sitting areas, will allow ALL recreationalists to pause and more fully and SAFELY enjoy the view from the summit. The commemoration of the historic fire lookout watchtower as a part of the renovation should also be a significant & important aspect of the renovation.

Please positively consider action to implement this long awaited plan.
Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Susan Anderson
KPMS Representative
Green Mountain/Tahuya State Forest DNR Focus Group

MJ Scott Enterprises, LLC

18-2426 NOVA NHR #13

November 13, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of **MJ Scott Enterprises, LLC**, to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to renovate the summit vista on Green Mountain on the Kitsap Peninsula.

The Green Mountain Forest has been an integral part of me and my family's lives for many decades. As an owner of a rental company and a previous owner of a restaurant I have found that the forest provides a way of life in the Pacific Northwest area that is exceptionally healthy and fortuitous to our local communities. I have ridden my horses and hiked this mountain even when the fire watch tower was there. Let's preserve and enhance this treasure.

- SUMMIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWS OF SEATTLE, OLYMPICS, CASCADES, RAINIER, PUGET SOUND, HOOD CANAL
- WONDERFUL DESTINATION – PROVIDES A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
- SHARED SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PROMOTES UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USERS: “WE MIGHT GET TO THE SUMMIT BY DIFFERENT MEANS AND TRAILS, BUT THE SUMMIT IS THE PLACE WHERE WE CAN ALL MEET. THIS IS A TRADITION WE WANT TO CELEBRATE.”
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Sincerely,

Judy Scott



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of **Silverdale Cyclery**, to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to renovate the summit vista on Green Mountain on the Kitsap Peninsula.

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Thank you and we hope that you will also support this project.

Sincerely,

Charlie Dunford



Silverdale Cyclery
9242 Silverdale Way
Silverdale, WA 98383

December 10, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: NOVA-NHR Development Grant 18-2426 Green Mountain Summit Vista Renovation

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of Silverdale Cyclery, to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to renovate the summit vista on Green Mountain on the Kitsap Peninsula.

Green Mountain is the only tall peak in the area with non-motorized access. It is challenging to climb, but provides spectacular views of Seattle, the Cascades and the Olympics. Green Mountain has been the cherished mountain biking and hiking spot for hundreds of our customers for decades. We love it, and would love to see some improvements.

As the region's population has grown in recent years, we've seen many more trail users on Green Mountain. With the increased pressure on the existing facilities at the vista, this seems an ideal time to provide a better experience.

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Thank you and we hope that you will also support this project. Sincerely,

David Brumsickle, Silverdale Cyclery owner since 1985

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Sincerely,

Charlie Dunford

Silverdale Cyclery 12/10/2018

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Thank you and we hope that you will also support this project. Sincerely,
Kody Gilliam.

CITY OF POMEROY

G. Paul Miller - Mayor - 801 7th Street - P.O. Box 370 - Pomeroy, WA 99147
(509) 843-1601 - FAX (509) 843-1158
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December 3, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264M

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Pomeroy strongly supports the subject programs as the Umatilla National Forest is an integral part of our community.

The Umatilla National Forest provides enjoyment for both tourists and recreationalists alike. We rely on these programs in order to continue to attract visitors and local usage for such activities as camping, mushrooming, hiking, ATV and UTV use, huckleberry picking, horseback riding, hunting and casual enjoyment. Maintenance of the trails and campgrounds, as well as patrols, are essential services for the continued safety of visitors.

Please continue funding these programs as the Umatilla National Forest is a valued partner to our community.

There are

Sincerely,



G. P. Miller
Mayor, City of Pomeroy

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Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner
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November 5, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504 – 0917

Re: Pomeroy Backcountry-wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy RD Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy RD Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy RD Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy RD Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Garfield County, I offer our full and hearty support for the above grant applications submitted by the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest.

The County, with a population of about 2,200, is the smallest in the State. As such, we are considered “distressed” and our economy is in a stagnate state. To help mitigate that, we actively promote recreational and tourism activities, primarily, activities available in the “Blue Mountains” of the Umatilla National Forest. As an example of our efforts, in 2009 we adopted an ordinance allowing ORV travel on selected county roads, from the City of Pomeroy to the boundary of the UNF (18-2268M). We encourage staging in Pomeroy and, hopefully, money being spent here. Also, not often mentioned but of importance to me and others, maintenance of the ORV trail system encourages riders to stay on the trail so they’re not “an accident waiting to happen” on the heavily traveled main roads, and provides the added benefit of greatly reducing “off-roading” and the resulting damage to the terrain.

Spring, summer and fall bring campers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters who use Pomeroy as the springboard for their adventures. A well maintained trail system with appurtenant trailheads and campgrounds (18-2267M and 18-2266M) are essential in making it a memorable and an “I want to do that again” adventure.


As we all know, the great majority of participants abide by the rules and are well-intentioned, but sometimes ignorance will come into play, and, sadly at times, some individuals display outright disregard for rules, regulations and courteous conduct. Since it appears that usage continues to grow each year, the Grant for Winter Trail Patrol (18-2264E) would have a mitigating impact on safety, environmental, big game and enforcement issues, which has long been needed. This also supports the "pleasurable experience" that we want them to have and would improve on our opportunities derived from the benefit stated above.

Recreationists' use of local businesses and services is actively pursued and greatly appreciated. For many, the Blue Mountains have become a favorite destination and well-maintained campgrounds, trailheads and trails, and fair and compassionate Law Enforcement are a big part of that. The more pleasurable their experience, the greater the likelihood they'll return, and hopefully, by spreading the word, others will come for the first time and they too, will continue to return.

I'm a lifelong resident of the County, my Great Grandfather was camped outside of what is now Pomeroy, when Lincoln was assassinated, my Grandfather acquired the lease on our Cabin at Stentz Springs in the "Blues" in 1924, and I've personally witnessed the growth of four-season ORV riding in the area, and the good and the bad that accompany it. The projects they propose greatly enhance the "good" and help deter the "bad." I also personally know the people who authored, will administer and work the projects funded by the grants. Not only are they very competent at their jobs, but very passionate about the stewardship of their "Blue Mountains." The grant funds entrusted to them will be wisely and effectively spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wynne McCabe', written in a cursive style.

Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner

18-2266 NOVA NHR #16

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 916, Pomeroy, WA 99347.
www.pomeroychamberofcommerce.com

December 04, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Adam Hodges - President of the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

In an endeavor to sustain and increase visitor activity in both Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy through increased use of the Umatilla National Forest visitor attractions, the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce is submitting this letter of support for:

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

The Chamber has long recognized and promoted the National Forest lands and outdoor recreational opportunities as an important component of the tourist activities that draw visitors to the community each year. Recent addition of the ORV routes has increased the number of recreationists coming to the forest, many of whom stop in Pomeroy to buy fuel, food and supplies before heading toward the scenic Blue Mountains to ride the trails with their families. Continued maintenance of these trails will help ensure that this increase usage will not decline, and will continue to provide a supplement to the local service and retail economy.

For this reason, Chamber is happy to support the application for grant dollars that would fund the USFS Pomeroy Ranger District for trail maintenance activities which will include log culdbushing, trail surfacing, trail hardening, maintenance of culverts, drain-dips and ditch-outs as well as trail bridge inspection and maintenance. These maintenance efforts will not only ensure safety for the trail riders but also longevity of the trail system itself, again helping to ensure that ORV riders and their families return many times to the Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy.

Sincerely,



Adam Hodges

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

18-2266 NOVA NHR #16



DREW W. HYER
GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF

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STEVIE HUGHES
CHIEF DEPUTY

TINA REEB
POLY COORDINATOR/
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

September 21, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CIA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom It May Concern:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office continues to support the Pomeroy Ranger District in their endeavor to receive grants for the upkeep and improvements made to the Umatilla National Forest. With the proposed funds, we can ensure the people of Garfield County and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable way to appreciate the great outdoors through the use of the ORV trails.

With the damages caused by the 2005 School Fire and the 2006 Columbia Complex Fire, there are several areas that need improvements. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is vital for the safety of visitors to the forest. With the added funding this grant will provide, removal of dead trees and brush can be addressed, as well as drainage issues. Additionally this funding can be used for trail markers and snow pole installation in the winter for snowmobilers. All of these precautions will aid in the safety of those using the trails and help identify their location in the case of an emergency. For members of our agency, this is a key issue and something we strongly encourage and support.

As for winter trail patrol Pomeroy Ranger District manages 138 miles of snowmobile trails and over 180,000 acres of back country. This grant would allow education to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, enforce the "Leave No Trace" concept and ensure protection for both side areas and winter ranges for elk. This would relieve club members from feeling responsible for enforcing their own sport and ensure a sense of security in the area.

The Sheriff's Office highly encourages the enjoyment of outdoor sports, but our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone. We believe these added precautions will benefit all users as well as the natural resources we have been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew W. Hyer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Drew W. Hyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

POMEROY, WA

October 4, 2018

Re:

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M

Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M

Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M

Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Mt. Misery Snowdrifter's, I encourage you to provide any funding to the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We strongly believe that they will continue their excellent job of taking care of our trail system for all season recreation, the snowmobile groomer and operation, camping areas, parking lots, access points, forest and timber health, etc. with your financial assistance. Many of our members use the Forest Service ground year-round. We camp, mushroom hunt, huckleberry pick, hunt, and ride the trails.

We are a snowmobile club located in Garfield County, Washington. We help provide a safe, fun environment for the snowmobiling families in our area. We are a non-profit organization who has several fundraisers throughout the year. The money we earn goes directly into our community. We provide scholarships each year to high school seniors who are involved in outdoor activities and recreation. We also contribute to special organizations and local charities.

The Snowdrifters' members work very closely with the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We have a great relationship with the local staff. We have over 120 members that volunteer their time each year helping the Forest Service staff maintain our trail system, warm-up shelters, and outhouses. We spend our time cutting firewood, clearing trails, repairing the wood stoves in the shelters, and stocking them each year with firewood and emergency supplies. We also work closely with our local search and rescue team. Our local Forest Service staff provide us with some of the best groomed trails in the area. They help us out with our special events as well. Overall, we have a great partnership with our local Forest Service and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Sincerely,

Emily Ruchert, Secretary

Mt. Misery Snowdrifters
PO Box 808
Pomeroy, WA 99347

Mt. Misery Snowdrifters

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street SE

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, Wa 98504-0917

Sept 24, 2018

Subject: Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/Cua's M&O 18-2266M

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wenaha Game Association fully supports the applications for the above mentioned projects put forth by the Pomeroy Ranger District. From federal to local government levels, budgets have been reduced while cost keep increasing. Grant dollars will help augment the district shortfalls and be able to continue their program of work without a reduction of services to the user.

Winter trail patrols are a very useful tool in educating people and preventing public access via motorized travel into Big Game Winter Range and Wilderness while protecting other resources and animals that use these areas in the winter as a safe haven.

Our membership is comprised mainly of outdoor enthusiast, hunters, general public who enjoy backcountry/wilderness areas along with camping. Accessing these areas for hiking, riding and hunting with a well maintained trail system is essential in navigating this rugged area.

Campground and dispersed site maintenance is a must to have clean user friendly campsites with sanitary facilities, tables and fire rings. These are the essential amenities that create return visitors year after year.

I personally know the people who will administer these dollars and I am confident that they will stretch every dollar as far as it will go for the above mentioned projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heath Shelton, President

Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization
699 Columbia Street
PO Box 745
Pomeroy, WA 99347

September 25, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Larry Ledgerwood, President, Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

The Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization is a nonprofit men's group that seeks to enhance projects within our community and county. The Umatilla National Forest is a vital area for attracting recreational enthusiasts from hundreds of miles. These folks range from campers, snowmobilers, atv's, utv's, motorcycles, horseback riders, hunters and mushroom and huckleberry pickers. In addition to the named enthusiasts, many people enter the forest to enjoy a picnic or casual drive. These hobbies and activities are often a source for family time and entertainment.

Maintenance for the trails and facilities is crucial to create repeat visitors. First impressions are the most important thing when trying to draw people back and make the Pomeroy Ranger District a destination. Being able to enjoy the day rather than working to fix and clear trails will contribute heavily as people decide where they spend their free time.

Many Spinners members participate in multiple activities utilizing the campgrounds, trailheads, wilderness trails and motorized vehicle trails. We as an organization organize an ATV ride each summer on the motorized trails as a fun, family activity. Prior to the event members volunteer to navigate trails to ensure paths are open and after the event remove trash and repair any damage that may have been caused. On behalf of the entire Spinners Organization, we support the Pomeroy Ranger District's efforts to secure funds to maintain and enhance each type of trail system as well as patrolling to ensure the safety of everyone using the Pomeroy Ranger District as their playground. RCO should recognize the vast impact their allocations make as well as the value per dollar being allocated to the named focus areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Ledgerwood, President
Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

P.O. Box 1494
Ellensburg, WA 98926



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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

18-2311 NOVA NHR #18

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



Kittitas County, Washington
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District One
Cory Wright

District Two
Laura Osiadacz

District Three
Obie O'Brien

October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

City of Cle Elum
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Cle Elum, WA 98922



18-2311 NOVA NHR #18

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October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2311 NOVA NHR #18

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

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September 17, 2018

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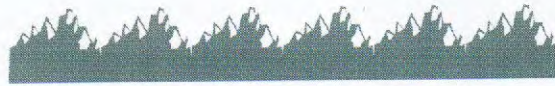
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10/18/2018

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Dear RCO and NOVA Grant Committee,

This letter is intended to request support for the very highly visited recreation destinations within the Cle Elum Ranger District. As the population of the area is rapidly increasing, and, with larger numbers of folks visiting from across the state and beyond, these wilderness areas, trailheads, boat launches, dispersed campsites, etc., are under increased demand and pressure.

As founder and Executive Director of Friends of the Trail, a nonprofit organization conducting large scale cleanups on public lands across Washington State for a variety of government agencies for almost 23 years, I believe I have a good insight to various needs and problems associated with this growing demand. The nature of our business puts us on the forefront as witness to many needs first hand. Using court-appointed community service workers to tackle the hard work we do, FOT has gained a solid reputation for getting abandoned recreational vehicles, appliances, and mountains of dumped and discarded trash out of high-use areas and along rivers and watersheds, that must be removed. For example, as the water level of Lake Cle Elum recedes from spring to summer, and the Forest Service crews are busy battling fires, we fill the void to make the public's visit to these areas pleasant and healthier, as well as the wildlife that also calls the area home. This lake bed is being abused by many campers and boaters who "relieve" themselves along the shore and leave hundreds of pounds of trash yearly after their visit. Since this is the source of water for the City of Cle Elum, someone has to pick it up. Some other examples are:

Lack of funding prohibits many important things such as portable toilets that make areas around recreation sites disgusting and unhealthy; lack of Forest Service Protection and Law Enforcement Officers reduce the public's safety from rowdy campers and other visitors to the forest, timber theft, and other unsavory activities; back country Rangers to help protect the

Alpine Lakes Wilderness; Sno Park security and environmental stewardship. We also need to provide funding for increasing a maintenance crew to fix what's in need of repair, and maintain USFS lands.

All of these things are important to plan for increased usage on Forest Service lands in Kittitas County, and last, but not least, is ensuring a healthy economy in communities where these Forest Service visitors are spending their money. Friends of the Trail is proud and dedicated to the Forest Service and other governmental agencies need to address this increasing pressure. I hope I've painted a picture of this dire need to keep up with this responsibility to the public lands we all serve.

Sincerely,

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Wade Holden
Executive Director/President

January 24, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Office
Grant Request

Jeff Jones – Recreation Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Southeast Region
713 Bowers Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Recreation and Conservation Office:

This letter supports the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) request for grant funding to fund rebuilding the Eagle Nest Vista in the Ahtanum State Forest.

I am an active volunteer with the DNR and donate many hours each year doing project work, litter pick up and trail maintenance.

I am one of the original members of a working group that spent one year reviewing the Ahtanum Forest and its recreation needs. We were successful in achieving recognition, and the area became Ahtanum State Forest.

During the study period the Eagle Nest view point was put on the priority list as needing improvements.

While visiting the location last October I met two different families from western Washington who were enjoying the view point due to its easy access.

Your consideration and support will be greatly appreciated by the recreational public.

Ron Rutherford
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January 17, 2019
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Letter of Support: Eagle's Nest Vista Development 18-2318 DEV

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Eastern Washington Adventures Club (EWA) strongly supports the Department of Natural Resources' grant application to fund the renovation and development of the Eagle's Nest Vista Recreation Site. With growing interest in outdoor recreation, it is crucial to ensure public recreation sites are maintained, safe and accessible for everyone in Washington.

This project will greatly enhance the access to stunning views of the Ahtanum State Forest for those with mobility challenges and make it much safer for everyone, especially families and children. In addition to making the vista ADA compliant and rebuilding the barrier wall, DNR plans to add a new kiosk and interpretive signage to educate visitors.

Our mission is to help keep public lands open for future generations on the east side of the Cascades in Washington State by promoting responsible outdoor recreation and community involvement. This project aligns with the club's vision and is strongly supported by EWA.

Sincerely,

Clay Graham
President, Eastern Washington Adventures

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

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Sincerely,

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Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

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Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
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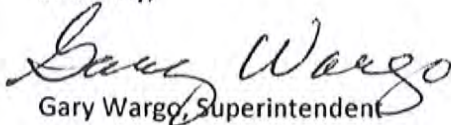
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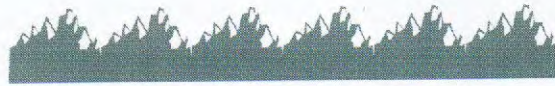
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Dear RCO and NOVA Grant Committee,

This letter is intended to request support for the very highly visited recreation destinations within the Cle Elum Ranger District. As the population of the area is rapidly increasing, and, with larger numbers of folks visiting from across the state and beyond, these wilderness areas, trailheads, boat launches, dispersed campsites, etc., are under increased demand and pressure.

As founder and Executive Director of Friends of the Trail, a nonprofit organization conducting large scale cleanups on public lands across Washington State for a variety of government agencies for almost 23 years, I believe I have a good insight to various needs and problems associated with this growing demand. The nature of our business puts us on the forefront as witness to many needs first hand. Using court-appointed community service workers to tackle the hard work we do, FOT has gained a solid reputation for getting abandoned recreational vehicles, appliances, and mountains of dumped and discarded trash out of high-use areas and along rivers and watersheds, that must be removed. For example, as the water level of Lake Cle Elum recedes from spring to summer, and the Forest Service crews are busy battling fires, we fill the void to make the public's visit to these areas pleasant and healthier, as well as the wildlife that also calls the area home. This lake bed is being abused by many campers and boaters who "relieve" themselves along the shore and leave hundreds of pounds of trash yearly after their visit. Since this is the source of water for the City of Cle Elum, someone has to pick it up. Some other examples are:

Lack of funding prohibits many important things such as portable toilets that make areas around recreation sites disgusting and unhealthy; lack of Forest Service Protection and Law Enforcement Officers reduce the public's safety from rowdy campers and other visitors to the forest, timber theft, and other unsavory activities; back country Rangers to help protect the

Alpine Lakes Wilderness; Sno Park security and environmental stewardship. We also need to provide funding for increasing a maintenance crew to fix what's in need of repair, and maintain USFS lands.

All of these things are important to plan for increased usage on Forest Service lands in Kittitas County, and last, but not least, is ensuring a healthy economy in communities where these Forest Service visitors are spending their money. Friends of the Trail is proud and dedicated to the Forest Service and other governmental agencies need to address this increasing pressure. I hope I've painted a picture of this dire need to keep up with this responsibility to the public lands we all serve.

Sincerely,

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Wade Holden
Executive Director/President



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- 18-2383 E Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
- 18-2381 E Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
- 18-2379 E Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
- 18-2378 M Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
- 18-2399 M Middle Fork Trail Relocation
- 18-2401 M Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation
- 18-2402 D Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust enthusiastically endorses the Snoqualmie Ranger District's proposals to the RCO through the NOVA and RTP programs to maintain, improve, build, and relocate hiking, backcountry, and multi-use trails and facilities in the District and to provide ranger patrols.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the landscape connecting Seattle to Ellensburg surrounding Interstate 90, including wilderness lands, rural areas and historic sites, and the 15th largest metropolitan area in the country. This spectacular landscape has not happened by accident. More than two decades of collaborative work have preserved the natural heritage of the Greenway, which encompasses some of the most heavily used trails in the state including locations within the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Unfortunately, the very crowds that are drawn to the beauty and challenge of the District's unique terrain threaten to destroy the wilderness experience they are seeking at popular destinations such as the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, and the many popular trails along the Interstate 90 corridor.

Trail maintenance efforts, the creation and maintenance of new recreational ADA-accessible day use facilities, and increased education and enforcement via front- and backcountry rangers is critical to the long-term sustainability of the trails and natural resources within the Greenway, allowing the recreational resources to meet increased demand without negatively impacting the landscape.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities.

(* Executive Committee Member
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The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and many other agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and citizens to support long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and to responsibly accommodate increased visitation expected to occur after a federal road improvement project paves the main access to the Valley. The projects put forth within these multiple grant proposals will help to ensure that trails and facilities in the Middle Fork Valley and in the Greenway are up to a standard that can sustainably support higher public visitation, and that recreational users are aware and educated about the natural world around them.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for these important projects. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these proposals.

Sincerely,

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director



City of Kenmore, Washington

18-2500 NOVA NHR #25

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
C/O Karl Jacobs, Project Manager
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Subject: Saint Edward State Park Trail Planning

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In summary, we are pleased support this much needed grant application for a trail plan at Saint Edward State Park. If you require further information or have any questions, please feel free contact me at 425-398-8900.

Sincerely yours,



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Regards,

Elaine Everitt
President



18-2500 NOVA NHR #25

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Terry

Acting Division Director

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October 20, 2018

18-2500 NOVA NHR #25

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CC: John Keates – Asst Regional Park Manager
Washington State Parks

RE: #18-2341 - WA State Parks: St Edwards State Park O&M

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports Washington State Parks' grant request #18-2341 for maintenance funding at St. Edwards State Park. St. Edwards state park is one of the closest riding areas within the greater Seattle metropolitan region, and borders the communities of Kirkland, Bothell, and Kenmore. It has been a popular State Park for decades and caters to multiple non-motorized users. Ongoing trail maintenance funding to keep up with increasing use and ensure environmental protection of streams and habitat is crucial to ensuring State Parks' success in providing long term sustainable recreation activities in this highly popular park and trail network.

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has a rich history of maintaining, designing and constructing trails within numerous land manager's jurisdictions in Washington State. St. Edwards is one of the first parks in the State in which we began volunteer efforts, and some of our dedicated community volunteers have now worked in this park for over 20 years. We have a rich history of performance and assistance to Parks staff, and look forward to continued collaboration with Parks staff to help maintain St Edwards State Park. In addition, we particularly support Park's grant request at this time, as the Parks department is about to begin a CAMP process for future trail network considerations. Evergreen support Parks in this effort and will be engaged in ongoing maintenance and parks need discussion to ensure a strongly community supported CAMP process and final park plan.

Evergreen's volunteers have provided hundreds of valuable volunteer match hours within the Park. Without this funding, the much-loved trails could fall into disrepair quickly due to high use. State Parks relies on funding to keep the park open and well-maintained.

Evergreen MBA is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 32,000 social media followers statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, and advocacy. We stand ready to assist Parks with future trail maintenance needs through our robust volunteer maintenance program.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-16
NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 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 Nonmotorized category projects were evaluated by twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Nonmotorized Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Nonmotorized Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars
1	70.33	18-2328M	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities and Trails Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$112,000	\$112,050	\$224,050	\$112,000	\$112,000	
2	67.75	18-2327D	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$160,000	\$480,000	\$640,000	\$272,000	\$160,000	
3	65.50	18-2430P	Tiger Summit Trailhead Design	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$65,000	\$45,000	\$110,000	\$337,000	\$65,000	
4	65.33	18-2399D	Middle Fork Trail Relocation	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$125,000	\$126,000	\$251,000	\$462,000	\$125,000	
5	65.25	18-2464M	Capitol State Forest Nonmotorized Trail and Facility Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,500	\$115,700	\$231,200	\$577,500	\$115,500	
6	65.00	18-2471M	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$104,500	\$254,500	\$727,500	\$150,000	
6	65.00	18-2482M	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$89,000	\$90,000	\$179,000	\$816,500	\$89,000	
8	64.17	18-2272M	Mountain Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$966,500	\$150,000	
9	63.50	18-2243M	Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$135,882	\$138,634	\$274,516	\$1,102,382	\$135,882	
10	63.17	18-2377M	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$149,984	\$150,980	\$300,964	\$1,252,366	\$149,984	
11	62.92	18-2485M	Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$150,000	\$103,000	\$253,000	\$1,402,366	\$150,000	
12	62.75	18-2397M	Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$80,000	\$76,440	\$156,440	\$1,482,366	\$80,000	
13	62.25	18-2450D	Olallie State Park Trail System Expansion	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$128,500	\$56,200	\$184,700	\$1,610,866	\$128,500	
14	61.33	18-2393M	Wilderness Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$140,275	\$95,000	\$235,275	\$1,751,141	\$140,275	
15	60.75	18-2267M	Backcountry Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$74,950	\$75,050	\$150,000	\$1,826,091	\$74,950	

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16	59.67	18-2511D	Yacolt Burn Nonmotorized Trail Bridges	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$43,000	\$143,000	\$1,926,091	\$91,197	\$8,803
17	59.00	18-2509M	Pacific Cascade Nonmotorized Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$100,100	\$250,100	\$2,076,091		\$150,000
18	58.83	18-2492M	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trail System Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$145,000	\$150,000	\$295,000	\$2,221,091		\$145,000
18	58.83	18-2374D	Upper Methow Valley Snowy Lakes Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$19,760	\$20,388	\$40,148	\$2,240,851		\$19,760
20	58.67	18-2466D	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$69,000	\$29,700	\$98,700	\$2,309,851		\$30,455 ²
21	57.75	18-2618D	Methow Valley Fun Rocks Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$19,100	\$19,143	\$38,243	\$2,328,951		Alternate
22	57.67	18-2474D	Rattlesnake Ledge Trail Maintenance and Restoration	Seattle	\$147,610	\$147,640	\$295,250	\$2,476,561		Alternate
23	56.17	18-2385M	Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$141,000	\$96,580	\$237,580	\$2,617,561		Alternate
24	55.17	18-2434D	Taylor Mountain Trail Bridge Construction Phase 1	King County	\$200,000	\$175,000	\$375,000	\$2,817,561		Alternate
25	54.75	18-2273D	Big 4 Bridge Extension	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$200,000	\$60,000	\$260,000	\$3,017,561		Alternate
26	54.50	18-2460D	Lily and Lizard Lakes Backcountry Toilets	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$51,900	\$18,300	\$70,200	\$3,069,461		Alternate
27	54.17	18-2619P	North Cascades Scenic Area Backcountry Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$19,591	\$5,354	\$24,945	\$3,089,052		Alternate
28	50.50	18-2472D	Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$129,000	\$28,000	\$157,000	\$3,218,052		Alternate
29	50.25	18-2406D	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$101,500	\$114,904	\$216,404	\$3,319,552		Alternate
30	49.92	18-2370P	Methow Valley Matrix Climbing Staging Area	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$16,628	\$5,354	\$21,982	\$3,336,180		Alternate

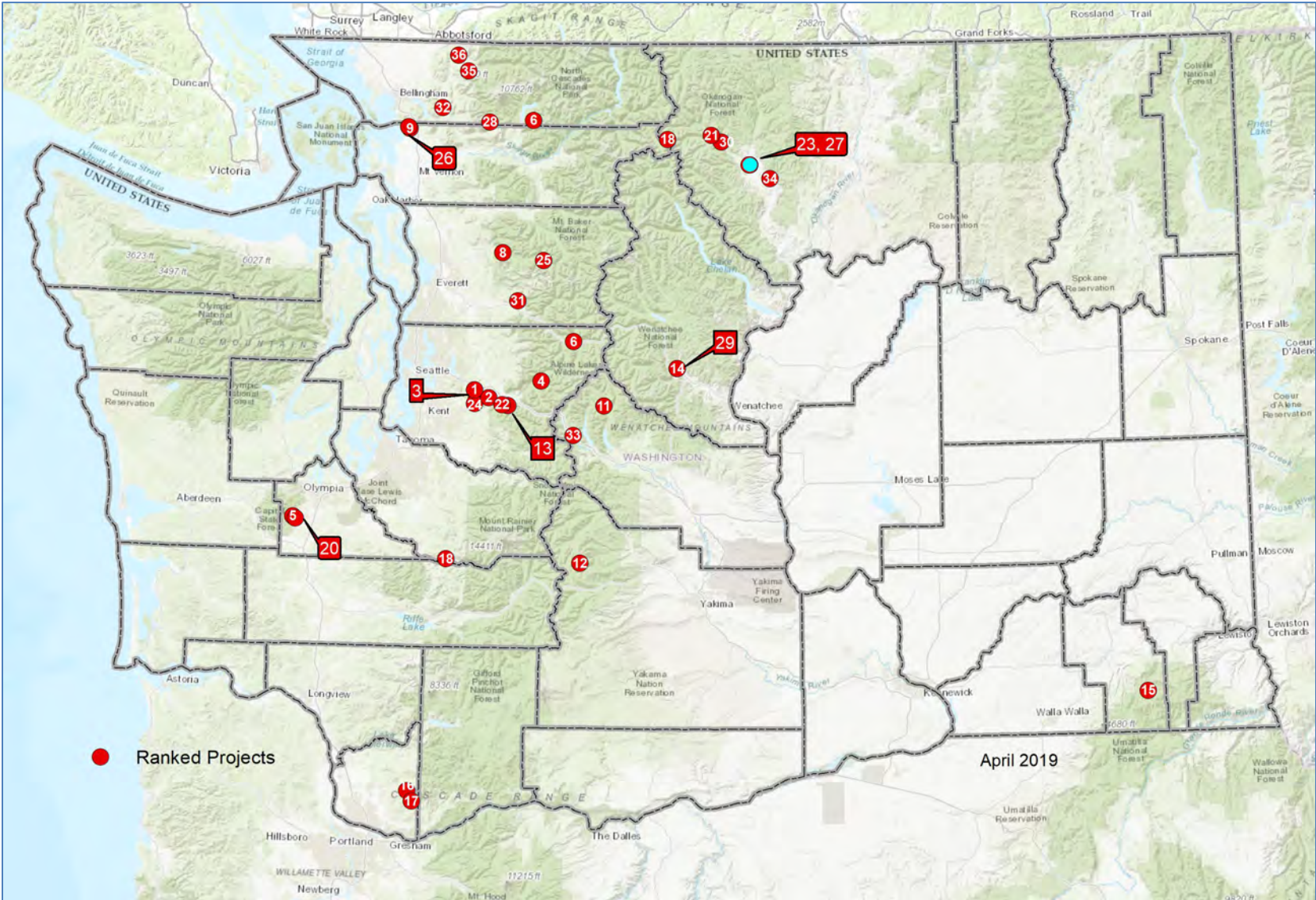
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31	49.83	18-2455D	Reiter Foothill Nonmotorized Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$142,625	\$110,825	\$253,450	\$3,478,805		Alternate
32	48.92	18-2576D	South Fork Park Multi-Use Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$200,000	\$730,750	\$930,750	\$3,678,805		Alternate
33	47.25	18-2336P	Upper Yakima Winter Recreation Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$200,000	\$24,500	\$224,500	\$3,878,805		Alternate
34	46.00	18-2435D	Pipestone Canyon Trailhead and Trail Rehab	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$157,500	\$6,000	\$163,500	\$4,036,305		Alternate
35	45.75	18-2457P	North Fork Trailhead Design and Trail Planning	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$165,000	\$35,000	\$200,000	\$4,201,305		Alternate
36	44.83	18-2459P	Red Mountain Trail and Trailhead Planning	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$165,000	\$35,000	\$200,000	\$4,366,305		Alternate
					\$4,366,305	\$3,875,092	\$8,241,397		\$1,917,288	\$354,018

¹Project Types: D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

²Partial Funding

State Map for NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category Projects



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		Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability Acquisition	Combination	Project Design Development	Combination	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost-benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference		
1	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities and Trails Maintenance and Operations	18.60	22.50							4.42		4.08	9.33	4.33	5.00	2.00	0.00	70.27
2	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Development	12.50	14.00			8.83				3.67	4.42	4.08	9.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	0.00	67.75
3	Tiger Summit Trailhead Design	13.00	12.50					9.50		4.00	4.33	3.33	9.17	3.67	4.00	2.00	0.00	65.50
4	Middle Fork Trail Relocation	13.25	12.75			8.33				3.67	3.25	4.50	8.50	4.08	5.00	2.00	0.00	65.33
5	Capitol State Forest Nonmotorized Trail and Facility Maintenance and Operations	17.33	20.42							3.67		3.83	9.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	0.00	65.25
6	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	18.00	20.42							3.67		4.83	9.00	4.08	4.00	1.00	0.00	65.00
6	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	18.00	20.00							3.67		4.67	7.33	4.33	5.00	2.00	0.00	65.00
8	Mountain Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance	16.33	21.67							3.67		4.58	7.17	3.75	5.00	2.00	0.00	64.16
9	Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities Maintenance and Operations	17.33	20.42							3.92		4.08	8.17	3.58	5.00	1.00	0.00	63.50
10	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	17.33	20.00							3.67		4.92	8.17	4.08	5.00	0.00	0.00	63.16
11	Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	16.66	20.00							3.83		4.92	9.50	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	62.91
12	Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance	15.66	21.67							4.17		5.00	7.67	4.58	4.00	0.00	0.00	62.74
13	Olallie State Park Trail System Expansion	11.75	13.25			9.00				3.67	3.42	4.25	8.17	3.75	3.00	2.00	0.00	62.25
14	Wilderness Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	16.66	19.58							3.42		5.00	8.17	3.50	4.00	1.00	0.00	61.33

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15	Backcountry Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	16.00	18.75							3.42		4.75	8.00	3.83	5.00	1.00	0.00	60.75
16	Yacolt Burn Nonmotorized Trail Bridges	11.50	12.00			7.33				3.67	4.00	4.42	8.17	3.58	3.00	2.00	0.00	59.67
17	Pacific Cascade Nonmotorized Maintenance	14.66	18.33							3.83		4.17	8.67	3.33	4.00	2.00	0.00	58.99
18	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trail System Maintenance	16.00	19.58							3.58		3.58	5.83	3.25	5.00	2.00	0.00	58.83
18	Upper Methow Valley Snowy Lakes Development	11.25	11.25			7.33				3.67	4.42	4.67	8.00	3.25	5.00	0.00	0.00	58.83
20	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail Development	10.50	11.75			7.83				3.67	3.67	3.75	8.67	3.83	3.00	2.00	0.00	58.67
21	Methow Valley Fun Rocks Development	10.50	11.25			8.17				3.50	4.42	4.00	7.33	3.58	5.00	0.00	0.00	57.75
22	Rattlesnake Ledge Trail Maintenance and Restoration	12.00	10.00			6.83				3.17	4.25	3.58	8.00	2.83	5.00	2.00	0.00	57.67
23	Fire Trail Maintenance	16.00	17.92							3.17		4.58	7.33	3.17	4.00	0.00	0.00	56.17
24	Taylor Mountain Trail Bridge Construction Phase 1	11.75	11.50			5.83				3.50	2.83	3.75	6.67	3.33	4.00	2.00	0.00	55.17
25	Big 4 Bridge Extension	13.00	10.00			6.67				2.75	3.50	4.33	6.83	3.67	2.00	2.00	0.00	54.75
26	Lily and Lizard Lakes Backcountry Toilets	10.25	11.00			8.33				3.58	3.92	3.67	7.33	3.42	2.00	1.00	0.00	54.50
27	North Cascades Scenic Area Backcountry Planning	10.25	11.00					8.17		3.50	4.25	4.42	7.33	3.25	2.00	0.00	0.00	54.17
28	Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2	10.00	10.75			7.33				3.33	3.83	4.42	6.50	2.33	1.00	1.00	0.00	50.50
29	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development Phase 2	9.75	8.75			5.50				3.08	3.50	3.92	6.67	3.08	5.00	1.00	0.00	50.25

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30	Methow Valley Matrix Climbing Staging Area	8.50	10.25					7.33	3.00	4.25	4.17	7.33	3.08	2.00	0.00	0.00	49.92	
31	Reiter Foothill Nonmotorized Trail Development	10.00	9.75			6.17			3.08	2.92	3.50	5.67	2.75	4.00	2.00	0.00	49.83	
32	South Fork Park Multi-Use Trail Development	8.25	9.00			6.67			3.25	3.50	3.50	6.33	2.42	5.00	1.00	0.00	48.92	
33	Upper Yakima Winter Recreation Planning	9.25	10.00					7.17	3.25	3.25	3.42	7.67	2.25	1.00	0.00	0.00	47.25	
34	Pipestone Canyon Trailhead and Trail Rehabilitation	9.25	10.50			7.00			3.58	3.17	4.50	5.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.00	
35	North Fork Trailhead Design and Trail Planning	9.00	9.25					6.83	3.00	3.50	3.75	5.83	2.58	1.00	1.00	0.00	45.75	
36	Red Mountain Trail and Trailhead Planning	9.25	8.75					6.50	2.92	3.92	3.75	5.17	2.58	1.00	1.00	0.00	44.83	

Advisory Committee scores Questions 1-10; RCO staff scores Questions 11-13

Nonmotorized Project Summaries

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

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

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 10 miles of trail in the third phase of development for its Raging River State Forest trail system, which will be 37 miles total once complete in 2021. About 20 miles east of Seattle, the new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, provide the missing link to a Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust regional trail, and offer horseback riding access to an area of the forest without developed trails. The primary recreation opportunity provided by the project will be improved non-motorized multiple-use trail recreation. The Department will contribute \$480,000 in a state appropriation, donation of labor, staff labor, materials, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2327)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$65,000** **Designing Tiger Summit Trailhead**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to create a construction-ready design to reconfigure and expand its Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest in King County. Work includes conducting a geotechnical analysis and producing engineered design drawings, a storm water information report, and a construction cost estimate. The design will undergo permitting and a state environmental review process. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to more than 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails, and an accessible interpretive loop. Its 50-car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for horse trailers, leading people to park

in a gravel area opposite State Route 18. This project's parking area includes 138 regular vehicle parking spaces, 7 spaces accessible to people with a disability, and 5 spaces that can accommodate a horse trailer. The trailhead design will also incorporate a new vault toilet, kiosk, and storm water retention and infiltration facilities. The Department will contribute \$45,000 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2430)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$125,000

Relocating the Middle Fork Trail

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$115,500

Caring for Capitol State Forest Trails, Trailheads, Picnic Areas, and Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time equipment operator and seasonal crews to maintain 61 miles of hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking trail, trailheads and recreation sites within Capitol State Forest near Olympia. Trail maintenance includes clearing trail, maintaining culverts, re-shaping eroded sections of trail, hardening trails, addressing areas of standing water, and repairing bridges, kiosks and signs. Trailhead and facilities maintenance includes upkeep of restrooms, campsites, parking areas and signs. The Department will contribute \$115,700 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2464)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Mount Baker District Trails

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of the district's wilderness and non-motorized trails across Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, and Glacier Peak Wildernesses, as well as in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Trail maintenance will include trail clearing, addressing water drainage, and maintaining trail tread. Other work may include replacing boardwalks, retaining walls, and small bridges. A combination of Forest Service crew, contractor, youth crews, and donated labor will accomplish the work. The goal of this project is to provide safe and enjoyable experiences to about 200,000 wilderness and backcountry

recreational users while still protecting natural resources. This project preserves opportunities for hiking, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding, running, hunting, fishing, gathering, photography, and wildlife viewing. The Ranger District will contribute \$104,500 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2471)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$89,000

Caring for Trails in the Skykomish Ranger District

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Trails and Trailheads along the Mountain Loop Byway

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to hire 4 seasonal employees to maintain 21 trailheads, trails, and dispersed sites along the Mountain Loop Byway. The South Fork Stillaguamish and Sauk River valleys annually receive more than 100,000 visitors. This area has hikes ranging from family-friendly day hikes to difficult overnight backpacking. The natural features include alpine lakes, waterfalls, mountain vista views, and an array of different habitat. Activities consist of day hiking, camping, backpacking, picnicking, hunting, and scenic driving. The Ranger District will contribute \$151,000 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2272)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$135,882

Maintaining Blanchard and Harry Osborne State Forests

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$149,984**
Maintaining Trails in the Methow Valley Ranger District

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund a full-time four-person trail crew to maintain trails in the Pasayten Wilderness, Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor, and surrounding backcountry areas for two years. Work will include taking out downed trees, repairing trail tread, addressing areas of standing water and other maintenance. The primary recreation opportunities this project supports are hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Repairing and maintaining the trails is one key part of sustaining a vibrant local recreation economy. The Ranger District will contribute \$150,980 in donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2377)

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

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

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

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a 4-person crew and 2,800 volunteer hours to maintain 360 miles of wilderness trails over 2 years. Located in

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$74,950**
Maintaining Wilderness and Backcountry Trails in the Pomeroy Ranger District

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

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff and a trail crew to demolish and build 2 non-motorized bridges on the Tarbell Trail System in its western Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. This project will also include purchasing supplies and materials as part of the bridge replacement. The primary recreation opportunity by this project is safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails. The Department will contribute \$43,000 in donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2511)

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

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

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$19,760**
Enhancing Access and Amenities at Snowy Lakes

Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to add three backcountry toilets, a new hitch rail for equine, and an official trail to replace the user-built route to Snowy Lakes. Snowy Lakes is a popular subalpine backpacking destination just off the Pacific Crest Trail, 10 miles north of Rainy Pass on the North Cascades Scenic Highway. By developing a well-graded trail system with switchbacks to the lakes, this project will protect sensitive areas and reduce erosion. The area around the lakes is fragile with limited camping areas, but the lakes still see upwards of 50 people per night on busy weekends. Human waste and overcrowding, both leading to resource damage, are the main issues that this project will address. The Ranger District will contribute \$20,388 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2374)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$69,000**
Developing Capitol State Forest Non-motorized Trails

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

**U.S. Forest Service
Developing Methow Valley Fun Rocks****Grant Requested: \$19,100**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant for staffing and materials to improve access routes and staging areas at the base of climbing routes at the Fun Rocks climbing crags, the most popular sport-climbing site in the Methow Valley. Work will include repairing and restoring the existing climbing platforms, which pose a safety risk to visitors. The Ranger District hosts one of the premiere and most popular climbing areas in the state with more than 400 published climbing routes at 64 different climbing areas. Fun Rocks is the most popular of these crags with more than 3,495 visitor use days annually. The Ranger District will contribute \$19,143 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2618)

**Seattle
Restoring the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail****Grant Requested: \$147,610**

The City of Seattle will use this grant to maintain the Rattlesnake Ledge Trail, a popular 2-mile trail with stunning panoramic views of the Cascade Mountains, Rattlesnake Lake and Seattle's Cedar River Watershed, just 35 miles outside of Seattle. Heavy trail use—upwards of 300,000 visits every year—has worn the tread, damaged the surrounding environment and created many shortcut trails from visitors going off trail. Hikers in large groups have expanded the width of the trail and caused widespread erosion and trail collapse. On top of the heavy-use, rock wall and wood-built trail structures, installed in 2003, are deteriorating and collapsing. Maintenance duties will include repairing and replacing wood structures with more durable rock structures, hardening trail surfacing, and improving grading and features to alleviate areas of standing water. City of Seattle will contribute \$147,640 in donation of labor, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2474)

**U.S. Forest Service
Restoring Trails Affected by Wildfire in the Methow Valley Ranger District****Grant Requested: \$141,000**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails affected by wildfire, including the Diamond Creek fire in 2017 that burned more than 128,000 acres. The project area includes many trail miles within and near the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Areas. Many of the affected trails access popular destinations, hunting locations, stock trails, or day hiking opportunities. Other affected trails are at lower elevations and provide shoulder-season hiking opportunities. Some of the trails are popular mountain bike trails, which are limited throughout the district. This project will improve opportunities for hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers while addressing maintenance needs before the wildfire damage worsens. The trails of the

Methow Valley District are critical to power the local recreation economy of Okanogan County. The Ranger District will contribute \$96,580 in donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2385)

King County

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Enhancing Taylor Mountain Forest Trails

King County Parks will use this grant to design, permit, and install 4 trail bridges and built .5 miles of new trail in the 30-mile backcountry trail system at Taylor Mountain Forest about 25 miles southeast of Seattle. The project will include decommissioning .7 mile of trail and improving an additional 1.5 miles of trail. A 1,924-acre park, Taylor Mountain Forest is part of the popular "Issaquah Alps" and is near Raging River and Tiger Mountain State Forests. King County Parks will contribute \$175,000 in cash, donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2434)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Extending Big 4 Bridge

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to add a segment to the Stillaguamish River bridge, which was installed in 2009 and designed to extend another 30-ft. to accommodate high water events. The Stillaguamish River bridge provides a critical link in the 1.25-mile trail that more than 50,000 visitors use every year to access Snohomish County's Big Four recreation area and ice caves. The County plans to use a heavy-lift helicopter to install the bridge segment. Big Four recreation area is in a low-elevation alpine environment and provides wildlife and birding opportunities, picnicking and interpretive activities. The Ranger District will contribute \$60,000 in a federal appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2273)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$51,900

Installing Backcountry Toilets at Lily and Lizard Lakes

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to install backcountry toilets at Lily and Lizard Lake campgrounds, located within Blanchard State Forest in Skagit County. The project will include permitting, buying, and installing toilets to reduce environmental impacts at Lily and Lizard Lakes. This project will help to manage human sanitation in an environmentally sustainable manner, which will benefit visitors' experiences to Lily and Lizard Lakes. The Department will contribute \$18,300 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, equipment, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2460)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$19,591****Planning to Add Backcountry Toilets to the North Cascades Scenic Area**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund the environmental review, cultural resource analysis, and planning to install backcountry toilets at Wing and Lewis Lakes near Black Peak and at Bench Camp area near Silver Star Mountain. All in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, these areas are popular overnight destinations for rock climbers and backpackers with more than 2,000 visitor days every year. Better human waste management, by way of backcountry toilets, at these locations will protect natural resources and improve visitor experiences. The Ranger District will contribute \$5,354 in equipment and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2619)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$129,000****Repairing the South Fork Nooksack Trail**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to rebuild 1.5 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail along the South Fork Nooksack Trail. Accomplished by staff and volunteers, work will include clearing trail, widening tread, root and rock removal, leveling grade, repairing areas of standing water, and building boardwalks. This project will provide access for local riders, hikers, and thru-hikers to explore the old-growth forest and views along the trail. It links to the trails within the popular Mount Baker National Recreation Area where more than 12,000 visitors recreate each summer. This improved trail system will reduce future maintenance, enhance habitat, and provide safer and more enjoyable riding and hiking experiences. The District manages more than 70 of the 1,200 miles of the trail. The Ranger District will contribute \$28,000 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2472)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$101,500****Developing #2 Canyon Trail: Phase 2**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to build 10 miles of a non-motorized trail system, located about 2 miles west of Wenatchee. The completed project will consist of approximately 30 miles of non-motorized multi-use trails, 2 trailheads, toilet facilities and a mountain bike skills area. Mountain bikers, hikers, runners and other outdoor enthusiasts are the primary recipients from this project. The primary recreation opportunity provided is the safe and sustainable development and maintenance of multi-use, non-motorized trails. The Ranger District will contribute \$114,904 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, and donation of materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2406)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$16,628**
Enhancing the Methow Valley Matrix Climbing Staging Area

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund the environmental review, cultural resource analysis and planning to improve the access and staging areas at the Matrix Climbing Area near Mazama. This project would improve area at the base of the routes and a short access trail to the Sweet Spot, a sub-cliff of the area. User-built structures would be improved and stabilized in order to reduce erosion, minimize resource damage and provide a safer visitor experience. Quality, accessible crags like the Matrix Climbing Area are in limited supply. Varied climbing options and good weather conditions increasingly draw climbers from urban population centers. Improved access at the Matrix will help provide a diverse range of crag opportunities in the area, relieving the pressure on other local. The Methow Ranger District will contribute \$5,354 in equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2370)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$142,625**
Developing Reiter Foothills Forest Non-Motorized Trail

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund staff, equipment, and materials to develop trails for hiking and mountain biking in Reiter Foothills Forest near Gold Bar. The Department expects an increase in logging activity in this area of its working forest over the next 10-15 years and the Wallace Falls Mainline Road will be the primary access road for logging traffic and heavy equipment. This project creates an alternate route for hikers and mountain bikers to experience Reiter Foothills Forest apart from using the Wallace Falls Mainline Road. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable hiking and mountain biking trails. The Department will contribute \$110,825 in a state appropriation, donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2455)

Whatcom County **Grant Requested: \$200,000**
Developing South Fork Park Multi-use Trail

Whatcom County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop a 5-mile multi-use trail for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking at South Fork Park near Acme. The new trail will connect a new parking area and trailhead to two historic homesteads. Deed restrictions, nearby private properties and Department of Natural Resources working forestland, have made these park properties difficult to access. The County has secured a trail easement through the Department of Natural Resources working forestland that separates the northern park property (Galbraith Farm) from those properties located to the south (Overby and Nessel Farms). With a homesteading legacy

from as far back as the late 1800s, the area features remnant structures and evidence of the rich history of the South Fork Valley, which the county will highlight with interpretive signs. The completed project will serve about 35,000 visitors every year. The County will contribute \$730,750 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2576)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$200,000**
Planning for Winter Recreation in the Upper Yakima Valley

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to conduct an environmental assessment to understand long-term maintenance needs for 21 miles of trails and the Crystal Springs and Cabin Creek Sno-Park areas. Located along I-90 east of Seattle, Crystal Springs and Cabin Creek offer winter recreation opportunities to upper Kittitas County and greater Seattle area residents. The assessment will inventory recreation sites, survey natural and cultural resources, conduct public scoping, and draft alternatives. The assessment will allow the U.S. Forest Service to bring the trails up to standard and meet growing demand for winter recreation. The Ranger District will contribute \$24,500 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2336)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$157,500**
Restoring Pipestone Canyon Trailhead and Trail

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve access to the Pipestone Canyon trail system on the Methow Wildlife Area by renovating .7 miles of access road. Work will include installing fencing, gates, and informational signs at the Lower Pipestone trailhead, improving about 2 miles of the Pipestone Canyon Rim trail, and rerouting approximately 4 miles of the Pipestone Rim trail to alleviate erosion. The trail system will provide hikers, bikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers with stunning views of Pipestone Canyon, the Okanogan Highlands, and the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness in the north Cascade Mountains. By renovating this trail system, the Department will address public safety concerns and protect critical habitat for wintering mule deer and nesting raptors. The Department will contribute \$6,000 in staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2435)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$165,000**
Designing and Planning the North Fork Trailhead

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan and design a new trailhead in its North Fork Unit, located in Whatcom County near Maple Falls, Kendall and Deming. Funding will also support the outreach to local area residents, evaluation of existing trails and the conceptual design of new non-motorized trails. This grant will

also support environmental surveys, archeological assessments and permitting to complete drawings to ensure the trailhead is construction-ready. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safe and sustainable use of a non-motorized recreation facility. Washington Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$35,000 in donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2457)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Planning the Red Mountain Trail and Trailhead**

Grant Requested: \$165,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan and design a new non-motorized trailhead in its Red Mountain Unit, located in Whatcom County near Maple Falls. The grant will also support environmental surveys, archeological assessments and permitting to complete the construction drawings. The Department will also be doing outreach to local area residents, evaluating existing trails, and developing a conceptual construction-ready design. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safe and sustainable use of a non-motorized recreation facility. The Department will contribute \$35,000 in donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2459)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

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Support for DNR Grant #18-2328, Snoqualmie Corridor NOVA M&O Grant

Dear RCO Grant Evaluation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, "Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance," (Application #18-2328) to fund trail & facility maintenance efforts across landscapes receiving some of the highest visitation in the state. Without continuing this funding, some of the most iconic trails, day use sites, and trailheads in Washington State would not be adequately maintained for the public.

Snoqualmie Corridor recreation trails & facilities are within 25-35 miles from the Seattle and Bellevue metropolitan center and just outside Issaquah. A recently opened federal road improvement project has vastly improved the primary access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley, where the popular Mailbox Peak trail and trailhead is located. We cannot stress enough the importance of securing funds to ensure there are enough resources for the DNR to maintain trails and facilities to a high public service level and standard. In addition, popular trails within West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain State Forest, new trails recently opened in Raging River State Forest, & the Rattlesnake Mountain Trail will be maintained along with related day use and trailhead parking, picnic, and support facilities.

The Snoqualmie Corridor includes some of the most popular and accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in Washington year-round. In the Snoqualmie Corridor, the Mountains to Sound Greenway is partnering with the DNR to construct new trailheads and build new trail opportunities. The goal for this project is to ensure that these public investments are cared for in the long-term, and remain open with high public service levels. Without a consistent, funded trail and facility maintenance program that includes professional agency staff and utilizing contractors and collaboration with partners and volunteers, agencies will be unable to meet the challenge to managing public use and natural resources. Maintaining trails to a high standard was identified as a high priority of the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan and the DNR Statewide Trails Policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra, Executive Director

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December 18, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
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**RE: Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program – Maintenance
Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance, #18-2328**

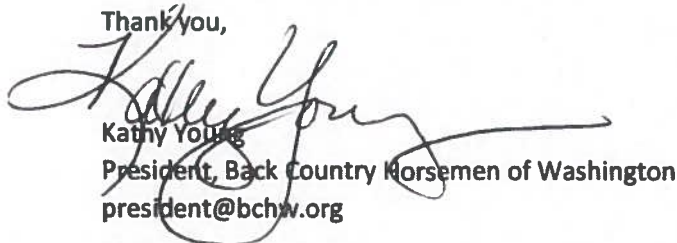
Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to conduct trail and facility maintenance located within West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain State Forest, Raging River State Forest, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, Mailbox Peak and Dirty Harry's Peak/Far Side Climbing Area.

These state forests & conservation areas are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. Many of these recreation areas are particularly important to the equestrian community, including the south Tiger Mountain State Forest equestrian loop and Poo Poo Point Trail within West Tiger Mountain NRCA. The south Tiger Mountain loop provides a great alternative to equestrian visitors when the nearby Taylor Mountain Forest is overcrowded.

The goal for this project is to conduct maintenance on 130 miles of trails, four trailheads and two day use sites. Maintenance of trails & facilities to provide positive recreation experiences was identified as a high priority of the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. We strongly support funding for professional DNR trail crews to lead trail maintenance efforts, well cleaned restrooms & trailheads, and utilization of volunteers to provide an efficient mix of labor resources to get the job done. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure trails are maintained and provide a safe, enjoyable experience.

Thank you,


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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18-2328 NOVA NM #1

Washington Trails Association

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January 14, 2019

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

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RE: Letter of Support for Washington State Department of Natural Resources NOVA grant proposal,
Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance, Application #18-2328.

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal for **Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance**, a trail development project under the Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) category.

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. In 2018, more than 5,000 WTA volunteers performed over 171,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to conduct maintenance on over 130 miles of non-motorized trails, four trailheads, and two day-use sites within the Snoqualmie Corridor recreation region, located in eastern King County. This project will provide partial funding for a Recreation Specialist, Equipment Operator, and two Natural Resource Workers as well as funding for a seasonal crew to perform skilled and routine trail and facility maintenance. Trail maintenance activities include removal of downed trees, repairing and rock armoring trail tread, maintaining and repairing trail bridges, brushing trails, and maintaining culverts, drain dips, and ditch-outs. Facility maintenance will include hazard tree removal, trailhead surfacing, litter removal, restroom maintenance, viewpoint and river access site maintenance and signage repair and replacement. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails and support facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
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January 29, 2019

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RE: NOVA Nonmotorized Program - Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance, #18-2328

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports DNR's proposal to fund trail and facility maintenance on more than 130 miles of non-motorized trails, four trailheads, and two day-use sites in the Snoqualmie Corridor. The Snoqualmie Corridor is within an hour's drive from Seattle metropolitan region and is experiencing significant growth in recreational resource use. It is critical that DNR receives funding to continue to maintain and operate facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety.

The corridor includes the Raging River State Forest and well as Tiger Mountain, one of the most popular mountain bike trail systems in the state. The Raging River State Forest includes a new trail system which successfully opened to the mountain bike community Spring 2018 and is drawing thousands of riders annually. The recently completed Middle Fork road paving project has significantly increased visitation to the valley, and although not open to MTB access, this road leads to the popular Mailbox Peak Trail and services the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail. DNR's grant funding request is crucial to sustainably maintain all these popular trails and to ensure that the Snoqualmie Corridor recreational resources are properly maintained.

DNR and Evergreen have partnered to build and maintain over 42 miles of mountain bike trails in the Snoqualmie Corridor, and Evergreen has provided thousands of valuable volunteer match hours within the corridor over the past decade. Without this funding, the much-loved public lands and recreational resources in the Snoqualmie corridor could fall into disrepair, and DNR might need to close-down trails due maintenance backlogs.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 38,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, community building, and youth participation, and look forward to assisting DNR to maintain the unique and popular trails of the Snoqualmie Corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Kraus", written over a horizontal line.

Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



18-2328 NOVA NM #1

To: Sam Jarrett

Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation & Natural Areas District Manager
South Puget Sound Region, Snoqualmie Unit
Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

RE:

Project #18-2328

Application: "Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities & Trails Maintenance"

On behalf of the City of North Bend, I am writing to clearly state our support of the Department of Natural Resource's requests for maintenance funding through the NOVA Program in order to provide basic maintenance services in order to keep over 130 miles of trails, popular day use sites, and trailheads open for public access. DNR relies heavily on grant funding to maintain some of the most popular trail systems in the state, including West Tiger Mountain & Tiger Mountain State Forest, Raging River State Forest, Rattlesnake Mountain Trail, Mailbox Peak Trail, and Dirty Harry's Peak Trail. These frequently visited recreation areas require basic funding to maintain self-contained toilets, log out blowdown on trails, and keep trail corridors cleared of overgrown vegetation and trail surfaces hardened and draining well. Not only has DNR done a great job of maintaining these areas with a limited budget, they have added new trail systems and additional trail mileage in the last two years that will need to have trail crews and resources available to maintain frequently and for emergency response, such as after wind storms.

The City of North Bend's economy is heavily driven by outdoor recreation tourism. The hiking, equestrian, and biking community represents a large portion of our visitors. This grant opportunity will allow DNR to maintain important recreation resources at a high service level in order to keep areas open year-round, which will heavily benefit hiking, equestrian, and mountain bike recreation and help establish the 1-90 Corridor as Puget Sound's outdoor recreation destination.

We look forward DNR being awarded this grant improving the maintenance level of important trails and support facilities for the local community and visitors that often explore our city in addition to their nearby recreation visit to DNR lands.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Hyde
Economic Development Manager & Planner
City of North Bend, WA



18-2327 NOVA NM #2

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January 29, 2018
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Letter of Support: Washington Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound, Snoqualmie Unit
NOVA (NM) Development: Raging River State Forest, Phase 3 Trail System Development (#18-2327)

Dear WWRP Review Committee,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) strongly supports the Department of Natural Resources WWRP grant application for completing the third phase of the Raging River State Forest Trail System. Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and over 38,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, community building, and youth participation. As a trusted partner with public land managers across the state, Evergreen's volunteers contributed more than 25,000 hours of volunteer labor in 2018. In 2019, we are committed to deliver 30,000 hours of volunteer labor to trail maintenance needs across the state.

Raging River is becoming a core riding area for Puget Sound mountain bikers, as well as statewide and regional visitors. It offers some of the closest riding on state lands to the Seattle Metropolitan area, where we have seen significant growth in our sport and a doubling of our membership numbers in the past 3 years. There continues to be a need for more comprehensive and connected trail systems. Obtaining funding for this third development phase out of the four total envisioned and planned phases is crucial to keep up with demand and help bring a solidly supported and well developed recreation plan to reality.

Phase three of the Raging River State Forest project adds 10 additional trail miles and expands the trail system for mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian uses. The proposed new trails offer visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, further construct a key Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail missing link, offer opportunities for smaller mountain bike loops, and opens a new recreation zone currently without trails – primarily for equestrian access.

This project is strongly supported by the Mountain to Sound Greenway. It is also a key deliverable of the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan, a public planning process completed 2015 with widespread support from user groups, recreation non-profit organizations, public advisory committees, local jurisdictions, and nearby communities. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with DNR and commend the agency for its strong vision to create a comprehensive and connected trail system in the crowded highway 18 corridor.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



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December 12, 2018

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**RE: Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program – Development
Raging River State Forest – Phase 3 Trail System Expansion (#18-2327)**

Dear Members of the NOVA Evaluation Committee,

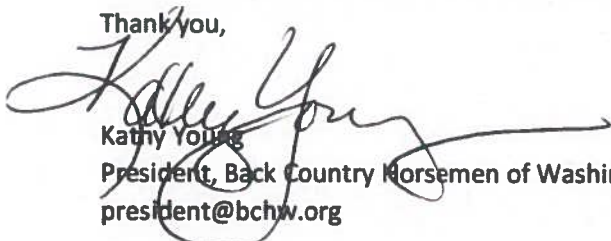
I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to continue further trail system development within the Raging River State Forest within the Snoqualmie Management Unit of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources South Puget Sound Region.

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund the third of four total trail system development phases targeting 10 new trail miles in Raging River State Forest, approximately 20 miles east of Seattle, expanding the trail system for mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian opportunities. The proposed new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, further develop a Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail missing link, provide under-served downhill mountain biking trails, and provide access to a zone currently without trails - predominantly for equestrian access. The primary recreation opportunity provided by the project will be improved non-motorized multiple-use trail recreation in the Raging River State Forest area.

The equestrian community is very excited about the potential for developing new equestrian primary management objective trail opportunities in the South Raging River State Forest area. With the potential for designated trail connections linking south Raging River area to the established equestrian trail network on Taylor Mountain Forest (King County Parks), this project will provide a major benefit by providing access to new terrain and allowing for long distance outings.

This grant opportunity is strongly supported with the benefit of providing safe and enjoyable new equestrian trail riding experiences, an opportunity that is underserved in King County.

Thank you,


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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18-2327 NOVA NM #2

Washington Trails Association

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January 14, 2019

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for Washington State Department of Natural Resources NOVA grant proposal, **Raging River State Forest - Phase 3 Trail System Development, Application #18-2327.**

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for a trail development project under the Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) category.

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. In 2018, more than 5,000 WTA volunteers performed over 171,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will use this grant to fund the third of four total trail system development phases targeting 10 new trail miles in Raging River State Forest, approximately 20 miles east of Seattle, expanding the trail system for mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian opportunities. The proposed new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, further develop a Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail missing link, provide under-served downhill mountain biking trails, and provide access to a zone currently without trails - predominantly for equestrian access. The primary recreation opportunity provided by the project will be improved non-motorized multiple-use trail recreation. This grant proposal seeks to develop 10 additional trail miles to compliment in-progress Phase 2 trail system construction efforts, resulting in a new 37-mile regionally significant trail system by 2021. Continuing successful project collaboration between DNR & non-profit trail advocacy & user groups in the Snoqualmie Corridor will ensure high quality trail opportunities meeting targeted user experiences are delivered. This project is supported from the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan, a public planning process completed March 2015 with widespread support from user groups, recreation non-profit organizations, public advisory committees, local jurisdictions, and nearby communities.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



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January 11, 2019

18-2430 NOVA NM #3

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
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Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our strong support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design and implement an expansion of the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest.

Located less than 30 minutes from the highly populated Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center, Tiger Mountain is one of the most popular recreation destinations in the region. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust along with many other organizations have invested significant amount of resources to enhance this state forest, including restoring critical areas and maintaining trails. Additionally, the Greenway Trust education program explores the ecosystem of Tiger Mountain to teach participants about the importance of retaining forests on the edge of the city. The Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with visitors parking in a gravel area along SR-18. This increased traffic in visitors also does not leave sufficient space for equestrian trailers.

The renovation proposed by DNR will add parking to meet increased demand and provide a much-needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure large trailers are left in a safe place with easy access to equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest. DNR manages many high-use recreation areas and serves as an excellent steward of state lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this critical project.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra, Executive Director

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January 18, 2019

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RE: Letter of Support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant proposal,
Tiger Summit Trailhead Design; NOVA-NM 16-2430

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal for Tiger Summit Trailhead Design, a proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest.

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 171,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

Improvements at Tiger Mountain and to the Tiger Summit Trailhead will offer the WTA member community increased outdoor recreation opportunities. Providing accessible hiking and outdoor opportunities within reach of major urban centers is a core component of building a future where public lands are accessible by everyone.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



18-2430 NOVA NM #3

December 18, 2018
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Letter of Support: Washington Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound, Snoqualmie Unit
NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) strongly supports the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest.

Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian Trailers. Visitors to this popular trail system are parking in a poorly draining gravel area beside SR-18, which completely fills up on weekends or holidays.

DNR's proposed renovation will increase parking to meet growing demand and will add a much-needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

Having expanded and better parking facilities is also key to supporting the final trail system completion for the areas master plan, which includes linkages within the existing trail system and giving users a safer and more enjoyable alternative to using existing service roads. With current plans to construct a unique visitor view shelter to repurpose an abandoned rock borrow pit, this project is even more important to Evergreen to ensure a safe, enjoyable, and sustainable visitor experience.

We commend DNR in its initiative to both be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands and fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and enhance recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with 5,200+ members and over 36,000 social media followers and supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. As a trusted partner with public land managers across the state, Evergreen's volunteers contributed just over 23,000 hours of volunteer labor last year. In 2018, we are committed to deliver 25,000 hours of volunteer labor to trail maintenance needs across the state.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



18-2430 NOVA NM #3

January 9, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

I am writing on behalf of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club to express our enthusiastic support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

We are very supportive and appreciative of the many improvements to multiple trails on Tiger Mountain accessed from SR 18. The public has obviously been appreciative as well and this has led to an unsafe and undersized trailhead facilities. We do much of our volunteer trail work on Tiger mid week to simply avoid the overcrowded trailhead conditions on weekends. This limits our work parties to our members available midweek and thus limits our ability to provide high quality trail work at no cost to the land managers.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

David Kappler

VP for Advocacy
425-652-2753



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Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 18-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of King County Parks to express our enthusiastic support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

Recreation on public lands in King County is increasing rapidly as the population grows. This region has long been known for its outdoor recreation opportunities and public agencies have been working hard to keep access to the outdoors safe and enjoyable. Tiger Summit is an important hub of recreation that plays a vital role in the matrix of public lands available for public access. Expanding the Tiger Summit Trailhead and parking area is an important step in providing safe and enjoyable recreation in this region.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Kelly Heintz

Program/Project Manager

Natural Resource Lands Section

King County Parks and Recreation Division



18-2430 NOVA NM #3

January 10, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
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Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

I am writing on behalf of the City of North Bend to express our enthusiastic support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

Expanded parking at Tiger Mountain is important to the City of North Bend for both added public safety and increasing capacity for the growing demand of outdoor recreation.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Trevor Kostanich

North Bend City Councilmember



18-2430 NOVA NM #3

January 8, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the City of North Bend to express our enthusiastic support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

The Tiger Mountain State Forest is an important recreational destination for residents and visitors of North Bend, who have indicated in City and Si View Metropolitan Park District recreational surveys a strong desire for additional trails and outdoor recreational improvements. The proposed parking and trailhead improvements will benefit North Bend residents and visitors, as well as those throughout the region.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands and provision of outdoor recreational opportunities, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,



Mayor Ken Hearing



18-2430 NOVA NM #3

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Re: Letter of support for NOVA-NM 16-2430: Tiger Summit Trailhead Design

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

I am writing on behalf of Si View Metropolitan Park District to express our enthusiastic support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) proposal to design an urgently needed expansion to the Tiger Summit Trailhead in Tiger Mountain State Forest. Tiger Summit Trailhead provides access to over 50 miles of trails including mountain biking, equestrian, and hiking trails and an accessible interpretive loop in a conserved area of old growth forest. Since the completion of new mountain biking trails, the existing 50 car parking lot is overflowing with no space left for equestrian trailers, and people are parking in a gravel area beside SR-18. The proposed renovation will not only increase parking to meet increased demand, but will add a much needed designated equestrian parking area to ensure that equestrians can find a safe place to park and access the equestrian trails in the southern part of the forest.

One of the missions of Si View MPD is to provide opportunities to enhance the quality of life through the facilitation of recreation programs and parks. The trailhead expansion project will provide increased opportunity not only for our local residents but for residents of the Puget Sound area.

We consider DNR to be a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and we fully support DNR in their ongoing work to improve public access and provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for a wide range of users.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Travis Stombaugh
Executive Director



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18-2399 NOVA NM #4

October 31, 2018
Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

Back Country Horsemen of Washington is aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As long time recreation users and as an organization that does volunteer trail maintenance in the Snoqualmie Ranger District we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. Corral Pass has long been a campground and trailhead that was a popular access for equestrian users; its renovation is something that we look forward to.

In addition, the Middle Fork Trail had a severe washout during the fall of 2017. In the past the Middle Fork Trail had provided access for pack and saddle stock as an east/west corridor across the Cascades and into the Salmon La Sac area. That route over Dutch Miller gap has been inaccessible to horsemen and difficult for hikers for a number of years. It is a route that horsemen are committed to seeing re-established. The repair of the washed out area of the Middle Fork Trail will be a major positive step toward this end.

The Snoqualmie District recreation staff manages and coordinates thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants from the Recreation Conservation Office ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Kathy Young

Kathy Young
President
Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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18-2399 NOVA NM #4

November 7, 2018

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- 18-2378 M Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
- 18-2399 M Middle Fork Trail Relocation
- 18-2401 M Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation
- 18-2402 D Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust enthusiastically endorses the Snoqualmie Ranger District's proposals to the RCO through the NOVA and RTP programs to maintain, improve, build, and relocate hiking, backcountry, and multi-use trails and facilities in the District and to provide ranger patrols.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the landscape connecting Seattle to Ellensburg surrounding Interstate 90, including wilderness lands, rural areas and historic sites, and the 15th largest metropolitan area in the country. This spectacular landscape has not happened by accident. More than two decades of collaborative work have preserved the natural heritage of the Greenway, which encompasses some of the most heavily used trails in the state including locations within the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Unfortunately, the very crowds that are drawn to the beauty and challenge of the District's unique terrain threaten to destroy the wilderness experience they are seeking at popular destinations such as the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, and the many popular trails along the Interstate 90 corridor.

Trail maintenance efforts, the creation and maintenance of new recreational ADA-accessible day use facilities, and increased education and enforcement via front- and backcountry rangers is critical to the long-term sustainability of the trails and natural resources within the Greenway, allowing the recreational resources to meet increased demand without negatively impacting the landscape.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities.

(* Executive Committee Member
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The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and many other agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and citizens to support long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and to responsibly accommodate increased visitation expected to occur after a federal road improvement project paves the main access to the Valley. The projects put forth within these multiple grant proposals will help to ensure that trails and facilities in the Middle Fork Valley and in the Greenway are up to a standard that can sustainably support higher public visitation, and that recreational users are aware and educated about the natural world around them.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for these important projects. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these proposals.

Sincerely,

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director



Washington Trails Association

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October 29, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for NOVA & RTP proposals

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following NOVA and RTP projects:

#18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
#18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
#18-2379 E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
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Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 4,400 WTA volunteers perform over 140,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

For 50 years, WTA has focused on helping Washingtonians get on trail to experience the great outdoors in our state and national parks, national forests and other public lands with an emphasis on ensuring the sustainability of trails and making outdoor experiences fulfilling and fun for hikers.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers some of the most visited trails and trailheads in the state. With this increase in users, Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance is essential to providing safe and sustainable trails to all users in addition to the need for more Front Country and Backcountry Ranger Patrols to help alleviate and control user impact.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Imler". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



Friends of Capitol Forest

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December 18, 2018

Dear RCO Board Members,

Friends of Capitol Forest is a mountain bike and trails advocacy group based in Olympia, Washington. Collectively, our members perform many thousands of hours of work in Capitol State Forest and the greater Olympia area, building and maintaining trails, partnering with land managers, and ensuring quality off-road experiences throughout the far South Sound. While we are primarily mountain bikers, our work parties in Capitol Forest are attended by many other user groups, including hikers, equestrians, and trail runners.

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RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2466: New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails

These grants, especially RCO 18-2464, are critical to maintaining high-quality access to this extremely large Forest. Each mile of trail maintained or patrolled by DNR frees up volunteer resources to work on other projects, effectively doubling our reach.

Thank you for your work on the RCO committee. I know the stack of applications always vastly outpaces the available funds and that these decisions are difficult. But, Capitol Forest, in general, is catching up to many other areas in Washington that have historically seen more resources thrown their way. It is critical to continue reversing this trend. The

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Very truly yours,

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Kelly Wood
President, Friends of Capitol Forest



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Kelly Wood
President, Friends of Capitol Forest

Recreation Conservation Office

Re: Grant Application 18-2464

Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail and Facility Maintenance

I am writing this support letter on behalf of Pierce County Back Country Horsemen of Washington. We are an organization of 32 Chapters across Washington State that volunteer diligently on Department of Natural Resources land to help the department maintain recreation facilities.

Without the support of grant funding to assist DNR with the heavily used trails and campsites in Capitol Forest, trails could be closed to users because of environmental damage concerns, which could also be a danger to human safety.

This maintenance grant application being included in the final rankings will ensure the thousands of hikers, bicyclists, hunters and equestrians in the region can continue to safely enjoy their outdoor recreation pursuits.

Louise Caywood

Director

Pierce Co BCHW

Recreation & Conservation Office

12/14/18

Attention: Grant Selection Committee

Regarding: 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

As a year-round hiker and trail runner who frequently uses Capitol Forest, I fully support approval of 18-2464.

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to conduct trail maintenance on 61 miles of primarily shared use (mountain bike, equestrian, running & hiking) non-motorized trails and facility maintenance at Margaret McKenny Campground & trailhead within Capitol State Forest.

I'm also a regular volunteer and have given 100's of hours of my time helping keep the trails in great shape. It takes an incredible amount of effort to maintain these trails! Fortunately, there is an awesome community of people that also give an incredible amount of their time that make Capitol Forest what it is.

This grant will help support and encourage this growing community tremendously.

Thanks, Jeff Barrette jeffbarrette@msn.com

November 4, 2018

RE: Letter in support of DNR Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Maintenance and Development Projects, # 18-2464 and 18-2466

Dear Committee and Board members,


I am writing to express my strong support for the Department of Natural Resource's grant proposals for non-motorized trail maintenance and development in Capitol Forest, projects 18-2466 and 18-2464. As a regular Capitol Forest user, I have seen the excellent job that DNR staff have done building and maintaining trails in the Forest. I enjoy the Forest for both mountain biking and hiking. I believe it's one of the resources that makes the Olympia area a great place to live. It seems like every season there are more and more cars at the trailheads. The new North Slope trails have been a resounding success among mountain bikers. I ride there frequently and it seems like nearly every time I meet someone from Seattle or Portland who heard about the quality of the new trails and has come to check them out.

The increased visitor load is great on one hand because it means more people are getting out and enjoying their lands and it's great for local businesses. But I have also seen more wear and tear on the trails and an increase in user conflicts. By selecting this project, RCO can help alleviate these issues. DNR's track record in managing these issues in Capitol Forest has been good, but they need the funds to continue.

DNR staff have done a great job of leveraging their funding to get volunteers involved in trail maintenance. User work parties are well-attended. Friends of Capitol Forest, of which I am a member, makes significant annual investments of time and equipment because DNR makes it possible. By directing and coordinating volunteer efforts, not to mention sweating alongside the volunteers, DNR staff ensure that the resources are put to good use and that volunteers keep coming back.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you select these projects for much-needed grant funding.

Sincerely,



Ryan McCord

18-2464 NOVA NM #5

November 5th 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office

To RCO Funding Board,

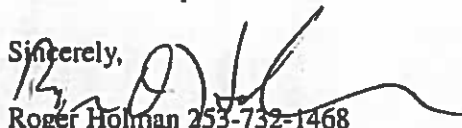
I support RCO grant **Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance 18-2464** for continued funding for maintenance of the expansive trail system in Capitol Forest. I am a member of Friend of Capitol Forest, I frequently attend the Friends of Capitol Forest (FOCF) monthly work parties which WA DNR supports.

While riding I have noticed the trails have greatly improved from the combined efforts of **FOCF** and **DNR** crews. We have found that removing organics and brushing on a yearly basis improves the trail and reduces the need from having to re-build trail segments.

I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to enjoy great trails in the Capitol Forest.

Please fund request # 18-2646

Sincerely,



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Tacoma WA 98406

Recreation & Conservation Office

12/10/2018

Attention Grant Committee

RCO # 18-2464 Non - Motorized Trails & Facilities Maintenance Grant

Committee members,

I am in full support of funding trail maintenance projects in Capitol Forest.

Thanks to the efforts of Friends of Capitol Forest and DNR the trails are in much better shape than years ago, continued maintenance is needed on the trails. DNR frequently supplies personnel, mini excavator's rock and other materials to assist in our work parties

I strongly encourage that this proposed project be considered for funding!

Thank you

Daniel Jordan jorrdaniel@gmail.com

Seattle Washington

Support for Capitol State Forest NM Trail Maintenance 18-2464

Recreation & Conservation Office

To who it may concern

As a mountain biker who frequently uses Capitol Forest, I fully support approval of 18-2464. The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to conduct trail maintenance on many miles of primarily shared use (mountain bike, equestrian, running & hiking) non-motorized trails.

Margaret McKenny Campground & trailhead (one of my favorite starting places will also be maintained with this grant.

Non-motorized users, especially mountain bikers, are the core component of recreational use in Capitol Forest.

The forest continues to see an increase in non-motorized use, particularly mountain biking and trail running and equestrian use in winter months. While the non-motorized trails are in much better shape than years ago thanks to the efforts of Friends of Capitol Forest and DNR, more is needed to maintain quality recreational experiences year-round.

Brian Van Nostrand Olympia WA

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Recreation & Conservation Office

12/17/18

Regarding 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance Grant

To whom it may concern,

I fully support grant # 18-2464.. I frequently mountain bike ride in Capitol Forest and have seen the benefits of routine trail maintenance.

I understand the DNR will use this grant to maintain 61 miles of shared use non-motorized trails and facility maintenance at Margaret McKenny Campground & trailhead within Capitol State Forest.

Non-motorized users, especially mountain bikers, are a core component of recreational use in Capitol Forest, including being the largest volunteer group. The forest continues to see an increase in non-motorized use, particularly mountain biking and trail running and equestrian use in winter months.

While the non-motorized trails are in much better shape than years ago thanks to the efforts of Friends of Capitol Forest and DNR, more is needed to maintain quality recreational experiences year-round.

Oliver Wu Olympia WA

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December 6, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: #18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail and Facility Maintenance

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I wish to express my enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for **Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail and Facility Maintenance**.

As the population of the south sound area grows, the Capitol Forest area is quickly becoming the prominent place to recreate, especially amongst non-motorized users in the winter. Trails require maintenance for them to continue to be useable year round, and I have personally enjoyed the benefits thus far from the efforts of DNR and local community organizations who maintain the Capitol Forest trail system. The recent addition of informational signage, bridges, brushing, and mitigation of erosion has kept the trails user friendly and able to withstand the increased traffic.

Trail maintenance is essential to keeping the Capitol Forest useable and atop the list of recreational destinations in Washington State.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,



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Lacey, WA 98503

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Greg Logosz <glogosz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:32 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Cc: Holcomb, Ben (DNR)
Subject: Support for Capitol Forest MTB/ Request #18-2464

December 6, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

To RCO Funding Board,

I support any and all funding for development and maintenance of MTB/hiking/equestrian trails in Capitol Forest.

As a longtime mountain biker and newly joined member of FOCF I love the community that these trails help create. I was amazed at the turnout at the most recent work party at the North Trails.

Having ridden bikes all over the Pacific Northwest, I have come to appreciate the unique style that each area possesses. Capitol Forest is no exception and we are very fortunate to have this area so close. The North Trails are among my favorite anywhere and a sunny Saturday afternoon proves that I am not the only one.

With the relatively newfound popularity comes the need for basic facilities. A trailhead kiosk with map is a great start but bathrooms appear to be of greater importance. I want to see this area remain one that I am proud to share with people from all over.

Please fund request # **18-2464**

Thank You,
Greg Logosz
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Sent from my iPhone

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Brenda Folkerts <intheriver4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: RCO Grant Requests/Capitol Forest

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
Attention: Phil Wolff

I am writing to give my support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant applications:

RCO #18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
RCO #18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
RCO #18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails
RCO #18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

I took up hiking and trail running after moving to Olympia a few years ago and my husband and I really enjoy the year-round opportunities that the Capitol State Forest has to offer for outdoor recreation in our area. We really appreciate the improvements to the restroom facilities and the ongoing trail maintenance provided by DNR and volunteers over the last few years. We fully support the ongoing maintenance of the present trail system and the work to rebuild and/or repair trails after damage due to logging or weather conditions.

We had heard about the possibility of additional trails being added around The Margaret McKinney Trailhead and the Mima Falls area, and fully support that grant application. We look forward to exploring these new connectors and loops and fully support the ongoing education and maintenance that will be required for these additional trails.

Sincerely,

Brenda Folkerts

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Olympia, Washington 98501
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WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: FW: Regarding grant applications for Capitol Forest

Recreation and Conservation Office

We are writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

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RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

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As local area trail runners we greatly appreciate the opportunities Capitol State Forest offers to us for recreation so close to home.

Though we are relatively new to trail running and the area we have seen DNR and local volunteers make great improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years. Maintenance of the already created trail system is extremely important and we have been impressed by the work that has been done to rebuild trails after logging or repair after wind and flood damage.

We are especially excited to hear about the possibility of additional trails being added around the Mima Falls and Margaret McKinney trailheads. Additional loops and connector trails will allow for greater variations in distances which will make the trail system even more popular (which will also necessitate additional education and enforcement) so we are also excited about that grant application.

Seth Miller and Laura Jordan

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

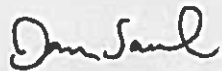
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As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



Dan Saul

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November 1, 2018

18-2471 NOVA NM #6

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Mt. Baker Ranger District (of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Mt. Baker Ranger District Development and Planning projects:

Project Names:

- RTP Ed 18-2469 Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019
- RTP Ed 18-2468 Mt. Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards 2018
- RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance
- NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019

The Mt. Baker Climbing Ranger program is incredibly important as more and more people explore the mountains of the PNW, and Mt Baker specifically, though mountaineering. Currently, the Climbing Program on Mt. Baker Ranger District has funds available for one ranger. One ranger working alone cannot safely access the areas on Mount Baker where the majority of climbing activities occur. This education grant will provide a second ranger to work with the first ranger. Together they will be able to safely work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with the climbing public. Due to the large number of climbers on the mountain there are concerns about safety issues such as un-ropeed climbers and resource management issues such as human waste and campsite impacts. As a skilled and experienced rope team they will be able to contact the climbers and educate them on Leave No Trace techniques appropriate for the alpine environment including waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices such as roping up on the glaciers.

We also consider the Mountain Stewards Program important for their role as public educators and stewards of these public lands that are so heavily experienced by outdoor enthusiasts. The presence of stewards in places like the Mt. Baker NRA, Heliotrope ridge, Skyline Ridge and Heather Meadows helps the recreating



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2471 NOVA NM #6

October 15, 2018

RCO Funding Board
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To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) - Mount Baker Ranger District's grant proposals *RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance, NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019, and NOVA D 18-2472 PNT - South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2.* These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and a multitude of popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

MBS Mount Baker Ranger District is entrusted with over 70 miles of the PNT - which carries users down from rugged Hannegan Pass, through scenic Heather Meadows, around tranquil Baker Lake, up into the alpine to gaze at glaciers near iconic Park Butte Lookout, and down through lush old growth forests toward the South Fork of the Nooksack River.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a herculean task, but with partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also provide guidance and leadership to local stakeholders who can amplify the impact of available resources on the ground, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premiere long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

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18-2272 NOVA NM #8

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Letter of Support for:
18-2271 Backcountry Trail Maintenance – USFS Darrington RD
18-2272 Mt. Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance
18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

Dear Review Committee,

The Town of Darrington is pleased to support the Darrington Ranger District's applications for RCO grants. Tucked away in the North Cascades the town is surrounded by large tracts of public land. This has offered the community both employment in the woods and an incredible recreational experience for those who have been lucky enough to live and visit here.

With funding from the 2016 grants acquired by the district, maintenance of the trails, trailheads, and construction of trails damaged by storms of past has improved opportunities for recreation close to town. A noticeable uptick in the number of vehicles parked at trailheads, positive reviews for these trails on websites such as NW hiker and WTA trip reports, demonstrates the importance of these grants to the success we are experiencing. We have applauded the Darrington District's ability to procure grants, employ youth from our town, and work with local and other volunteer groups to keep the trails open.

Aside from maintenance we understand the need to undertake expensive projects as those needed at Big 4/ Ice Caves. Granite Falls and Darrington connected by the Mt. Loop Highway enjoy the influx of visitors brought by the attractions along the Mt. Loop. Big 4 draws 50,000 visitors, who inevitably pass through one or both towns. If the trail bridge washes out this will definitely effect the numbers who drive the Mt. Loop. Support of both the boardwalk and bridge extension means the attraction will be there for future generations.

I ask the review committee to consider the applications above of which will continue to help our town offer the best hiking, equestrian, and wilderness and non-wilderness experiences now and into the future.

Thank you,

Daniel O. Rankin
Mayor



18-2272 NOVA NM #8

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- Dist 5: Jennifer Hushour, alt. Fred Cruger



Date: 04 Feb 2019

To: Washington RCO

From: Fred Cruger

Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (SnoCo HPC)
League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO)

Please consider this a letter of support for several grants being sought by the USFS as part of their commitment to maintain the Mountain Loop Highway as an important site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. Over 300,000 biking/hiking/motoring visitors travel the Mt. Loop each year, and we must maintain the sites they use and enjoy during their stay.

Grant request 18-2273 (**Big 4 Bridge Extension**) would help fund extending the bridge across the South Fork Stillaguamish to continue providing access to Big 4 and the ice caves. The bridge is likely to wash out in the next major flood event, cutting off access to what is documented as the single most popular outdoor attraction in Snohomish County. As a natural phenomenon and an important heritage site, Big 4 plays an important role in our county recreation and tourism. Loss of access would create untold damage to tourism in the area.

Grant request 18-2274 (**Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2**) would fund further improvement in access to Big Four. It is rare to have such a uniquely accessible site in an otherwise rugged area that would normally prohibit access to people with physical handicaps. The trail, boardwalk, and bridge at Big 4 combine to offer a beautiful heritage site to the broadest possible public, that they might enjoy the grandeur, history, and true northwest character of our community. The Big 4 Inn is gone, but the ice caves and the beauty remain.

Grant request 18-2272 (**Verlot Maintenance**) would help fund a seasonal crew to service recreation sites along the Mountain Loop Highway. Keeping the sites attractive and available helps to reduce the amount of roadside camping that would otherwise damage the beauty and environment of the Mt. Loop.

As a commissioner on the SnoCo HPC, and vice-president of LOSCHO, I support the ongoing USFS commitment to the maintenance of the Mt Loop as a premier site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. I ask that you consider the importance of this scenic byway to the health and prosperity of our visitors and of our region when you decide how to allocate the funds you grant.

Respectfully,

Fred Cruger
(425) 308-9580



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2243 NOVA NM #9

November 19, 2018

To the RCO Review Committee:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports DNR Baker District's grant proposals #18-2245M Samish Overlook and Lily and Lizard Lake Campgrounds, #18-2243M Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities M&O, and #18-2460D Lily & Lizard Lakes Sustainable Backcountry Toilets. These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and several popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like DNR Baker District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

DNR Baker District is entrusted with 24 miles of the PNT - which carries users over scenic Mount Josephine, Lyman Hill, Anderson Mountain, and the iconic Blanchard State Forest. These trails are not only popular with local residents; they provide critical connectivity for PNT long distance users, who catch their first glimpses of salt water from atop Blanchard Mountain, on their way from Montana to the Pacific.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a huge undertaking, but with partners like DNR Baker District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also facilitate efforts from partner groups like the PNTA, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premier long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects.

We support

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

18-2375: MVRD Campground Maintenance 2020-2021

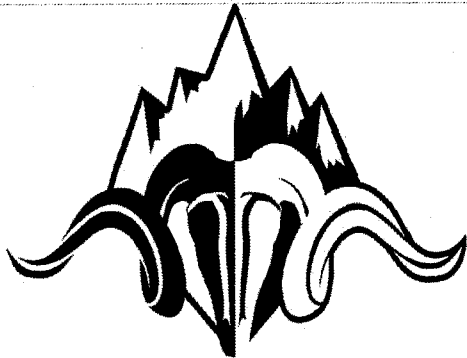
18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

Continuation of the MVRD Climbing Ranger program is an invaluable resource to our recreation, local community, and the public lands we utilize to offer wonderful outdoor experiences for our customers. Working with the rangers to education climbers about environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices helps this venue stay wild, untrodden, and safer to climb. If it were not for the efforts of this group of climbing rangers, the stewardship and restoration of the high use climbing areas would not have happened to date or the near future. More, continuation of the MVRD wilderness and backcountry ranger program is critical to educate the public to promote leave-no-trace techniques and regulations that help support keeping the wilderness just that. There is an increasing number of visitors each year, supporting the wilderness ranger program is the only way to mitigate the user groups impact.

Also, maintenance of 24 campgrounds on the Methow Valley Ranger District and high-priority trail segments within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness will also be a critical component to the management of this Forest with the increase in use and in the surrounding backcountry areas.

Please take this proposal seriously. Our forests depend on it.

Mark Allen
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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES



October 12, 2018

18-2377 NOVA NM #10

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects:

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

The District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to provide 5600 hours of education and enforcement activities during two field seasons. Rangers will perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

This grant would fund the continuation of the climbing program, as funded by prior grant. The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this education grant to fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make educational visitor contacts on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley RD. The goals of the program are to educate climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, continue building relationships within the community and with climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The primary recreational opportunity provided will be environmentally and socially responsible climbing.

18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees and conduct tread, drainage and brushing maintenance on trail segments with the greatest need within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness and surrounding backcountry areas in Okanogan County. This grant will fund a full-

time seasonal trail crew of 4 people to work for two seasons and will be matched by over 4000 hours of volunteer time. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is hiking and horseback riding.

18-2382: PNW National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this funding to continue to replace equipment and address deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail through the Pasayten Wilderness in Northcentral Washington. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this grant are hiking and equestrian use of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.

18-2385: MVRD Fire Trail Maintenance (Category: Maintenance & Operation)

The Methow Ranger District will use this funding to continue to address the maintenance backlog on trails affected by wildfires throughout the District, including the 2017 Diamond Creek Fire. Many of these trails access popular destinations and support multiple day loop options. Other trails are at lower elevations and provide early spring and late fall access when the backcountry is snowed in. This project will improve recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

These proposals promote education of Washington's human-powered recreation community and help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The Methow Valley Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance, The Mountaineers visit the Methow every season of the year.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the WRRD, including climbers. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Methow Valley Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



18-2377 NOVA NM #10

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

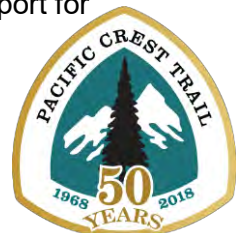
I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Methow Valley Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Methow Valley Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in northern Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed over 1800 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff.

The Methow Valley Ranger District stewards a vast area of public land with unique wilderness character and extensive backcountry recreation resources. The Pasayten Wilderness is a prime example. It sprawls over half a million acres and contains some of the most scenic vistas in the state. For 32 miles the PCT traverses the western end of the wilderness and takes in the grandeur of this landscape. However, the Pasayten's remoteness and size also makes it difficult to maintain. Public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in the backcountry necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for





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funding Methow Valley seasonal staff. The work seasonal trail crews do is crucial and it is strongly supported by the PCTA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





18-2485 NOVA NM #11

October 11, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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CC: John Morrow – Lead Wilderness Ranger
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

RE: #18-2304 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD Nonmotorized Trails M&O 2020-2022

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the USFS's proposal to fund trail maintenance on more than 314 miles of non-motorized trails within the Cle-Elum District of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Trail use within the Cle Elum district is rapidly growing and a number of new trail projects are being planned in the district as well. It is critical that the USFS Cle-Elum district receives funding to continue to maintain and operate trails and facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental and habitat impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety as well as a quality user experience.

The district's non-motorized trail network is experiencing increasing use due to its proximity to the greater Seattle metropolitan region, in some cases only a 1:15 hr drive away. The district includes the popular Kachess Ridge trail network, trails within the Teanaway, and trails in the popular Naneum and Taneum systems. Some of these trails are quickly becoming popular mountain bike trails and are seeing increasing use each year. The recently completed Towns to Teanaway Plan is expected to significantly increase visitation to the region beginning in 2018 as new trail construction has started, and connections into the Teanaway Valley from Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ronald will bring more users into the USFS trail networks surrounding these communities.

Evergreen has partnered with the USFS Cle-Elum district to maintain multi-use trails over many years and Evergreen's Kittitas Chapter has provided hundreds of valuable volunteer match hours within the district. Without this funding, the much-loved public lands and trails in the area could fall into disrepair, and USFS will be faced with increasing maintenance backlogs and potential trail or facility closures.

Evergreen MBA is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 32,000 social media followers statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, and advocacy. We stand ready to assist the USFS with future trail maintenance needs through our robust volunteer maintenance program.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



18-2485 NOVA NM #11

September 26, 2018

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

RCO Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the Cle Elum Ranger District (CERD) Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest request for funding *NOVA Non-Motorized Maintenance and Operations*.

Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) is a nonprofit organization that strengthens the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research. As a part of programming, we utilize AmeriCorps volunteers to support the work of trail managers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Many of our volunteers continue to serve the cause after their term of service ends. Over the past 7 years, our organization's support of trails and public lands has resulted in over 63,000 hours of volunteer service.

Since 2004, we have partnered with the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) to provide additional support for managing our public lands. By placing our AmeriCorps Members with the OWNF we realize a dual benefit: The Forest has additional resources to assist its increasing work load due to increased visitor traffic, wildfire recovery and decreasing budgets; and our members have the opportunity to develop career skills and experience that increase their probability of finding permanent employment in the field.

MAI is very supportive of the efforts of the OWNF to minimize the negative impacts by providing more opportunities to support trails and restore impacted areas. The CERD has a long history of strong, experienced and capable non-motorized and wilderness trail crews. Continued maintenance for these extremely popular and heavily visited trails is vital to the region as well as environmental stewardship of the landscape through sustainable trail maintenance. In addition to these, MAI is committed to amplifying this awareness, including the relevant Leave No Trace principles, through our various social media channels. Together, we will endeavor to steward public lands so that they remain accessible and safe as possible.

Sincerely,

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Brendan Norman Executive
Director
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October 10, 2018

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in support of the Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest in submitting the following applications:

18-2485 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Non-motorized Trails M&O 2020-2022

18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2308 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Alpine Lakes Wilderness E&E 2020-2022.

There is no doubt that improved access to our public lands leads to augmented public support for them. In this same vein, increased youth access to and interaction with public land necessarily adds to the longevity of that public support.

Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest clearly recognize these benefits of improving access, but have also made the comfortingly prudent decision to pair recreation applications with Wilderness Education and Enforcement, showing a strong respect for the import of balancing utilization and conservation. This is exactly the ethic NYC hopes to instill in our corps members, and is why we are proud to partner with Cle-Elum RD.

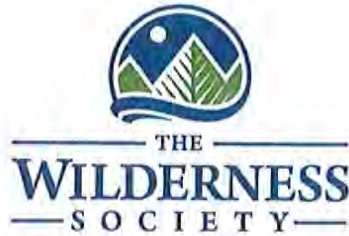
NYC is a youth development and outdoor education organization that has provided opportunities to more than 12,000 young people since its establishment in 1984. NYC employs over 900 youth annually to complete conservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, many of which are stationed out of our field office in Leavenworth, WA.

NYC and the Cle Elum RD have worked in partnership to benefit land and youth alike since the early 1990s. The applications mentioned above will help to further this partnership. A partnership through which the District and Northwest Youth Corps will continue to complete necessary maintenance projects while helping young people to learn, grow, and experience success.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Taitano, Washington State Program Manager



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October 3, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum District's wilderness ranger patrol and wilderness trail maintenance efforts. The wilderness ranger work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. Complementary wilderness trail maintenance efforts are critical to maintaining access for non-motorized users to a popular trail network. Both the patrol and maintenance work are needed in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness because it is one of the most-visited wilderness area in the country and has heavy year-round recreational use, making it vulnerable to degradation.

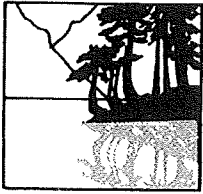
Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit conservation organizations. Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. We work in partnership with local communities, businesses, conservation organizations, and local citizens to find solutions for the preservation and stewardship of our national public lands. Representing more than one million supporters nationwide and 25,000 in Washington state, The Wilderness Society has long been involved in public land management issues statewide.

The projects proposed by the U.S. Forest Service align well with the focus of our North Cascades Initiative: to protect the last great wild places in the North Cascades and preserve and enhance opportunities for recreation on our public lands. Recreation and Conservation Office funding would protect the beloved Alpine Lakes Wilderness through the provision of much-needed oversight and education and on-the-ground trail maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support. Feel free to contact me at (206) 473-2523 or at krcraig@twc.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kitty Craig
Acting State Director
Washington State Program
The Wilderness Society



ALPINE LAKES

protection society

September 30, 2018

Via email

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: **Cle Elum District – wilderness ranger and trail maintenance funding**

To Whom It May Concern:

Alpine Lakes Protection Society (ALPS) is pleased to go on record in support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum District's wilderness ranger patrol and trail maintenance efforts. This work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of these areas, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. This work is most needed in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness because it is the most-visited wilderness area in the country and has heavy year-round recreational use.

Consistent with its mission to protect the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, ALPS believes the wilderness rangers play an important role making contact with people visiting the Wilderness and passing along knowledge of Leave No Trace and minimal impact practices. This contact is crucial to help keep the Wilderness natural and pristine for future generations.

We can sometimes fall into thinking that our job is finished once we acquire or legislatively protect wildlands. However, that is in many ways just the beginning. Proper, and continuing management is critical to keeping our public lands from being loved to death.

We particularly urge you to consider the Cle Elum district's non-motorized trails application. Well maintained trails are crucial to keeping the wild in Wilderness. Falling-apart trails, or no trails in places where they are needed, lead to damaging user-created routes which too often become braided, eroding ruts. As each new user tries to avoid the mud, the problem just gets bigger and bigger. This is especially a problem in "front line" areas with heavy and fast-increasing use levels, such as the Cle Elum district. Maintained trails direct heavy usage into areas that can better handle it. They are the critical avenues by which visitors can appreciate the Wilderness, while minimizing destructive impacts.

The Cle Elum District's Wilderness ranger efforts have been exemplary. Occupying the "front line" as they do, they have a very difficult, but enormously important, job to do. Their talented team deserves support. We wholeheartedly urge you to give the most serious consideration to supporting their efforts.

Sincerely,

ALPS to Icicle Work Group – February 19, 2014
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ALPINE LAKES PROTECTION SOCIETY

Rick McGuire, President

By default the Alpine Lakes are here...by design they will remain.



October 18, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers would like to express their support for continued RCO grant funding of trail maintenance on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The Cle Elum Ranger District of the Okanogan- Wenatchee National Forest is one of the most popular destinations for hiking, backpacking, and other wilderness activities in the Pacific Northwest.

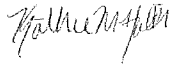
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For decades, Mountaineers have hiked and backpacked the 326 miles of non-motorized and Wilderness trails on the Cle Elum Ranger District, accessing the river valleys, high lakes and alpine country for climbing, camping, fishing, photography and exploration. The Cle Elum District's variety of non-motorized trails allows for all levels of ability and these trails are easy to access from the Puget Sound area. That's a big plus for our members as well as other recreationists seeking to enjoy Pacific Northwest nature at its best.

"That best" includes places like Ingall's Lake, Mount Stuart, Ingall's Peak, Bean Basin and Bean Peak, Cathedral Rock, Waptus Lake, Lemah Peaks, Chimney Rock, Chikamin Peak and many other spectacular locations.

Our organization would like to see that the trails to those wonderful places remain open, passable and safe not only for our own large membership, but for the many other groups and individuals who enjoy them and the many benefits those trails provide to the public. So, we ask that the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office continue to support the Cle Elum Ranger District's non-motorized trails maintenance by awarding them the funding they need to do this important work.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



Kittitas County, Washington
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

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October 4, 2018

18-2485 NOVA NM #11

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2485 NOVA NM #11

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



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18-2485 NOVA NM #11

September 17, 2018

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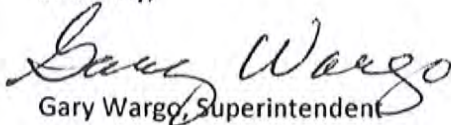
To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
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18-2485 NOVA NM #11

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- Jodi Yokar, Solution Architect, Microsoft
- Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activities and Community Center

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[2] Executive Committee Director



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Hoekstra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jon" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hoekstra".

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

P.O. Box 1494
Ellensburg, WA 98926



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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

18-2485 NOVA NM #11

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243

Robin Faulk
1504 Stein Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

October 31, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for Naches Wilderness

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am a member of BCHW (Backcountry horsemen of Washington) and participate in the Naches Ranger District TWIG group. As a user and volunteer, I strongly support the following grants:

- Wilderness Education & Enforcement (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)
- Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operations (RTP)
- Campgrounds Maintenance & Operations (NOVA)

Our local wilderness areas are heavily used by a variety of user groups and we all need to maintain them. Without these funds we will lose access to our wilderness areas for everyone and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Faulk



18-2397 NOVA NM #12

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

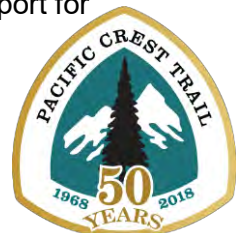
I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Naches Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Naches Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in southern Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed 353 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff. This partnership is especially important because trails in the Naches Ranger Districts have been significantly damaged by fire in recent years. In 2017, the Norse Peak Fire scorched trails north of Chinook Pass. This summer the Miriam Fire burned for weeks near the summit of White Pass. Both fires damaged trail infrastructure and added to the district's workload.

Considering the challenges facing the trails on the district, public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and reopening areas affected by fire requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in areas like the Goat Rocks Wilderness necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

funding #18-2397 Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance, #18-2384 Naches Wilderness Trails
Deferred M&O, and #18-2364 Naches Wilderness E&E.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





18-2397 NOVA NM #12

November 17, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Naches District's wilderness education and enforcement and wilderness trails maintenance and operations efforts. The Naches Ranger District will use these grants to add much-needed seasonal and part-time staff capacity to patrol high-use areas within the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district as well as meet critical wilderness trails maintenance and operations needs. Staff will provide education and enforcement to promote leave-no-trace ethics, resource protection, and visitor safety. This work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. Furthermore, grant funding will be used to restore and maintain popular wilderness trails throughout the Naches District.

Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit conservation organizations. Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. We work in partnership with local communities, businesses, conservation organizations, and local citizens to find solutions for the preservation and stewardship of our national public lands. Representing more than 700,000 supporters nationwide and 25,000 in Washington state, The Wilderness Society has long been involved in public land management issues statewide.

The efforts proposed by the U.S. Forest Service align well with the focus of our North Cascades Initiative: to protect the last great wild places in the North Cascades and preserve and enhance opportunities for recreation on our public lands. Recreation and Conservation Office funding would protect the beloved Norse Peak, Goat Rocks, and William O. Wilderness Areas through the provision of much-needed oversight and education and trail maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support. Feel free to contact me at (206) 473-2523 or at krcraig@tws.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kitty Craig
Acting State Director
Washington State Office



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON
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ELLENSBURG, WA 98926
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December 12, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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**RE: Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program – Development
Olallie State Park –Trail System Expansion (#18-2450)**

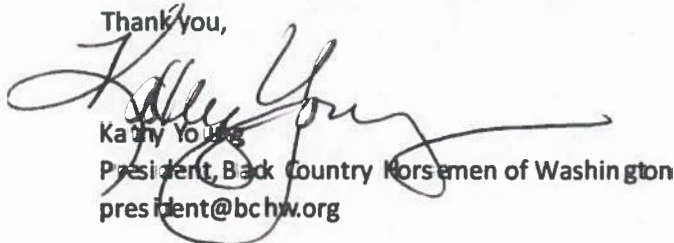
Dear Members of the NOVA Evaluation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our enthusiastic support of Washington State Park's (in partnership with DNR) proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to continue further trail system development within Olallie State Park, east of North Bend and about 35 miles east of Seattle.

The equestrian community is very excited about expanding the one existing trail opportunity, the non-motorized shared use 9.7-mile length Olallie Trail within Olallie State Park, to incorporate additional trails to help improve the current out-n-back trail opportunity into a more useful trail system and regional outlet for the trail community. By adding 3.5 miles of new trails, users will have more trail options, which will help disperse use and reduce the number of mountain bikes descending the main Olallie Trail, by offering descending trail options with various difficulty levels. New trails will offer shorter loop opportunities that will benefit less fit recreationists, kids, and those seeking shorter outings, while directional mountain bike trails will improve the effort to reduce high speed mountain bike descending and potential conflict with equestrian riders.

This grant opportunity is strongly supported with the benefit of providing safe and enjoyable new equestrian trail riding experiences, an opportunity that is underserved in King County.

Thank you,


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
president@bchw.org



Washington Trails Association

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January 18, 2019

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for the following grant proposal,

Olallie State Park – Trail System Expansion, Application #18-2450.

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant proposal for the Olallie State Park – Trail System Expansion, a trail development project under the Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) category.

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. In 2018, more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 171,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

Washington State Parks will use this grant to fund development of five new trails within Olallie State Park. New construction, targeting 3.5 total trail miles, will improve non-motorized recreation access to a large service area within 35 miles of Seattle. This proposal will expand one current out-n-back trail opportunity into a stacked loop trail system benefiting mountain bike, hike, and equestrian user experiences. New trails will provide a variety of difficulty levels, creating a trail system serving a variety of visitor fitness levels and skillsets. New trails will improve the current multiple-use two-way travel Olallie Trail by dispersing use, encouraging mountain bikes to use descent-only trail options, reducing traffic and potential conflict on the two-way travel Olallie Trail, and provide year-round access with a low-elevation trail network. This proposal will result in a new regionally significant trail system, with over 13 trail miles. Continuing successful project collaboration between State Parks, DNR, & non-profit trail advocacy & user groups will ensure delivery of high quality trails meeting targeted user experiences. This project is supported from the Olallie State Park Management Plan, the result of a public planning process completed for the landscape in November 2011.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



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18-2450 NOVA NM #13

January 29, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: NOVA Nonmotorized Program - Olallie State Park – Trail System Expansion, #18-2450

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the collaborative State Parks and DNR proposal for additional trail development within Olallie State Park. This project represents a relatively small investment, yet creates multiple positive benefits to the recreation community by enhancing a single out and back trail into a looped experience that benefits all non-motorized visitors.

Since official trail opening in Fall 2017, the 9.2 mile length Olallie Trail has quickly grown to become one of the region's most popular mountain bike trails. Located within a quick day use visit of the growing Puget Sound metro area, this trail offers a unique experience: older forest stands and high elevation views coupled with a smooth trail surface allows riders of nearly all skill levels to access this out-and-back trail. Trail use is increasing among both hikers and mountain bikers, and with increasing weekend traffic we are seeing more frequent trail traffic encounters on the 2-way travel trail. The proposed grant funded project will offer new descent only mountain bike trail opportunities, which will enhance the hiker, equestrian, and biker uphill climbing experience by reducing the amount of two-way traffic on the primary trail.

The proposed 3.5 miles of new trails within Olallie State Park trail will spread and disperse users; offer more beginner, intermediate, and advanced directional travel descending options; make the entire system more user friendly; and, allow accessibility during the winter months when upper elevation trail segments are under snow. We very much support this proposal by Department of Natural Resources to create a more positive user experience for bikers, equestrians, and hikers.

Evergreen MBA is the nation's largest statewide mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 38,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. We look forward to assisting State Parks & DNR to enhance the unique and popular recreation opportunities within the Snoqualmie Corridor.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID: 91-1553023.

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CITY OF POMEROY

G. Paul Miller - Mayor - 801 7th Street - P.O. Box 370 - Pomeroy, WA 99147
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December 3, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersal Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264M

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Pomeroy strongly supports the subject programs as the Umatilla National Forest is an integral part of our community.

The Umatilla National Forest provides enjoyment for both tourists and recreationalists alike. We rely on these programs in order to continue to attract visitors and local usage for such activities as camping, mushrooming, hiking, ATV and UTV use, huckleberry picking, horseback riding, hunting and casual enjoyment. Maintenance of the trails and campgrounds, as well as patrols, are essential services for the continued safety of visitors.

Please continue funding these programs as the Umatilla National Forest is a valued partner to our community.

There are

Sincerely,



G. P. Miller
Mayor, City of Pomeroy

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Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner
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November 5, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Pomeroy Backcountry-wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy RD Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy RD Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy RD Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy RD Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Garfield County, I offer our full and hearty support for the above grant applications submitted by the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest.

The County, with a population of about 2,200, is the smallest in the State. As such, we are considered “distressed” and our economy is in a stagnate state. To help mitigate that, we actively promote recreational and tourism activities, primarily, activities available in the “Blue Mountains” of the Umatilla National Forest. As an example of our efforts, in 2009 we adopted an ordinance allowing ORV travel on selected county roads, from the City of Pomeroy to the boundary of the UNF (18-2268M). We encourage staging in Pomeroy and, hopefully, money being spent here. Also, not often mentioned but of importance to me and others, maintenance of the ORV trail system encourages riders to stay on the trail so they’re not “an accident waiting to happen” on the heavily traveled main roads, and provides the added benefit of greatly reducing “off-roading” and the resulting damage to the terrain.

Spring, summer and fall bring campers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters who use Pomeroy as the springboard for their adventures. A well maintained trail system with appurtenant trailheads and campgrounds (18-2267M and 18-2266M) are essential in making it a memorable and an “I want to do that again” adventure.

As we all know, the great majority of participants abide by the rules and are well-intentioned, but sometimes ignorance will come into play, and, sadly at times, some individuals display outright disregard for rules, regulations and courteous conduct. Since it appears that usage continues to grow each year, the Grant for Winter Trail Patrol (18-2264E) would have a mitigating impact on safety, environmental, big game and enforcement issues, which has long been needed. This also supports the "pleasurable experience" that we want them to have and would improve on our opportunities derived from the benefit stated above.

Recreationists' use of local businesses and services is actively pursued and greatly appreciated. For many, the Blue Mountains have become a favorite destination and well-maintained campgrounds, trailheads and trails, and fair and compassionate Law Enforcement are a big part of that. The more pleasurable their experience, the greater the likelihood they'll return, and hopefully, by spreading the word, others will come for the first time and they too, will continue to return.

I'm a lifelong resident of the County, my Great Grandfather was camped outside of what is now Pomeroy, when Lincoln was assassinated, my Grandfather acquired the lease on our Cabin at Stentz Springs in the "Blues" in 1924, and I've personally witnessed the growth of four-season ORV riding in the area, and the good and the bad that accompany it. The projects they propose greatly enhance the "good" and help deter the "bad." I also personally know the people who authored, will administer and work the projects funded by the grants. Not only are they very competent at their jobs, but very passionate about the stewardship of their "Blue Mountains." The grant funds entrusted to them will be wisely and effectively spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 916, Pomeroy, WA 99347.
www.pomeroychamberofcommerce.com

December 04, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Adam Hodges - President of the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

In an endeavor to sustain and increase visitor activity in both Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy through increased use of the Umatilla National Forest visitor attractions, the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce is submitting this letter of support for:

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

The Chamber has long recognized and promoted the National Forest lands and outdoor recreational opportunities as an important component of the tourist activities that draw visitors to the community each year. Recent addition of the ORV routes has increased the number of recreationists coming to the forest, many of whom stop in Pomeroy to buy fuel, food and supplies before heading toward the scenic Blue Mountains to ride the trails with their families. Continued maintenance of these trails will help ensure that this increase usage will not decline, and will continue to provide a supplement to the local service and retail economy.

For this reason, Chamber is happy to support the application for grant dollars that would fund the USFS Pomeroy Ranger District for trail maintenance activities which will include log culdbushing, trail surfacing, trail hardening, maintenance of culverts, drain-dips and ditch-outs as well as trail bridge inspection and maintenance. These maintenance efforts will not only ensure safety for the trail riders but also longevity of the trail system itself, again helping to ensure that ORV riders and their families return many times to the Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy.

Sincerely,



Adam Hodges

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce



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September 21, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CIA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom It May Concern:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office continues to support the Pomeroy Ranger District in their endeavor to receive grants for the upkeep and improvements made to the Umatilla National Forest. With the proposed funds, we can ensure the people of Garfield County and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable way to appreciate the great outdoors through the use of the ORV trails.

With the damages caused by the 2005 School Fire and the 2006 Columbia Complex Fire, there are several areas that need improvements. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is vital for the safety of visitors to the forest. With the added funding this grant will provide, removal of dead trees and brush can be addressed, as well as drainage issues. Additionally this funding can be used for trail markers and snow pole installation in the winter for snowmobilers. All of these precautions will aid in the safety of those using the trails and help identify their location in the case of an emergency. For members of our agency, this is a key issue and something we strongly encourage and support.

As for winter trail patrol Pomeroy Ranger District manages 138 miles of snowmobile trails and over 180,000 acres of back country. This grant would allow education to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, enforce the "Leave No Trace" concept and ensure protection for both side areas and winter ranges for elk. This would relieve club members from feeling responsible for enforcing their own sport and ensure a sense of security in the area.

The Sheriff's Office highly encourages the enjoyment of outdoor sports, but our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone. We believe these added precautions will benefit all users as well as the natural resources we have been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew W. Hyer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Drew W. Hyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

POMEROY, WA

October 4, 2018

Re:

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M

Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M

Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M

Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Mt. Misery Snowdrifter's, I encourage you to provide any funding to the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We strongly believe that they will continue their excellent job of taking care of our trail system for all season recreation, the snowmobile groomer and operation, camping areas, parking lots, access points, forest and timber health, etc. with your financial assistance. Many of our members use the Forest Service ground year-round. We camp, mushroom hunt, huckleberry pick, hunt, and ride the trails.

We are a snowmobile club located in Garfield County, Washington. We help provide a safe, fun environment for the snowmobiling families in our area. We are a non-profit organization who has several fundraisers throughout the year. The money we earn goes directly into our community. We provide scholarships each year to high school seniors who are involved in outdoor activities and recreation. We also contribute to special organizations and local charities.

The Snowdrifters' members work very closely with the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We have a great relationship with the local staff. We have over 120 members that volunteer their time each year helping the Forest Service staff maintain our trail system, warm-up shelters, and outhouses. We spend our time cutting firewood, clearing trails, repairing the wood stoves in the shelters, and stocking them each year with firewood and emergency supplies. We also work closely with our local search and rescue team. Our local Forest Service staff provide us with some of the best groomed trails in the area. They help us out with our special events as well. Overall, we have a great partnership with our local Forest Service and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Sincerely,

Emily Ruchert, Secretary

Mt. Misery Snowdrifters
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Mt. Misery Snowdrifters

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Sept 24, 2018

Subject: Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/Cua's M&O 18-2266M

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wenaha Game Association fully supports the applications for the above mentioned projects put forth by the Pomeroy Ranger District. From federal to local government levels, budgets have been reduced while cost keep increasing. Grant dollars will help augment the district shortfalls and be able to continue their program of work without a reduction of services to the user.

Winter trail patrols are a very useful tool in educating people and preventing public access via motorized travel into Big Game Winter Range and Wilderness while protecting other resources and animals that use these areas in the winter as a safe haven.

Our membership is comprised mainly of outdoor enthusiast, hunters, general public who enjoy backcountry/wilderness areas along with camping. Accessing these areas for hiking, riding and hunting with a well maintained trail system is essential in navigating this rugged area.

Campground and dispersed site maintenance is a must to have clean user friendly campsites with sanitary facilities, tables and fire rings. These are the essential amenities that create return visitors year after year.

I personally know the people who will administer these dollars and I am confident that they will stretch every dollar as far as it will go for the above mentioned projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heath Shelton, President

Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization
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Pomeroy, WA 99347

September 25, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Larry Ledgerwood, President, Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
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The Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization is a nonprofit men's group that seeks to enhance projects within our community and county. The Umatilla National Forest is a vital area for attracting recreational enthusiasts from hundreds of miles. These folks range from campers, snowmobilers, atv's, utv's, motorcycles, horseback riders, hunters and mushroom and huckleberry pickers. In addition to the named enthusiasts, many people enter the forest to enjoy a picnic or casual drive. These hobbies and activities are often a source for family time and entertainment.

Maintenance for the trails and facilities is crucial to create repeat visitors. First impressions are the most important thing when trying to draw people back and make the Pomeroy Ranger District a destination. Being able to enjoy the day rather than working to fix and clear trails will contribute heavily as people decide where they spend their free time.

Many Spinners members participate in multiple activities utilizing the campgrounds, trailheads, wilderness trails and motorized vehicle trails. We as an organization organize an ATV ride each summer on the motorized trails as a fun, family activity. Prior to the event members volunteer to navigate trails to ensure paths are open and after the event remove trash and repair any damage that may have been caused. On behalf of the entire Spinners Organization, we support the Pomeroy Ranger District's efforts to secure funds to maintain and enhance each type of trail system as well as patrolling to ensure the safety of everyone using the Pomeroy Ranger District as their playground. RCO should recognize the vast impact their allocations make as well as the value per dollar being allocated to the named focus areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Ledgerwood, President
Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization



18-2511 NOVA NM #16

Dear Grant Committee:

My name is Steve Jones. I regularly use DNR lands and I support the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region's grant requests.

This area of Southwest Washington has seen increased recreational use due to the fires in the Columbia River Gorge. The fire burned about 50,000 acres over three months in the summer of 2017. I believe many people in the Portland Metro area have discovered the DNR lands in Southwest Washington because I see many Oregon license plates driving the roads and parked at trailheads.

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With the great collaboration with trail organizations I firmly believe this grant money will be used efficiently and wisely.

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RCO#18-2507 Education and Enforcement
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RCO#18-2509 Non-Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2510 Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation
RCO#18-2511 Non-Motorized Trail Bridges
RCO#18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association



18-2509 NOVA NM #17

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Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association

NOVA Agency

This letter is in support of the application for NOVA Grant # 18-2492, Elbe Hills/Nicholson Trail System Maintenance.

Elbe State Forest is on Hwy 706 leading to Mt Rainier. Campsites are frequently used for overnight stays while people recreate at The Mountain, or the several thousand acres of public land in the vicinity. Campers and day users also contribute to the local seasonal communities by purchasing groceries, gasoline and vacation wares.

The non-motorized trail system is heavily used and serves as a premier horse facility for many in our state: competitive riders, 4-H Clubs, orienteering groups, outdoor scouting groups and individual riders.

Local residents frequent it for hiking, foraging, hunting and fishing. During legal hunting seasons these public lands are an opportune location for Washington state residents to enjoy their chosen sport. With more private timber lands becoming closed and regulated, Elbe State Forest is bearing a larger influx of this underserved recreation type.

The trail heads, campground and trails being accessible 12 months of the year increases impacts especially on trail drainages. This requires DNR to have funding for their continual maintenance program.

Since the inception of the Nicholson Trail System, our Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington has volunteered thousands of hours building and maintaining the multi-user trails and facilities in Elbe State Forest. Our partnership with DNR in this forest is rewarding for our members and we look forward to many more years of working here.

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Development and Planning projects.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

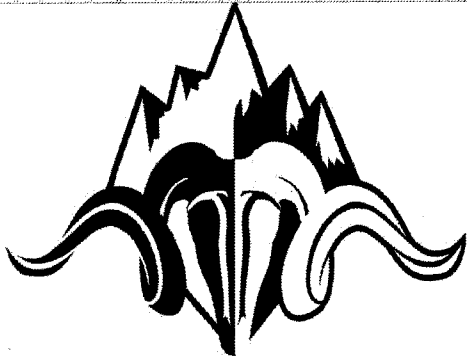
The Fun Rock climbing area is the mostly highly used climbing area in the Methow Valley. This area has been maintained by the volunteer labor and materials by locals for decades. Despite the efforts, the techniques used were non-archival. The restoration and infrastructure here is failing annually and needs a new tactic. The master plan proposed by the Access Funds and Washington Climbers Coalition provided to the Forest Service includes methods and materials that would be long lasting with materials that support the forest service missions. These grants are a major funding source that is desperately needed to construct long term solutions and end the short annual maintenance trend.

Trail and structure improvements for Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities is needed. It is becoming extremely popular trail in district 6. Also, many websites point tourist to this National Forest trail as it is along the Hwy 20 Corridor, has good access, and unique views of the mountains. It will need attention. The visitors volume is increasing.

Like Fun Rock, we have other areas gaining popularity in the Methow. The Matrix Climbing Area and the North Cascade Scenic Corridor. An environmental assessment (NEPA), engineering/site plan, and planning for infrastructure improvements at the Matrix, toilets in key high use backcountry Scenic Corridor areas, and an expansion of the Blue Lake trailhead. Once this study is complete, community and federal projects to mitigate the impacts of the increased use and get underway.

Please take these proposals seriously. Our forests depend on it.

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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES



October 12, 2018

18-2374 NOVA NM #18

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Development and Planning projects:

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

- a) Blue Lake Trailhead Expansion – This grant would fund the necessary NEPA and site planning to improve parking and access to the popular Blue Lake hike and Washington Pass Spires climber access. The plan would consider expansion and realignment of the current parking area to accommodate more vehicles, and the addition of a second outhouse. This project would improve visitor safety of people accessing the popular Blue Lake Trail. Currently, vehicles are parked along the side of the highway, blocking visibility and creating pedestrian traffic along the highway as people access the trailhead.
- b) Backcountry Toilets – The North Cascade Scenic Highway is also in need of backcountry toilets at Wing and Lewis Lakes, and at the Bench Camp area near Silver Star Mountain. This grant would fund the NEPA to install backcountry Wallowa box toilets at these locations, and would protect arearesources while also improving the experience for campers.
- c) Matrix Staging Area Improvement – This grant would also fund NEPA and a site plan for the climbing staging area improvements at the Matrix climbing area. Trail and stabilization structures would be established in order to reduce erosion, minimize resource damage, and provide a safer visitor experience.

18-2371: Hart’s Pass Trailhead Development

This grant would fund a contract to expand parking areas at Hart’s Pass. NEPA and site plans have been completed for this project. Current parking is inadequate, as it is on the shoulder of the road.

In the busy summer months, the demand for parking is greater than the space allows, and cars are often blocking part of the road creating hazardous conditions for other drivers.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

- a) Snowy Lakes - This grant would fund construction of trail and backcountry facilities in the Snowy Lakes area, which is located adjacent to the Pacific Crest Trail south of Hart's Pass. The restoration plan and NEPA compliance effort for this area will be completed by December of 2018. The grant would fund a contract for re-routing and stabilizing the user built trail to Snowy Lakes. It would also fund Methow Valley wilderness rangers to harden campsites, remove or restore poorly placed campsites, and dig and install backcountry toilets and a stock hitch rail.
- b) Fun Rocks Climber Trail Improvements - This grant would also fund climbing site improvements at Fun Rocks. NEPA and a site plan is complete for this project. The MVRD, in cooperation with the Access Fund, has been working on site improvements at Fun Rocks to improve trails and staging areas, using natural rock material instead of user built platforms. This grant would fund the labor and materials to continue to improve the trails and staging areas at the base of climbing routes.

The Methow Valley Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance. The Mountaineers visit the Methow every season of the year. These proposals will help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the Methow Valley. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Methow Valley Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



Friends of Capitol Forest

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December 18, 2018

Dear RCO Board Members,

Friends of Capitol Forest is a mountain bike and trails advocacy group based in Olympia, Washington. Collectively, our members perform many thousands of hours of work in Capitol State Forest and the greater Olympia area, building and maintaining trails, partnering with land managers, and ensuring quality off-road experiences throughout the far South Sound. While we are primarily mountain bikers, our work parties in Capitol Forest are attended by many other user groups, including hikers, equestrians, and trail runners.

We rely heavily on DNR for support with the work we do to make Capitol Forest a premiere recreation destination. And, collectively, those efforts have had significant payoffs. In recent years, Capitol Forest has become a destination for bikers from around the Pacific Northwest. The addition of the new North Slope advanced riding area has only increased this draw.

DNR needs additional resources for Capitol Forest to keep up with the demands of this increased use. RCO grant funding is a critical source of funding for this work, and we urge you to approve the grants DNR has submitted for Capitol Forest improvements. In particular, we write to express our wholehearted support for:

RCO # 18-2464: Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2466: New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails

These grants, especially RCO 18-2464, are critical to maintaining high-quality access to this extremely large Forest. Each mile of trail maintained or patrolled by DNR frees up volunteer resources to work on other projects, effectively doubling our reach.

Thank you for your work on the RCO committee. I know the stack of applications always vastly outpaces the available funds and that these decisions are difficult. But, Capitol Forest, in general, is catching up to many other areas in Washington that have historically seen more resources thrown their way. It is critical to continue reversing this trend. The

time and effort put into Capitol Forest have had enormous benefits to recreational opportunities in the Olympia area. There is still much work to be done, and we need your help.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kelly Wood
President, Friends of Capitol Forest

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

December 6, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: #18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

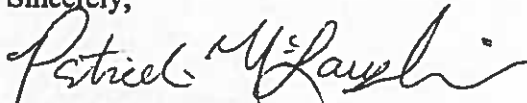
I wish to express my enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for **New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails**.

The Capitol Forest is becoming a prominent place to recreate in the south sound area. As more people move to Washington in the coming years, the Capitol Forest is quickly becoming a key reason for outdoor enthusiasts to visit or move to Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties. As an avid mountain biker and hiker, I cannot support nor thank the DNR and local community organizations enough for making the Capitol Forest what it is today.

Efforts to improve and expand the offering of trails are worthy uses of resources which will ensure that the Capitol Forest remains a beneficial asset to the local economy, and bolsters its prominence in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,



Patrick McLaughlin
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Unit A
Lacey, WA 98503

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

Recreation Conservation Office

Re: #18-2466

New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails

Members of my **Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington** have asked that we send this support letter in favor of DNR's grant application for these new trails.

Funding of this grant would add 2 new trails for different non-motorized user types, which will reduce conflict and add new experiences on this highly used forest. An ever increasing population migrating to the outdoors for recreation has resulted in the need of these trails.

Mountain biking trails are a high commodity in recent years. Providing the new trail for their use will accommodate people in their healthy lifestyle and increase safety for all users.

The new connection trail in this application will provide a suitable mid-length trail for day hikers, dog walkers and winter riding equestrians.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington has Chapters all across the state that work with DNR and other agencies to ensure public lands remain open for recreation use. Our Chapter alone worked over 1300 hours on Department of Natural Resources land in 2018. And, we will continue to volunteer support in DNR's efforts to provide great recreation on public lands.

Louise Caywood

Director PCC BCHW

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

Recreation & Conservation Office

12/14/18

Attention: Grant Selection Committee

18-2466 Capitol State Forest New Non-Motorized Trails

I've spent 100s of hours hiking, trailing running and volunteering in Capitol Forest. I've also witnessed an increase in use over the last few years. Capitol Forest is a magnificent resource and I'm happy to see it being used.

I fully support the new Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails grant #18-2466.

Having more trails will help disperse the users. I will most certainly use the new trails and continue my volunteer efforts to keep the trails in great condition.

Thanks! Jeff Barrette

jeffbarrette@msn.com

Recreation & Conservation Office

12/14/18

RE: 18-2466 New Capitol Forest NM Trails

Funding board,

For the last several years my son and I have been working with FOCF crews building new trails in the North Slope area of Capitol Forest.

I'm always amazed at the dedication of the volunteers who show up rain or shine to build and maintain trails. The North Slope is unique in that it provides challenging routes to the more hard core riders. It also provides safety to users of other areas of Capitol Forest by removing more advanced riders from the mixed use trails. More trail development will be needed as this area is growing as a regional destination.

Mile for mile FOCF builds trail for less \$\$\$.

Dale Matz

matzdale@yahoo.com

Chehalis, WA

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Greg Logosz <glogosz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:32 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Cc: Holcomb, Ben (DNR)
Subject: Support for Capitol Forest MTB/ Request #18-2464

December 6, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

To RCO Funding Board,

I support any and all funding for development and maintenance of MTB/hiking/equestrian trails in Capitol Forest.

As a longtime mountain biker and newly joined member of FOCF I love the community that these trails help create. I was amazed at the turnout at the most recent work party at the North Trails.

Having ridden bikes all over the Pacific Northwest, I have come to appreciate the unique style that each area possesses. Capitol Forest is no exception and we are very fortunate to have this area so close. The North Trails are among my favorite anywhere and a sunny Saturday afternoon proves that I am not the only one.

With the relatively newfound popularity comes the need for basic facilities. A trailhead kiosk with map is a great start but bathrooms appear to be of greater importance. I want to see this area remain one that I am proud to share with people from all over.

Please fund request # **18-2464**

Thank You,
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Sent from my iPhone

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

Ryan McCord
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November 4, 2018

RE: Letter in support of DNR Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Maintenance and Development Projects, # 18-2464 and 18-2466

Dear Committee and Board members,

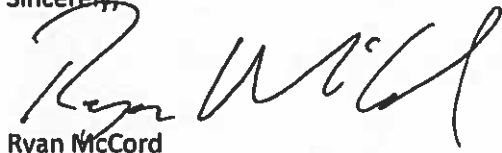
I am writing to express my strong support for the Department of Natural Resource's grant proposals for non-motorized trail maintenance and development in Capitol Forest, projects 18-2466 and 18-2464. As a regular Capitol Forest user, I have seen the excellent job that DNR staff have done building and maintaining trails in the Forest. I enjoy the Forest for both mountain biking and hiking. I believe it's one of the resources that makes the Olympia area a great place to live. It seems like every season there are more and more cars at the trailheads. The new North Slope trails have been a resounding success among mountain bikers. I ride there frequently and it seems like nearly every time I meet someone from Seattle or Portland who heard about the quality of the new trails and has come to check them out.

The increased visitor load is great on one hand because it means more people are getting out and enjoying their lands and it's great for local businesses. But I have also seen more wear and tear on the trails and an increase in user conflicts. By selecting this project, RCO can help alleviate these issues. DNR's track record in managing these issues in Capitol Forest has been good, but they need the funds to continue.

DNR staff have done a great job of leveraging their funding to get volunteers involved in trail maintenance. User work parties are well-attended. Friends of Capitol Forest, of which I am a member, makes significant annual investments of time and equipment because DNR makes it possible. By directing and coordinating volunteer efforts, not to mention sweating alongside the volunteers, DNR staff ensure that the resources are put to good use and that volunteers keep coming back.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you select these projects for much-needed grant funding.

Sincerely,



Ryan McCord

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

November 5th 2018

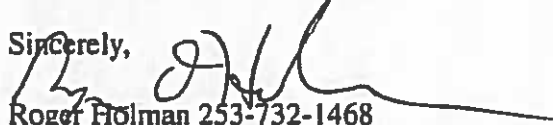
Recreation & Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

As a mountain bike enthusiast and FOCF volunteer, I am in full support of Capitol Forest New Non-Motorized Trails. 18-2466. I frequently ride out of Mima Falls, which is real popular for mountain biking, hiking and equestrians. Having another shared use trail loop will help spread trail users out and reduce encounters in the Mima Falls area.

Though I don't frequently ride the new North Slope Area having another trail in that location will give riders who enjoy steeper flow trails another place to ride.

Sincerely,



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Tacoma WA 98406

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

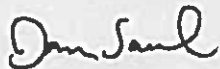
RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



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WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: FW: Regarding grant applications for Capitol Forest

Recreation and Conservation Office

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As local area trail runners we greatly appreciate the opportunities Capitol State Forest offers to us for recreation so close to home.

Though we are relatively new to trail running and the area we have seen DNR and local volunteers make great improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years. Maintenance of the already created trail system is extremely important and we have been impressed by the work that has been done to rebuild trails after logging or repair after wind and flood damage.

We are especially excited to hear about the possibility of additional trails being added around the Mima Falls and Margaret McKinney trailheads. Additional loops and connector trails will allow for greater variations in distances which will make the trail system even more popular (which will also necessitate additional education and enforcement) so we are also excited about that grant application.

Seth Miller and Laura Jordan

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

From: Brenda Folkerts <intheriver4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)
Subject: RCO Grant Requests/Capitol Forest

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
Attention: Phil Wolff

I am writing to give my support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant applications:

RCO #18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
RCO #18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
RCO #18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails
RCO #18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

I took up hiking and trail running after moving to Olympia a few years ago and my husband and I really enjoy the year-round opportunities that the Capitol State Forest has to offer for outdoor recreation in our area. We really appreciate the improvements to the restroom facilities and the ongoing trail maintenance provided by DNR and volunteers over the last few years. We fully support the ongoing maintenance of the present trail system and the work to rebuild and/or repair trails after damage due to logging or weather conditions.

We had heard about the possibility of additional trails being added around The Margaret McKinney Trailhead and the Mima Falls area, and fully support that grant application. We look forward to exploring these new connectors and loops and fully support the ongoing education and maintenance that will be required for these additional trails.

Sincerely,

Brenda Folkerts

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Recreation & Conservation Office

12/17/18

Re: support for 18-2466 Capitol State Forest New Non-Motorized Trails

As a mountain bike enthusiast and volunteer with Friends of Capitol Forest, I'd like to express my support for the new Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails grant #18-2466. There has been a significant increase in hiking use in the Mima Falls area. There is a great need for another trail loop in the Mima Falls area to accommodate this increase in hiking along with the present equestrian and mountain biking riding use.

The new North Slope trails have been a great addition to the forest. I hear that part of the proposal will include another trail on the slope.

I am in full support of grant #18-2466

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November 19, 2018

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

RCO Funding Board:

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

- # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
- # 18-2464 Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance
- # 18-2467 New Capitol Forest New Off Road Vehicle Trails
- #18-2466 New Capitol Forest New Non - Motorized Trails

The multi-use recreational facilities in Capitol Forest are a fabulous resource for area residents and visitors alike, and are greatly loved and appreciated. These grants will help leverage volunteer trail building and maintenance efforts various user groups provide. DNR has a great relationship with the public, coordinating and communicating with these groups to provide opportunities and address problems with facilities or policies. I have been riding in Capitol Forest for over a decade and DNR staff has increased their responsiveness, which keeps users safe and prevents small problems from growing into larger and more costly ones. We even work together to report issues “from the field” via GPS-enabled smartphone apps to pinpoint problems and help staff respond more efficiently. As citizen volunteers we are able to respond to many trail maintenance issues, but some we cannot, such as those requiring heavy equipment operation. Additionally, while we help foster good trail etiquette among users, we are not authorized to address enforcement issues. Use of Capitol Forest is growing for many

reasons and with it comes a need for greater education and enforcement (E&E) presence to help ensure proper use and curtail illegal activities. Having dedicated E&E personnel in the forest is important and even “positive contacts” promotes communication between the agency and the public and user safety. Perhaps the greatest challenges come from areas of higher concentration of use, notably campgrounds and trailheads, especially restrooms. DNR’s extra efforts to keep these clean, well organized, and orderly are notable and have improved user experience, especially at Fall Creek Trailhead.

DNR has been responsive to the need for recreational opportunities for users of different experience levels as well. I was very involved in several bridge replacement projects last year (thanks in part to previous RCO grant funds) and was amazed at how popular the non-motorized trails especially around Fall Creek have become among hikers and trail runners. While I used to encounter an occasional user on these trails, during one volunteer shift replacing a bridge on the Mima Falls East Trail, I counted over 50 people — individuals and families with infants and toddlers. I was amazed by this growth. DNR has provided increased signage on these routes so that people who are less familiar with the trail system can have safe and enjoyable experiences. The agency has worked with Friends of Capitol Forest to create a “kids mountain bike trail” and with equestrian organizations to provide route separation or directionality when needed to address safety and minimize potential conflicts such the new Green Line Climbing Trail. On the other end of the user-experience spectrum, the agency has been a good partner for advanced mountain bikers through provision of downhill and “freeride” trails on the North Slope of the forest. In turn user groups hold competitive events in the forest, which raise funds for continued trail building and maintenance.

Although primarily a mountain biker, I also benefit from quality “ORV trails” — with a few exceptions, cyclists can use them too (and frequently do). Additionally, electric-assist mountain bikes, limited to ORV trails, will only become more popular as the population ages but wants to continue to enjoy outdoor recreation. In short, despite the term, Capitol Forest’s “ORV trails” are important to more than

just motorcycle and quad riders. Aside, I have never once had a negative interaction with another “user type” in the forest, which is partly due to DNR’s sound recreational management of the forest.

I hope that this letter helps you better understand how DNR has been a good steward of Capitol Forest as a recreational resource and also of public dollars. Please support their grant requests so that the agency’s good work can continue here (and at Yacolt Burn State Forest, where I have also ridden this past year). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurence Leveen

Larry Leveen

18-2466 NOVA NM #20

Recreation & Conservation Office

December 14, 2018

Regarding 18-2466 Capitol State Forest New Non-Motorized Trails

As a member and volunteer with Friends of Capitol Forest, I'd like to express my support for the new Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails grant #18-2466.

I enjoy riding on the shared use trails in Capitol Forest. More trail loops are needed to reduce trail congestion. More trails always creates more opportunities for all recreational users.

I have also been helping out with the new North Slope trail system near the Grays Harbor ORV Park so that I may ride challenging, mountain bike specific trails. With more trails in that location, we can continue to develop the mountain bike economy and riding population that is growing in the Olympia area.

Thank you for considering this grant request

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Protect America's Climbing



18-2618 NOVA NM #21

October 19, 2018

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RE: Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374)

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express our support of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD)'s proposals for Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374). These two proposals improve the recreational experience and help protect the climbing environment. We support these planning and implementation projects and the value that they will bring to recreationalists in the Methow Valley.

The MVRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are the dozens of crags and bouldering areas in the Mazama area such as the Matrix climbing area and Fun Rocks, Washington Pass Spires such as Liberty Bell, the Wine Spires of Silver Star Peak, Goat Wall, the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and the Chewuch River Valley. Climbing history in this district dates back 70 years and, with over 400 published climbing routes, the popularity of climbing continues to grow. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season on the MVRD.

The Upper Methow Valley Planning proposal builds upon prior efforts to improve the recreational experience and address impacts. Planning efforts for the potential Blue Lake Trailhead expansion, backcountry toilets in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and climbing stewardship to develop trail and belay structures at the Matrix climbing area would be a significant step in addressing the Upper Methow Valley's needs, recreational impacts, and growing use. In 2015, our organizations supported MVRD to initiate trail work to the Matrix climbing area and this grant will support a critical second phase of stewardship. In 2018, we raised over \$100,000 for the Washington Pass Spires Access Trail Project to address erosion issues and deteriorating trail conditions at the Liberty Bell group, which is accessed by the popular Blue Lake trailhead.

The Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development proposal funds implementation of Fun Rocks climbing area trail and structure improvements and Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities. MVRD, the Access Fund Conservation Team, and local climbers partnered together in 2018 on a week of stewardship training, initiating this work with a donated

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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Development and Planning projects.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

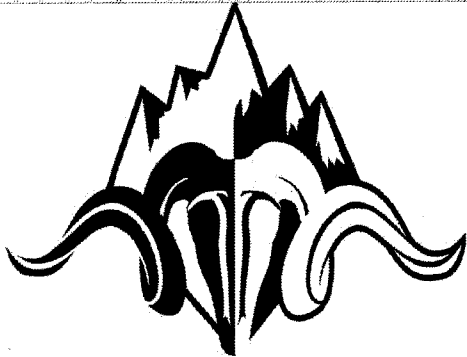
The Fun Rock climbing area is the mostly highly used climbing area in the Methow Valley. This area has been maintained by the volunteer labor and materials by locals for decades. Despite the efforts, the techniques used were non-archival. The restoration and infrastructure here is failing annually and needs a new tactic. The master plan proposed by the Access Funds and Washington Climbers Coalition provided to the Forest Service includes methods and materials that would be long lasting with materials that support the forest service missions. These grants are a major funding source that is desperately needed to construct long term solutions and end the short annual maintenance trend.

Trail and structure improvements for Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities is needed. It is becoming extremely popular trail in district 6. Also, many websites point tourist to this National Forest trail as it is along the Hwy 20 Corridor, has good access, and unique views of the mountains. It will need attention. The visitors volume is increasing.

Like Fun Rock, we have other areas gaining popularity in the Methow. The Matrix Climbing Area and the North Cascade Scenic Corridor. An environmental assessment (NEPA), engineering/site plan, and planning for infrastructure improvements at the Matrix, toilets in key high use backcountry Scenic Corridor areas, and an expansion of the Blue Lake trailhead. Once this study is complete, community and federal projects to mitigate the impacts of the increased use and get underway.

Please take these proposals seriously. Our forests depend on it.

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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES



October 12, 2018

18-2618 NOVA NM #21

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Development and Planning projects:

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

- a) Blue Lake Trailhead Expansion – This grant would fund the necessary NEPA and site planning to improve parking and access to the popular Blue Lake hike and Washington Pass Spires climber access. The plan would consider expansion and realignment of the current parking area to accommodate more vehicles, and the addition of a second outhouse. This project would improve visitor safety of people accessing the popular Blue Lake Trail. Currently, vehicles are parked along the side of the highway, blocking visibility and creating pedestrian traffic along the highway as people access the trailhead.
- b) Backcountry Toilets – The North Cascade Scenic Highway is also in need of backcountry toilets at Wing and Lewis Lakes, and at the Bench Camp area near Silver Star Mountain. This grant would fund the NEPA to install backcountry Wallowa box toilets at these locations, and would protect arearesources while also improving the experience for campers.
- c) Matrix Staging Area Improvement – This grant would also fund NEPA and a site plan for the climbing staging area improvements at the Matrix climbing area. Trail and stabilization structures would be established in order to reduce erosion, minimize resource damage, and provide a safer visitor experience.

18-2371: Hart’s Pass Trailhead Development

This grant would fund a contract to expand parking areas at Hart’s Pass. NEPA and site plans have been completed for this project. Current parking is inadequate, as it is on the shoulder of the road.

In the busy summer months, the demand for parking is greater than the space allows, and cars are often blocking part of the road creating hazardous conditions for other drivers.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

- a) Snowy Lakes - This grant would fund construction of trail and backcountry facilities in the Snowy Lakes area, which is located adjacent to the Pacific Crest Trail south of Hart's Pass. The restoration plan and NEPA compliance effort for this area will be completed by December of 2018. The grant would fund a contract for re-routing and stabilizing the user built trail to Snowy Lakes. It would also fund Methow Valley wilderness rangers to harden campsites, remove or restore poorly placed campsites, and dig and install backcountry toilets and a stock hitch rail.
- b) Fun Rocks Climber Trail Improvements - This grant would also fund climbing site improvements at Fun Rocks. NEPA and a site plan is complete for this project. The MVRD, in cooperation with the Access Fund, has been working on site improvements at Fun Rocks to improve trails and staging areas, using natural rock material instead of user built platforms. This grant would fund the labor and materials to continue to improve the trails and staging areas at the base of climbing routes.

The Methow Valley Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance. The Mountaineers visit the Methow every season of the year. These proposals will help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the Methow Valley. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Methow Valley Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



October 12, 2018

18-2385 NOVA NM #23

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We write to express support of the following Methow Valley Ranger District Education & Enforcement and Maintenance projects:

18-2369: Methow Valley E&E 2020-2021

The District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers and several volunteers to provide 5600 hours of education and enforcement activities during two field seasons. Rangers will perform in-field visitor contacts to promote leave-no-trace techniques and enforce regulations in high-use recreation areas along the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Hart's Pass, Pasayten Wilderness and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas.

18-2290: Methow Valley Climbing Rangers 2020-2021

This grant would fund the continuation of the climbing program, as funded by prior grant. The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this education grant to fund two paid and two volunteer climbing rangers to make educational visitor contacts on popular climbing routes in the Methow Valley RD. The goals of the program are to educate climbers on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, determine educational needs, collect use and resource data, identify environmental impacts, continue building relationships within the community and with climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The primary recreational opportunity provided will be environmentally and socially responsible climbing.

18-2377: MVRD Trail Maintenance 2020-21

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees and conduct tread, drainage and brushing maintenance on trail segments with the greatest need within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness and surrounding backcountry areas in Okanogan County. This grant will fund a full-

time seasonal trail crew of 4 people to work for two seasons and will be matched by over 4000 hours of volunteer time. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is hiking and horseback riding.

18-2382: PNW National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this funding to continue to replace equipment and address deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail through the Pasayten Wilderness in Northcentral Washington. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this grant are hiking and equestrian use of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.

18-2385: MVRD Fire Trail Maintenance (Category: Maintenance & Operation)

The Methow Ranger District will use this funding to continue to address the maintenance backlog on trails affected by wildfires throughout the District, including the 2017 Diamond Creek Fire. Many of these trails access popular destinations and support multiple day loop options. Other trails are at lower elevations and provide early spring and late fall access when the backcountry is snowed in. This project will improve recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

These proposals promote education of Washington's human-powered recreation community and help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

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Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



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October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

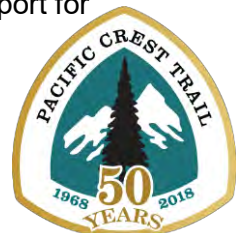
I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Methow Valley Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Methow Valley Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in northern Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed over 1800 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff.

The Methow Valley Ranger District stewards a vast area of public land with unique wilderness character and extensive backcountry recreation resources. The Pasayten Wilderness is a prime example. It sprawls over half a million acres and contains some of the most scenic vistas in the state. For 32 miles the PCT traverses the western end of the wilderness and takes in the grandeur of this landscape. However, the Pasayten's remoteness and size also makes it difficult to maintain. Public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in the backcountry necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

funding Methow Valley seasonal staff. The work seasonal trail crews do is crucial and it is strongly supported by the PCTA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





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November 21, 2018

18-2434 NOVA NM #24

Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, I am writing to express our support for King County Parks' grant application to the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program (NOVA), #18-2434 Taylor Mountain Trail Bridge Construction – Phase I.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and people in communities within the Greenway frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks, such as at Taylor Mountain Forest.

Through this project, King County Parks will design, permit and install four trail bridges and improve four miles of trails at Taylor Mountain Forest, a 1,924-acre park that features some 30 miles of trails for riding horses, hiking and trail running, and mountain biking. Construction of these trail bridges will significantly improve water quality and fish habitat, as small culverts are replaced with more sustainable bridge crossings. Located just 25 miles southeast of Seattle, Taylor Mountain is an important place for year-round recreation, as part of the Issaquah Alps and a basin of long-time focus within the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

We wholeheartedly support the trail improvements proposed in King County Parks' grant application and look forward to the project being funded and implemented. King County Parks has a long history of successful projects that provide much needed improvements to recreation in the Puget Sound area.

Please accept our strong support for this project. I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director

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To Whom It May Concern,

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting King County Parks' grant application to the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program (NOVA), #18-2434 *Taylor Mountain Trail Bridge Construction – Phase I*. WTA partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks, such as those found at Taylor Mountain Forest.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

Through this project, King County Parks will design, permit and install four trail bridges and improve four miles of trails at Taylor Mountain Forest, 1,924-acre park that features some 30 miles of trails for riding horses, hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Located just 25 miles southeast of Seattle Taylor Mountain is an important place for recreation. It is part of the "Issaquah Alps" and Mountains to Sound Greenway, an extremely popular and well-loved recreation region.

We support the trail improvements proposed in King County Parks' grant application and look forward to the project being funded and implemented. King County Parks has a long history of successful projects that provide much needed improvements to recreation in the Puget Sound area.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



18-2434 NOVA NM #24

November 8, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for King County Parks' grant application to the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program (NOVA), #18-2434 Taylor Mountain Trail Bridge Construction – Phase I. Issaquah Alps partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks, such as at Taylor Mountain Forest.

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We wholeheartedly support the trail improvements proposed in King County Parks' grant application and look forward to the project being funded and implemented. King County Parks has a long history of successful projects that provide much needed improvements to recreation in the Puget Sound area.

With Taylor Mountain being in the Cedar River, Raging River and Issaquah Creek basins proper bridging of creeks and construction of trails is important to salmon health in all three basins. King County's management of their lands has prioritized salmon recovery and this grant would support that effort as well as improve the user experience.

Once again, I would like to express our support for this project and I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

David Kappler
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RE: Support for RCO Grants:

#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension

18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the RCO grants # 18-2273 Big4 Bridge extension grant and #18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 grant.

I have been leading birding/native plant trips to Big 4 in June and July for over 30 years. This is a unique area that is easily accessible to enjoy mountain birding and native plant exploration. The repair of the boardwalk and the bridge extension would be welcomed by the many visitors the Big 4 area gets annually.

Please note the article I wrote for Seattle's BirdWeb page that explains the value of this unique area:

www.birdweb.org/BIRDWEB/site/big_four_ice_caves

Thank you for your consideration of these important grant proposals.

Pam Pritzl
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October 30, 2018

RE: Support for RCO Grants

#18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

The undersigned Washington State Audubon Societies support the applications submitted by the Darrington Ranger District for grants #18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension and #18-2274 Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2.

With over 11,296 individual and family members in our chapters located primarily in Snohomish, Island, Skagit, Whatcom, King, Jefferson and Clallam counties, many have enjoyed annual excursions of birding fieldtrips to Big 4 Ice Caves Recreation Area over many decades. In addition to organized trips, members, their families and friends also make personal visits.

Our members are not the only visitors to enjoy the spectacular views and birdlife at this recreation visitor area. Big 4 Ice Caves is among the most visited destination areas on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, with over 50,000 visitors a year.

At a recent conference for Washington's 25 Audubon chapters from across the state, nearly every one of the 80+ people in attendance confirmed that they had visited Big 4 Ice Caves Recreation Area, and had extended their visits beyond bird viewing to include the hike to the Ice Caves area.

Why so popular?

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November 8, 2018

Dear NOVA Advisory Committee:

I would like to offer my support for the Big 4 Bridge Extension Project # 18-2273 and the companion project Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 #18-2274. Big 4 is a place of superlatives – a low elevation beaver pond that allows viewing of a variety of wildlife, a river crossing, an old growth forest, and an alpine avalanche blast zone at the trails end with a view straight up – 4,000 feet – to the ramparts of Big Four Mountain. Of course, the ice caves themselves are a huge, and dangerous attractant. And all of this crammed into a trail not more than a mile long with only 200 feet of elevation gain. This is something you don't find anywhere else! Which is why this trail is likely *the most visited mountain trail in western Washington*.

I have visited this unique trail many times since 1970 and have watched as the Stillaguamish River suddenly started to raise havoc with the bridge over the river beginning with the flooding in 1990. Since that time, the trail was upgraded to better handle the crowds, a new parking area and loop trail were added, and the boardwalk through the marsh was redecked. More flooding in 2006 destroyed the glu-lam bridge built in 1969 and forced installation of the new aluminum bridge. Continued bank erosion is now putting the new bridge at risk and it needs to be extended ASAP to keep from losing an expensive infrastructure investment.

Decking on the boardwalk loop trail is deteriorating as its substructure. Replacing it will be expensive, but worth the investment given the extreme popularity of the site.

I am hopefully that both of these projects will be considered favorably for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Paull".

GARY PAULL



18-2273 NOVA NM #25

HPC County Liaison: Gretchen Kaehler
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HPC Members:

- Dist 1: Loren Kraetz, alt. Shirley Prouty
- Dist 2: Katelyn Murray, alt. Chris Jenkins
- Dist 3: Nathan Proudfoot
- Dist 4: Joe Harasen
- Dist 5: Jennifer Hushour, alt. Fred Cruger



Date: 04 Feb 2019

To: Washington RCO

From: Fred Cruger

Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (SnoCo HPC)
League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO)

Please consider this a letter of support for several grants being sought by the USFS as part of their commitment to maintain the Mountain Loop Highway as an important site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. Over 300,000 biking/hiking/motoring visitors travel the Mt. Loop each year, and we must maintain the sites they use and enjoy during their stay.

Grant request 18-2273 (**Big 4 Bridge Extension**) would help fund extending the bridge across the South Fork Stillaguamish to continue providing access to Big 4 and the ice caves. The bridge is likely to wash out in the next major flood event, cutting off access to what is documented as the single most popular outdoor attraction in Snohomish County. As a natural phenomenon and an important heritage site, Big 4 plays an important role in our county recreation and tourism. Loss of access would create untold damage to tourism in the area.

Grant request 18-2274 (**Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2**) would fund further improvement in access to Big Four. It is rare to have such a uniquely accessible site in an otherwise rugged area that would normally prohibit access to people with physical handicaps. The trail, boardwalk, and bridge at Big 4 combine to offer a beautiful heritage site to the broadest possible public, that they might enjoy the grandeur, history, and true northwest character of our community. The Big 4 Inn is gone, but the ice caves and the beauty remain.

Grant request 18-2272 (**Verlot Maintenance**) would help fund a seasonal crew to service recreation sites along the Mountain Loop Highway. Keeping the sites attractive and available helps to reduce the amount of roadside camping that would otherwise damage the beauty and environment of the Mt. Loop.

As a commissioner on the SnoCo HPC, and vice-president of LOSCHO, I support the ongoing USFS commitment to the maintenance of the Mt Loop as a premier site for outdoor recreation and historic tourism. I ask that you consider the importance of this scenic byway to the health and prosperity of our visitors and of our region when you decide how to allocate the funds you grant.

Respectfully,

Fred Cruger
(425) 308-9580

Oct 28, 2018

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18-2273 NOVA NM #25

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To whom it may concern:

I have visited Big 4 many times. It is an excellent place for bird watching and to view nature. I support the bridge extension and repair of the boardwalk. Thank you for your consideration of these important projects.

John Edison

John Edison

PO Box 697

Stanwood, WA

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My family has enjoyed this unique and accessible natural wonder for over 30 years for hiking when the kids were small and now birding. The grant would ensure continued and enhanced access for all. Please fund these valuable projects.

Sincerely,



Colleen Shannon
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October 30, 2018

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Why so popular?

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It is very popular over generations because almost everyone can access the barrier-free Big 4 Boardwalk, to enjoy the prolific, seasonal diversity of birds which use its marshes, other wetlands, nearby forests and meadows. It is described by one website as being among the best birding areas in the North Cascades!

There are websites aplenty about the Big 4 Ice Caves Trail, focusing upon the ice caves, of course. But one with excellent descriptions of the birdlife and habitat greeting visitors is Seattle Audubon Society's **Bird Web** which includes the Big 4 Ice Caves Trail. It briefly contains specific information about the diverse habitats and birds attracted to the area.

A copy of the website entry is attached. The link to the site follows here:

www.birdweb.org/BIRDWEB/site/big_four_ice_caves

We urge continued access via a Big 4 Ice Caves Trail across the marsh, now badly in need of replacement, after affording access for hundreds of thousands of visitors over the past 20+ years, and thousands of people via a predecessor boardwalk trail 20+ years before that. No doubt that bird watching was an attraction going back to when the Big Four Inn was built in 1921 and could be accessed only by the Hartford Eastern Railroad.

By the time the Mountain Loop Highway was completed after World War II, fully accessing the resort, the inn was destroyed by fire in 1949. The resort was gone. The marsh, meadows and forest remained along with abundant populations of birds and other wildlife.

We support the grant application details submitted to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) by the Darrington Ranger District:

- Grant #18-2273 - Big 4 Bridge Extension will allow the Forest Service to extend the aluminum truss bridge which already spans the S. Fork Stillaguamish River. Presently the bank is being eroded on the ice caves side of this structure. If the sill for this side of the bridge is not moved further away from the bank, the bridge could be lost. Plans call for a 30 foot extension to the bridge.
- Grant #18-2274 - Ice Caves Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 will widen and replace the boardwalk currently used by Auduboners in their bird excursions. Nearing the end of its useful life, the Forest Service used a RCO planning grant #14-1802 to accomplish the NEPA and engineering for replacement of this structure. This new grant is the second phase construction for the new boardwalk.

We join with many other Audubon members - there are over 35,000 in Washington State - who will enjoy their future visits to the Big 4 Ice Caves recreation area.

In company with the Darrington Ranger District, we look forward to participating in the eventual ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new boardwalk facility and the extended Ice Caves Bridge.

Thank you for consideration of these grant applications.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cynthia Easterson
President
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Snohomish, WA

Robert Kaye
Conservation Chair
North Cascades Audubon Society
Bellingham, WA

Robert Phreaner
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Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society
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Mt. Vernon, WA

Dan Streiffert
Conservation Chair
Rainier Audubon Society
Auburn, WA

John Brosnan
Executive Director
Seattle Audubon Society
Seattle, WA

Cc: All of the above and Peter Forbes, Darrington District Ranger; Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Attachment: Big 4 Ice Caves Trail printout from Seattle Audubon Society's BIRDWEB

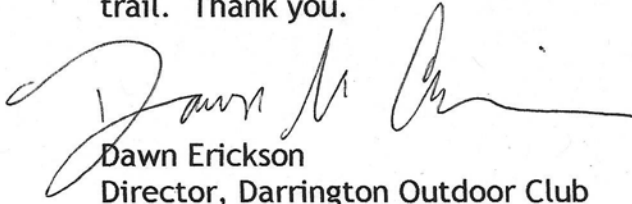
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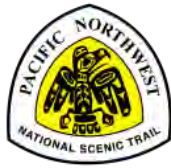
The Darrington Outdoor Club supports both the Big 4 Bridge Extension Project # 18-2273 and Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2 #18-2274. The Darrington Outdoor Club helps get rural kids out to explore and have fun in Darrington's big back yard. While there is much focus on getting city kids out to the woods, some of the same barriers are faced by rural kids. We provide gear and transportation for kids age roughly 9 to 16 get outdoors for a variety of hiking, backpacking and many other adventures.

One of our favorite introductory locales is a trip to Big 4. The short hike is so much fun for our kids with its bridges, beaver ponds, waterfalls, cliffs and scary ice caves. So much to see and learn about the outdoors!

The Darrington Outdoor Club is concerned that the damaged boardwalk and problems with the bridge could lead to this trail being closed if these issues are not addressed soon. Please consider funding these projects, our kids love this trail. Thank you.



Dawn Erickson
Director, Darrington Outdoor Club



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2273 NOVA NM #26

November 19, 2018

To the RCO Review Committee:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports DNR Baker District's grant proposals #18-2245M Samish Overlook and Lily and Lizard Lake Campgrounds, #18-2243M Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities M&O, and #18-2460D Lily & Lizard Lakes Sustainable Backcountry Toilets. These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and several popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like DNR Baker District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

DNR Baker District is entrusted with 24 miles of the PNT - which carries users over scenic Mount Josephine, Lyman Hill, Anderson Mountain, and the iconic Blanchard State Forest. These trails are not only popular with local residents; they provide critical connectivity for PNT long distance users, who catch their first glimpses of salt water from atop Blanchard Mountain, on their way from Montana to the Pacific.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a huge undertaking, but with partners like DNR Baker District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also facilitate efforts from partner groups like the PNTA, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premier long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

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Protect America's Climbing



October 19, 2018

18-2619 NOVA NM #27

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RE: Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374)

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express our support of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD)'s proposals for Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374). These two proposals improve the recreational experience and help protect the climbing environment. We support these planning and implementation projects and the value that they will bring to recreationalists in the Methow Valley.

The MVRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are the dozens of crags and bouldering areas in the Mazama area such as the Matrix climbing area and Fun Rocks, Washington Pass Spires such as Liberty Bell, the Wine Spires of Silver Star Peak, Goat Wall, the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and the Chewuch River Valley. Climbing history in this district dates back 70 years and, with over 400 published climbing routes, the popularity of climbing continues to grow. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season on the MVRD.

The Upper Methow Valley Planning proposal builds upon prior efforts to improve the recreational experience and address impacts. Planning efforts for the potential Blue Lake Trailhead expansion, backcountry toilets in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and climbing stewardship to develop trail and belay structures at the Matrix climbing area would be a significant step in addressing the Upper Methow Valley's needs, recreational impacts, and growing use. In 2015, our organizations supported MVRD to initiate trail work to the Matrix climbing area and this grant will support a critical second phase of stewardship. In 2018, we raised over \$100,000 for the Washington Pass Spires Access Trail Project to address erosion issues and deteriorating trail conditions at the Liberty Bell group, which is accessed by the popular Blue Lake trailhead.

The Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development proposal funds implementation of Fun Rocks climbing area trail and structure improvements and Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities. MVRD, the Access Fund Conservation Team, and local climbers partnered together in 2018 on a week of stewardship training, initiating this work with a donated

week of professional trail crews to assist MVRD. This proposal will complete the work plan to sustainably address erosion for years to come. The Snowy Lakes area continues to grow in use by backpackers, mountaineers, and alpine climbers alike, requiring much-needed support to address associated impacts. We sincerely thank the MVRD for their collaboration and commitment to maintaining and improving the recreational experience through these proposals.

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the MVRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting MVRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Methow Valley Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

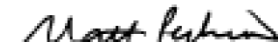
About the American Mountain Guides Association

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization that provides training and certification for climbing instructors, mountain guides, and ski guides throughout the United States. Founded in 1979, the AMGA has trained over 13,000 climbing and skiing guides who provide outdoor experiences for the general public that emphasize safety, stewardship, and education. As the American representative to the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, the AMGA institutes international standards for the mountain guiding profession in the United States and serves as an educational body for land management agencies, guide services, outdoor clubs, and others wishing to establish internationally-recognized standards for guided climbing and skiing activities. The advocacy arm of the AMGA supports sustainable use of public lands, facilitates stewardship opportunities, and works in cooperation with guides and land managers to promote best practices and preserve access to areas utilized by the guided public. For more information, visit www.amga.com.

Sincerely,



Joe Sambataro
Northwest Regional Director & National Access Director, Access Fund



Matt Perkins
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18-2619 NOVA NM #27

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Development and Planning projects.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

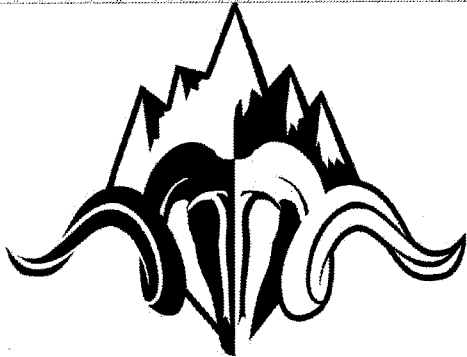
The Fun Rock climbing area is the mostly highly used climbing area in the Methow Valley. This area has been maintained by the volunteer labor and materials by locals for decades. Despite the efforts, the techniques used were non-archival. The restoration and infrastructure here is failing annually and needs a new tactic. The master plan proposed by the Access Funds and Washington Climbers Coalition provided to the Forest Service includes methods and materials that would be long lasting with materials that support the forest service missions. These grants are a major funding source that is desperately needed to construct long term solutions and end the short annual maintenance trend.

Trail and structure improvements for Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities is needed. It is becoming extremely popular trail in district 6. Also, many websites point tourist to this National Forest trail as it is along the Hwy 20 Corridor, has good access, and unique views of the mountains. It will need attention. The visitors volume is increasing.

Like Fun Rock, we have other areas gaining popularity in the Methow. The Matrix Climbing Area and the North Cascade Scenic Corridor. An environmental assessment (NEPA), engineering/site plan, and planning for infrastructure improvements at the Matrix, toilets in key high use backcountry Scenic Corridor areas, and an expansion of the Blue Lake trailhead. Once this study is complete, community and federal projects to mitigate the impacts of the increased use and get underway.

Please take these proposals seriously. Our forests depend on it.

Mark Allen
IFMGA American Mountain Guide
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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES



October 12, 2018

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The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Methow Valley Ranger District (of the Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

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Sincerely,



Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



October 24, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Re: Support for Methow Ranger District's Planning Proposal, 18-2370

Dear Washington Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing on behalf of the National Forest Foundation to support the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Methow Ranger District's planning proposal, 18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning, to fund the environmental assessment (NEPA), engineering/site plan, and planning for three projects in the upper Methow Valley:

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We urge you to fund this proposed planning to help address the continuing needs in this amazing area that is crucial to improving the visitor experience, conserving the habitat, and sustaining the economy of the Methow Valley.

Best Regards,

Dayle L. Wallien
Conservation Partnerships Director



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2472 NOVA NM #28

October 15, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) - Mount Baker Ranger District's grant proposals RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance, NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019, and NOVA D 18-2472 PNT - South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2. These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and a multitude of popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

MBS Mount Baker Ranger District is entrusted with over 70 miles of the PNT - which carries users down from rugged Hannegan Pass, through scenic Heather Meadows, around tranquil Baker Lake, up into the alpine to gaze at glaciers near iconic Park Butte Lookout, and down through lush old growth forests toward the South Fork of the Nooksack River.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a herculean task, but with partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also provide guidance and leadership to local stakeholders who can amplify the impact of available resources on the ground, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premiere long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



18-2472 NOVA NM #28

Skagit, Whatcom, Island Trail Maintaining Organization

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02 November 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of NOVA D 18-2472 South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2.

This letter is from the Skagit, Whatcom, Island Trail Maintenance Organization, SWITMO. SWITMO is a 501(c)-3 non-profit corporation also registered with the State of Washington. SWITMO is made up of volunteers with no paid staff. Our mission is to "Pave the Way for Hikers" in Skagit, Whatcom and Island Counties. Most of our work is on sections of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, the PNT. We have a maintaining-organization agreement with the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, the PNTA.

We support this trail project because we want to keep this important link between the southwest area of Mount Baker and the foothills north of the Skagit River (Mount Josephine and Lyman Hill) in good shape for visitors, fishermen and long-distance and day hikers, including ourselves. Safe access to the South Fork of the Nooksack in this area benefits the economy of the Concrete area.

SWITMO commits 100 hours per year of trail maintenance for the 2019-2020 cycle on the South Fork of the Nooksack Trail, a very important link in the long distance Pacific Northwest Trail. We will do maintenance where needed on this trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas B. Shepherd".

Douglas B. Shepherd, President



Protect America's Climbing



18-2370 NOVA NM #30

October 19, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374)

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to express our support of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD)'s proposals for Upper Methow Valley Planning (#18-2370) and Recreation Development (#18-2374). These two proposals improve the recreational experience and help protect the climbing environment. We support these planning and implementation projects and the value that they will bring to recreationalists in the Methow Valley.

The MVRD encompasses many rock climbing and mountaineering destinations of local, regional and international significance; a few of which are the dozens of crags and bouldering areas in the Mazama area such as the Matrix climbing area and Fun Rocks, Washington Pass Spires such as Liberty Bell, the Wine Spires of Silver Star Peak, Goat Wall, the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and the Chewuch River Valley. Climbing history in this district dates back 70 years and, with over 400 published climbing routes, the popularity of climbing continues to grow. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single season on the MVRD.

The Upper Methow Valley Planning proposal builds upon prior efforts to improve the recreational experience and address impacts. Planning efforts for the potential Blue Lake Trailhead expansion, backcountry toilets in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, and climbing stewardship to develop trail and belay structures at the Matrix climbing area would be a significant step in addressing the Upper Methow Valley's needs, recreational impacts, and growing use. In 2015, our organizations supported MVRD to initiate trail work to the Matrix climbing area and this grant will support a critical second phase of stewardship. In 2018, we raised over \$100,000 for the Washington Pass Spires Access Trail Project to address erosion issues and deteriorating trail conditions at the Liberty Bell group, which is accessed by the popular Blue Lake trailhead.

The Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development proposal funds implementation of Fun Rocks climbing area trail and structure improvements and Snowy Lakes trail construction and backcountry facilities. MVRD, the Access Fund Conservation Team, and local climbers partnered together in 2018 on a week of stewardship training, initiating this work with a donated

week of professional trail crews to assist MVRD. This proposal will complete the work plan to sustainably address erosion for years to come. The Snowy Lakes area continues to grow in use by backpackers, mountaineers, and alpine climbers alike, requiring much-needed support to address associated impacts. We sincerely thank the MVRD for their collaboration and commitment to maintaining and improving the recreational experience through these proposals.

The climbing community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the MVRD, including climbers. We believe that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting MVRD with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

About Access Fund

Access Fund is the national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. Founded in 1991, Access Fund supports and represents millions of climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and bouldering. Six core programs support the mission on national and local levels: climbing management policy, stewardship and conservation, local support and mobilization, land acquisition and protection, risk management and landowner support, and education. Washington is one of our largest member states and many of our members travel to climb in the Methow Valley Ranger District. For more information, visit www.accessfund.org.

About Washington Climbers Coalition

The Washington Climbers Coalition is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the goal to make Washington a better place to climb through advocacy, stewardship, and education. We are climbers who believe that climbers must work together and work cooperatively with land managers and other groups who have an interest in the places where we climb or we risk losing access to these places we cherish. We take care of the places where we climb and strive to keep climbing areas open. For more information, visit www.washingtonclimbers.org.

About the American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose vision is a united community of competent climbers and healthy climbing landscapes. Together with our members, the AAC advocates for American climbers domestically and around the world; provides grants and volunteer opportunities to protect and conserve the places we climb; hosts local and national climbing festivals and events; publishes two of the world's most sought-after climbing annuals, the American Alpine Journal and Accidents in North American Climbing; cares for the world's leading climbing library and country's leading mountaineering museum; manages the Hueco Rock Ranch, New River Gorge Campground, Samuel F. Pryor Shawangunk Gateway Campground, and Grand Teton Climbers' Ranch as part of a larger lodging network for climbers; and gives \$100,000+ annually toward climbing, conservation, and research grants that fund adventurers who travel the world. For more information, visit www.americanalpineclub.org.

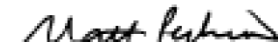
About the American Mountain Guides Association

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization that provides training and certification for climbing instructors, mountain guides, and ski guides throughout the United States. Founded in 1979, the AMGA has trained over 13,000 climbing and skiing guides who provide outdoor experiences for the general public that emphasize safety, stewardship, and education. As the American representative to the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, the AMGA institutes international standards for the mountain guiding profession in the United States and serves as an educational body for land management agencies, guide services, outdoor clubs, and others wishing to establish internationally-recognized standards for guided climbing and skiing activities. The advocacy arm of the AMGA supports sustainable use of public lands, facilitates stewardship opportunities, and works in cooperation with guides and land managers to promote best practices and preserve access to areas utilized by the guided public. For more information, visit www.amga.com.

Sincerely,



Joe Sambataro
Northwest Regional Director & National Access Director, Access Fund



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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

To whom it may concern:

October 19, 2018

We are the The Mountain Bureau, LLC. A Methow-based outfitting and mountain guiding service that takes pride in offering professionally-supervised climbing and skiing opportunities for all skill levels. We offer trips domestically and world-wide, in the most classic venues and offer programing in the Okanogan National Forest. We focus on the client's goals and progression in the terrain they wish to experience. We are proud to offer high-end products largely unavailable with other guide companies. Our services are primarily low-ratio, private experiences tailored to your specific goals and objectives. This allows us to manage clients in more challenging terrain. We do indeed instruct beginners from the ground up, but we focus on providing products for the avid recreationalist that value credentialed guides.

In support of recreation, wilderness, trails, and climbing we offer you the following support of the proposed Forest Service Development and Planning projects.

18-2374: Upper Methow Valley Recreation Development

18-2370: Upper Methow Valley Planning

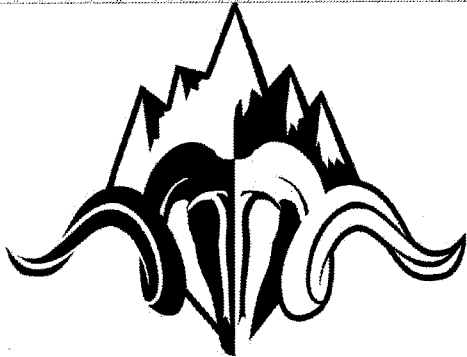
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THE MOUNTAIN BUREAU
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October 12, 2018

18-2370 NOVA NM #30

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18-2370 NOVA NM #30

October 24, 2018

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Conservation Partnerships Director



Kittitas County, Washington
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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

To Whom it May Concern;

On behalf of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS)'s Upper Yakima Project NOVA application. We are pleased to see the agency partner with local recreation groups to fund the NEPA process necessary to incorporate a hugely popular network of trails into the USFS system.

The trail networks surrounding Cabin Creek and Crystal Springs have been popular destinations for winter recreation since well before USFS purchased those lands from Plum Creek Timber in the 1990s. Clubs and visitors have utilized the area since the early 1950s. Although existing trails and courses were acquired with the land and have seen steadily growing use in the intervening years, no NEPA Environmental Assessment has ever been conducted on the acreage. Without such documentation, the USFS is neither able to maintain the current trails, nor expand them to meet increasing demand.

The CCWRC Upper Yakima Project will protect non-motorized winter recreational access in the Upper Yakima Valley, provide exceptional opportunities for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, dogsledding, ski mountaineering and Ski-joring, and increase opportunities for residents and visitors to experience the extraordinary winter landscape at Snoqualmie Pass.

There are few winter recreation venues in the state with the variety found at Crystal Springs and Cabin Creek. These 21 miles of trail feature everything from gentle beginners' routes to vigorous race courses, solitary snowshoe tracks and wide dogsledding avenues. During the 2017-2018 season, 16,241 vehicles utilized the Crystal Springs Sno-Park parking lot, and newly installed people-counters logged more than 13,000 visitors on the trails at Cabin Creek. With the Puget Sound urban area an hour's drive away, these numbers will only continue to grow.

Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce encourages the Recreation and Conservation Office to help meet the needs of current and future winter recreation enthusiasts. We wholeheartedly support this project, and look forward to partnering towards sustainable recreation along the eastern I-90 corridor.

Sincerely,



Amy McGuffin, CEO



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18-2336 NOVA NM #33

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- Sally Bagshaw (G), Councilmember, City of Seattle
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- Karl Forgaard, President, Alpine Lakes Protection Society
- Hilary Franz (G), Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Ava Fritsinger, Former Mayor, City of Issaquah
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- Janet N. Knox, Principal Environmental Geochemist, Pacific Groundwater Group
- Ken Kongsmark, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
- Yvonne Kraus, Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- Danny Levine, President, National Communications
- Arlene Levy (*), Partner, Social Venture Partners
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- Jim Reinhardt (*), Principal & Senior Managing Director, HEARTLAND LLC
- Floyd Rogers, Environmental Advocate
- Wick Sahney, Divisional Vice President, Sustainability, RBI Co-op; The Mountaineers; American Alpine Club
- Jill Simmons, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association
- J. Smith, Partner, Perkins Cole LLP
- David Sturtevant (*), Retired, Vice President, CH2M Hill
- Maryanne Tagney, Community at Large Representative
- Chris Thomas, SVP & Managing Director, Government Relations & Seattle Market Client Account Executive, CH2M
- Leah Trivoli, Organizational Performance Manager, City Budget Office, Seattle
- Mike Williams (G), Supervisor, USPS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
- Kathy Williams, Retired, Former Senior Vice President, HomeStreet Bank
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(*) Executive Council Member
(G) Executive Director



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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



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October 25, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Upper Yakima Project NOVA application

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of the Washington Trails Association, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Upper Yakima Project NOVA application. We are pleased to see the agency partner with local recreation groups to fund the NEPA process necessary to incorporate a hugely popular network of trails into the USFS system.

The trail networks surrounding Cabin Creek and Crystal Springs have been popular destinations for winter recreation since well before USFS purchased those lands from Plum Creek Timber in the 1990s. Clubs and visitors have utilized the area since the early 1950s. Although existing trails and courses were acquired with the land and have seen steadily growing use in the intervening years, no NEPA Environmental Assessment has ever been conducted on the acreage. Without such documentation, the USFS is neither able to maintain the current trails, nor expand them to meet increasing demand.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state. The CCWRC Upper Yakima Project will protect non-motorized winter recreational access in the Upper Yakima Valley, provide exceptional opportunities for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, dogsledding, ski mountaineering and Ski-joring, and increase opportunities for residents and visitors to experience the extraordinary winter landscape at Snoqualmie Pass.

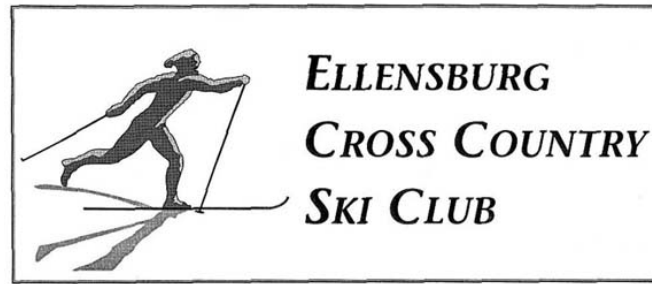
There are few winter recreation venues in the state with the variety found at Crystal Springs and Cabin Creek. These 21 miles of trail feature everything from gentle beginners' routes to vigorous race courses, solitary snowshoe tracks and wide dogsledding avenues. During the 2017-2018 season, 16,241 vehicles utilized the Crystal Springs Sno-Park parking lot, and newly installed people-counters logged more than 13,000 visitors on the trails at Cabin Creek. With the Puget Sound urban area an hour's drive away, these numbers will only continue to grow.

WTA encourages the Recreation and Conservation Office to help meet the needs of current and future winter recreation enthusiasts. We wholeheartedly support this project and look forward to partnering towards sustainable recreation along the eastern I-90 corridor.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



<http://ellensburgskiclub.yolasite.com/>

Oct. 6, 2018

To:

The Washington State Conservation and Recreation Office;

The Ellensburg XC Ski Club would like to voice our strong support of the Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council NOVA grant application for funding of a US Forest Service environmental assessment (EA) of ski trails at Cabin Creek and Crystal Springs. We understand that without an EA, the USFS may not be able to approve further maintenance, improvements and/or expansion at either trail system. A worst-case scenario has the USFS rescinding permission for any grooming of ski trails at these locations due to unaddressed environmental concerns.

It is hard to overstate the popularity and heavy use which these two trail systems experience from late Nov. until early April. In addition to the many individual recreational Nordic skiers and snowshoers who buy SnoPark permits and use these trails for fun and fitness, there are organized groups such as Outdoors for All, the Ellensburg Junior Nordic ski team and Momentum NW junior ski team which use these trails for training. The Ellensburg XC Ski Club supports a Nordic ski program for 5th graders at the Cle Elum/Roslyn elementary school which culminates with a spring ski trip to the Cabin Creek trails.

As winters warm and snow levels rise, higher elevation ski trails like Cabin Creek and Crystal Springs become all the more valuable as XC ski destinations. It would be sad indeed to lose these groomed trail systems due to a lack of funding for an EA.

On behalf of the membership and board of directors of the Ellensburg XC Ski Club, I strongly urge you to grant funding for an EA for these trail systems.

Sincerely;

Pico Cantieni,

Board Member, Ellensburg XC Ski Club and youth coach for Cle Elum/Roslyn 5th grade ski program.

Oct 13, 2018

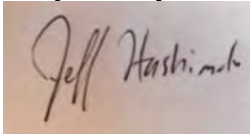
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

I am writing to support the Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council's (CCWRC) Upper Yakima Project, which will result in a much-needed environmental assessment to protect and preserve the non-motorized winter trail system at Cabin Creek and Crystal springs.

I am the head coach of the Ellensburg Ski Team which provides youth in the Ellensburg area the opportunity to learn Nordic skiing and to compete in a team setting. Our program is dependent on Upper Yakima valley non-motorized winter trails for practice and competition. One of only five Nordic ski areas in the state with competition-level courses for juniors, Cabin Creek is critical to the success of regional junior Nordic ski programs such as ours. Importantly, the trails at Cabin Creek provide one of the key venues for the recently formed Washington Cup, a competition for high school teams in the state that provides kids fun, less competitive events than Junior National qualifiers.

Excellent public trails in the Upper Yakima valley allow us to offer our program to children and youth from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, who would not otherwise be able to participate. The future of non-motorized winter trails in the Upper Yakima valley are critical to our success and we wholeheartedly support the CCWRC Upper Yakima project.

Respectfully,

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Jeff Hashimoto
Head Coach
Ellensburg Ski Team
6170 Manastash Rd
Ellensburg, WA 9826

October 11, 2018

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

On behalf of Leavenworth Winter Sports club Junior Nordic Team, made up of 120 skiers and twenty coaches, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the CCWRC Upper Yakima Project, which will result in a much-needed environmental assessment to protect and preserve the non-motorized winter trail system at Cabin Creek and Crystal springs.

Our program, which provides youth from Leavenworth to Wenatchee the opportunity to learn Nordic skiing and to compete in a team setting, is dependent on Upper Yakima valley non-motorized winter trails for important competitions. One of only five Nordic ski areas in the state with competition-level courses for juniors, Cabin Creek is critical to the success of regional junior Nordic ski programs such as ours. Importantly, the trails at Cabin Creek provide one of the key venues for the recently formed Washington Nordic Cup, a series of funa and free competitions for skiers ages 7 to 18, aimed at first time racers and to give more experienced racers an opportunity to hone their skills. These Washington Nordic Cup races are fundamental to building skiers' love of the sport and confidence in racing so that they are prepared for the more competitive races, the Junior National qualifiers, Nationals and beyond.

Excellent public trails like those in the Upper Yakima valley allow us to offer our program to youth from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, who would not otherwise be able to participate. The future of non-motorized winter trails in the Upper Yakima valley is important, and we wholeheartedly support the CCWRC Upper Yakima project.

Respectfully,

Marlene Farrell
Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Junior Nordic Program Director

October 22, 2018

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

On behalf of Momentum Northwest, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the CCWRC Upper Yakima Project, which will result in a much-needed environmental assessment to protect and preserve the non-motorized winter trail system at Cabin Creek and Crystal springs.

Our program, which provides children and youth in the Greater Seattle area the opportunity to learn Nordic skiing and to compete in a team setting, is dependent on Upper Yakima valley non-motorized winter trails for practice and competition. One of only five Nordic ski areas in the state with competition-level courses for juniors, Cabin Creek is critical to the success of regional junior Nordic ski programs such as ours. Importantly, the trails at Cabin Creek provide one of the key venues for the recently formed Washington Cup, a competition for high school teams in the state that provides kids fun, less competitive events than Junior National qualifiers.

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Respectfully,



Courtney Voorhees
Momentum Northwest

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

I am the Nordic Director of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, which among other things represents the US Ski and Snowboard Association in organizing cross country ski meets in Washington, Oregon, and northern Idaho. We are the beginning of the pipeline for development of Olympic athletes, but we also encourage and support outdoor recreation and competitive skiing of all ages and ability levels.

I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the CCWRC Upper Yakima Project, which will result in a much-needed environmental assessment to protect and preserve the non-motorized winter trail system at Cabin Creek and Crystal springs.

The Upper Yakima valley non-motorized winter trails are an important and essential part of our mission. They are the main training venue for skiers from the greater Seattle and Ellensburg areas. Ski meets at Cabin Creek are a core part of our programs, where the Kongsberger Ski hosts Junior Nationals Qualifier races and one of the Washington Nordic Cup races, as well as other events that are fun, healthy, and inspiring for all ages and abilities.

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Respectfully,

Alan Watson
PNSA Nordic Director
97 Big Valley View Rd
Winthrop, WA 98862



November 1, 2018

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing in support of the Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council (CCWRC) Upper Yakima Project, which will result in an environmental survey of non-motorized winter trails in the Upper Yakima valley.

The greater Spokane community is extremely fortunate to have access to groomed nordic ski trails at Mt. Spokane State Park. We have seen tremendous growth in the sport of nordic skiing over the past ten years, and within the past five years, we have witnessed the inclusion of multiple users on the groomed nordic trails, including adaptive (visually and physically impaired) and skijoring (dogs pulling humans on skis).

The population explosion in our state demands even more outdoor recreational opportunities for its citizens in order to stay healthy and enjoy the outdoors. From the beginner skier to the master racer, we believe all residents of our state would greatly benefit from a nordic area that has maintained trails and proper grooming. A survey would benefit not only the existing trails that are shared with non-skiing users, but would allow the opportunity for possible trail expansion so that non-motorized users could have separate trail systems, like we do at Mt. Spokane.

Spokane Nordic is encouraged to see other user groups like the CCWRC submit applications to develop a vision for trail stewardship on public lands for our state's future. We support the CCWRC Upper Yakima project, and we will commit to work with other non-profit groups and nordic skiing organizations to grow the sport of nordic skiing in Washington State.

With appreciation,

Kate Burns
President
Spokane Nordic Ski Association



18-2457 NOVA NM #35

Washington Trails Association

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November 20, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Project #182457: North Fork Trailhead Design & Trail Planning and Project, #182459: Red Mountain Trailhead Design & Trail Planning

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resource's grant proposal for Projects #182457 and #182459, both priority projects for the Baker to Bellingham Non-Motorized Recreation Plan.

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The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will use this grant to plan and design new non-motorized trailheads in the North Fork and Red Mountain Units, located in Whatcom County near the communities of Maple Falls, Kendall and Deming. This grant will provide funding to design and create construction ready documents for new trailheads, support the outreach to local area residents, evaluate existing trails (non-designated) for improvements, and the conceptual design of new non-motorized trails. These projects will be the first steps in implementing one of the priorities in the Baker to Bellingham Non-Motorized Recreation Plan. This plan shapes a sustainable trail system between Mount Baker and Bellingham. Thousands of hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers and other outdoors enthusiasts enjoy the trails in Whatcom County each year. As Washington's population increases, new trails are essential to preventing overcrowding of trails and ensuring everyone has a place in the outdoors. By completing this project, DNR will providing access to a popular recreation landscape.

WTA wholeheartedly supports this project and look forward to partnering towards sustainable recreation from Baker to Bellingham.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-17
NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, thirty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Off-Road Vehicle category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 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

Option 1:

WHEREAS, the board concurs with the NOVA Advisory Committee's Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Clallam County, Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #[18-2417D](#)), as outlined in this memorandum, and

Option 2:

WHEREAS, the board does not concur with the NOVA Advisory Committee's Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Clallam County, Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #[18-2417D](#)), as outlined in this memorandum, and reinstates the project as an eligible alternate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Off-Road Vehicle Category, 2019-21*; 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: Off-Road Vehicle Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	30% Fuel Tax Dollars	ORV Permit Fees	Competitive Dollars
1	62.92	18-2398M	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$230,000	\$150,000	\$150,000		
2	61.92	18-2405M	Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$101,670	\$111,090	\$212,760	\$251,670	\$101,670		
3	61.25	18-2449M	Reiter Foothill Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$162,063	\$111,625	\$273,688	\$413,733	\$162,063		
4	59.00	18-2454D	Reiter Foothill Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$403,114	\$177,475	\$580,589	\$816,847	\$403,114		
5	58.42	18-2352M	Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$225,000	\$335,000	\$560,000	\$1,041,847	\$225,000		
6	58.08	18-2465M	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$193,200	\$83,200	\$276,400	\$1,235,047	\$193,200		
7	57.67	18-2491M	Elbe Off-Road Vehicle Trail System Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$182,000	\$127,000	\$309,000	\$1,417,047	\$182,000		
8	57.00	18-2505M	Tahuya 4x4 Trails Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$107,900	\$31,200	\$139,100	\$1,524,947	\$107,900		
9	56.75	18-2508M	Pacific Cascade Motorized Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$177,000	\$76,000	\$253,000	\$1,701,947	\$177,000		
10	56.67	18-2280M	Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operation	Grant County Sheriff Department	\$29,000	\$34,000	\$63,000	\$1,730,947	\$29,000		
11	56.58	18-2514M	Tahuya and Green Mount Trail and Facility Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$185,200	\$97,900	\$283,100	\$1,916,147	\$185,200		
12	56.50	18-2260M	Ahtanum Off-Road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$200,000	\$53,000	\$253,000	\$2,116,147	\$1,141	\$198,859	
13	56.08	18-2305M	South Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	U. S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$187,500	\$22,000	\$209,500	\$2,303,647		\$187,500	
14	55.83	18-2359M	Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail Maintenance and Operations	U. S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$199,000	\$134,700	\$333,700	\$2,502,647		\$199,000	
15	55.50	18-2306M	North Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	U. S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$192,000	\$22,000	\$214,000	\$2,694,647		\$192,000	
16	53.00	18-2467D	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$115,000	\$29,000	\$144,000	\$2,809,647		\$115,000	

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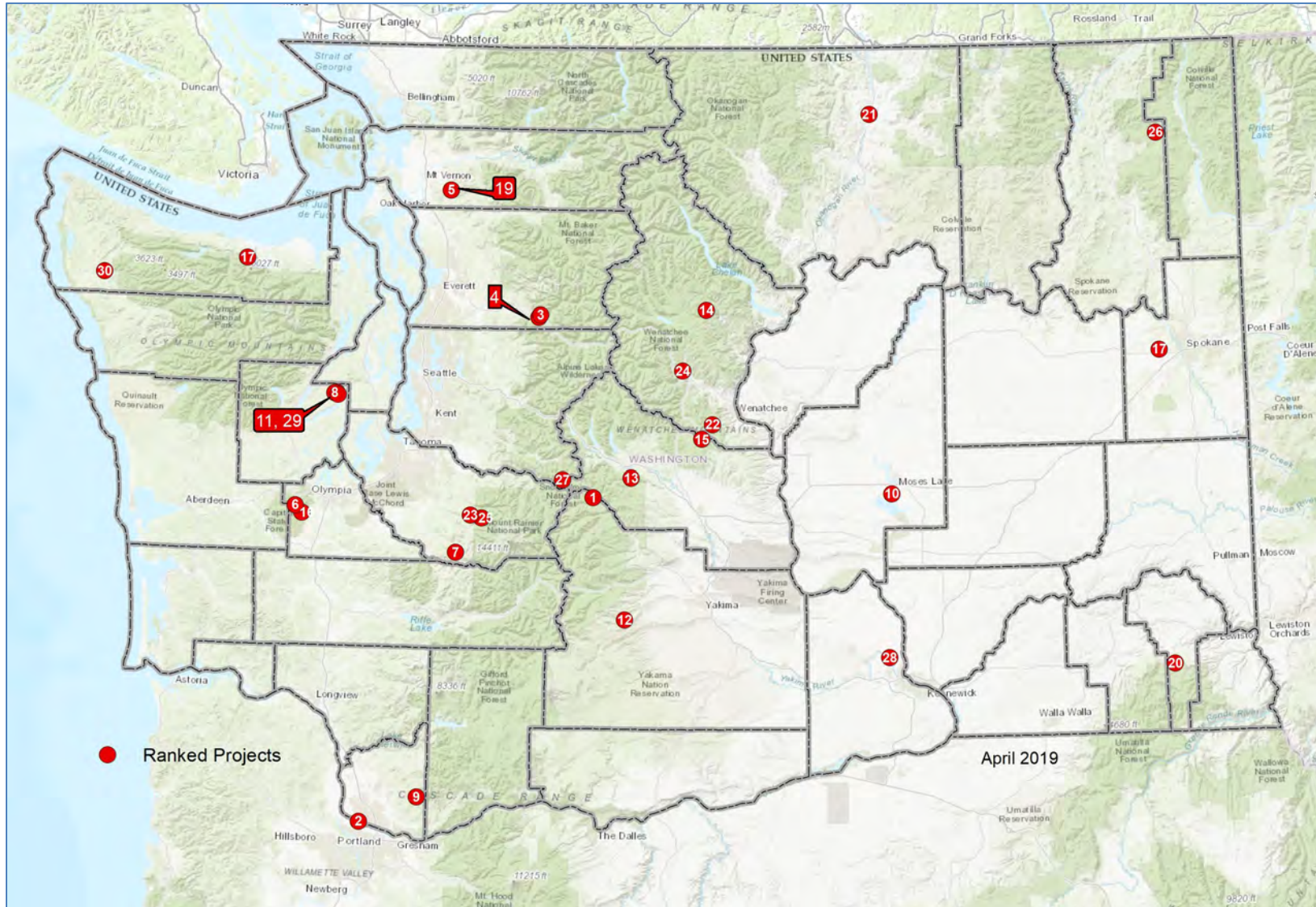
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17	51.17	18-2322P	Master Plan for Spokane County Off-Road Vehicle Park	Spokane County	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$2,849,647		\$40,000	
17	51.17	18-2284M	Straits District Maintenance and Operations	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$197,758	\$132,000	\$329,758	\$3,047,405		\$197,758	
19	51.00	18-2357D	Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area Trail Bridge Replacement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$9,900	\$49,500	\$59,400	\$3,057,305		\$9,900	
20	50.92	18-2268M	Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$50,000	\$58,000	\$108,000	\$3,107,305		\$50,000	
21	49.75	18-2404M	North Zone Motorized Multiuse Trail Maintenance	U. S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$140,000	\$62,610	\$202,610	\$3,247,305		\$140,000	
22	47.17	18-2448P	East Fork Mission Creek Trail Reroute Planning	Chelan County	\$126,070	\$126,800	\$252,870	\$3,373,375		\$126,070	
23	46.33	18-2387M	Evans Creek Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$101,630	\$69,930	\$171,560	\$3,475,005		\$101,630	
24	45.42	18-2292M	Motorized and Multi-Use Trails Maintenance and Operations	U. S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$145,000	\$97,400	\$242,400	\$3,620,005		\$145,000	
25	44.75	18-2538M	Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew	Northwest Motorcycle Association	\$198,754	\$53,934	\$252,688	\$3,818,759		\$198,754	
26	44.25	18-2478D	Little Pend Oreille Trail Bridge Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$83,500	\$21,000	\$104,500	\$3,902,259		\$83,500	
27	42.00	18-2486M	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance Statewide 2-Track Trail Maintenance	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance	\$197,000	\$36,400	\$233,400	\$4,099,259		\$197,000	
28	38.42	18-2523D	Horn Rapids Off-Road Vehicle Park Access Road Reconstruction	Richland	\$269,500	\$30,500	\$300,000	\$4,368,759		\$99,086	²
29	36.00	18-2522M	Tahuya Water Quality	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$41,100	\$22,000	\$63,100	\$4,409,859			Alternate
30	28.25	18-2417C	Forks Off-Road Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail	Clallam County	\$999,800	\$700,100	\$1,699,900	\$5,409,659			Board Not Funded ³
					\$5,409,659	\$3,015,364	\$8,425,023		\$1,917,288	\$2,281,057	

¹Project Types: C= Combination Acquisition and Development, D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

²Partial Funding

³NOVA Advisory Committee Do Not Fund Recommendation

State Map for NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category Projects



Off-Road Vehicle Projects Evaluation Scoring Summary

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-21

Rank	Project Name	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
		Need	Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability		Project Design		Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost-benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference		
1	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	18.33	22.50						4.17				9.17	4.75	3.00	1.00	0.00	62.92
2	Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance	17.67	20.42						3.83				8.33	4.67	5.00	2.00	0.00	61.92
3	Reiter Foothill Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	17.67	21.25						3.83				8.83	3.67	4.00	2.00	0.00	61.25
4	Reiter Foothill Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development	12.50	13.00		8.33				3.75	4.50			8.83	3.08	3.00	2.00	0.00	59.00
5	Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operations	17.33	20.00						3.00				8.67	3.42	5.00	1.00	0.00	58.42
6	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	16.33	20.42						3.58				9.17	3.58	3.00	2.00	0.00	58.08
7	Elbe Off-Road Vehicle Trail System Maintenance	17.33	20.42						3.33				7.00	3.58	4.00	2.00	0.00	57.67
8	Tahuya 4x4 Trails Maintenance and Operations	18.00	20.83						3.67				7.83	3.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	57.00
9	Pacific Cascade Motorized Maintenance	16.67	20.00						3.83				8.00	3.25	3.00	2.00	0.00	56.75
10	Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operation	16.67	19.58						3.50				7.50	4.42	5.00	0.00	0.00	56.67
11	Tahuya and Green Mount Trail and Facility Maintenance	17.33	20.00						3.75				7.83	3.67	3.00	1.00	0.00	56.58
12	Ahtanum Off-Road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	17.00	21.67						3.67				7.67	3.50	2.00	1.00	0.00	56.50
13	South Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	18.00	20.00						3.75				9.50	3.83	1.00	0.00	0.00	56.08
14	Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail Maintenance and Operations	16.33	19.58						3.50				7.33	4.08	4.00	1.00	0.00	55.83

Off-Road Vehicle Projects Evaluation Scoring Summary

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-21

Rank	Project Name	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
		Need	Need Fulfillment	Acquisition	Combination	Development	Combination	Planning	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost-benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference		
15	North Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	17.00	19.58							3.58			9.50	3.83	1.00	1.00	0.00	55.50
16	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development	11.50	11.00		8.00					3.50	3.67		7.83	3.50	2.00	2.00	0.00	53.00
17	Master Plan for Spokane County Off-Road Vehicle Park	11.50	9.25					7.00		2.92	3.83		8.50	3.17	4.00	2.00	-1.00	51.17
17	Straits District Maintenance and Operations	15.33	17.08							3.33			8.17	3.25	4.00	0.00	0.00	51.17
19	Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area Trail Bridge Replacement	8.50	10.25		7.17					3.75	4.08		8.00	3.25	5.00	1.00	0.00	51.00
20	Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	14.67	17.08							3.42			6.83	3.92	5.00	0.00	0.00	50.92
21	North Zone Motorized Multiuse Trail Maintenance	15.67	17.50							3.42			7.00	3.17	3.00	0.00	0.00	49.75
22	East Fork Mission Creek Trail Reroute Planning	11.00	9.00					7.50		3.58	3.33		4.50	3.25	5.00	1.00	-1.00	47.17
23	Evans Creek Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance	14.00	13.33							2.83			7.00	3.17	4.00	2.00	0.00	46.33
24	Motorized and Multi-Use Trails Maintenance and Operations	14.00	14.17							3.00			6.17	3.08	4.00	1.00	0.00	45.42
25	Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew	13.67	14.17							2.67			7.33	2.92	2.00	2.00	0.00	44.75
26	Little Pend Oreille Trail Bridge Development	11.50	11.00		5.50					3.42	3.17		4.67	3.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	44.25
27	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance Statewide 2-Track Trail Maintenance	13.67	13.75							2.67			7.33	2.58	1.00	1.00	0.00	42.00
28	Horn Rapids Off-Road Vehicle Park Access Road Reconstruction	8.00	9.25		6.50					3.17	4.00		4.33	2.17	1.00	1.00	-1.00	38.42

**Off-Road Vehicle Projects
Evaluation Scoring Summary**

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
2019-21

	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
			Need Fulfillment	Site Suitability		Project Design			Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost- benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Management Act Preference	
Rank	Project Name	Need		Acquisition	Combination	Development	Combination	Planning									Total
29	Tahuya Water Quality	9.33	12.08						3.08			5.17	2.33	3.00	1.00	0.00	36.00
30	Forks Off-Road Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail	6.00	5.00	2.00		1.58			2.33	2.17		3.67	1.50	4.00	0.00	0.00	28.25

Advisory Committee scores Questions 1-10; RCO staff scores Questions 11-13

Off-road Vehicle Category 2019-'21

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Motorcycle and 4x4 Trail in Central Washington

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$101,670

Caring for Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorized Trails

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$162,063

Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Trails in Reiter Foothills Forest

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$403,114

Building Reiter Foothills Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund two full-time employees, two seasonal equipment operators, equipment, and other materials to build 2.25 miles of new 4x4 trail and 4.5 miles of all-terrain vehicle trail in the Reiter Foothills Forest near Gold Bar. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails. The Department will contribute \$177,475 in a state appropriation, donation of equipment, donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2454)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$107,900**
Maintaining Tahuya 4x4 Trails

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

in Washington State. The Department will contribute \$31,200 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2505)

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

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

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

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

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a trail specialist, trail technician, and seasonal crews to maintain more than 200 miles of trails, 5 campgrounds, and 7 trailheads, within the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests near Belfair. Duties will also include coordinating volunteers. Trail maintenance includes clearing trail, fixing trail steepness, hardening trail surfaces where necessary, building small reroutes, maintaining bridges, and installing signs. Other maintenance includes upkeep at restrooms, campsites, and parking areas. The Department will contribute \$97,900 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2514)

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire one full-time employee and buy an excavator and high-clearance utility-terrain vehicle to maintain more than 42 miles of off-road vehicle trails, 12 campgrounds and 3 trailheads within the Ahtanum State Forest near Yakima. Duties will include clearing trail, maintaining culverts, and inspecting and maintaining

bridges. Other activities include daily litter removal, service and maintenance to 16 vault toilets, and kiosk, picnic tables, fire rings, signage and campsite maintenance. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable off-road vehicle trails and facilities. Added equipment will help the department more efficiently maintain trails and move equipment to support its volunteer events. The department will contribute \$53,000 in donation of labor, equipment, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2260)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$187,500

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

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$199,000

Maintaining Multiple-Use Trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$192,000

Caring for Off-Road Vehicle Trails in Northern Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire a 4-person crew to maintain 230 miles of trail within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. Duties include removing logs, clearing trail, maintaining trail and drainage structures and repairing signs. The project will ensure long-term public access and natural resource protection. Whether riding on two or four wheels or enjoying the trails by foot, horseback, or mountain bike, visitors have the opportunity to see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. Accessed by both Interstate-90

and U.S. 97, these opportunities bring in thousands of visitors a year who help boost the economy through the purchase of meals, fuel, groceries, lodging, supplies, equipment and services. The Ranger District will contribute \$22,000 in donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2306)

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

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

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

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$197,758**
Caring for Off-road Vehicle Trails near Port Angeles

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$140,000**
Maintaining Trails in Northern Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

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

Chelan County Natural Resource **Grant Requested: \$126,070**
Planning East Fork Mission Creek Trail Reroute

Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use this grant to design a 2.8-mile mountain biking and motorcycling trail reroute to restore steelhead trout habitat and water quality in the East Fork Mission Creek floodplain. Supported by the U.S. Forest Service and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the project will include an environmental review and permitting. The existing trail routes along U.S. Forest Service Road 7100, which was retired in 2012 due to storm damage. The County will design the trail reroute for motorcycling and mountain biking, with possible future trail connections to other trail systems in the area, such as Devil's Gulch and Number 2 Canyon. The Department will contribute \$126,800 in a federal grant, and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2448)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$101,630**
Maintaining Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Area

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 46 miles of Jeep and single-track trail and 41 campsites in Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Area south of Buckley. Five miles west of the Mowich Lake Entrance to Mount Rainier National Park, Evans Creek is within a two-hour drive of 3.75 million people around Puget Sound. As the Puget Sound region's population increases and motorized recreation becomes more and more popular, Evans Creek will continue to experience more demand for recreation opportunities. This funding supplements recreational

pass dollars and allows the U.S. Forest Service to provide a quality experience to visitors. The Ranger District will contribute \$69,930 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2387)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$145,000**
Maintaining Motorized and Multi-Use Trails in the Wenatchee River Ranger District

Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew and buy equipment to maintain 230 miles of multi-use motorized trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. Duties include removing logs, clearing trails, repairing trail structures, addressing areas of standing water, and fixing signs. The project will include buying one or two motorbikes, as the current fleet is more than 10 years old and in disrepair. Motorized users, mountain bikers and hikers are the primary recipients of this project. The U.S. Forest Service will contribute \$97,400 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2292)

Northwest Motorcycle Association **Grant Requested: \$198,754**
Maintaining Motorcycle Trails around the State

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

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

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

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance **Grant Requested: \$197,000**
Maintaining Trails around the State

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance will use this grant to buy an excavator and hire an operator and dispatcher to help with maintenance, transport, supplies, insurance, and storage fees. This will repair trail surfaces, drainage, clearing, and removing logs. This project will enhance the visitor experience and protect sensitive areas and streams. The primary recreation opportunities provided by this project are for 4x4, all-terrain vehicles and side-by-side vehicles,

though it will benefit all types of recreation. The Alliance will contribute \$36,400 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2486)

Richland Parks and Recreation

Grant Requested: \$269,500

Rebuilding Horn Rapids ORV Park Access Road

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

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$41,100

Enhancing Tahuya State Forest Water Quality

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a seasonal trail crew and buy materials and equipment to improve off-road-vehicle trails in Tahuya State Forest near Belfair. This project will improve water quality and reduce the amount sediment that gets into streams while repairing trail surfacing. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is safe and sustainable off-road vehicle and multiple-use trails. The Department will contribute \$22,000 in donation of labor, and staff labor. This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities](#) program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2522)

Clallam County

Grant Requested: \$999,800

Building Calawah River Bridge and Surrounding Motorized Trails

Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to build a 230-ft. long bridge across the Calawah River to two new 1-mile trails for motorcycling and off-highway vehicle driving. The project will provide off-highway vehicle trail connections from the downtown and residential areas south of the Calawah River to the north end of the City of Forks. The off-highway vehicle trail will include multiple rock and log features to challenge 4x4 vehicle drivers. Clallam County is working cooperatively with the City of Forks, which is providing 0.3 miles of right of way within Calawah River Park south of the river. The trails will connect with the U.S. Forest Service's 29 Road (Sitkum Sol Duc Road) and 36-miles of off-highway vehicle trails. The Public Works Department will contribute \$700,100 in cash, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2417)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Letters are in Ranked Order

- 18-2398M Naches Motorized Trails M&O (3) Rank 1
- 18-2465M Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance (5) Rank 6
- 18-2508M Pacific Cascade Motorized Maintenance (1) Rank 9
- 18-2280M Grant County ORV Area Maintenance and Operation (1) Rank 10
- 18-2260M Ahtanum ORV Facilities and Trail Maintenance (2) Rank 12
- 18-2305M Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maintenance (17) Rank 13
- 18-2359M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O (1) Rank 14
- 18-2306M Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maintenance (18) Rank 15
- 18-2467D Capitol Forest ORV Trail Development (8) Rank 16
- 18-2357D Walker Valley ORV Area Trail Bridge Replacement (10) Rank 19
- 18-2268M Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O (5) Rank 20
- 18-2448P East Fork Mission Creek Trail Reroute Planning (1) Rank 22
- 18-2387M Evans Creek OHV Area Maintenance (12) Rank 23
- 18-2538M NOVA - NMA Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew (17) Rank 25
- 18-2486M WOHVA Statewide 2-Track Trail Maintenance (13) Rank 27
- 18-2417C Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (1) Rank 30

10/17/2018

Attn; NOVA

The Eastern Washington Dirt Rider Association is a family oriented motorcycle club. We support the Naches Districts Motorized Trail M&O grant request.

Our members enjoy camping and riding motorcycles on the Naches District as well as donating many hours of trail maintenance each year.

The Naches Ranger District is centrally located in Washington and as such receives a lot of use. This grant is important to maintain the trails and protect the environment.

It's great to have a ranger district that is so recreation friendly.

Please support the above grant request.

Sincerely;
Doug Conner
Eastern Washington Dirt Riders Assoc.
P.O. Box 5392
Pasco, WA 99302



18-2398 NOVA ORV #1

PACIFIC NORTHWEST 4-WHEEL-DRIVE ASSOCIATION OREGON—WASHINGTON—IDAHO

November 1, 2018

Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations

To: The NOVA Advisory Board

This is a letter of support for the Naches Ranger Districts grant application for the districts Motorized Trail Maintenance and Operations. This grant will help maintain the trail systems for the safety of recreational users and keep resource damage to a minimum.

We are a motorized 4 X 4 organization, The Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association, and have donated many hours of volunteer labor to help with the maintenance of the trail system that we use and enjoy. We need to keep this area open for recreational use.

I represent Region 4 of the Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association; we have 15 clubs in our region.

Thank you for considering the Motorized Maintenance and Operations grant application for the Naches Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Earl P. Nettin

Earl P. Nettin, Region 4 Director
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NOVA ORV #1

NOVEMBER 15,2018

NACHES MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENACE

To: The NOVA Advisory Board

We are in support of the Grant for the Naches Ranger District grant application for The Districts Trail Maintenance. With the help of volunteers and the Ranger District this grant will help maintain natural resources and public trail system. We need to maintain to keep the public lands open to the public. We have spent many hours volunteering to help on several projects to maintain the trail system. With the grant and the many volunteers in our area this can continue to be possible.

Thank you,

Mike & Liz Van Amburg

Van Amburg Enterprises Inc.

December 6, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: #18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I wish to express my enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for **Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance**.

The Capitol Forest area is quickly becoming the prominent place to recreate in Southwest Washington. Recreational off road vehicle (ORV) use is on the rise, and the continued expansion and improvement of the ORV trail offering will meet the growing demand for ORV users as well as mountain bikes and the newest trend of electronic mountain bikes (e-bikes).

Efforts to maintain and expand the offering of ORV trails ensures that ORV users, who recreate in the Capitol Forest, will have a wide variety of experiences that will keep them coming back. It also meets the demand for new types of growing sports (like e-bikes), and promotes safety by preventing crowding on the trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,



Patrick McLaughlin
4527 19th Avenue SE
Unit A
Lacey, WA 98503

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

Subject: Support of ORV maintenance, ORV trail expansion and Education & Enforcement

18-2465 NOVA ORV #6

From: SisterDanell <castleedge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:29 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR) <PHILIP.WOLFF@dnr.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Capitol Forest User Group Meeting

To: Recreation Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your consideration In approving Rco 18-2476/ Rco 18-2465/ Rco18-2463. This is a letter of support to these matters.

The trails, staff and volunteers are a key roll in the community and family fun that is provided for ATV and UTV use on capital forest lands.

My husband and I are members of the Washington ATV club and have volunteered our services to maintain the middle waddle trail head.

We are both small business owners in Washington State and enjoy what capital forest has to offer on our days off. This letter is also a big Thank you!

Sincerely Danell Wessel and Brian Mitchell
903 Tipsoo Loop RD. N. Rainier Wa, 98576
(253) 359-5128 (360) 972-4155

Recreation & Conservation Office

12/17/18

Regarding 18-2465 Capitol State Forest ORV trail & Facility Maintenance

To whom it may concern,

I fully support funding RCO #18-2465. As a mountain biker, I frequently use the ORV trails in Capitol Forest.

This grant if funded, will help make those trails more sustainable and more enjoyable. This grant will also support trailhead and facility maintenance, including upkeep of: restrooms, campsites, parking areas and signs all critically important for maintaining a quality recreational experience.

Finally, and perhaps most critically, this grant will fund a year around equipment operator and seasonal crews. The equipment operator will work with and support volunteers to perform trail maintenance.

Many mountain bike and trail running enthusiasts enjoy the ORV trails as well.

Please fund this project and make these improvements a reality!

Oliver Wu Olympia WA

oliverdwu@gmail.com

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

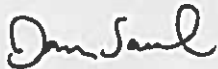
RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



Dan Saul

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Larry Leveen • 8112 79th Street SW Lakewood, WA 98498 • 360-357-3871 • larryleveen@gmail.com

18-2465 NOVA ORV #6

November 19, 2018

RCO Funding Board:

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

- # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
- # 18-2464 Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance
- # 18-2467 New Capitol Forest New Off Road Vehicle Trails
- #18-2466 New Capitol Forest New Non - Motorized Trails

The multi-use recreational facilities in Capitol Forest are a fabulous resource for area residents and visitors alike, and are greatly loved and appreciated. These grants will help leverage volunteer trail building and maintenance efforts various user groups provide. DNR has a great relationship with the public, coordinating and communicating with these groups to provide opportunities and address problems with facilities or policies. I have been riding in Capitol Forest for over a decade and DNR staff has increased their responsiveness, which keeps users safe and prevents small problems from growing into larger and more costly ones. We even work together to report issues “from the field” via GPS-enabled smartphone apps to pinpoint problems and help staff respond more efficiently. As citizen volunteers we are able to respond to many trail maintenance issues, but some we cannot, such as those requiring heavy equipment operation. Additionally, while we help foster good trail etiquette among users, we are not authorized to address enforcement issues. Use of Capitol Forest is growing for many

reasons and with it comes a need for greater education and enforcement (E&E) presence to help ensure proper use and curtail illegal activities. Having dedicated E&E personnel in the forest is important and even “positive contacts” promotes communication between the agency and the public and user safety. Perhaps the greatest challenges come from areas of higher concentration of use, notably campgrounds and trailheads, especially restrooms. DNR’s extra efforts to keep these clean, well organized, and orderly are notable and have improved user experience, especially at Fall Creek Trailhead.

DNR has been responsive to the need for recreational opportunities for users of different experience levels as well. I was very involved in several bridge replacement projects last year (thanks in part to previous RCO grant funds) and was amazed at how popular the non-motorized trails especially around Fall Creek have become among hikers and trail runners. While I used to encounter an occasional user on these trails, during one volunteer shift replacing a bridge on the Mima Falls East Trail, I counted over 50 people — individuals and families with infants and toddlers. I was amazed by this growth. DNR has provided increased signage on these routes so that people who are less familiar with the trail system can have safe and enjoyable experiences. The agency has worked with Friends of Capitol Forest to create a “kids mountain bike trail” and with equestrian organizations to provide route separation or directionality when needed to address safety and minimize potential conflicts such the new Green Line Climbing Trail. On the other end of the user-experience spectrum, the agency has been a good partner for advanced mountain bikers through provision of downhill and “freeride” trails on the North Slope of the forest. In turn user groups hold competitive events in the forest, which raise funds for continued trail building and maintenance.

Although primarily a mountain biker, I also benefit from quality “ORV trails” — with a few exceptions, cyclists can use them too (and frequently do). Additionally, electric-assist mountain bikes, limited to ORV trails, will only become more popular as the population ages but wants to continue to enjoy outdoor recreation. In short, despite the term, Capitol Forest’s “ORV trails” are important to more than

just motorcycle and quad riders. Aside, I have never once had a negative interaction with another “user type” in the forest, which is partly due to DNR’s sound recreational management of the forest.

I hope that this letter helps you better understand how DNR has been a good steward of Capitol Forest as a recreational resource and also of public dollars. Please support their grant requests so that the agency’s good work can continue here (and at Yacolt Burn State Forest, where I have also ridden this past year). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Leveen

Larry Leveen



18-2508 NOVA ORV #9

Dear Grant Committee:

My name is Steve Jones. I regularly use DNR lands and I support the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region's grant requests.

This area of Southwest Washington has seen increased recreational use due to the fires in the Columbia River Gorge. The fire burned about 50,000 acres over three months in the summer of 2017. I believe many people in the Portland Metro area have discovered the DNR lands in Southwest Washington because I see many Oregon license plates driving the roads and parked at trailheads.

I applaud the efforts of the DNR to construct new trails and their partnering with volunteer organization such as Washington Trails Association and the Chinook Trail Association in the maintenance and construction of trails.

With the great collaboration with trail organizations I firmly believe this grant money will be used efficiently and wisely.

On behalf of the recreational users in the Southwest Washington area and the Chinook Trail Association, please approve these grants for the Pacific Cascade Region.

RCO#18-2507 Education and Enforcement
RCO#18-2508 Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2509 Non-Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2510 Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation
RCO#18-2511 Non-Motorized Trail Bridges
RCO#18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police Region 2- North Central Washington

Mission: "To protect our natural resources and the public we serve"

18-2280 NOVA ORV #10

October 1, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Olympia, WA

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the The Grant County Sheriff's Office in obtaining funding through your agency for continued operations at the Moses Lake ORV Park. As you know, the Moses Lake and Beverly sand dunes in Grant County are a very popular and important source of public recreation for citizens all over the Pacific Northwest. Throughout the year, the Sheriff's Office continually strives to maintain a safe environment for the thousands of visitors who recreate here. Additionally, our local Officers work very closely with the Deputies to conduct joint law enforcement patrols, ensure the parks are well regulated, and coordinate resources for clean up and maintenance.

The funding the Sheriff's Office receives from RCO is crucial for ensuring these continued law enforcement services and I wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Respectfully,

Captain Mike Jewell
WDFW Police- Region 2
1550 Alder Street NW
Ephrata, WA 98823



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ELLENSBURG, WA 98926
WWW.BCHW.ORG

18-2260 NOVA ORV #12

December 19, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia WA, 98504-0917

Ahtanum ORV Facilities and Trail Maintenance – Application #18-2260

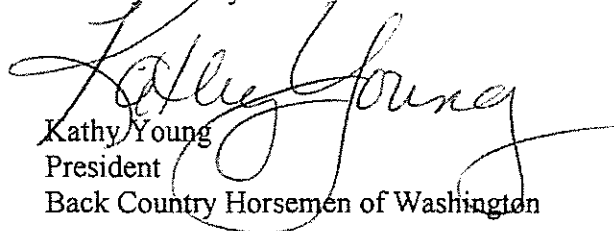
To Whom It May Concern;

Back Country Horsemen of Washington submits this letter in support of grant application #18-2260.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has a history of cooperation and collaboration with Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources pertaining to recreational use of DNR lands. Our organization benefits when the DNR has adequate funding and staff to maintain trails and facilities on DNR lands. While we recognize that this application has been submitted as primarily benefitting ORV use areas, the Ahtanum State Forest is a multi-use landscape with many opportunities for equestrians and other recreational user groups.

Further, the ability to purchase the equipment, excavator and UTV and have it available would provide both planning and budget efficiency to projects for all use types in the entire area, not just ORV trails. An example of a project where this equipment would have been of use would be the elk fencing that was installed in the Wenas area at BBQ Flats Horse Camp. I fully expect that are a number of projects that are in current planning would be expedited, for the public benefit, if such equipment were readily available to DNR for their use.

Thank you for your consideration.


Kathy Young
President
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

18-2260 NOVA ORV #12

September 25, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

Jeff Jones – Recreation Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Southeast Region
713 Bowers Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Recreation and Conservation Office:

This letter supports the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) request for grant funding to fund maintenance and operation in the Ahtanum State Forest.

I am an active volunteer with the DNR and donate many hours each year doing project work, litter pick up and trail maintenance. The Ahtanum area has seen a steady increase in use each year due to its location here in Central Washington. Its boundaries to the west and north join Federal Forest Service land where several recreation trails offer loop routes.

Your consideration and support will be greatly appreciated by the users of the area and will help maintain an acceptable level of maintenance for a sustainable forest.

Ron Rutherford
11705 Zier Road
Yakima, WA 98908



18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

September 21, 2018

Dear NOVA Grant Reviewers,

As President of the **Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA)**, I would like to offer our full support of the Cle Elum Ranger District's requests for 2020-2021 Education & Enforcement and Maintenance & Operations grant funds.

The work that Mikki Douglass and her team accomplish, in support of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) opportunities, is an absolute stellar example of how the Forest Service (FS) can get more done through developing & maintaining active partnerships with the motorized users. Every year, OHV volunteers spend thousands of hours working to help clear & maintain the trail systems. We consistently hear back from our members about the great recreational opportunities in the Cle Elum RD and the positive interactions with FS staff.

We realize that grant-funding is a very competitive process so we'd like to single out the Cle Elum Rangers, as they have created an outstanding example of how an OHV recreation program should operate. Thank you in advance for your support of their grant requests.

Sincerely,

Bryan Peterson
President
Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
www.wohva.org

Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
300 Lenora Street #430
Seattle WA 98121



9/24/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
Re: Cle Elum Ranger District ORV Program – 2019-20

The Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends** funding the Cle Elum ORV Education and Enforcement Program and Maintenance and Operations projects by grants awarded through the RCO grant programs.

There are hundreds of miles of multiple use trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The primary recreational use type in this forest is motorized offroad use. Because of this, the forest plays a vital recreational role for offroad motorcyclists in Washington. The area has strong support and high utilization from the local population and is easily accessible from the Puget Sound area as well. It is hugely popular with the offroad motorcycling user group. The area provides opportunities for unique backcountry experiences for the offroad motorcyclist. It is imperative that these opportunities are protected for future generations of offroad motorcyclists.

The ORV recreation program developed by the Cle Elum Ranger District has an extensive history in properly managing the multiple use trails and the various user groups that recreate there. This track record defines their experience and knowledge in trail maintenance and education and enforcement. The Cle Elum OHV Rangers have a popular relationship with the ORV user groups. The rangers have developed and delivered education, training and coordination to a large group of ORV volunteers. As a result, the volunteer group continues to grow and is highly effective. This growth is largely attributed to the rangers making direct, in-field contact with the general ORV public during patrols and while conducting trail maintenance using their offroad vehicles, chainsaws and other tools.

Additionally, the multiple use trails within the Cle Elum Ranger District are heavily utilized by the motorized user groups due to the minimal backcountry opportunity for ORV users in Washington. Despite the large volunteer inputs and efforts of the district, there is a backlog of trail maintenance that should be quickly addressed through RCO grants for tooling and heavy equipment.

Sincerely,

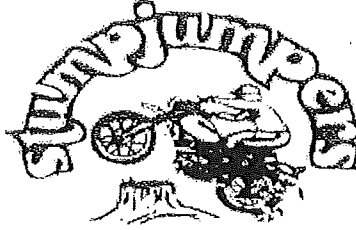
Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President

Dale Williams - Vice President

Tod Petersen - Land Use/Legislative Coordinator

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13



Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club
PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

On behalf of the Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club and our over 150 member families, we ask that you provide full funding for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide an enormous value to our off-road community. The Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. Their outreach and attitude provide an effective way to keep our trails maintained and our users safe. The trail systems they manage are some of the best riding in the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Wisner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumper MC

Cc: mdouglass@fs.fed.us

Kirk Gulian
8003 Springfield Dr NW
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206-330-2956
kirkgulian@gmail.com

September 24, 2018

Dear Grant Awarders,

I wrote a similar letter to this in 2016, but not a thing has changed! We are still out loving the forests around Cle Elum! I own a recreational cabin in Cle Elum, WA that abuts Forest Service land. My family uses our place at least every other weekend through the summer and winter. Using the roads and trails in the Cle Elum ranger district is one of our favorite activities. Through the summer and fall we routinely dirt bike, hike and just tour around on the Forest Service roads. Through the winter our access is via snowmobile and snowshoes.

I appreciate all of the hard work our district employees put into the program. I am most impressed with the level of engagement with our community of outdoor enthusiasts. The outreach and involvement throughout the year should be a model for all FS districts. It is not an easy task to convince a community of users to participate in trail maintenance in remote areas of the forest. It's not like trail parties in the state parks and trail networks where everyone walks a half mile and puts in some work with a shovel for a day and calls it good for the year. It is an investment of dozens upon dozens of hours of saw certification and weekends spent away from home clearing blocked trees and improving access for all users of the trails. Convincing users to do this for free is not some easy task. This is where the community engagement and communication goes a long way, and it takes great employees to make it happen.

You read many trail reports on hiking websites of users complaining about coming across a few dirt bikes on their hikes into the forest district, but I don't think they have any idea that actual trail users are the ones keeping these trails open. This trail maintenance wouldn't happen organically though, it takes management and oversight to track and coordinate these efforts. This ranger district is able to coordinate, engage, and excite a very large group of users to get these trails open and maintained at the start of each summer. Hard winters here are hard on our trails, and without great funding and employees, getting them opened back up wouldn't happen. I would encourage the decision makers to explore ways to increase funding and expand these programs to other ranger districts in the state.

Sincerely,



Kirk Gulian

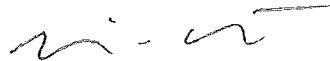
18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

My family recreates in the Cle Elum area many times a year. We enjoy camping and riding the off-road trail system. I would like to provide my support of fully funding the NOVA grant for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide a great area for our family to enjoy. The effort they put into keeping these areas safe and fun is why we prefer to come back to these areas. I volunteer at several off-road areas and the Cle Elum R.D. Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. This funding is critical to keeping the area enjoyable for all.

Sincerely,



Neil Stamp

Neil Stamp
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Duvall, WA 98019

Douglass, Mikki -FS

From: Elgin Shaw <Elgin.Shaw@co.chelan.wa.us>
ent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: NOVA ORV Grabt Fund Request

Importance: High

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

TO: NOVA

FROM: Elgin E. Shaw

DATE: September 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Funding Request ORV Programs

To Whom It May Concern; my name is Elgin Shaw, I am a nineteen year veteran of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, I am also an avid and veteran ORV user. In the past I have had the honor and privilege of befriending and volunteering for Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew and in particular USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass.

Mikki and her Off-Road Crew are highly effective and proficient in their care and maintenance of all Off-Road areas within the Cle Elum Ranger District. The trail system is highly popular with countless dual sport riders, hikers, horseback riders and the mountain biking community. Trail Running has gained popularity as well within the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Mikki and her crew have a unique way of clearing and maintaining the trail system that affords NOVA the most bang for the buck.

I sincerely and with all due respect request your organization continue to grant fund USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass and her ORV Off-Road program.

Sincerely,

Douglass, Mikki -FS

From: Dave Walters <grumpyscoutii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: Letter of support

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

NOVA grant committee,

Cle Elum Ranger District 2020-2021 Grant Requests

I am the Land Use Coordinator for the Peak Putterers of Tri Cities in Kennewick, a group that uses the trails on the Cle Elum RD extensively, and work, along with other trail users, to keep 4x4 trails open and sustainable throughout the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF.

Education & Enforcement and Operations & Maintenance are among the most important aspects of a successful Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program on any forest, along with a robust volunteer program. In this regard, Mikki Douglass and her crew at Cle Elum have become an outstanding example of how these programs should be operated. All of those who recreate on the motorized trails on Cle Elum district enjoy some of the best areas in the state, thanks to the OHV program and volunteer cooperation built over the years.

I would ask that you give due consideration to these grant applications so that these programs can be continued and enhanced into the future.

Regards,

Dave Walters
Land Use Coordinator
Peak Putterers of Tri Cities
Kennewick, WA
www.peakputters.com
www.wohva.org



Kittitas County, Washington
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October 8, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Osiadacz", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

City of Cle Elum
119 West First Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922



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October 4, 2018

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND LIVE

September 17, 2018

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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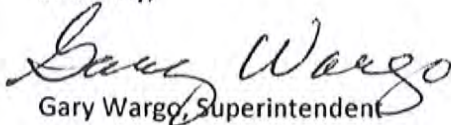
To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
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18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: *The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

October 10, 2018

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in support of the Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest in submitting the following applications:

18-2485 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Non-motorized Trails M&O 2020-2022

18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2308 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Alpine Lakes Wilderness E&E 2020-2022.

There is no doubt that improved access to our public lands leads to augmented public support for them. In this same vein, increased youth access to and interaction with public land necessarily adds to the longevity of that public support.

Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest clearly recognize these benefits of improving access, but have also made the comfortingly prudent decision to pair recreation applications with Wilderness Education and Enforcement, showing a strong respect for the import of balancing utilization and conservation. This is exactly the ethic NYC hopes to instill in our corps members, and is why we are proud to partner with Cle-Elum RD.

NYC is a youth development and outdoor education organization that has provided opportunities to more than 12,000 young people since its establishment in 1984. NYC employs over 900 youth annually to complete conservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, many of which are stationed out of our field office in Leavenworth, WA.

NYC and the Cle Elum RD have worked in partnership to benefit land and youth alike since the early 1990s. The applications mentioned above will help to further this partnership. A partnership through which the District and Northwest Youth Corps will continue to complete necessary maintenance projects while helping young people to learn, grow, and experience success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Taitano', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Taitano, Washington State Program Manager



October 11, 2018

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

CC: John Morrow – Lead Wilderness Ranger
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

RE: #18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maintenance 2020-2022

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the USFS's proposal to fund trail maintenance on more than 230 miles of motorized trails, in the North Zone of the Cle-Elum District within the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Trail use within the Cle Elum district is rapidly growing and a number of new trail projects are being planned in the district as well. It is critical that the USFS Cle-Elum district receives funding to continue to maintain and operate trails and facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental and habitat impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety as well as a quality user experience.

The North Zone alone includes 230 miles of moto trails that are all seeing increasing use due to their proximity to the greater Seattle metropolitan region, which itself offers limited to no motorized trails. Many Metro region recreationists drive to the Cle Elum district as the nearest motorized recreation facility available to them. The district includes the popular Kachess Ridge area, trails within the Teanaway, and trails in the popular Naneum and Taneum systems. Some of these trails, while motorized, are also popular mountain bike trails and are of great significance to our membership. With significant population growth in Seattle, motorized recreation in this region will grow and expand, and O&M funding is critical to keeping these trails and diverse habitats healthy and sound.

Evergreen has partnered with the USFS Cle-Elum district to maintain both motorized and non-motorized trails for many years. Evergreen's Kittitas Chapter has provided hundreds of valuable volunteer match hours within the district. Without this funding, the much-loved public lands and trails in the area could fall into disrepair, and USFS will be faced with increasing maintenance backlogs and potential closures.

Evergreen MBA is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 32,000 social media followers statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, and advocacy. We stand ready to assist the USFS with future trail maintenance needs through our robust volunteer maintenance program.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



October 11, 2018

18-2305 NOVA ORV # 13

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

CC: John Morrow – Lead Wilderness Ranger
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

RE: #18-18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maintenance 2020-2022

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the USFS's proposal to fund trail maintenance on 140 miles of motorized trails, in the South Zone of the Cle-Elum District, within the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Trail use within the Cle Elum district is rapidly growing and a number of new trail projects are being planned in the district as well. It is critical that the USFS Cle-Elum district receives funding to continue to maintain and operate trails and facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental and habitat impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety as well as a quality user experience.

The district's motorized trails that are all seeing increasing use due to their proximity to the greater Seattle metropolitan region, which has a significant lack of moto trails. Most metro region recreationists drive to the Cle Elum district as the nearest motorized recreation facility available to them. The district includes the popular Kachess Ridge area, trails within the Teanaway, and trails in the popular Naneum and Taneum systems. Some of these trails, while motorized, are also popular mountain bike trails and are of great significance to our membership. With significant population growth in Seattle, motorized recreation in this region will grow and expand, as there are few facilities available to this recreation user on the west side of the Cascades.

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Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation
and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

18-2359 NOVA ORV # 14

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director



September 21, 2018

Dear NOVA Grant Reviewers,

As President of the **Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA)**, I would like to offer our full support of the Cle Elum Ranger District's requests for 2020-2021 Education & Enforcement and Maintenance & Operations grant funds.

The work that Mikki Douglass and her team accomplish, in support of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) opportunities, is an absolute stellar example of how the Forest Service (FS) can get more done through developing & maintaining active partnerships with the motorized users. Every year, OHV volunteers spend thousands of hours working to help clear & maintain the trail systems. We consistently hear back from our members about the great recreational opportunities in the Cle Elum RD and the positive interactions with FS staff.

We realize that grant-funding is a very competitive process so we'd like to single out the Cle Elum Rangers, as they have created an outstanding example of how an OHV recreation program should operate. Thank you in advance for your support of their grant requests.

Sincerely,

Bryan Peterson
President
Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
www.wohva.org



9/24/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
Re: Cle Elum Ranger District ORV Program – 2019-20

The Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends** funding the Cle Elum ORV Education and Enforcement Program and Maintenance and Operations projects by grants awarded through the RCO grant programs.

There are hundreds of miles of multiple use trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The primary recreational use type in this forest is motorized offroad use. Because of this, the forest plays a vital recreational role for offroad motorcyclists in Washington. The area has strong support and high utilization from the local population and is easily accessible from the Puget Sound area as well. It is hugely popular with the offroad motorcycling user group. The area provides opportunities for unique backcountry experiences for the offroad motorcyclist. It is imperative that these opportunities are protected for future generations of offroad motorcyclists.

The ORV recreation program developed by the Cle Elum Ranger District has an extensive history in properly managing the multiple use trails and the various user groups that recreate there. This track record defines their experience and knowledge in trail maintenance and education and enforcement. The Cle Elum OHV Rangers have a popular relationship with the ORV user groups. The rangers have developed and delivered education, training and coordination to a large group of ORV volunteers. As a result, the volunteer group continues to grow and is highly effective. This growth is largely attributed to the rangers making direct, in-field contact with the general ORV public during patrols and while conducting trail maintenance using their offroad vehicles, chainsaws and other tools.

Additionally, the multiple use trails within the Cle Elum Ranger District are heavily utilized by the motorized user groups due to the minimal backcountry opportunity for ORV users in Washington. Despite the large volunteer inputs and efforts of the district, there is a backlog of trail maintenance that should be quickly addressed through RCO grants for tooling and heavy equipment.

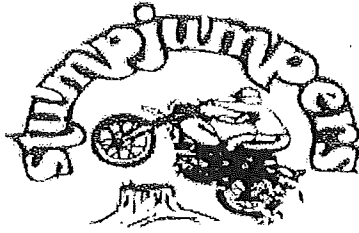
Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President

Dale Williams - Vice President

Tod Petersen - Land Use/Legislative Coordinator



Stumpjumper's Motorcycle Club
PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

On behalf of the Stumpjumper's Motorcycle Club and our over 150 member families, we ask that you provide full funding for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide an enormous value to our off-road community. The Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. Their outreach and attitude provide an effective way to keep our trails maintained and our users safe. The trail systems they manage are some of the best riding in the State.

Sincerely,

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumper's MC

Cc: mdouglass@fs.fed.us

Subject : NOVA – September 10, 2018

To the Off-Road Vehicle Education Program,

RE: Cle Elum Ranger District - Nova Grant Application

I am writing to express my support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's NOVA Grant Application to maintain and continue providing access to the ORV trails in their district. Mikki Douglass and the rest of the Cle Elum Ranger District team have done a great job maintaining these trails at a time of limited funds and increased use. They should be commended and supported for their hard work!

The ORV trails maintained by the Cle Elum Ranger District are some of the best in the nation with hundreds of miles of single-track, dramatic terrain and sweeping views of the Central Cascades. From the beginner trails out of Taneum Junction used by my young son, to the advanced all-day epics, there is truly something for everyone of all abilities to get outside and have fun in the great outdoors.

Which brings me to my main justification for funding the Cle Elum Ranger District's ORV program - for a large segment of our state's population, ORVs are one of the few ways in which they get out into and connect with the great outdoors. The Cle Elum Ranger District's ORV trails allow people to experience the forests and mountains of the Central Cascades, realize the beauty of the natural world and provides a real world alternative to the monotony of our digital age.

Kirk Gulian
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September 24, 2018


Dear Grant Awarders,

I wrote a similar letter to this in 2016, but not a thing has changed! We are still out loving the forests around Cle Elum! I own a recreational cabin in Cle Elum, WA that abuts Forest Service land. My family uses our place at least every other weekend through the summer and winter. Using the roads and trails in the Cle Elum ranger district is one of our favorite activities. Through the summer and fall we routinely dirt bike, hike and just tour around on the Forest Service roads. Through the winter our access is via snowmobile and snowshoes.

I appreciate all of the hard work our district employees put into the program. I am most impressed with the level of engagement with our community of outdoor enthusiasts. The outreach and involvement throughout the year should be a model for all FS districts. It is not an easy task to convince a community of users to participate in trail maintenance in remote areas of the forest. It's not like trail parties in the state parks and trail networks where everyone walks a half mile and puts in some work with a shovel for a day and calls it good for the year. It is an investment of dozens upon dozens of hours of saw certification and weekends spent away from home clearing blocked trees and improving access for all users of the trails. Convincing users to do this for free is not some easy task. This is where the community engagement and communication goes a long way, and it takes great employees to make it happen.

You read many trail reports on hiking websites of users complaining about coming across a few dirt bikes on their hikes into the forest district, but I don't think they have any idea that actual trail users are the ones keeping these trails open. This trail maintenance wouldn't happen organically though, it takes management and oversight to track and coordinate these efforts. This ranger district is able to coordinate, engage, and excite a very large group of users to get these trails open and maintained at the start of each summer. Hard winters here are hard on our trails, and without great funding and employees, getting them opened back up wouldn't happen. I would encourage the decision makers to explore ways to increase funding and expand these programs to other ranger districts in the state.

Sincerely,



Kirk Gulian

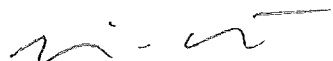
18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

October 1, 2018
RE: NOVA Funding

NOVA Board,

My family recreates in the Cle Elum area many times a year. We enjoy camping and riding the off-road trail system. I would like to provide my support of fully funding the NOVA grant for the Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew. They provide a great area for our family to enjoy. The effort they put into keeping these areas safe and fun is why we prefer to come back to these areas. I volunteer at several off-road areas and the Cle Elum R.D. Off-Road Crew is one of the most effective groups that we volunteer time with. This funding is critical to keeping the area enjoyable for all.

Sincerely,



Neil Stamp

Neil Stamp
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Duvall, WA 98019

Douglass, Mikki -FS

From: Elgin Shaw <Elgin.Shaw@co.chelan.wa.us>
ent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: NOVA ORV Grabt Fund Request

Importance: High

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

TO: NOVA

FROM: Elgin E. Shaw

DATE: September 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Funding Request ORV Programs

To Whom It May Concern; my name is Elgin Shaw, I am a nineteen year veteran of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, I am also an avid and veteran ORV user. In the past I have had the honor and privilege of befriending and volunteering for Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Crew and in particular USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass.

Mikki and her Off-Road Crew are highly effective and proficient in their care and maintenance of all Off-Road areas within the Cle Elum Ranger District. The trail system is highly popular with countless dual sport riders, hikers, horseback riders and the mountain biking community. Trail Running has gained popularity as well within the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Mikki and her crew have a unique way of clearing and maintaining the trail system that affords NOVA the most bang for the buck.

I sincerely and with all due respect request your organization continue to grant fund USFS Ranger Mikki Douglass and her ORV Off-Road program.

Sincerely,

Elgin E. Shaw

ELGIN SHAW

DEPUTY - CAMPUS SECURITY

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Douglass, Mikki -FS

From: Dave Walters <grumpyscoutii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Douglass, Mikki -FS
Subject: Letter of support

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

NOVA grant committee,

Cle Elum Ranger District 2020-2021 Grant Requests

I am the Land Use Coordinator for the Peak Putterers of Tri Cities in Kennewick, a group that uses the trails on the Cle Elum RD extensively, and work, along with other trail users, to keep 4x4 trails open and sustainable throughout the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF.

Education & Enforcement and Operations & Maintenance are among the most important aspects of a successful Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program on any forest, along with a robust volunteer program. In this regard, Mikki Douglass and her crew at Cle Elum have become an outstanding example of how these programs should be operated. All of those who recreate on the motorized trails on Cle Elum district enjoy some of the best areas in the state, thanks to the OHV program and volunteer cooperation built over the years.

I would ask that you give due consideration to these grant applications so that these programs can be continued and enhanced into the future.

Regards,

Dave Walters
Land Use Coordinator
Peak Putterers of Tri Cities
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www.wohva.org



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October 8, 2018

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

City of Cle Elum
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October 4, 2018

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City_of Roslyn

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A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND LIVE

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

September 17, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Long", is written over a vertical blue line that extends from the signature down to the contact information below.

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
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18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: *The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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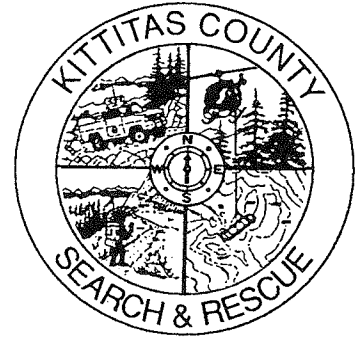


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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

October 10, 2018

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in support of the Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest in submitting the following applications:

18-2485 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD Non-motorized Trails M&O 2020-2022

18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maint 2020-2022

18-2308 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD

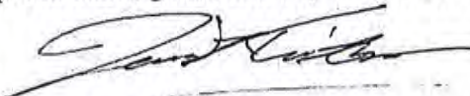
Cle Elum RD Alpine Lakes Wilderness E&E 2020-2022.

There is no doubt that improved access to our public lands leads to augmented public support for them. In this same vein, increased youth access to and interaction with public land necessarily adds to the longevity of that public support.

Cle-Elum Ranger District and the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest clearly recognize these benefits of improving access, but have also made the comfortingly prudent decision to pair recreation applications with Wilderness Education and Enforcement, showing a strong respect for the import of balancing utilization and conservation. This is exactly the ethic NYC hopes to instill in our corps members, and is why we are proud to partner with Cle-Elum RD.

NYC is a youth development and outdoor education organization that has provided opportunities to more than 12,000 young people since its establishment in 1984. NYC employs over 900 youth annually to complete conservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, many of which are stationed out of our field office in Leavenworth, WA.

NYC and the Cle Elum RD have worked in partnership to benefit land and youth alike since the early 1990s. The applications mentioned above will help to further this partnership. A partnership through which the District and Northwest Youth Corps will continue to complete necessary maintenance projects while helping young people to learn, grow, and experience success.

Sincerely, 

Jeremy Taitano, Washington State Program Manager



18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

October 11, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

CC: John Morrow – Lead Wilderness Ranger
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

RE: #18-2305 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD North Zone ORV Maintenance 2020-2022

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the USFS's proposal to fund trail maintenance on more than 230 miles of motorized trails, in the North Zone of the Cle-Elum District within the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Trail use within the Cle Elum district is rapidly growing and a number of new trail projects are being planned in the district as well. It is critical that the USFS Cle-Elum district receives funding to continue to maintain and operate trails and facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental and habitat impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety as well as a quality user experience.

The North Zone alone includes 230 miles of moto trails that are all seeing increasing use due to their proximity to the greater Seattle metropolitan region, which itself offers limited to no motorized trails. Many Metro region recreationists drive to the Cle Elum district as the nearest motorized recreation facility available to them. The district includes the popular Kachess Ridge area, trails within the Teanaway, and trails in the popular Naneum and Taneum systems. Some of these trails, while motorized, are also popular mountain bike trails and are of great significance to our membership. With significant population growth in Seattle, motorized recreation in this region will grow and expand, and O&M funding is critical to keeping these trails and diverse habitats healthy and sound.

Evergreen has partnered with the USFS Cle-Elum district to maintain both motorized and non-motorized trails for many years. Evergreen's Kittitas Chapter has provided hundreds of valuable volunteer match hours within the district. Without this funding, the much-loved public lands and trails in the area could fall into disrepair, and USFS will be faced with increasing maintenance backlogs and potential closures.

Evergreen MBA is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 32,000 social media followers statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, and advocacy. We stand ready to assist the USFS with future trail maintenance needs through our robust volunteer maintenance program.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID: 91-1553023.

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October 11, 2018

18-2306 NOVA ORV # 15

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

CC: John Morrow – Lead Wilderness Ranger
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

RE: #18-18-2306 USFS OKWNF Cle Elum RD South Zone ORV Maintenance 2020-2022

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports the USFS's proposal to fund trail maintenance on 140 miles of motorized trails, in the South Zone of the Cle-Elum District, within the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. Trail use within the Cle Elum district is rapidly growing and a number of new trail projects are being planned in the district as well. It is critical that the USFS Cle-Elum district receives funding to continue to maintain and operate trails and facilities to a high service level, to minimize environmental and habitat impact, and to ensure continued visitor safety as well as a quality user experience.

The district's motorized trails that are all seeing increasing use due to their proximity to the greater Seattle metropolitan region, which has a significant lack of moto trails. Most metro region recreationists drive to the Cle Elum district as the nearest motorized recreation facility available to them. The district includes the popular Kachess Ridge area, trails within the Teanaway, and trails in the popular Naneum and Taneum systems. Some of these trails, while motorized, are also popular mountain bike trails and are of great significance to our membership. With significant population growth in Seattle, motorized recreation in this region will grow and expand, as there are few facilities available to this recreation user on the west side of the Cascades.

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Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



Friends of Capitol Forest

ktwood@gmail.com | 206-979-9494 | 1713 Camden Park Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98512

December 18, 2018

Dear RCO Board Members,

Friends of Capitol Forest is a mountain bike and trails advocacy group based in Olympia, Washington. Collectively, our members perform many thousands of hours of work in Capitol State Forest and the greater Olympia area, building and maintaining trails, partnering with land managers, and ensuring quality off-road experiences throughout the far South Sound. While we are primarily mountain bikers, our work parties in Capitol Forest are attended by many other user groups, including hikers, equestrians, and trail runners.

We rely heavily on DNR for support with the work we do to make Capitol Forest a premiere recreation destination. And, collectively, those efforts have had significant payoffs. In recent years, Capitol Forest has become a destination for bikers from around the Pacific Northwest. The addition of the new North Slope advanced riding area has only increased this draw.

DNR needs additional resources for Capitol Forest to keep up with the demands of this increased use. RCO grant funding is a critical source of funding for this work, and we urge you to approve the grants DNR has submitted for Capitol Forest improvements. In particular, we write to express our wholehearted support for:

RCO # 18-2464: Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2466: New Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trails

These grants, especially RCO 18-2464, are critical to maintaining high-quality access to this extremely large Forest. Each mile of trail maintained or patrolled by DNR frees up volunteer resources to work on other projects, effectively doubling our reach.

Thank you for your work on the RCO committee. I know the stack of applications always vastly outpaces the available funds and that these decisions are difficult. But, Capitol Forest, in general, is catching up to many other areas in Washington that have historically seen more resources thrown their way. It is critical to continue reversing this trend. The

December 6, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: #18-2467 New Capitol Forest Off Road Vehicle Trails

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

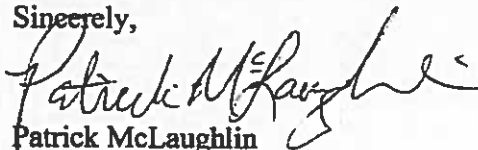
I wish to express my enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for **New Capitol Forest Off Road Vehicle Trails**.

The Capitol Forest area is quickly becoming the prominent place to recreate in Southwest Washington. Recreational off road vehicle (ORV) use is on the rise, and the continued expansion and improvement of the ORV trail offering will meet the growing demand for ORV users as well as mountain bikes and the newest trend of electronic mountain bikes (e-bikes).

Efforts to maintain and expand the offering of ORV trails ensures that ORV users, who recreate in the Capitol Forest, will have a wide variety of experiences that will keep them coming back. It also meets the demand for new types of growing sports (like e-bikes), and promotes safety by preventing crowding on the trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,



Patrick McLaughlin
4527 19th Avenue SE
Unit A
Lacey, WA 98503

November 5th 2018

18-2467 NOVA ORV Ranked List #16

Recreation & Conservation Office

To the RCO Funding Board,

On behalf of members of Guerilla Running Racing Club and participants in our two annual running events in Capitol State Forest, we want to voice our support the following grants. We support the RCO grant Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance 18-2464 for continued funding for maintenance of the expansive trail system in Capitol Forest, RCO # 18-2463 for Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement, # 18-2512 for Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance and #18-2466 for New Capitol Forest New Non-Motorized Trails.

Not only do we use the trails for events, we are regulars on the trails. Personally, we have ran for decades on the trails and we've been so grateful to see the many improvements over time. Our annual events raise funds for Forest Watch, Friends of Capitol Forest and others, but we realize this is not always enough to keep up with improvements and maintenance.

Capitol Forest is a wonderful resource to all recreationists. Adequate funding can help keep them a safer and enjoyable into the future. We love having it in our backyard so we are gently urging you to fund requests #18-2646, #18-2463, #18-2512 and #18-2466.

Sincerely,

Craig Dickson & Rachael Jamison
Directors of Guerilla Running Racing Club

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Guerilla Running Racing Club
PO Box 13184
Olympia, WA 98508

WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR)

Subject: FW: Capitol Forest User Group Meeting

18-2467 NOVA ORV Ranked List #16

From: SisterDanell <castleedge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:29 PM
To: WOLFF, PHILIP (DNR) <PHILIP.WOLFF@dnr.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Capitol Forest User Group Meeting

To: Recreation Conservation Office

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your consideration In approving Rco 18-2476/ Rco 18-2465/ Rco18-2463. This is a letter of support to these matters.

The trails, staff and volunteers are a key roll in the community and family fun that is provided for ATV and UTV use on capital forest lands.

My husband and I are members of the Washington ATV club and have volunteered our services to maintain the middle waddle trail head.

We are both small business owners in Washington State and enjoy what capital forest has to offer on our days off. This letter is also a big Thank you!

Sincerely Danell Wessel and Brian Mitchell
903 Tipsoo Loop RD. N. Rainier Wa, 98576
(253) 359-5128 (360) 972-4155

18-2467 NOVA ORV Ranked List #16

November 30, 2018

To Whom It May Concern

Re: RCO Grant in Capitol Forest

Scatter Creek Riders chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) support the following grants submitted by DNR personnel for Capitol State Forest. We ride these trails regularly as well as maintain the horse camping and trailhead at Margaret McKenny, help maintain the Equine Loop and participate in various other trail maintenance activities within the forest. We appreciate that DNR has allocated separate trails for non-motorized and motorized recreation activities and support funding for those grants specific to motorized activities.

RCO #18-2464 Capitol State Forest non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

The forest is a popular recreation destination and without this funding the trails would deteriorate. There is a large volunteer effort to maintain trails, but there is much work that we are dependent on DNR to complete in support of those efforts.

RCO #18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail and Facility Maintenance

As in the non-motorized grant #18-2464, the motorized trails are popular and need maintenance on an ongoing basis.

RCO #18-2466 New Capitol Forest non-Motorized Trails

Providing additional trail mileage was requested in the 10 Year Plan for Capitol Forest non-Motorized trails. It is important to provide this mileage in order to disperse trail users over a larger area which will help prevent the overuse of certain popular trails, and to introduce users to other areas of the forest that are equally beautiful.

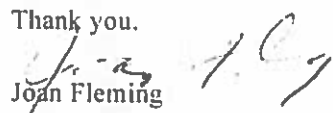
RCO #18-2467 New Capitol Forest Off Road Vehicle Trails

Like the non-motorized grant #18-2466, the motorized trails are popular and additional mileage will help disperse use and provide safer alternatives.

RCO #18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As the Forests are very popular, their facilities are heavily used. The cost of maintenance – e.g. restroom cleaning, pumping, supplies and repairs – is expensive and more frequent than in the past due to increased use over the years. These services will free up the DNR staff to work on trails.

Thank you.


Joan Fleming

Director, Scatter Creek Riders chapter BCHW

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18-2467 NOVA ORV Ranked List #16

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office,

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

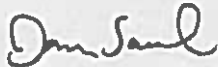
RCO # 18-2464 Capitol State Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance

RCO # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement

RCO # 18-2466 New Capitol Forest Non - Motorized Trails

RCO # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

As an Olympia resident, I regularly use the Capitol State Forest for hiking, trail running, and mountain biking. I greatly appreciate the various opportunities Capitol State Forest offers for recreation so close to our home. While the DNR and local volunteer groups have made many significant improvements (like the restrooms at Fall Creek and new Greenline Climbing trail) during the last few years, there remains much untapped potential to improve and expand the recreational trails and related facilities within the Capitol Forest. Therefore I wholeheartedly support the DNR grant requests listed above.



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November 19, 2018

18-2467 NOVA ORV Ranked List #16

RCO Funding Board:

I am writing to support the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications:

- # 18-2463 Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement
- # 18-2464 Capitol Forest Non-Motorized Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2465 Capitol Forest ORV Trail & Facility Maintenance
- # 18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance
- # 18-2467 New Capitol Forest New Off Road Vehicle Trails
- #18-2466 New Capitol Forest New Non - Motorized Trails

The multi-use recreational facilities in Capitol Forest are a fabulous resource for area residents and visitors alike, and are greatly loved and appreciated. These grants will help leverage volunteer trail building and maintenance efforts various user groups provide. DNR has a great relationship with the public, coordinating and communicating with these groups to provide opportunities and address problems with facilities or policies. I have been riding in Capitol Forest for over a decade and DNR staff has increased their responsiveness, which keeps users safe and prevents small problems from growing into larger and more costly ones. We even work together to report issues “from the field” via GPS-enabled smartphone apps to pinpoint problems and help staff respond more efficiently. As citizen volunteers we are able to respond to many trail maintenance issues, but some we cannot, such as those requiring heavy equipment operation. Additionally, while we help foster good trail etiquette among users, we are not authorized to address enforcement issues. Use of Capitol Forest is growing for many

reasons and with it comes a need for greater education and enforcement (E&E) presence to help ensure proper use and curtail illegal activities. Having dedicated E&E personnel in the forest is important and even “positive contacts” promotes communication between the agency and the public and user safety. Perhaps the greatest challenges come from areas of higher concentration of use, notably campgrounds and trailheads, especially restrooms. DNR’s extra efforts to keep these clean, well organized, and orderly are notable and have improved user experience, especially at Fall Creek Trailhead.

DNR has been responsive to the need for recreational opportunities for users of different experience levels as well. I was very involved in several bridge replacement projects last year (thanks in part to previous RCO grant funds) and was amazed at how popular the non-motorized trails especially around Fall Creek have become among hikers and trail runners. While I used to encounter an occasional user on these trails, during one volunteer shift replacing a bridge on the Mima Falls East Trail, I counted over 50 people — individuals and families with infants and toddlers. I was amazed by this growth. DNR has provided increased signage on these routes so that people who are less familiar with the trail system can have safe and enjoyable experiences. The agency has worked with Friends of Capitol Forest to create a “kids mountain bike trail” and with equestrian organizations to provide route separation or directionality when needed to address safety and minimize potential conflicts such the new Green Line Climbing Trail. On the other end of the user-experience spectrum, the agency has been a good partner for advanced mountain bikers through provision of downhill and “freeride” trails on the North Slope of the forest. In turn user groups hold competitive events in the forest, which raise funds for continued trail building and maintenance.

Although primarily a mountain biker, I also benefit from quality “ORV trails” — with a few exceptions, cyclists can use them too (and frequently do). Additionally, electric-assist mountain bikes, limited to ORV trails, will only become more popular as the population ages but wants to continue to enjoy outdoor recreation. In short, despite the term, Capitol Forest’s “ORV trails” are important to more than

just motorcycle and quad riders. Aside, I have never once had a negative interaction with another “user type” in the forest, which is partly due to DNR’s sound recreational management of the forest.

I hope that this letter helps you better understand how DNR has been a good steward of Capitol Forest as a recreational resource and also of public dollars. Please support their grant requests so that the agency’s good work can continue here (and at Yacolt Burn State Forest, where I have also ridden this past year). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
RE: Northwest Region Education and Enforcement: 18-2354
RE: Walker Valley ORV Area Maintenance and Operations: 18-2352
RE: Walker Valley Bridge Replacement Project: 18-2357

The Walker Valley State Forest is heavily utilized by many OHV user groups, including off-road motorcyclists. Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) is a strong supporter education and enforcement programs that promote the responsible use of off-road motorcycles and ensure the safety of all outdoor recreationists. Understanding and practicing responsible use of off-road motorcycles helps ensure public riding areas can support the growing off-road motorcycling community in Washington. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2354, to achieve this.

The Walker Valley State Forest provides virtually the only OHV recreation opportunity in NW Washington. It is heavily utilized resulting in high maintenance needs. The area is strongly supported by OHV volunteer groups, such as Skagit Valley MC (an NMA Charter Club) and many other groups. Numerous hours are volunteered in support of maintenance. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2352, to address the maintenance needs of the forest trails.

One of the bridges in the Walker Valley State Forest requires replacement. It's age and current configuration are driving the need for replacement. Loss of the bridge will mean loss of recreation opportunity in this heavily utilized area. NMA supports DNR's grant proposal, 18-2352, to replace the bridge and prevent loss of open trail.

Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends** funding all three grant proposals.

Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

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Tod Petersen - Legislative Coordinator
Steve Wilson - Land Use Coordinator

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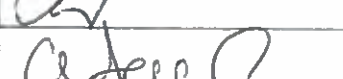

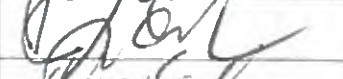
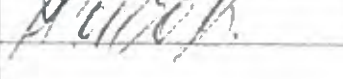



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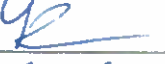









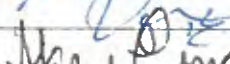
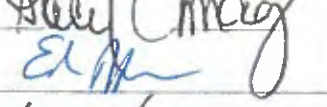
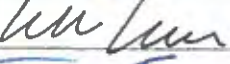










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Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersal Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264M

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Pomeroy strongly supports the subject programs as the Umatilla National Forest is an integral part of our community.

The Umatilla National Forest provides enjoyment for both tourists and recreationalists alike. We rely on these programs in order to continue to attract visitors and local usage for such activities as camping, mushrooming, hiking, ATV and UTV use, huckleberry picking, horseback riding, hunting and casual enjoyment. Maintenance of the trails and campgrounds, as well as patrols, are essential services for the continued safety of visitors.

Please continue funding these programs as the Umatilla National Forest is a valued partner in our community.

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PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504 – 0917

Re: Pomeroy Backcountry-wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy RD Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy RD Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy RD Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy RD Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Garfield County, I offer our full and hearty support for the above grant applications submitted by the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest.

The County, with a population of about 2,200, is the smallest in the State. As such, we are considered “distressed” and our economy is in a stagnate state. To help mitigate that, we actively promote recreational and tourism activities, primarily, activities available in the “Blue Mountains” of the Umatilla National Forest. As an example of our efforts, in 2009 we adopted an ordinance allowing ORV travel on selected county roads, from the City of Pomeroy to the boundary of the UNF (18-2268M). We encourage staging in Pomeroy and, hopefully, money being spent here. Also, not often mentioned but of importance to me and others, maintenance of the ORV trail system encourages riders to stay on the trail so they’re not “an accident waiting to happen” on the heavily traveled main roads, and provides the added benefit of greatly reducing “off-roading” and the resulting damage to the terrain.

Spring, summer and fall bring campers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters who use Pomeroy as the springboard for their adventures. A well maintained trail system with appurtenant trailheads and campgrounds (18-2267M and 18-2266M) are essential in making it a memorable and an “I want to do that again” adventure.

As we all know, the great majority of participants abide by the rules and are well-intentioned, but sometimes ignorance will come into play, and, sadly at times, some individuals display outright disregard for rules, regulations and courteous conduct. Since it appears that usage continues to grow each year, the Grant for Winter Trail Patrol (18-2264E) would have a mitigating impact on safety, environmental, big game and enforcement issues, which has long been needed. This also supports the "pleasurable experience" that we want them to have and would improve on our opportunities derived from the benefit stated above.

Recreationists' use of local businesses and services is actively pursued and greatly appreciated. For many, the Blue Mountains have become a favorite destination and well-maintained campgrounds, trailheads and trails, and fair and compassionate Law Enforcement are a big part of that. The more pleasurable their experience, the greater the likelihood they'll return, and hopefully, by spreading the word, others will come for the first time and they too, will continue to return.

I'm a lifelong resident of the County, my Great Grandfather was camped outside of what is now Pomeroy, when Lincoln was assassinated, my Grandfather acquired the lease on our Cabin at Stentz Springs in the "Blues" in 1924, and I've personally witnessed the growth of four-season ORV riding in the area, and the good and the bad that accompany it. The projects they propose greatly enhance the "good" and help deter the "bad." I also personally know the people who authored, will administer and work the projects funded by the grants. Not only are they very competent at their jobs, but very passionate about the stewardship of their "Blue Mountains." The grant funds entrusted to them will be wisely and effectively spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wynne McCabe', written in a cursive style.

Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner

18-2268 NOVA ORV #20

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 916, Pomeroy, WA 99347.
www.pomeroychamberofcommerce.com

December 04, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Adam Hodges - President of the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

In an endeavor to sustain and increase visitor activity in both Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy through increased use of the Umatilla National Forest visitor attractions, the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce is submitting this letter of support for:

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The Chamber has long recognized and promoted the National Forest lands and outdoor recreational opportunities as an important component of the tourist activities that draw visitors to the community each year. Recent addition of the ORV routes has increased the number of recreationists coming to the forest, many of whom stop in Pomeroy to buy fuel, food and supplies before heading toward the scenic Blue Mountains to ride the trails with their families. Continued maintenance of these trails will help ensure that this increase usage will not decline, and will continue to provide a supplement to the local service and retail economy.

For this reason, Chamber is happy to support the application for grant dollars that would fund the USFS Pomeroy Ranger District for trail maintenance activities which will include log out/brushing, trail surfacing, trail hardening, maintenance of culverts, drain-dips and ditch-outs as well as trail bridge inspection and maintenance. These maintenance efforts will not only ensure safety for the trail riders but also longevity of the trail system itself, again helping to ensure that ORV riders and their families return many times to the Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy.

Sincerely,



Adam Hodges

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce



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GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF
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STEVIE HUGHES
CHIEF DEPUTY

TINA WEBB
2011 COORDINATOR
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

September 21, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
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Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom It May Concern:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office continues to support the Pomeroy Ranger District in their endeavor to receive grants for the upkeep and improvements made to the Umatilla National Forest. With the proposed funds, we can ensure the people of Garfield County and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable way to appreciate the great outdoors through the use of the ORV trails.

With the damages caused by the 2005 School Fire and the 2006 Columbia Complex Fire, there are several areas that need improvements. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is vital for the safety of visitors to the forest. With the added funding this grant will provide, removal of dead trees and brush can be addressed, as well as drainage issues. Additionally this funding can be used for trail markers and snow pole installation in the winter for snowmobilers. All of these precautions will aid in the safety of those using the trails and help identify their location in the case of an emergency. For members of our agency, this is a key issue and something we strongly encourage and support.

As for winter trail patrol Pomeroy Ranger District manages 138 miles of snowmobile trails and over 180,000 acres of back country. This grant would allow education to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, enforce the "Leave No Trace" concept and ensure protection for both side areas and winter ranges for elk. This would relieve club members from feeling responsible for enforcing their own sport and ensure a sense of security in the area.

The Sheriff's Office highly encourages the enjoyment of outdoor sports, but our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone. We believe these added precautions will benefit all users as well as the natural resources we have been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew W. Hyer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Drew W. Hyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization
699 Columbia Street
PO Box 745
Pomeroy, WA 99347

September 25, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Larry Ledgerwood, President, Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
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The Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization is a nonprofit men's group that seeks to enhance projects within our community and county. The Umatilla National Forest is a vital area for attracting recreational enthusiasts from hundreds of miles. These folks range from campers, snowmobilers, atv's, utv's, motorcycles, horseback riders, hunters and mushroom and huckleberry pickers. In addition to the named enthusiasts, many people enter the forest to enjoy a picnic or casual drive. These hobbies and activities are often a source for family time and entertainment.

Maintenance for the trails and facilities is crucial to create repeat visitors. First impressions are the most important thing when trying to draw people back and make the Pomeroy Ranger District a destination. Being able to enjoy the day rather than working to fix and clear trails will contribute heavily as people decide where they spend their free time.

Many Spinners members participate in multiple activities utilizing the campgrounds, trailheads, wilderness trails and motorized vehicle trails. We as an organization organize an ATV ride each summer on the motorized trails as a fun, family activity. Prior to the event members volunteer to navigate trails to ensure paths are open and after the event remove trash and repair any damage that may have been caused. On behalf of the entire Spinners Organization, we support the Pomeroy Ranger District's efforts to secure funds to maintain and enhance each type of trail system as well as patrolling to ensure the safety of everyone using the Pomeroy Ranger District as their playground. RCO should recognize the vast impact their allocations make as well as the value per dollar being allocated to the named focus areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Ledgerwood, President
Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization



18-2448 NOVA ORV #22

November 6, 2018

TO: Brian Carpenter and RCO NOVA Evaluation Team

RE: Chelan County Recreation Plan Development Assistance

Dear Brian and Team,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) enthusiastically supports Chelan County's Natural Resource Department in their grant request to obtain planning assistance for the development of trail alternatives and environmental assessment documentation for the East Fork Mission Creek Restoration/Recreation Project.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with just over 5,000 members, more than 25,000 supporters, and 8 chapters statewide. We are dedicated to sustainable trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. As a trusted partner to public land managers across the state, Evergreen contributed over 20,000 hours of volunteer labor to Washington communities and land owners last year.

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance supports the efforts of Chelan County Natural Resource Department to pursue alternative recreation access to the Devil's Gulch trail system as part of the East Fork Mission Creek floodplain restoration project. This recreational resource is extremely important to the residents of and visitors to the Wenatchee Valley. Evergreen has already contributed to this project through professional and volunteer services, and would like to see this project through to implementation with the help of RCO NOVA funding and other funding sources.

Evergreen MBA is committed to assisting Chelan County and supports this recreation planning effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Kraus". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director

October 20, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I Alex Peterson am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

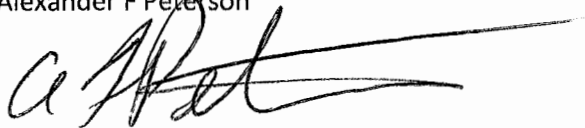
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Alexander F Peterson

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October 25 , 2018

18-2387 NOVA ORV # 23

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

As President of the Hi- Country Snowmobile club, I am aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreational user and volunteer, (literally hundreds of volunteer hours) We are very aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

We have done many projects working side by side with the great people out at the Enumclaw Forest Service office.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dan Johnson President

Hi-Country Snowmobile Club

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Members with

October 12, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

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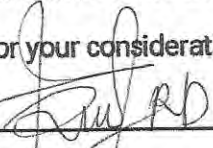
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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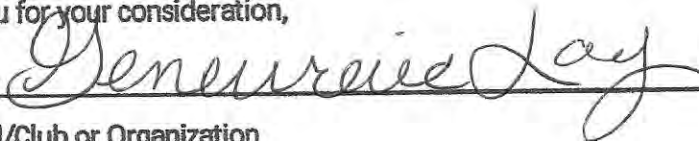
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We William Loy are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We Ronnie Clark are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Sincerely,



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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We Hayley Clark are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Hayley Clark

Individual/Club or Organization

October 12, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We Shannon Clark are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Sincerely,

Shannon Clark

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October 12, 2018

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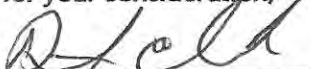
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  REDNECKS & RUGRATS JEEP CLUB

Individual/Club or Organization

October 12, 2018

18-2387 NOVA ORV # 23

Recreation and Conservation Office

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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I/We Shara Clark are aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As a long time recreation visitor and/or volunteer, I am aware of the benefit these grants would provide to the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Shara Clark

Individual/Club or Organization



18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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November 1, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: WOHVA and NMA volunteer agreements and RCO grant applications

Dear RCO,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is in the process of completing volunteer agreements with the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) and the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) to support their efforts to improve the quantity and quality of Off Highway Vehicle volunteerism on public lands. Work with WDFW would focus on motorized trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties where WDFW owns or manages over 400,000 of land. Collaborating with users will help improve trail conditions and meet our desire to maintain access while providing high quality fish and wildlife habitat for the citizens of Washington State.

In addition, we support the current WOHVA and NMA efforts to obtain NOVA, RTP and industry grants in order to provide equipment, supplies, labor, etc. for maintenance of trails open to hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists and the designated types of OHV recreational trail users. Their effort to obtain these grants while increasing the amount and value of volunteer hours available to support our agency is most welcome.

Sincerely,

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Ross Huffman
Regional Lands Operations Manager
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



DEPARTMENT OF
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November 2, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of exploring volunteer agreements with the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) and the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) to support their efforts to improve the quantity and quality of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) volunteerism on public lands. DNR views these agreements as a mechanism to streamline volunteer efforts that will result in increased recreation opportunities across the State. Additionally, these agreements will lead to improved relationships and increased collaboration between DNR and both WOHVA and NMA.

In support of the goal of effective and efficient volunteerism on public lands, DNR supports WOHVA and NMA efforts to obtain NOVA, RTP, and industry grants. These grants will provide funds for equipment, supplies and labor for trail maintenance. The work done by these groups will not only benefit OHV users, but other trail users as well, such as hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists. WOHVA and NMA's efforts to obtain these grants will increase the amount and value of volunteer hours available to support our agency grants and is most welcome.

Poised with an open mind and a desire to achieve shared goals, DNR is ready to work together with WOHVA and NMA to engage recreationalists in volunteering and investing in public lands for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

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Brock Milliern, Division Manager
Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions
Washington State Department of Natural Resources



File Code: 2350
Date: November 5, 2018

18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Colville National Forest (CNF) supports NOVA and RTP grant proposals from the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) and the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHV). The grants would help fund equipment, expenses, supplies and administration to increase both the quantity and the effectiveness of partnership and volunteerism for OHV trail maintenance on public lands across the State. These proposals align with the Forest Service's National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System, would benefit all trail users, and contribute to the agency's restoration and conservation goals.

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Sincerely,

RODNEY D. SMOLDON

Forest Supervisor

cc: Craig Newman; ohv-grant-support@nmaoffroad.org; president@wohva.org;





11/05/18

TO: WA Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

RE: 18-2536 M NMA Statewide RTP Volunteer Heavy Trail Maint & 18-2538 M NMA Statewide NOVA Volunteer Heavy Trail Maint

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) was formed in 2006 to bring together 4x4, SxS, ATV & Off Road Motorcycle users. We believed that working together would benefit all. Throughout the WOHVA journey, the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) has been a supporting member since the beginning. Every member of the NMA is also a member of WOHVA! Both organizations have a long history of working together to promote, protect & pursue OHV experiences for Washington State families.

OHV trails on public land in WA State are not receiving enough heavy maintenance to maintain a lot of the trails to the specifications for their assigned Trail Management Objective (TMO). The amount of work needed for trail maintenance just far exceeds land management's ability to do all the work. We've also seen that complimentary work by OHV volunteers usually requires way too much manual labor to truly be effective.

Our strong partnership has brought both organizations to this moment and finds us both applying for grant funding through RCO. The NMA is specifically applying for NOVA & RTP funding to support heavy maintenance capability on single track trails all across Washington State. If both of their grants are approved, the NMA will be able to provide specialized power equipment and funding for other expenses to OHV trail volunteers, to support local efforts on the projects volunteers choose to accomplish on public lands in their area of WA State. The machine the NMA plans to purchase will greatly enhance the effectiveness of volunteers on the ground and help reduce maintenance backlogs on single track trails.

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) strongly supports the efforts by the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) to increase the effectiveness of volunteers, reduce maintenance backlog & enhance the single track trails across Washington State. We feel that fully funding both of these grant proposals will absolutely help accomplish these shared goals.

Sincerely,

Bryan Peterson
President
Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA)

www.wohva.org



18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

"Creating a Positive Future for Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation"

11/1/18

NOVA Advisory Board
Recreation and Conservation Office
Natural Resources Building
1111 Washington Street
Olympia, WA 98501

Members of the NOVA Advisory Board:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your ongoing support of OHV recreation.

Sincerely,

Duane Taylor
Executive Director

"Creating a Positive Future of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation"

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October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 40917

Re: Grant Application

We represent the over 100 franchised dealers in Washington and thousands of off-road recreating families – since 1972. We fully support the NOVA grant application by the NW Motorcycle Association to help fund the voluntary work of the off-road riding community members.

In these times of short-handed staffing at DNR, these volunteer efforts are paramount to maintaining DRN off-road riding areas in our state – to support health of the of riding trails and rider safety.

Sincerely,

James R. Boltz, President, Washington State Motorsports Dealer's Association



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1-208-237-1008 • brc@sharetrails.org

DATE: November 6, 2018

TO: Recreation and Conservation Office
111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

FROM: Sharetrails.Org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC)

RE: NOVA and RTP grant applications by WOHVA and the NMA

To whom it may concern:

Sharetrails.org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is a national recreation group that champions responsible recreation and encourages individual environmental stewardship. With members in all 50 states, BRC is focused on building enthusiast involvement with organizational efforts through membership, outreach, education and collaboration among recreationists. We work with land managers to provide recreation opportunities, preserve resources and promote cooperation with other public land users.

BRC members use motorized and non-motorized means, including Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), snowmobiles, equestrian, mountain bikes and hiking to access and enjoy recreating on state and federally managed lands throughout the United States.

This letter is written to inform you of our support, and that of our members, of the Northwest Motorcycle Association's (NMA) and Washington Off Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant applications for issuance of NOVA and RTP funds.

These grants are to fulfill their funding needs for equipment, materials and related expenses for maintenance of trails on public lands in WA State that are open for motorized Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. This support is essential in order to allow local trail organizations and volunteers throughout Washington State to maintain and improve existing trails to current best practices and USFS standards. Meeting those standards is almost impossible to achieve without proper equipment.

We hereby request the NOVA and RTP review committees and RCO Board to support the Northwest Motorcycle Associations (NMA) grant applications for NOVA and RTP funds which will be utilized to provide state-of-the-art power equipment and materials to maintain and improve single track trails used by mountain bikers (human and electric powered), hikers, and equestrians in addition to the dirt bike riders.

We also fully support WOHVA's grant application for NOVA funds which will be used to maintain and improve multiple use trails open to all WA trail users by providing power equipment and support for WA volunteers and organizations to provide proper maintenance of trails open for use by Off Highway

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Vehicles (OHVs) larger than electric powered bicycles and dirt bikes. Those motorized OHV user types include Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs & Side by Sides), All Terrain Vehicles and 4 Wheel Drive vehicles in addition to powered mountain bicycle and dirt bike riders.

The NMA and WOHVA is also obtaining cross district volunteer trail maintenance agreements with the land management agencies in WA State to make it easy for local OHV user volunteers to assist with proper maintenance of multiple use trails in their local areas. These trail maintenance programs will significantly benefit all types of back country trail users.

We are pleased to add our support to this effort. We ask that you please support and approve the NMA and WOHVA grant applications.

Sincerely,



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18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

PACIFIC NORTHWEST 4-WHEEL-DRIVE ASSOCIATION OREGON—WASHINGTON—IDAHO

November 1, 2018

Motorized Trail Maintenance in Washington State

To: The RTP Advisory Board

This is a letter of support for the NMA grant request for funds to assist in motorized trail maintenance in Washington State. This grant would provide specialized power equipment and funding for other expenses to OHV trail volunteers to support efforts on projects on public lands in Washington State. The grant will also increase both the quantity and the effectiveness of partnership and volunteerism for OHV maintenance on public lands here in Washington State.

This grant will support trail safety and reduce resource damage.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

Earl P. Nettin

Earl P. Nettin, Region 4 Director
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Kennewick, WA 99336-2701



18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

October 28th, 2018

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance Grant request

The Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club fully supports the Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds. The clubs that are associated with the NMA are the heart of ORV volunteer support for trail maintenance, and this on-going maintenance is very important to the sustainability of our trail systems on public lands.

These trail systems are what brings our friends and families together outdoors and we must do all we can to keep them in good usable shape for everyone's enjoyment and the health of the forests.

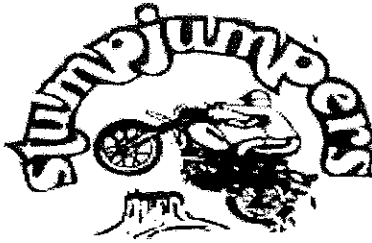
Currently there are many trails across the state that are falling behind in needed maintenance due to the lack of funds and support to accomplish the work. If this grant request is approved, these funds will go a long way towards helping to get our trails back into good sustainable conditions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve DeCoy".

Steve DeCoy

Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club Land Use Representative



18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club

PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

October 22, 2018

State of Washington
Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: NOVA & RTP Funding

The Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club and its over 150 families fully support the RCO grant applications by the Northwest Motorcycle Association and the Washington Off-Highway Vehicle Association to secure NOVA and RTP funding for trail maintenance. This funding is crucial to ensure that the existing trails can be maintained and improved to acceptable standards.

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Sincerely,

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club

Lobos MC

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18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

11/02/2018



Lobos Motorcycle Club

RCO, NOVA and RTP Grant Advisory Committee Members.

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Best regards,

Thomas Mees, President
Lobos MC
503-869-8850

October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

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Please pass the NMA Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds.

Sincerely,



Shay Schakel

October 23, 2018

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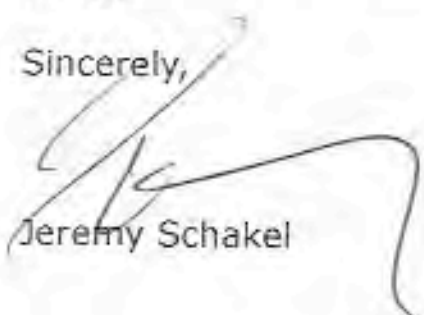
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Sincerely,



Jeremy Schakel

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Ashley Hollingsworth

October 23, 2018

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Sincerely,



Kathleen Hollingsworth

18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

October 18, 2018

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

Me and many of my outdoor friends are thrilled to learn of the NMA project will that will empower clubs and individuals to be part of an exciting new workforce of volunteers that will maintain trails on DNR and USFS lands. This will help clear backlogs of trail maintenance and increase the amount of trails maintained which will bring more athletes outdoors more often. Motivation for all to spend more time outdoors is badly needed.

I formally want to state that "I support the Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds"

And also "I support the RTP grant application for NMA Trail Maintenance".

Thank you for your support!

Chris Bentley

NMA Member

Outdoor trail rider

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October 29, 2018

18-2538 NOVA ORV #25

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: NMA and WOHVA NOVA and RTP Grant Applications

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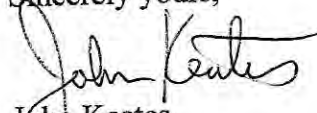
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Having spent much of my adult life enjoying motorized off highway vehicle recreation, I'd like to believe the next generation of riders can enjoy an equal, if not improved opportunities to the trails in Washington State. Approval of the grant applications by the NMA and WOHVA would be a very positive step in a positive in the right direction.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to support the efforts of the NMA and WOHVA. If you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


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File Code: 2350

Date: November 5, 2018

18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
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Forest Supervisor

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18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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November 1, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: WOHVA and NMA volunteer agreements and RCO grant applications

Dear RCO,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is in the process of completing volunteer agreements with the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) and the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) to support their efforts to improve the quantity and quality of Off Highway Vehicle volunteerism on public lands. Work with WDFW would focus on motorized trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties where WDFW owns or manages over 400,000 of land. Collaborating with users will help improve trail conditions and meet our desire to maintain access while providing high quality fish and wildlife habitat for the citizens of Washington State.

In addition, we support the current WOHVA and NMA efforts to obtain NOVA, RTP and industry grants in order to provide equipment, supplies, labor, etc. for maintenance of trails open to hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists and the designated types of OHV recreational trail users. Their effort to obtain these grants while increasing the amount and value of volunteer hours available to support our agency is most welcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Huffman".

Ross Huffman
Regional Lands Operations Manager
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

PACIFIC NORTHWEST 4-WHEEL-DRIVE ASSOCIATION
OREGON—WASHINGTON—IDAHO

18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

November 1, 2018

Motorized Trail Maintenance in Washington State

To: The NOVA Advisory Board

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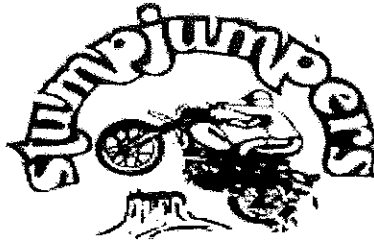
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18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

Stumpjumpers Motorcycle Club

PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

October 22, 2018

State of Washington
Recreation and Conservation Office
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Sincerely,

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumpers Motorcycle Club



November 1, 2018

18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

Dear Grant Committee:

Our club, Piston's Wild Motorsports, as a user of all public lands, is encouraged by the commitment of the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance to expand their efforts to build and maintain OHV trails in Washington State. We fully support any requests from WOHVA for grant funding to construct and maintain OHV trails on state and federal lands in Washington State. While our home base is in SW Washington, our club members are eager to assist with OHV recreation areas all across the state.

We are a steadily growing club in SW Washington and have been working hard for over a decade to contribute to the efforts of improving the public recreation experience in the Pacific Northwest. Our club members have constructed four new 4x4 trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest over the past 4 years. Piston's Wild Motorsports is working closely with the WA State Department of Natural Resources not only to build more new trails in the Yacolt Burn, but also to adopt and provide maintenance for all of the motorized trails in that landscape. We are based in SW Washington, in proximity to NW Oregon, so our club also works closely with the Oregon Department for Forestry and the Forest Service in the Mt. Hood National Forest to maintain and improve OHV trail opportunities within our region.

Our commitment and dedication to these projects are a priority for our members. We look forward to continuing our work on a volunteer basis with all of these current projects and any other projects that support the areas in which we recreate.

Our club has volunteered well over 50,000 hours in the past 10 years towards creating and maintaining safer, more enjoyable recreation opportunities for the general public in NW Oregon and SW Washington. This volunteer time has been distributed between advisory group meetings, planning meetings, public hearings, forest watch patrol, resource damage repairs, trail clearing, clean up events, trail surveys, trail scouting and of course, trail construction and maintenance. We have also invested valuable dollars and hours into creating educational materials (brochures) and tools (spill kits) to use while on Forest Watch Patrol.

We are greatly encouraged by the bold new direction of the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance with their requests for OHV grants to guide the OHV community to come together to improve motorized recreation within Washington State. It is vitally important that motorized recreational opportunities continue to be available for all those folks that utilize public state and federal lands as a place to enjoy nature at its best – no matter their chosen form of transportation to access our public lands.

Again, our organization will continue to volunteer our time and resources to WOHVA in order to support the grant request that has been submitted. Thank you WOHVA, for everything you do for the OHV community today, tomorrow and into the future...

Kind regards,

Crystal Crowder

Crystal Crowder – Executive Director
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11/1/18

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RE: NOVA and RTP grant applications by WOHVA and the NMA

To whom it may concern:

Sharetrails.org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is a national recreation group that champions responsible recreation and encourages individual environmental stewardship. With members in all 50 states, BRC is focused on building enthusiast involvement with organizational efforts through membership, outreach, education and collaboration among recreationists. We work with land managers to provide recreation opportunities, preserve resources and promote cooperation with other public land users.

BRC members use motorized and non-motorized means, including Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), snowmobiles, equestrian, mountain bikes and hiking to access and enjoy recreating on state and federally managed lands throughout the United States.

This letter is written to inform you of our support, and that of our members, of the Northwest Motorcycle Association's (NMA) and Washington Off Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant applications for issuance of NOVA and RTP funds.

These grants are to fulfill their funding needs for equipment, materials and related expenses for maintenance of trails on public lands in WA State that are open for motorized Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. This support is essential in order to allow local trail organizations and volunteers throughout Washington State to maintain and improve existing trails to current best practices and USFS standards. Meeting those standards is almost impossible to achieve without proper equipment.

We hereby request the NOVA and RTP review committees and RCO Board to support the Northwest Motorcycle Associations (NMA) grant applications for NOVA and RTP funds which will be utilized to provide state-of-the-art power equipment and materials to maintain and improve single track trails used by mountain bikers (human and electric powered), hikers, and equestrians in addition to the dirt bike riders.

We also fully support WOHVA's grant application for NOVA funds which will be used to maintain and improve multiple use trails open to all WA trail users by providing power equipment and support for WA volunteers and organizations to provide proper maintenance of trails open for use by Off Highway

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Vehicles (OHVs) larger than electric powered bicycles and dirt bikes. Those motorized OHV user types include Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs & Side by Sides), All Terrain Vehicles and 4 Wheel Drive vehicles in addition to powered mountain bicycle and dirt bike riders.

The NMA and WOHVA is also obtaining cross district volunteer trail maintenance agreements with the land management agencies in WA State to make it easy for local OHV user volunteers to assist with proper maintenance of multiple use trails in their local areas. These trail maintenance programs will significantly benefit all types of back country trail users.

We are pleased to add our support to this effort. We ask that you please support and approve the NMA and WOHVA grant applications.

Sincerely,



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October 23, 2018

18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

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Sincerely,



Ashley Hollingsworth

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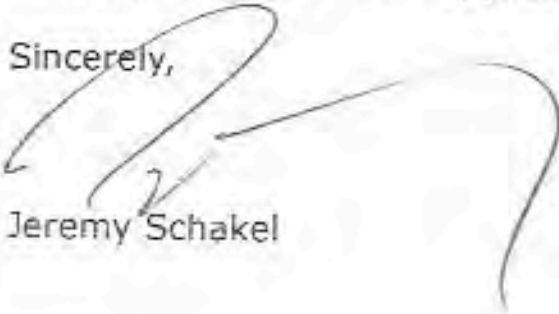
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Jeremy Schakel

October 29, 2018

18-2486 NOVA ORV #27

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: NMA and WOHVA NOVA and RTP Grant Applications

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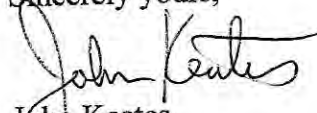
It is my pleasure to write and support grant applications by the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) and the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) in the NOVA and RTP grant categories.

Having spent more than ten years evaluating RTP grant applications for RCO, I recall some years actually turning away funding dedicated to motorized projects due to a lack of applications. I am delighted to see both the NMA and WOHVA stepping up to the plate and seeking funding. Based on past history, I'd argue that motorized recreation has been underserved and is deserving of full funding consideration! I hope the evaluation committee's in both programs will be mindful of that fact.

Having spent much of my adult life enjoying motorized off highway vehicle recreation, I'd like to believe the next generation of riders can enjoy an equal, if not improved opportunities to the trails in Washington State. Approval of the grant applications by the NMA and WOHVA would be a very positive step in a positive in the right direction.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to support the efforts of the NMA and WOHVA. If you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


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RE: Letter of support for "Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail Project"

1/17/19

Dear RCO NOVA Grant Review Committee;

The Peninsula Trails Coalition stands in full and enthusiastic support for Clallam County's grant proposal for the above named project. Now in our thirty-first year of advocacy for the vision of a completed Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), this project represents to us a vital step in achieving that vision from both a connectivity standpoint and from a constituency-building perspective.

Our advocacy toward accomplishing segments of the ODT in western Clallam County has been an ongoing effort for many years. Unsurprisingly, the socioeconomic conditions in this rural area were such that local interest was limited. However, beginning in 2015, PTC embarked on a deliberate strategy of hosting an annual open house in tandem with a now-recurring once-yearly PTC board meeting held in Forks. These combination board meetings and open houses (10/14/15, 10/12/16, 10/11/17, and 6/13/18; with the next one scheduled for 6/12/19) have helped lead the community toward an enthusiastic embrace of the pursuit and completion of the ODT. The most emphatic evidence of local support for this project is evidenced by the fact that a prominent local foundation has pledged \$300,000 in matching funds to accomplish specific elements incorporated in this proposal that the community identified.

One of the most noteworthy features of the proposed project is the degree to which it uniquely embodies this specific local interest of addressing OHV usage and access at the same time as providing access to, and local support for, the connectivity of the ODT itself. I want to emphasize how much internal discussion occurred within the PTC Board in order to consider, and ultimately fully support, the limited co-location of motorized and non-motorized uses that are featured in this proposal. We are excited to be able to support the community's interest in facilitating their opportunities to safely connect to regional OHV areas, while at the same time achieving an invaluable connection of the downtown Forks community to the mainline ODT via this shared bridge and corridor project.

We are all the more excited about the potential of this project to help elevate the Forks community's support for, and benefitting from, the upcoming completion of major segments of the ODT in western Clallam County. The County's leadership in collaborating with timber companies is putting us on the threshold of having a nearly 11-mile corridor secured for extending the mainline ODT from Forks all the way to the coast at La Push—resulting in the ODT truly becoming the "Pathway to the Pacific". In fact, with RCO approval of this project, there is the potential to see both it and the 11-mile ODT segment constructed and completed within a very similar timeframe—even within the next five years or less!

In summary, this unique project is the absolutely right project at the absolutely right time. The Forks community, in a survey conducted by the local Chamber of Commerce that built upon the advocacy of our series of annual open houses, identified this link between the downtown and the ODT as their first priority. The Peninsula Trails Coalition, after thorough reflection on the implications of expanding our advocacy to encompass limited OHV access connectivity, concurs that this is a linchpin for achieving our larger ODT vision. And Clallam County, in putting this project at the forefront of their work to complete the ODT, has demonstrated the merits and significance of completing this proposed project. We fully and unequivocally support the project and urge the RCO to approve its funding.

If there are any questions you may have for us, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey R. Bolman".

Jeffrey R. Bolman, Board President
 360/477-8881

From: [Austin, Marguerite \(RCO\)](#)
To: [RICH JAMES](#)
Cc: [Auerbach, Beth \(RCO\)](#); [Donatelle, Ben \(RCO\)](#)
Subject: Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Calawah River Bridge and Trail 18-2417
Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019 6:53:00 PM

Dear Rich James:

The NOVA Advisory Committee is entertaining a Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Clallam County, Forks Off-Road Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #18-2417C) project. The Do Not Fund policy is in [Manual 14](#), Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, beginning on page 50 (pdf page 52).

We want to extend an invitation to you to attend the grant results meeting in person or you may join us via Go-To-Meeting on **April 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** (I am sorry I do not have the GoTo Link, I will send it to you ASAP.) While you cannot give any additional testimony, you may respond to questions from the advisory committee. You may submit a written response to the evaluators' concerns, also.

Here is a summary of the concern based on the evaluation presentation and responses to their follow-up questions:

- The project does not appear to accomplish the goals of the NOVA program and in particular the ORV category. It is for development of an access trail and bridge that connects the town to a U.S. Forest Service road that advisors do not believe ORVs can really use because there is no nearby sanctioned riding area. They are very concerned about this project creating education and enforcement issues without enough legitimate trails.
- The proposed corridor appears to be too narrow to allow two-way traffic, is the trail design for two-way traffic? Does the trail design (cross-section) provide for a separate motorcycle and ORV trail in the motorized corridor? Multiple uses in a 20-foot trail corridor may not work, particularly, if the design is for four-wheel drive recreationist.
- It seems like there are many nonmotorized users using trails in the area. This does not appear to be a good experience for 4-wheelers because they would go a short distance and there is not enough legal trail miles in the area for a true recreational experience. What is the number of ORV users expected for segment of the trail? Has the US Forest Service approved ORV use on the Sol Duc Road? Are there other trailheads along this corridor that are open for motorized use?
- RCO funded a planning project in 2011 for ORV trails in the area; however, the planning project the sponsor was unable to complete the planning project because at the time they were consulting on environmental assessment was and had no idea when the consultation would be complete. This project appears to create an access route without the recreational opportunities for motorized use. Are there plans for buying and developing legal riding area? What is the timeline?

If you have questions please let me know. You reach me at 360.902.3016 (office) or 360.867.8140 (mobile).

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**CLALLAM COUNTY RESPONSE TO THE “DO NOT FUND” RECOMMENDATION FOR
THE FORKS ORV CALAWAH RIVER BRIDGE & TRAIL PROJECT**

**ISSUE #1 Project does not meet the goals of the NOVA Program and
the ORV Category**

Response to Comment:

**The goals of the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program
are as follows:**

The Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program provides grants to plan, buy, develop, and maintain land and facilities that support a range of trail and back-road related outdoor recreation, such as the following:

- Riding all-terrain, utility task, and four-wheel drive vehicles
- Hunting and fishing
- Gathering berries, firewood, mushrooms, and other natural products
- Horseback riding and pack animal activities
- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- Mountain bicycling
- Hiking, backpacking, and climbing
- Motorcycling off-road

The Forks ORV Calawah River Bridge and Trail Project purchases over 12 acres that will be developed into an ORV park facility and provides ORV users critical access across the Calawah River with this crossing providing access to the Sol Duc Sitkum Road (USFS 29 Road). Every activity listed above with the exception of hunting would be encouraged, available and allowed within the 12+ acres of linear ORV Park developed by the County. Clearly the project meets the goal activities encouraged by the NOVA Program.

ISSUE #2 Project does not meet the goals of the ORV Category

Response to Comment:

The goals of the Off-Road Vehicle Category are as Follows:

Projects in this category are intended to serve people who use off-road vehicles for recreation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- All-terrain vehicle and utility task vehicle riding
- Four-wheel driving
- Motorcycling

The Forks ORV Calawah River Bridge and Trail Project purchases over 12 acres that will be developed into an ORV park facility and provides ORV users access across the Calawah River with this critical bridge crossing providing much needed motorcycle and ORV access to the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29 Road). Every type of motorized vehicle listed above would be able to use the bridge and trails constructed in this linear 12 acre ORV Park developed by the County. Clearly the project meets the goal activities encouraged by the Off Road Vehicle Category of the NOVA Program.

ISSUE #3 Advisors believe that Off Road Vehicles Cannot Use the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road)

The Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road) is a USFS Motorized Road open to unlimited use of any state licensed motorcycle, 4 wheel drive vehicle and All-terrain vehicles. Most off road motorcycles sold in the last ten years are dual sport motorcycles that are equipped with tires, lights and turn signals that are equally at home on off-road trails as well as being fully licensed to travel on any state or county road. In similar fashion, most 4 wheel drive vehicles are licensed and equipped to travel on any state or county road with this being very common in the entire west end of Clallam County. It is also becoming more common to

equip Off Highway Vehicles with lights and turn signals to make them fully street legal. The only type of ATV that cannot utilize the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road) is an unlicensed ATV of the type usually utilized by younger riders. Although the NOVA program does distinguish between unlicensed and licensed motorcycles, 4 wheel drive vehicles and Off Road Vehicles it seems very unreasonable to insist that a project which allows both unlicensed and licensed vehicles within its project limits would not be funded because a small number of unlicensed vehicles that go outside the project limits cannot legally travel down the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road).

ISSUE #4 Advisors believe that this Project Creates Education and Enforcement Issues

The residents of Forks know that unlicensed ATVs are not allowed to utilize the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road) and the USFS signage is clear that this is not an allowed use on this road. The USFS concern seems to be that young users of unlicensed ATVs will use the road in an unsafe manner creating accident liabilities, although the County knows of no documented cases of an interaction between an ATV and a logging truck on this road in the last 30 years.

At the same time, the USFS allows state licensed off road (dual sport) motorcycles, state licensed 4 wheel drives and state licensed ATVs to freely utilize this road. How does one reconcile the USFS policy of allowing state licensed motorcycles, 4 wheel drive vehicles and All-terrain vehicles while prohibiting the very same types of vehicles that lack a State Motor Vehicle License? The County has held discussions with the USFS regarding changing their policies but this change would require lengthy studies and significant costs. The County will provide signage at the north project boundary that clearly advises the small minority of unlicensed ATV users that they cannot utilize the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road).

ISSUE #5 Is the trail wide enough for two way traffic?

The trail cross section provided in the application shows 20 of width cleared for use of ATVs which is more than wide enough for the intended two way traffic on the OHV/4 wheel drive trail and for a separated motorcycle trail. For example, most of the ATV trails cleared in the DNR Reiter Forest ATV trail system are in the 10-12 foot width range. A challenging, low speed motorcycle trail can be constructed in a 4-5 foot width range.

ISSUE #6 Committee concern that there are many non-motorized users in the area.

Motorized users clearly outnumber non-motorized users in the Forks area. Almost every resident of Forks owns a truck. Many residents own 4 wheel drive trucks used for recreation and hunting. Many residents own dual sport motorcycles for the same reasons. Few adults in Forks are regular bicycle riders. When Clallam County and the Peninsula Trails Coalition held meetings in the Forks area regarding area resident needs in the trail arena, local trail users indicated their strong desire to create off-highway motorized trail connections across the Calawah River to connect to the Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/"A" Road). Access to this USFS road allows the many owners of state licensed motorcycles, 4 wheel drive vehicles and All-terrain vehicles to utilize this 36 mile long road to traverse the scenic back-county managed by the USFS. The USFS manages over 250,000 acres of land in western Clallam County and local residents enjoy recreating, fishing and hunting on these lands by utilizing USFS roads. Use of USFS roads by state licensed motorcycles, 4 wheel drive vehicles and All-terrain vehicles allow west end residents to connect to the large DNR Sadie Creek ORV site from the Forks area.

West end motorized user groups and County Commissioner Bill Peach who represents western Clallam County have emphasized that this trail into Forks must be built prior to any other trails extending west from Forks to La Push even though the Forks to La Push trail connection is already funded. Failure to fund this project could endanger future trail projects to the Quileute village of La Push.

ISSUE #7 Committee concern that there are not enough 4 wheel drive trails in the Forks area to create a true recreational experience.

Does the committee really believe that RCO funding and County construction of a 12+ acre ORV park in Forks with miles of new ORV, motorcycle and 4 wheel drive trail and providing access to additional legal use of hundreds of miles nearby USFS roads is not enough justification to fund this project? When will the local need for this type of trail be met when even a small project that begins to meet this need cannot be funded? The community of Forks strongly supports this project. Their strong support of this project is exemplified by the \$300,000 project match a Forks based land trust is providing to help meet project costs.

ISSUE #8 The Committee questions whether there are other trailheads along this corridor for motorized use.

The Sitkum Sol Duc Road (USFS 29/A Road) provides direct motorized access at Klahanie Campground 5 miles from this project site. Klahanie Campground provides 20 camping sites directly on the Calawah River. Continuing further up the USFS 29 Road and Twin River Road provides access to the large DNR Sadie Creek ORV site with 30 miles of trails and to the adjacent Lyre River Campground.

Conclusion:

The Forks ORV Calawah River Bridge and Trail Project meets all NOVA and Off-Road Vehicle goals. The project provides much needed ORV facilities in an area that has expressed a strong desire for these types of facilities. The lack of current OHV trails to support this use is not a good reason to deny a project which takes the first small steps needed to address these unmet needs. The community of Forks believes in this project so strongly that they have provided a \$300,000 cash match through a local land trust and use of Calawah River Park for parking and additional trail connections. A “Do not Fund” recommendation from the state will be sending the community exactly the wrong message that their clearly expressed needs do not matter and that they will not be encouraged to utilize federal lands for legal forms of recreation when reasonable harvest levels have been taken away by government actions. The County asks the committee to please reconsider the “Do not Fund” recommendation.



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Project Information

Evaluator's Name (print): Chris Baldini

Applicant's Name: Clallam County

RCO Project Number: 18-2417C

Project Name: Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail

Today's Date: 4/10/2019

NOVA Category: Off-road Vehicle

See criteria on reverse

1. Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?

Yes No Other

Explain. I would support partial funding for incl sections of the request. I.e. bond purchase of land, or bridge, or trails. Not all of it.

2. If you favor "do not fund," what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?

If the project would provide to a greater area of recreation, I would be more comfortable funding -

3. Other comments.

Should have recreation area first. People will ride the trail, then go off trail to get more experience



Do Not Fund Guidance

1. Does the project support the spirit or intent of this program's enabling statute or state plan?
 - ▶ Example/explanation: *yes*

2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *yes*

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *yes - \$1,000,000 bridge for accessing 2-1 mile trails - very high cost per mile*

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *? n/a*

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *the d*

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *n/a*

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
 - ▶ Example/ explanation: *the goal is to connect w/ trail Bigler ORV park, but they're thinking it's 10 years away -*

8. Other (specify):
 - ▶ Example/ explanation:

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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Crystal Crowder
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This project does not support the spirit of OHV recreation – the focus of the project as a whole is not motorized recreation. 2. This project does not primarily benefit OHV recreation, but actually creates an opportunity for multi-user & agency conflict 3. Four acres is not a large enough landscape to achieve a sustainable OHV recreation area 4. It is unlikely that this project will support OHV recreation long term 5. The residual and sustainable benefit of this project to the OHV community is unbalanced compared to the \$1M cost 6. This project does not directly address the needs of the OHV community in the area 7. It is unlikely that this project will achieve any measurable OHV objectives 	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Generate or actively plan for sanctioned OHV trails (not gravel roads) in the immediate vicinity for OHV user enjoyment 2. Demonstrate a working relationship with multiple OHV groups in the area (garner their support in volunteer hours) 3. Demonstrate that the OHV piece of the project is the main focus, not merely an afterthought to access OHV funding 	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	

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Evaluator's Name (print):	Dawn Erickson
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p> <p>I think funding for additional planning would be appropriate. It seems there needs to be a better plan for how to separate motorized/ non-motorized users on this section of the Olympic Discovery Trail since this was original intent of the project.</p>	

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▶ Example/ explanation: Licensed vehicles can already access and use USFS Rd. 29 (Sitkum Sol Duc Rd.) by driving one mile along Hwy. 101. It will most likely not be practical or legal for non-licensed motorized users to access Sadie Creek ORV Park from USFS Rd. 29 now or in the future based on information in the grant and while there is a proposed USFS ORV Park along USFS RD. 29 it does not appear to be close to implementation or even in the planning stage (s). It does not seem that the one mile of motorized trail will be of great enough benefit for motorized users to justify the large bridge costs.

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?

▶ Example/ explanation:

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?

▶ Example/ explanation: The project spends a large amount of dollars building a bridge and trail for both licensed and unlicensed motorized use (s) to connect to USFS Rd. 29 (Sitkum Sol Duc Road). It is of great concern that this road does not allow for unlicensed motorized use (s) and that there is no agreement or letter of support from the USFS concerning this project or plans to change road use designation. In fact, the grant clearly states the USFS as saying changing their policies "would require lengthy studies and significant costs." It does appear that non-motorized users would be led to a road they could not ride on and could likely seek a longer or more satisfying recreation experience by illegally riding the FS road or possibly building user trails, both potential law enforcement and education issues for the forest service.

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?

▶ Example/ explanation:

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?

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8. Other (specify):



▶ Example/ explanation:



NOVA Project Evaluator

Do Not Fund Consideration

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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Nikki Fields
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Explain.</p> <p>The project has a high cost for a low benefit (1 mile of trail). The road on its own is not really a suitable recreational amenity.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor "do not fund," what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p> <p>I would be OK with funding this if the ORV area on the USFS were developed or were about to be developed. Then this project would access a recreational amenity.</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p> <p>Right now, it seems like the project would encourage unlicensed vehicles on the Forest Service road that doesn't allow them.</p>	

Do Not Fund Guidance

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▶ Example/explanation:

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▶ Example/ explanation:

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
▶ Example/ explanation:

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
▶ Example/ explanation:

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
▶ Example/ explanation:

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
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7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
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8. Other (specify):
▶ Example/ explanation:



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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Rosendo Guerrero
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
<p>Did not attend presentation</p>	
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Explain.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor "do not fund," what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	

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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Patricia Jatczak
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <p>I was not at the in person project presentations and did not rank projects.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	

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▶ Example/explanation:

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6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
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7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
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8. Other (specify):
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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Yvonne Kraus
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/242019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <p>Right - right now my determination is to fund simply based on technical eligibility, but I don't believe its a wise investment :)</p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	

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7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
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Project Information	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Bryant Robinson
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain. I do not favor a do not fund recommendation.</p> <p>It is my opinion after reading and hearing the response from Clallam County Public Works Department over the phone during the April 10 Post Evaluation Meeting that they did submit a qualifying application in the NOVA ORV Category and did receive a thoughtful and fair competitive procedural scoring from the evaluation committee. It is also my opinion that should monies become available for partial funding for this grant that Clallam be eligible for these monies with the sincere hopes that the Grant Manager and RCO resources be utilized to beneficially assist Clallam to identify and prioritize application of these dollars reasonably within the scope of their request.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p>	



3. Other comments.

Do Not Fund Guidance

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▶ Example/explanation:

2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?
▶ Example/ explanation:

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
▶ Example/ explanation:

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
▶ Example/ explanation:

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
▶ Example/ explanation:

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
▶ Example/ explanation:

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
▶ Example/ explanation:

8. Other (specify):
▶ Example/ explanation:



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Project Information

Evaluator's
Name (print): *Nicole Sedgwick*

Applicant's
Name: *Clallam County*

RCO Project
Number: *18-2417C*

Project Name: *Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail*

Today's Date: *4/10/2019*

NOVA Category: *Off-road Vehicle*

See criteria on reverse

1. Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?

Yes No Other

Explain. *They are meeting the requirements*

2. If you favor "do not fund," what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?

3. Other comments.

Do Not Fund Guidance

1. Does the project support the spirit or intent of this program's enabling statute or state plan?
▶ Example/explanation: *yes*
2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?
▶ Example/ explanation: *yes*
3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
▶ Example/ explanation: *yes - \$1.7 million for 1 mile*
4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
▶ Example/ explanation: *N/A*
5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
▶ Example/ explanation: *No*
6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
▶ Example/ explanation: *NO*
7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
▶ Example/ explanation: *NO*
8. Other (specify):
▶ Example/ explanation: *They are wanting to connect to a USFS road that would connect to a ORV Park that USFS has not even begun to be developed. So I would think the scoring is still low.*

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Project Information

Evaluator's
Name (print): Timothy Stapleton

Applicant's
Name: Clallam County

RCO Project
Number: 18-2417C

Project Name: Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail

Today's Date: 4/10/2019

NOVA Category: Off-road Vehicle

See criteria on reverse

1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board?

Yes No Other

Explain.

I believe the project meets the required criteria to be considered for funding.

2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?

3. Other comments.

Do Not Fund Guidance

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▶ Example/explanation:

2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?
▶ Example/ explanation:

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
▶ Example/ explanation:

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
▶ Example/ explanation:

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
▶ Example/ explanation:

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
▶ Example/ explanation:

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
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<i>Project Information</i>	
Evaluator's Name (print):	Nancy Toenyan
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? XYes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <p>This project does not seek to genuinely increase motorized recreation for contributors to the NOVA fund. The bridge and 1 mile section of trail proposed are to solve a problem that the local community has, crossing the river without using the highway but it does not lead to legal off road recreation.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p> <p>If there was legal motorized opportunity downstream then this trail and bridge proposal makes sense.</p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	



Do Not Fund Guidance

1. Does the project support the spirit or intent of this program's enabling statute or state plan?

Example/explanation: Yes it does meet the spirit and intent, but the current project proposal is technically not eligible for funding based on current NOVA requirements. It still uses the USFS road for access, which makes it non-eligible. Despite the fact that the local users mostly have licensed offroad vehicles and moto that ARE highway legal and would be allowed on the USFS road, but technically users will also include non-licensed vehicles, difficult to enforce/check.

Eligibility is still not established in applicant response. The need and community situation is clearly community and well-intended. However, that does not change the project eligibility criteria.

Also, ORV park is not yet built. Getting across the bridge gets an unlicensed user 1 new mile of trail on the new acquisition.

2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?

Example/ explanation: Need more planning details – fund that and permitting process, then have them reapply.

No sure whether the acquisition that includes a nonmoto corridor is eligible. People who contribute to this fund are not gaining benefit. Local people who will benefit are paying state highway tax – which makes it squishy. Legislatively, this fund is supposed to provide benefit off highway from tax dollars. Subcommittee will now work to create a vote on how to allocate- can decide to not have permit \$ to go to this project.

Kids couldn't use the dirt road, so doesn't serve all users. Mostly benefits 4 wheel drive and they can already get there...

Is parking available elsewhere to create access points?

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?

Example/ explanation:

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?

Example/ explanation: No comment.

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?

Example/ explanation: USFS Service should provide support and permission to proceed, and applicant should have this in place at time of application to support feasibility.

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?

Example/ explanation:

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?

Example/ explanation:

8. Other (specify):

Example/ explanation:

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Evaluator's Name (print):	Holly Weiler
Applicant's Name:	Clallam County
RCO Project Number:	18-2417C
Project Name:	Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail
Today's Date:	4/10/2019
NOVA Category:	Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a “do not fund” recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other Explain.</p> <p><i>A connecting area where the recreation use is permitted should precede funding for this 12-acre (2 mile) area in order to provide a high quality and legal recreational use.</i></p>	
<p>2. If you favor “do not fund,” what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation?</p> <p><i>Should the USFS change the Motor Vehicle Use designations for US Forest Road 29 to allow OHV use (currently only open to street-legal vehicles, which already have a legal access point), thereby allowing the 12 acres to connect to a legitimate trail system, it could be considered for funding. I also found the cost of the project to be very high compared to the likely benefit.</i></p>	
<p>3. Other comments.</p>	

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▶ Example/explanation:

2. Has the applicant provided enough information to determine the need for, or the benefit of, the project?
▶ Example/ explanation:

3. Does the project have a high cost relative to anticipated benefits, or are costs not fully justified?
▶ Example/ explanation: *The cost of this project seems prohibitively and unjustifiably high, especially considering it will only provide 12 linear acres/2 trail miles (1 mile motorcycle; 1 mile 4x4) in total.*

4. Does the project do enough to address a significant program issue? That is, is its main focus is on meeting a low priority need?
▶ Example/ explanation:

5. Does the project depend on other key conditions or processes that first need to be addressed?
▶ Example/ explanation: *Yes. The project focuses on providing the trail connection before providing the legally connecting trail, which is directly opposite to how I view a successful proposed project. I feel as though developing/designating a legal route for all motorized/OHV users must come first, and providing the connection point out of town should come last.*

6. Does the project rely on a technique(s) that has not been successful?
▶ Example/ explanation: *Yes, in the sense that the project area does not connect to an area that legally allows the same uses as will be allowed within the 12 acres. A 12-acre linear trail (2 miles total distance as stated in presentation; 1 mile motorcycle & 1 mile 4x4) is insufficient for a quality recreation experience.*

7. Is it unlikely the project will achieve its objectives, or is it not clear how the project will achieve its objectives?
▶ Example/ explanation:


8. Other (specify):
▶ Example/ explanation:

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Evaluator's Name (print): Paul E. Willard	
Applicant's Name: Clallam County	RCO Project Number: 18-2417C
Project Name: Forks OHV Calawah River Bridge and Trail	
Today's Date: 4/10/2019	NOVA Category: Off-road Vehicle
See criteria on reverse	
<p>1. Do you favor a "do not fund" recommendation to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Explain. The proposed project appears to only provide a very limited opportunity to non-street legal/unlicensed motorcycles and ATV's (1 Mile each) because these vehicles cannot travel on the FS Road 29 at the northern terminus of the project. Street legal 4x4's and motorcycles don't need the project because they can legally travel over the Calawah River on the existing highway bridge to FS Road 29. Only WATV's would be logically served by the project by providing legal access from Forks to FS Road 29 via the proposed bridge and trail onto FS Road 29. The project asserts it connects via 40 miles of Forest Service roads to the Bigler Mtn OHV Park but that park has not been approved by the Forest Service and the applicant was unable to provide a timeline for park completion. The project is described as an OHV Park but appears to be simply a bridge and two trails connecting the town of Forks to Forest Service Road 29. The \$999,800 cost of the project is extremely high for the very limited benefits for WATV owners.</p>	
<p>2. If you favor "do not fund," what reasonable measure(s) can the applicant take to change your recommendation? If the project was simply a staging area on the north side of the Calawah River it would eliminate the need for a new bridge across the river which would greatly reduce costs but still meet project objectives. WATV's could simply be trailered from the Forks area to the staging area.</p>	



However, it appears the project is designed to provide direct access for residents from the town of Forks to Forest Service Road 29.

3. Other comments.

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Recreational Trails Program (RTP):
Approval of Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted sixty-four projects for the Recreational Trails Program. This memo describes the program, evaluation process, categories, ranked lists and the proposed grant awards. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the June 2019 meeting.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-18, Education Category
2019-19, General Category

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the ranked lists and award grants to projects shown in Table 1 for each category.

Background

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal assistance program to assist states in creating and maintaining motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails. The federal program supports recreational trail uses. These include walking, hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and off-road motorized vehicle driving, including off-road motorcycling, and all-terrain and four-wheel vehicle riding. In the federal program, grants may be used to secure trail right of way; assess trail conditions; construct and maintain recreational trails, trailheads, and trailside facilities; purchase equipment for constructing and maintaining; and education programs for safety and environmental protection.

Each state develops its own procedures to solicit and select projects for funding in response to their recreational trail needs. In 1996, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) chose to use Washington State's allocation of RTP money to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance on recreational trails that provide a backcountry experience.

The RTP has two categories: General and Education. The general category provides grants for maintaining existing recreational trails and developing short linking trails, trailside and trailhead facilities. The education category funds education programs that convey a safety or environmental protection message.

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal agencies • Local agencies • Nonprofit organizations • State agencies • Tribal governments
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development (limited) • Education • Maintenance, renovation, and reconstruction
Match Requirements	Grant recipients must provide at least 20 percent in matching resources. An evaluation criterion encourages non-RCO match contributions by awarding additional points.
Grant Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum fund request for a project is \$5,000 • The maximum fund requests are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20,000 – Education (education activities or signs) ○ \$150,000 – General (development or maintenance)
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must provide a backcountry experience. • The project setting should be predominately natural. • Funds must be used for both motorized and nonmotorized recreation.

Rules governing the program are found in 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200, Federal Highway Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, and Washington Administrative Code Chapter 286-13. The board's program policies and adopted evaluation criteria are in Manual #16, [Recreational Trails Program](#).

Program Eligibility

The RTP has two major requirements for states to be eligible to receive an apportionment:

1. The Governor of the state shall designate an agency that will be responsible for administering the RTP program and funding; and
2. The state shall establish a state recreational trail advisory committee that represents both motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails users, which shall meet at least once per federal fiscal year.

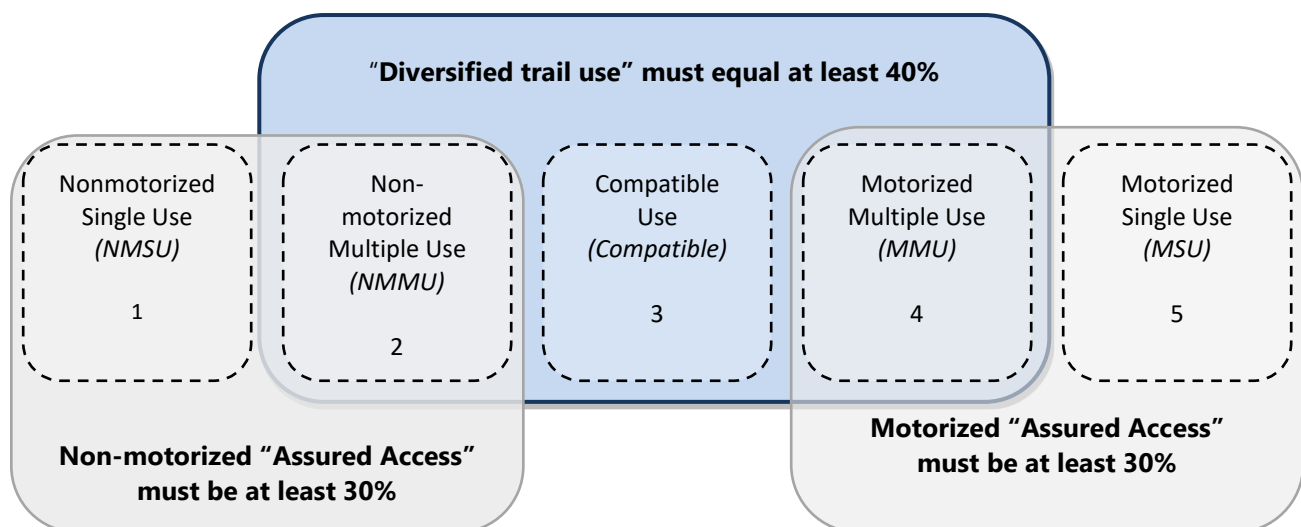
RTP legislation further requires that states are responsible for having a State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) or a recreational trail plan to guide it in administrating and setting priorities for distribution of RTP funding.

Program Funding

The RTP applies the “user-pay/user-benefit” philosophy of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Trail users pay the federal motor fuel excise tax for fuel used for nonhighway recreational trail use and receive the benefit of the RTP through funds provided to states for trail projects. On December 4, 2015, the RTP was reauthorized as part of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, for Federal Fiscal Years 2016-20.

Assured Access Allocation

RTP has five overlapping classes. The classes apply to both general and education category projects. Grant proposals are classified as to the types of trails that the project work is targeting.



Under the provisions of the RTP governing act¹, there are requirements the board must observe in awarding funds among these classes:

- A minimum of 40 percent of the funds must be given to projects that serve diversified trail uses (categories 2, 3, and 4).
- 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.
- 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.

A state *may* allocate up to five 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. Education proposals are also funded using the assured access allocations.

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) accepts RTP grant proposals every other year, even though the state receives a new RTP allocation each federal fiscal year. In late April 2019, RCO received its apportionment of \$1,867,407 for federal fiscal year 2019. RCO expects to receive a similar amount for federal fiscal year 2020 during the next fiscal year for nearly \$3.6 million that can be allocated to this list of proposals. Therefore, the board will allocate two federal fiscal years of RTP funding to the current list. The first allocation will be in June 2019. The next will occur after RCO receives spending authority for federal fiscal year 2020 funding. The Legislature has approved expenditure of \$3.6 million for federal RTP projects as part of the 2019-21 State Capital Budget.

Overview and Analysis

Evaluation Summary

The RTP Advisory Committee evaluated sixty-four proposals totaling over \$5.7 million in grant requests. Here is a summary of the applications submitted this grant cycle. .

RTP Category	Proposals	Grant Request	Match	Total
Education	12	\$221,230	\$353,290	\$574,520
General	52	\$5,525,498	\$8,431,136	\$13,956,634
Total	64	\$5,746,728	\$8,784,426	\$14,531,154

¹ 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.

Advisory committee members, appointed by the RCO director, are selected for their expertise, experience, and technical knowledge related to recreational trails. Using the board adopted evaluation criteria, as show in Attachments C and I, the advisors reviewed the proposals using a written, score-at-home process. Advisory committee members participating in the evaluation process this year included the following:

Advisory Committee Member	Representing Agency or Organization	Location
Daniel Collins	Citizen at large	Seattle
James Hall	Motorized, 4x4	Selah
John Hansen	Land manager: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Olympia
Zach Jarrett	Land manager: US Forest Service	Portland
Nicole Johnston	Local government	Anacortes
Randy Kline	Land manager: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Olympia
Mat Lyons	Nonmotorized, mountain bicycling	Wenatchee
Jim Thode	Nonmotorized, equestrian	Onalaska
Marc Toenyan	Motorized, ORV and motorcycling	Mossyrock

The resulting ranked list, for each category, is provided for board consideration in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Education Category, 2019-21*, and *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the General Category, 2019-21*. Each table shows staff's recommendation for expending federal fiscal year 2019 dollars.

Review of Process and Criteria

There were three key topics for discussion during the post evaluation meeting:

- The somewhat overwhelming number of grant proposals submitted,
- The challenge with funding Education category projects, and
- The scoring the *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship* criterion.

Number of Grant Proposals

Applicants submitted 64 grant proposals for RTP consideration. This was a ten percent increase over last year. Although applicants submitted more projects in previous years, the number of proposals appears to be taking more time than anticipated and may have discouraged some advisors. While sixty percent of the advisory committee members did evaluate projects, staff is concerned that the number of applications and the delayed evaluation schedule, due to the federal shutdown, may have had an impact on this

year's participation numbers. During the grant results meeting, advisors discussed potentially filtering out "weak" applications. Advisors could then spend more time on reviewing and evaluating the more robust proposals.

Education Category Projects

When staff prepared the funding recommendation for use of federal fiscal year 2019 funds for Education category projects, staff could only recommend funding for a few summer projects. RTP guidance requires applicants to expend their entire Education category grant within the federal fiscal year. Washington State solicited and received approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for "advance" construction. Unfortunately, applicants were unable to take advantage of that approval, primarily because of the timing for RCO's grant cycle. Staff plans to solicit applications in May of 2020, to make sure the board has approved a ranked list before it is time for implementing winter projects. We expect applicants will take advantage of the Advance Implementation Waiver for RTP Education Category projects this fall.

Evaluation Criteria

The committee has concerns about the *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship* criterion. Last year members suggested it might need a commonly understood definition; that ten points is excessive and disadvantageous to snow-grooming projects; and that applicants use key words to gain points but the criterion does not necessarily change or influence the scope of work. They also feel that the criterion on *Readiness to Proceed* is not much of a factor for any of the projects. Most are trail maintenance proposals that require very little, if any, design or permitting. Staff has included a review of these two criterion, for all grant programs, on the proposed work plan.

Evaluation Process

Overall, the advisory committee felt the process was organized, well run, and fair. They were confident in the ranked list and felt that the process works. Staff appreciates the time that advisory committee members dedicated to preparing for and participating in the written evaluation process. The results are in the decision packages for each category.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must provide a minimum twenty-five percent match for an RTP grant. Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 27,

2019 funding meeting.² Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. All RTP applicants certified that their matching funds are available.

Legislative Action and the Funding Strategy

The Legislature passed the 2019-21 state capital budget, which includes authorization of up to \$3.6 million in federal funds for RTP projects. The funding authority is for federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020. While the federal fiscal year begins October 1 of each year, Washington State, like many others, typically does not receive its federal apportionment until six months after the start of the federal fiscal year. This complicates the use of RTP funding for education and maintenance projects since RCO accepts applications for two-year projects.

The board adopted a policy in January (see [Item 7](#)) that allows projects in the Education Category to request approval for an Advance Waiver of Implementation. This will help applicants in the future; however, the policy adoption occurred after the 2018-19 winter recreation season. Staff's funding recommendation for the 2019-21 biennium does not provide first year funding for some of the winter recreation projects, because sponsors must spend federal fiscal year 2019 Education Category dollars by September 30, 2019.

As shown in Table 1, *Recreational Trails Program Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21*, the highest-ranking projects in the General Category are all maintenance projects. If staff recommended fully funding the highest-ranking projects with federal fiscal year 2019 dollars, the second tier of projects receiving federal fiscal year 2020 grants would have just a few months remaining to complete their projects.

Staff has modified its funding strategy and is recommending the board provide federal fiscal year 2019 and 2020 funding for projects in the General Category. Starting July 1, staff will begin issuing agreements for all of the projects recommended. They will receive half of the grant now and they would get the remaining funds as soon as the Federal Highway Administration appropriates the federal fiscal year 2020 funds. Staff is currently vetting this strategy with applicants to make sure it does not create any undue hardship; however, it appears this strategy will work for successful applicants.

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

² Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

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 support board adopted priorities in the *Washington State Trails Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Public Comment

Letters of support or concern are in Attachment F for the Education Category, Attachment L for the General Category.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve the ranked list and award grants for each of the RTP categories referenced below:

- Resolution 2019-18, Table 1 – *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Education Category, 2019-21*
- Resolution 2019-19, Table 1 – *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the General Category, 2019-21*

Next Steps

If the board approves the final ranked lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to distribute funds and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post approval requirements.

Attachments

Decision Package #1: Recreational Trails Program, Education Category

- A. Resolution #2019-18
 - Table 1 – *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Education Category, 2019-21*
- B. State Map of Projects
- C. Evaluation Criteria Summary: Education Category
- D. Evaluation Scoring Summary 2019-21
- E. Project Summaries
- F. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals

Decision Package #2: Recreational Trails Program, General Category

- G. Resolution #2019-19
 - Table 1 – *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the General Category, 2019-21*
- H. State Map of Projects
- I. Evaluation Criteria Summary: General Category
- J. Evaluation Scoring Summary *2019-21*
- K. Project Summaries
- L. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-18
Recreational Trails Program Education Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twelve Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twelve projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Federal Highways Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Education category projects were evaluated by nine members of the RTP Advisory Committee 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, 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;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the final ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Education Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to RCO's Director to distribute federal fiscal year 2020 funds to this list of projects, pending federal spending authority; 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: Education Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Recreational Trails Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	Staff Recommends
1	20.56	18-2379E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$10,000 ²
2	20.22	18-2469E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$10,000 ²
3	19.89	18-2468E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$43,000	\$60,000	Alternate
4	18.89	18-2314E	Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,100	\$40,100	\$80,000	Alternate
5	18.33	18-2331E	Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$20,000	\$16,370	\$36,370	\$100,000	\$10,000 ²
6	18.22	18-2362E	Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$20,000	\$16,500	\$36,500	\$120,000	Alternate
6	18.22	18-2313E	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$140,000	Alternate
8	18.00	18-2436E	Trail Safety and Etiquette Pilot Education Campaign	King County	\$20,000	\$29,000	\$49,000	\$160,000	Alternate
9	17.56	18-2263E	Minimal Impact Recreation	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$16,050	\$97,200	\$113,250	\$176,050	\$8,025 ²
9	17.56	18-2550E	Heather Meadows Snow Ranger Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$17,180	\$14,120	\$31,300	\$193,230	Alternate

**Table 1: Education Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

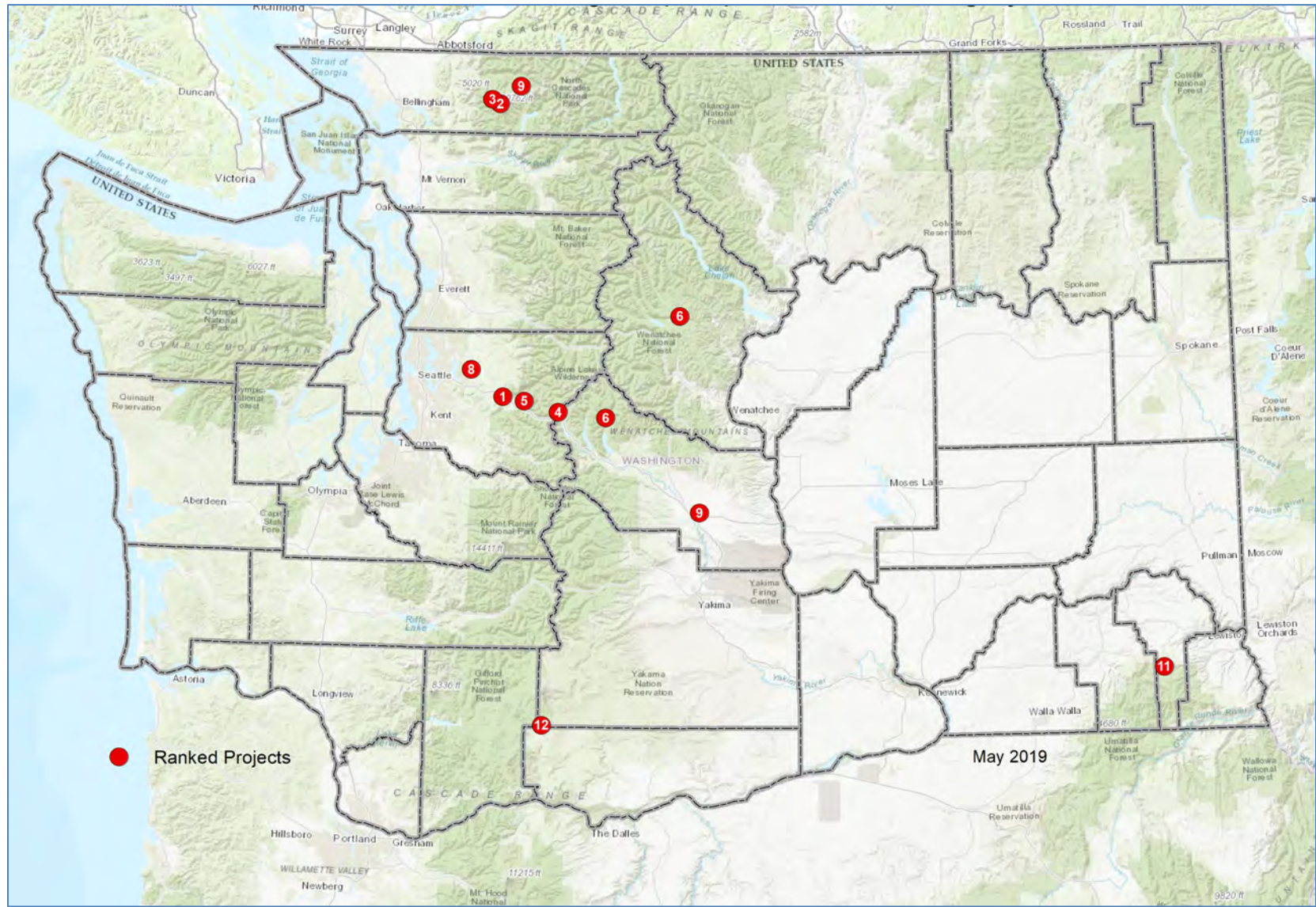
Recreational Trails Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	Staff Recommends
11	17.22	18-2264E	Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$203,230	Alternate
12	17.00	18-2520E	Mount Adams Winter Education Patrols	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$36,000	\$221,230	Alternate
					\$221,230	\$353,290	\$574,520		\$38,025

¹Project Type: E=Education

²Partial Funding

State Map for Recreational Trails Program Education Category Projects



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.

Education Projects Evaluation Scoring Summary

Recreation Trails Program
2019-2021

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

Advisory Committee Scores Questions 1-5

Education Category Project Summaries

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Coordinating Volunteers in the Snoqualmie

The Mount-Baker Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer program coordinator during the summers of 2020 and 2021. This position recruits, trains, supervises, and supports patrols within the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak wilderness areas and backcountry. The coordinator provides education, information, and assistance while promoting safety and stewardship. It also supports participation in community events, work parties, visitor center displays, environmental education efforts, and stewardship coordination with nonprofits. For the past decade, volunteers have donated 5,000-9,000 hours each season and represent a big part of how the U.S. Forest Service serves the 200,000 people who visit Snoqualmie corridor trails every year. The ranger district will contribute \$50,000 in donation of labor. RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2379)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Coordinating Volunteers in the Mount Baker Ranger District

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

U.S. Forest Service
Educating visitors to Snoqualmie Pass

Grant Requested: \$20,000

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

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$20,000**
Educating Visitors to Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Areas

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

U.S. Forest Service
Hiring Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to hire two winter education rangers and fund patrols at five Sno-Parks, one parking area, 185 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 250,000 acres of backcountry area. Rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe snowmobiling, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and other visitors. The winter ranger program provides one-on-one interaction with visitors, which helps to reduce conflicts while providing safety education on this popular snowmobile riding and winter recreation area. U.S. Forest Service will contribute \$16,500 in a federal appropriation, donation of

equipment, donation of labor, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2362)

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$20,000**
Enhancing Safety on Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trails

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

King County **Grant Requested: \$20,000**
Educating Park Visitors on Trail Safety and Etiquette

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

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Requested: \$16,050**
Educating Recreationists about Minimal Impact Recreation

Back County Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy computers, trailer tires, portable displays, DVDs, pamphlets, lodging for instructors, and travel, as part of its effort to teach people about leave no trace practices recreation across its 32 chapters throughout the state. In addition to sharing leave no trace information at its events and trainings, it will also be creating videos to reach a broader audience beyond its

members. Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$97,200 in donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2263)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$17,180

Educating Visitors to Heather Meadows

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$10,000

Supporting Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol

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

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$18,000

Educating Winter Recreation Visitors to Mount Adams

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to hire one seasonal ranger for two winter seasons to educate visitors about winter recreation safety. Efforts will focus on reaching visitors snowmobiling, as well as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Education will emphasize safe and responsible recreation, winter safety and avalanche hazards, Sno-park permits, weather conditions updates, and respecting all visitors. The ranger district will contribute \$18,000 in staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2520)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Recreational Trails Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

Education Category Letters are in Ranked Order

- 18-2379E Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21 (4) Rank 1
- 18-2469E Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019 (3) Rank 2
- 18-2468E Mt. Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards 2018 (2) Rank 3
- 18-2314E Cle Elum-Snoqualmie Pass I-90 Corridor Winter Ed (6) Rank 4
- 18-2331E Middle Fork and Mt. Si NRCA Education (10) Rank 5
- 18-2362E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (1) Rank 6
- 18-2313E Cle Elum RD Winter Trail Patrol 2020-2022 (8) Rank 6
- 18-2436E Trail Safety and Etiquette Pilot Education Campaign (5) Rank 8
- 18-2264E Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol (6) Rank 11



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18-2379 RTP EE #1

October 31, 2018
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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

Back Country Horsemen of Washington is aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As long time recreation users and as an organization that does volunteer trail maintenance in the Snoqualmie Ranger District we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. Corral Pass has long been a campground and trailhead that was a popular access for equestrian users; its renovation is something that we look forward to.

In addition, the Middle Fork Trail had a severe washout during the fall of 2017. In the past the Middle Fork Trail had provided access for pack and saddle stock as an east/west corridor across the Cascades and into the Salmon La Sac area. That route over Dutch Miller gap has been inaccessible to horsemen and difficult for hikers for a number of years. It is a route that horsemen are committed to seeing re-established. The repair of the washed out area of the Middle Fork Trail will be a major positive step toward this end.

The Snoqualmie District recreation staff manages and coordinates thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants from the Recreation Conservation Office ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Kathy Young

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18-2379 RTP EE #1

November 7, 2018

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- 18-2379 E Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
- 18-2378 M Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
- 18-2399 M Middle Fork Trail Relocation
- 18-2401 M Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation
- 18-2402 D Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust enthusiastically endorses the Snoqualmie Ranger District's proposals to the RCO through the NOVA and RTP programs to maintain, improve, build, and relocate hiking, backcountry, and multi-use trails and facilities in the District and to provide ranger patrols.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the landscape connecting Seattle to Ellensburg surrounding Interstate 90, including wilderness lands, rural areas and historic sites, and the 15th largest metropolitan area in the country. This spectacular landscape has not happened by accident. More than two decades of collaborative work have preserved the natural heritage of the Greenway, which encompasses some of the most heavily used trails in the state including locations within the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Unfortunately, the very crowds that are drawn to the beauty and challenge of the District's unique terrain threaten to destroy the wilderness experience they are seeking at popular destinations such as the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, and the many popular trails along the Interstate 90 corridor.

Trail maintenance efforts, the creation and maintenance of new recreational ADA-accessible day use facilities, and increased education and enforcement via front- and backcountry rangers is critical to the long-term sustainability of the trails and natural resources within the Greenway, allowing the recreational resources to meet increased demand without negatively impacting the landscape.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities.

(* Executive Committee Member
 (X) Ex-Officio (non-voting) Director



The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and many other agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and citizens to support long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and to responsibly accommodate increased visitation expected to occur after a federal road improvement project paves the main access to the Valley. The projects put forth within these multiple grant proposals will help to ensure that trails and facilities in the Middle Fork Valley and in the Greenway are up to a standard that can sustainably support higher public visitation, and that recreational users are aware and educated about the natural world around them.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for these important projects. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these proposals.

Sincerely,

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director

10/27/2018

18-2379 RTP EE #1

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Olympia, WA 98504

On behalf of Volunteer Rangers participating in the Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program, we want to express our strong support for the grant submitted by the U.S. Forest Service, Snoqualmie Ranger District. Volunteer Rangers play an important role. Our job is to patrol trails in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak and Clearwater Wilderness areas, including the surrounding backcountry. Our contact with visitors is crucial to help keep the wilderness natural and pristine for future generations. We disseminate information regarding Leave No Trace, hiker safety, regulations for the wilderness areas, resource protection and assist visitors as needed. Some of the most heavily used trails in the state of Washington are within the Snoqualmie Ranger District, including trails in the I-90 and SR410 corridor.

It's a joy and privilege to volunteer for the U.S. Forest Service hiking our trails, educating the public, assisting visitors and sharing our passion for stewardship of public lands.

Sincerely,

Volunteer Rangers



Lori Mac Donald
Tamiethen Seymour

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Margaret Johnston

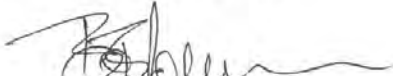

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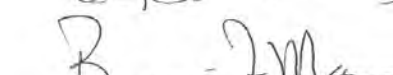
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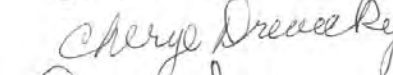
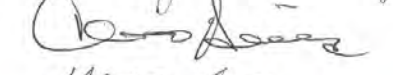
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Washington Trails Association

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October 29, 2018

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of support for NOVA & RTP proposals

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following NOVA and RTP projects:

#18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
#18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
#18-2379 E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
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Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 4,400 WTA volunteers perform over 140,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

For 50 years, WTA has focused on helping Washingtonians get on trail to experience the great outdoors in our state and national parks, national forests and other public lands with an emphasis on ensuring the sustainability of trails and making outdoor experiences fulfilling and fun for hikers.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers some of the most visited trails and trailheads in the state. With this increase in users, Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance is essential to providing safe and sustainable trails to all users in addition to the need for more Front Country and Backcountry Ranger Patrols to help alleviate and control user impact.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

To the RTP Education Grant Committee;

RTP Ed 18-2469 Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019

This letter is an endorsement to fund a climbing ranger for 2019. The climbing rangers of the MBSNF are of great importance to the community. They tirelessly interact with thousands of people who frequent the mountain each summer. They are critical to the link between the general public and the forest land. They also support safety, aid in rescue, work closely with guide outfitters, and manage human waste. The job they do is quite large, and is necessary every year with continued growth.

Please keep the Rangers working in the MBSNF.

Sincerely,

Mick Pearson



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November 1, 2018

18-2469 RTP EE #2

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Mt. Baker Ranger District (of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Mt. Baker Ranger District Development and Planning projects:

Project Names:

- RTP Ed 18-2469 Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019
- RTP Ed 18-2468 Mt. Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards 2018
- RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance
- NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019

The Mt. Baker Climbing Ranger program is incredibly important as more and more people explore the mountains of the PNW, and Mt Baker specifically, though mountaineering. Currently, the Climbing Program on Mt. Baker Ranger District has funds available for one ranger. One ranger working alone cannot safely access the areas on Mount Baker where the majority of climbing activities occur. This education grant will provide a second ranger to work with the first ranger. Together they will be able to safely work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with the climbing public. Due to the large number of climbers on the mountain there are concerns about safety issues such as un-ropeed climbers and resource management issues such as human waste and campsite impacts. As a skilled and experienced rope team they will be able to contact the climbers and educate them on Leave No Trace techniques appropriate for the alpine environment including waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices such as roping up on the glaciers.

We also consider the Mountain Stewards Program important for their role as public educators and stewards of these public lands that are so heavily experienced by outdoor enthusiasts. The presence of stewards in places like the Mt. Baker NRA, Heliotrope ridge, Skyline Ridge and Heather Meadows helps the recreating

public understand the important role of land managers to protecting public lands, as well as creating critical education and engagement with the public.

We appreciate the Mt. Baker Ranger district's partnership with multiple organization to undertake trail maintenance work. Keeping trails accessible and open is more important than ever as we see increased outdoor recreation happening in this area. Quality trails reduce environmental impact, directly protecting these public lands, as well as providing quality experiences to the variety of recreational experiences they offer.

The Mt. Baker Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance. Mountaineers members visit this area every season of the year. These proposals will help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the Mt. Baker Ranger District. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Mt. Baker Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director

November 8, 2018

Dear NOVA Advisory Committee,

I would like to offer my support for the Mt. Baker Ranger Districts' Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019 #18-2469 project. Mt. Baker is the most heavily glaciated peak in the Cascade Range and has become increasingly popular for climbers seeking to explore the North Cascades or even as a training climb for bigger mountains elsewhere in the world. I have explored all flanks of Mt. Baker and climbed it about a half dozen times. I have seen some pretty inexperienced parties on the mountain and people who do not know the proper etiquette for things like how to set up camp and waste disposal. Fatalities have occurred pretty much every year due to a variety of hazards found on Mt. Baker.

The Forest Service is incredibly fortunate to have two exceedingly experienced climbing rangers on the mountain. I have had the opportunity to visit with Brandon and Leif on several occasions and they are so great and professional at providing route information to other climbers as well as teaching them proper sanitation on the mountain. Their presence helps to keep climber safe and the mountain clean. They also have provided lifesaving assistance to injured climbers many times over the years. Their presence is essential given the large number of climbers on the mountain.

This grant request is a small one, but it provides a tremendous benefit to the climbing community. Please strongly consider funding this project to keep these guys on the mountain. Thank you!



GARY PAULL

Lindsay Leffelman

1909 Summit Ave., Everett WA 98201 | 425-780-0810 | lleffelman@everettsd.org

10/23/2018

Re: RTP 18-2468 Ed Mt. Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards 2018.

Dear Recreation Conservation Office Recreational Trails Program:

For eight years, I have volunteered as a Mountain Steward with the Mt. Baker Ranger District, and I fully support the program's continuation in the years to come. Although I had to take a break from the program during the summer of 2018, I know I will be back next season and for many more seasons to come. Why do I keep coming back as a volunteer year after year? Simply put, the program is a joy to be a part of. Through Mountain Stewards, I am able to give back to the trail systems that I love to hike. I get to interact with my fellow hikers in a meaningful way and form bonds with my fellow Mountain Stewards. I have learned new stewardship skills and have a better understanding of how the U.S. Forest Service manages the land. The program allows me to do what I love while also having a positive impact on the larger hiking community.

Having Mountain Stewards on some of the most heavily used trails in the Mt. Baker Ranger District is an incredible asset to the public. As with any recreational pursuit, participants have varying levels of skill and knowledge, and Mountain Stewards are in a unique position to interact and share their passion and insight with the public. Over the years, I have had the privilege of interacting with hundreds of trail users, and I can recall no negative experiences. Many trail users are excited to have someone who can answer their questions about the trail, some like to engage in deeper conversations about wilderness ethics or land management, and others are just happy to see a smiling face and receive a friendly "Hello!" from a Steward while hiking by. Regardless of the conversation to be had, one common theme is appreciation; on any given Mountain Steward shift, I can expect at least a handful of comments expressing gratitude as hikers thank me for volunteering my time to help others be better stewards of the land.

I have participated in two other volunteer programs in different capacities with the U.S. Forest Service, and, in both instances, my participation did not continue beyond my initial commitment. Those other programs simply were not managed as well as the Mountain Stewards program. Since I joined Mountain Stewards, I have always found that communication is clear and timely, ample training and support are provided, materials are well-organized, and the safety of the volunteers is the number one priority. The role of volunteer coordinator is critical to keeping the program running smoothly and in helping all Mountain Stewards successfully execute their volunteer duties.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Leffelman



November 1, 2018

18-2468 RTP EE #3

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Sincerely,

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Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director

Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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Ellensburg, WA 98926



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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

18-2314 RTP EE #4

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

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Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243

18-2314 RTP EE #4



10/17/2018

Dear Grant Committee,

The Winter Recreation program at Snoqualmie Pass is a valuable program to the whole Puget Sound and Washington State community. The Forest Service does an excellent job managing this program and through their efforts thousands of people become more familiar with the amazing winter environment at the pass.

Discover your Northwest is the vendor of record for the Sno-Park permits sold at the Visitor Information Center. That \$19,340 worth of permits were sold through DYNW by Forest Service staff and volunteers is a testament to the value the public places in this program. We enthusiastically support this application!

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Jim Adams
Executive Director
Discover Your Northwest



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October 8, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners



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18-2314 RTP EE #4

October 4, 2018

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RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

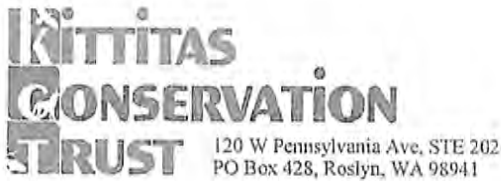
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
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November 2, 2018

18-2314 RTP EE #4

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RE: USFS Winter Recreation Education Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the US Forest Service's grant to fund winter recreation education at Snoqualmie Pass. The Visitor Information Center (VIC) at the Pass provides winter outdoor enthusiasts with excellent interpretive programming and vital information, including guided snowshoe hikes, avalanche forecasts, and route condition updates. Of all the recreational opportunities provided at Snoqualmie Pass, only the staff and volunteers at the VIC provide this particular blend of safety and ecological expertise.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors. In that regard, we greatly appreciate the time and dedication of the VIC volunteers, who instill a sense of wonder for the wintery environment in thousands of visitors every year.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
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January 4, 2019

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Re: Recreation Trails Program (RTP)
Mount Si & Middle Fork NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

Alpine Lakes Protection Society (ALPS) is writing to express our strong support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources application to the RTP-Education category for the purpose of providing an additional backcountry education staff position or positions devoted to Mt. Si NRCA and Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA public user education.

ALPS has been intimately involved in all issues regarding the Middle Fork Snoqualmie valley for over 30 years. We have been a major force in the initial push to "take back" the valley from the condition of lawlessness into which it had fallen. We are now engaged in the even more difficult challenge of properly managing the skyrocketing levels of public use in the Middle Fork valley.

With the deterioration of the road system on National Forest lands, and the ever increasing traffic in western Washington making it ever more difficult to reach more distant destinations, more and more use will be focused on the Middle Fork valley. We are likely to see levels of use which were simply unimaginable just a few years ago.

A strong effort is needed to accommodate this increased use, and to educate the public (many of whom may be new to the outdoors) about what is expected and required from visitors to these often-fragile public lands.

DNR urgently needs to have more people out on the ground. If things get out of control in the Middle Fork valley it would be very difficult to ever put things right again. The need for more on-the-ground agency presence cannot be overstated.

Thus we urge the RCO to give the most serious consideration possible to DNR's request for funding to augment its visible presence in the Middle Fork. Few other needs are more important at this juncture. The fate of the Middle Fork hangs in the balance. Please aid and support DNR's efforts to get more people out there, in the valley, where the rubber meets the road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RJ McGuire

Rick McGuire, President

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January 3, 2019

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RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education
Middle Fork & Mt. Si NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

These conservation areas are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. The Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered the backyard for many hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. Even though very accessible to the public, they are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

The goal for this project is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This type of education project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. Within the scope of this grant is the popular C.C.C trail, which connects the lower valley to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington is involved with a multi-stakeholder recreation planning process in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. We are dedicating staff and resources to help DNR and USFS plan for the increased visitation expected to occur after the federal road improvement project which greatly improved the main access to the valley. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure much need user education is available for visitors.

Thank you,
s/ *Kathy Young*
Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
president@bchw.org

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



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RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Mount Si & Middle Fork NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

On behalf of the City of North Bend, I am writing to clearly state our support of the Department of Natural Resource's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to fund an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

DNR's two conservation areas include some of the most popular trail opportunities in the region, located just outside North Bend city limits. North Bend's economy is heavily driven by outdoor recreation tourism. The hiking, mountain biking and equestrian community represents a large portion of our visitors. This grant opportunity will ensure that there is adequate education staff for DNR to manage their backcountry trail experiences. The Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley will also be experiencing a dramatic increase in use with the federal road paving project. It is necessary for agencies to have adequate funding for official presence in the valley.

Increased education and enforcement staff patrolling trails will provide public safety, protect sensitive environmental resources, and improve user experience. All of these benefits will draw recreationists, and bring more visitors into the City of North Bend. Thank you for the opportunity to support this project and we look forward to DNR being awarded this grant.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hyde
City of North Bend,
Economic Development Manager
and Planner



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RE: Recreational Trails Program - Middle Fork & Mt. Si NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports DNR's proposal to provide education service and educational resources in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan, and the NRCAs include the popular C.C.C trail, connecting the lower Valley to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. With continually increasing visitorship at Mt. Si, the CCC trail, and the Middle Fork Valley trails, we believe that DNR's proposed education services are essential to accomplishing long-term sustainable and safe non-motorized recreation experiences throughout these NRCAs.

The project goal is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. Benefits to this effort include a more well-informed, safe, and positive experience for all recreational user groups. Educators will also help foster caring for place, in turn growing future trail stewards and helping to curb vandalism and littering.

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is involved with a multi-stakeholder recreation planning process in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley through the Mountains to Sound Greenway. We are dedicating staff to help DNR and USFS plan for the increased visitation expected to occur due to a road improvement in the Middle Fork Valley. The education program will help protect the stakeholder and public's investment in recreational resources for this increasingly popular destination.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,300 members and more than 32,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. We particularly support this proposal since it includes a significant planning effort between multiple stakeholders to protect the incredible natural and recreational resources of the Middle Fork, yet make it accessible and safe for all non-motorized recreational user groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Kraus", written over a horizontal line.

Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



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18-2331 RTP EE #5

RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education – Middle Fork & Mt. Si NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust to express our strong support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

These NRCAs are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less an hour from the rapidly growing Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. The Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered the backyard for many hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and many others. Though very accessible to the public, these locations are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness. This project will provide a much-needed resource to inform and educate users and prevent trail and riparian area degradation identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan.

DNR is a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands that provide important opportunities for people to connect with nature. We fully support DNR in their ongoing working to provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for school groups, skiers, mountain bikers, equestrians, trail runners, kayakers and rafters, rock climbers and nature enthusiasts.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities. The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the DNR and USFS and many others to plan for long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure trail and facilities are up to a standard to support high public visitation.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.


Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director

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RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education
Mount Si & Middle Fork NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of King County Parks & Recreation Division to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for an educational project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs). The goal for this project is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan.

King County Parks & Recreation Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) owns and manages several large sites within the vicinity of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Area (NRCA). The Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area is adjacent to DNR's Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA on the northern end. These conservation areas are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. The Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered the backyard for many hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. Even though very accessible to the public, they are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

DNR and King County have been working together in Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley for over twenty years. From conservation land acquisitions to recreation management, we have worked together to provide seamless management throughout the valley.

Kelly Heintz

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January 10, 2019

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18-2331 RTP EE #5

Re: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Mt. Si and Middle Fork Education (18-2331 EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Mountaineers writes today to express our support for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) proposal to fund a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute educational materials throughout the spring and summer season in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley.

The Mountaineers, based in Seattle, Washington and founded in 1906, is a nonprofit outdoor education and conservation organization whose mission is "to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond." The Mountaineers Books publishing division expands the mission internationally through award-winning publications. We are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors and protects the outdoor experience for current and future generations.

The Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley is a very important area to our members for our hiking, scrambling, and rock climbing trips and courses close to the greater Seattle area. With its mountain peaks, alpine lakes, old-growth forests, whitewater rivers, and strong native trout runs located within an hour's drive of downtown Seattle, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley is one of the most significant outdoor recreation destinations not only for our volunteer-run trips and courses, but also for other outdoor activities likes whitewater kayaking & rafting, fishing, swimming, picnicking, walking, mountain biking, cycling, and horseback riding.

After the completion of the Middle Fork Road reconstruction project in the fall of 2017, the valley is now more accessible than ever before. The renovation and development of high quality and sustainable facilities along the river, both up in the Middle Fork Valley and down near the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, will provide much needed local and regional outdoor recreational opportunities that people of all ages can benefit from. The Mountaineers supports this project in order for DNR to provide education to the visiting public as well as protect investments and access for future generations.

Thank you and we hope that you will also support these projects,

Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director

December 15th, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
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RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education
Mount Si & Middle Fork NRCA Education #18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District and U.S Forest Service to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

Both the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and Alpine Lakes Wilderness are adjacent to DNR's conservation lands in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. From conservation land acquisitions and recreation management, our agencies have been working together in this valley for more than 20 years. We look forward to continuing this partnership and ensure trails in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA & Alpine Lakes Wilderness trail systems provide sustainable backcountry experiences that are very accessible to the Puget Sound Metropolitan Area population.

The goal for this project is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This project was identified as a high priority of DNR's recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. It is essential for DNR to have an on the ground presence in the valley.

USFS and DNR, among other agencies and non-profit recreation organizations, are working together to plan for the improved county road paving project. This specific grant opportunity was recommended by a multi-stakeholder committee process, which organizes recreation planning in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley.

Sincerely,



Brian McNeil
USFS Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Snoqualmie Ranger District
North Bend, WA



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Don Hoch
Director

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RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education – Middle Fork & Mt. Si NRCA Education
#18-2331 (EDU)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Olallie State Park and Washington State Parks to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

Even though very accessible to the public, this is a remote of DNR landscape in the Snoqualmie Corridor. DNR and State Parks coordinate recreation management in the southern Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA. The Far Side Trailhead is managed by State Parks and accesses DNR managed land, which includes the popular Dirty Harry's Peak Trail. Having official presence on backcountry trails will ensure a better educated visited public and less resource damage.

The goal for this project is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure balance of recreation opportunity and natural resource protection.

Sincerely,

Rick Oakley, Park Ranger
Olallie State Park
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18-2331 RTP EE #5

Washington Trails Association

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January 11, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917, Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education Middle Fork & Mt. Si NRCA Education #18-2331

Dear RCO Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association to express our support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for an education project located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

These conservation areas in the Snoqualmie Corridor are less an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center and includes some of the most popular hiking trails in the corridor: Little Si, Mount Si, Mount Teneriffe and more. Though very accessible to the public, they are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

WTA has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The goal for this project is to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails and distribute education materials throughout the spring and summer seasons. This project was identified as a high priority of the recently released Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. It is essential to meet growing public visitation while reducing natural resource damage.

DNR is a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, which provides important opportunities for people to connect with nature near the ever-growing Seattle and east King County metropolitan areas. WTA fully supports this project and DNR in their ongoing working to provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities for all types of recreation.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



18-2362 RTP EE #6

October 25, 2018

Washington State Recreation
and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Letter of Support for:

- 18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. Trailhead And Dispersed Site M & O
- 18-2393 MNT, Wilderness Non-Motorized Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2406 DEV, #2 Canyon Trail System Development Wrrd - PHASE 2
- 18-2292 MNT, Motorized/Multi-Use Trails M&O Wrrd 2020-2021
- 18-2481 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Wilderness And Backcountry E&E 2020-2021
- 18-2487 EDU, Wenatchee River Rd Climbing Education 2020-2021
- 18-2362 E Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Snow Rangers 2019-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21 (USFS OKWNF Entiat RD)

Dear Review Committee,

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization based in Wenatchee, Washington. Founded in 1985, we are comprised of over 2500 members and volunteers. The Chelan- Douglas Land Trust engages communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the natural lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington. As such, we support the above listed USA Forest Service, Wenatchee Ranger Districts' NOVA and RTP grant applications for trail development, maintenance and community education.

These projects involve the development and annual maintenance of multi-purpose trails, and will have incredible support from recreational enthusiasts and multiple local user groups.

We recognize the importance of partnerships in education, developing, protecting and maintaining trails on public land. Our support of the Wenatchee River Ranger District extends beyond just supporting this grant application and onto coordinating our work efforts with them for some of the above listed projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Curt Soper

Executive Director

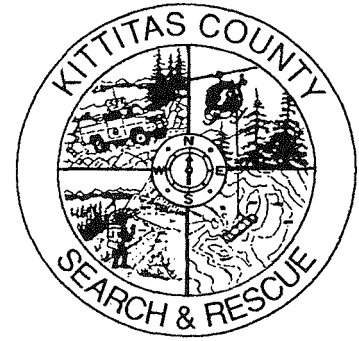
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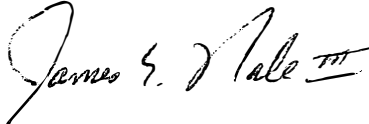
To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personnel when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely, 

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2313 RTP EE #6

SKI FOR LIGHT PUGET SOUND

To the Recreation and Conservation Office:

Ski For Light is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1975. Our mission is to teach visually-impaired individuals how to cross-country ski. Our program uses the Erling Stordahl trail system exclusively. Its flat trails and user-friendly slopes make it an ideal location to instruct and guide our participants. We require special grooming (double tracks) and good trail maintenance. Thanks to the great support of the Cle Elum Ranger District in meeting those needs, Ski For Light Puget Sound is the most active of the nine regional groups in the country. Without it, our program would not exist.

Sincerely,

Doug Sundberg, Vice-President, Ski For Light Puget Sound



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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Osiadacz", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

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October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2313 RTP EE #6

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



18-2313 RTP EE #6

September 17, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

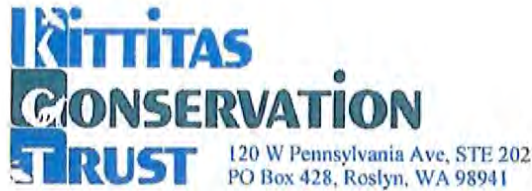
The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia; WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Long
Executive Director – Kittitas Conservation Trust
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18-2313 RTP EE #6

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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November 6, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for #18-2436 Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am writing to express my support for King County Parks' grant application to the Recreational Trails Program, *#18-2436 Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign*. Washington Trails Association partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

Like King County Parks, WTA seeks to nurture a trail community that enjoys and stewards the amazing trail networks offered right here near our backyards in King County. As a trail-based hiking organization, we know that safe trails are the best trails for everyone, be it on two legs, four legs or two wheels. We wholeheartedly support the concept of an educational campaign whose outcome will be to reduce potential conflicts between types of trail visitors and improve visitors' knowledge and confidence on the trail. If King County Parks is awarded RTP funding for this educational campaign, we would be delighted to participate in such a partnership and to help shape the messaging and other aspects of the educational efforts.

Once again, I would like to express my support for this project, and I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



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18-2436 RTP EE #8

November 29, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Hello Recreational Trails Program Grant Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Tahoma Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our support for King County Parks' grant application to the Recreational Trails Program, *#18-2436 Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign*. Tahoma Chapter BCHW partners frequently with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members regularly use and provide trail maintenance support to the trail systems managed by King County Parks at Taylor Mountain Forest and Danville Georgetown, as well as other trail systems throughout Washington State. We also partner with other trail user organizations such as the Washington Trails Association, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, and Mountains to Sound Greenway.

We strongly believe that all user organizations seek the same thing: to nurture a trail community that enjoys and stewards the fabulous trail systems offered near our homes in King County. As a trail advocate organization, we know that safe trails are critical for everyone, regardless of our method of motion. We also know that many people don't think about trail safety and how their use of the trails affects other users.

Tahoma Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Washington members support the concept of an educational campaign whose outcome will be to reduce potential conflicts between types of trail users and to improve visitors' knowledge and confidence on the trail. If King County Parks is awarded RTP funding for this educational campaign, we would be delighted to participate in such a partnership and to help shape the messaging and other aspects of this educational project.

Once again, we would like to express our support for this RTP grant application and hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks. Thank you for hosting this grant.

Best regards,

Mary Kane
Director, Tahoma Chapter
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



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18-2436 RTP EE #8

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, I am writing to express my support for King County Parks' grant application to the Recreational Trails Program, *#18-2436 Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign*.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust works collaboratively with King County Parks on a variety of initiatives, including our continued partnership to conserve lands for future parks and trails, collaborative projects to enhance equitable recreation access, our combined support for regional trail connections in King County, and much more.

The Greenway Trust convenes partnerships of land management agencies, the business community, conservation and recreation NGOs, and interested citizens to work toward a future vision of healthy natural lands in balance with thriving communities. Throughout our work and our partnerships, we consistently hear that our region needs a coordinated education campaign to ensure safe, sustainable recreation.

King County Parks is best positioned to champion an educational campaign with a goal to reduce potential conflicts between types of trail visitors and improve visitors' knowledge and confidence on the trail. If King County Parks is awarded RTP funding for this educational campaign, we would be delighted to participate in such a partnership and to help shape the messaging and other aspects of the educational efforts.

Please accept our strong support for this project and I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director

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November 8, 2018

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18-2436 RTP EE #8

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club I am writing to express our support for King County Parks' grant application to the Recreational Trails Program, #18-2436 Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign. Issaquah Alps partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks, such as at Grand Ridge, Cougar Mountain and Taylor Mountain and Cougar-Squak Corridor.

Ultimately, IATC and King County Parks seek the same thing: to nurture a trail community that enjoys and stewards the amazing trail networks offered right here near our backyards in King County. As a trail-based organization, we know that safe trails are the best trails for everyone, be it on two legs, four legs or two wheels.

We wholeheartedly support the concept of an educational campaign whose outcome will be to reduce potential conflicts between types of trail visitors and improve visitors' knowledge and confidence on the trail. If King County Parks is awarded RTP funding for this educational campaign, we would be delighted to participate in such a partnership and to help shape the messaging and other aspects of the educational efforts.

Beyond user safety on the existing trail system we believe new knowledge about trail design will come about through this process. This knowledge would be especially valuable where hikers, bikers and equestrians are all using the same trails and there is a high level of use such as Grand Ridge Park.

Once again, I would like to express my support for this project and I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

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David Kappler

VP Advocacy

Issaquah Alps Trails Club

davidkappler@hotmail.com

425-652-2753

November 5, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf the Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails Committee, I am writing to express my support for King County Parks' grant application to the Recreational Trails Program, #18-2436 *Trail Safety and Etiquette Educational Campaign*. FBFHT partners regularly with King County Parks on a variety of projects, and our members frequently take advantage of the backcountry trails offered by King County Parks, such as at Big Finn Hill Park.

Ultimately, FBFHT and King County Parks seek the same thing: to nurture a trail community that enjoys and stewards the amazing trail networks offered right here near our backyards in King County. As a trail-based organization, we know that safe trails are the best trails for everyone, be it on two legs, four legs or two wheels.

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Once again, I would like to express my support for this project and I hope you will consider awarding funding to King County Parks.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Best regards,



Bill Blanchard
Chairman
Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails
Kirkland, WA 98034

CITY OF POMEROY

G. Paul Miller - Mayor - 801 7th Street - P.O. Box 370 - Pomeroy, WA 99347
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December 3, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersal Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264T

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Pomeroy strongly supports the subject programs as the Umatilla National Forest is an integral part of our community.

The Umatilla National Forest provides enjoyment for both tourists and recreationalists alike. We rely on these programs in order to continue to attract visitors and local usage for such activities as camping, mushrooming, hiking, ATV and UTV use, huckleberry picking, horseback riding, hunting and casual enjoyment. Maintenance of the trails and campgrounds, as well as patrols, are essential services for the continued safety of visitors.

Please continue funding these programs as the Umatilla National Forest is a valued partner in our community.

There are

Sincerely,



G. P. Miller
Mayor, City of Pomeroy

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Wynne McCabe
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(509) 843-1851
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November 5, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Pomeroy Backcountry-wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy RD Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy RD Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy RD Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy RD Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Garfield County, I offer our full and hearty support for the above grant applications submitted by the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest.

The County, with a population of about 2,200, is the smallest in the State. As such, we are considered “distressed” and our economy is in a stagnate state. To help mitigate that, we actively promote recreational and tourism activities, primarily, activities available in the “Blue Mountains” of the Umatilla National Forest. As an example of our efforts, in 2009 we adopted an ordinance allowing ORV travel on selected county roads, from the City of Pomeroy to the boundary of the UNF (18-2268M). We encourage staging in Pomeroy and, hopefully, money being spent here. Also, not often mentioned but of importance to me and others, maintenance of the ORV trail system encourages riders to stay on the trail so they’re not “an accident waiting to happen” on the heavily traveled main roads, and provides the added benefit of greatly reducing “off-roading” and the resulting damage to the terrain.

Spring, summer and fall bring campers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters who use Pomeroy as the springboard for their adventures. A well maintained trail system with appurtenant trailheads and campgrounds (18-2267M and 18-2266M) are essential in making it a memorable and an “I want to do that again” adventure.

As we all know, the great majority of participants abide by the rules and are well-intentioned, but sometimes ignorance will come into play, and, sadly at times, some individuals display outright disregard for rules, regulations and courteous conduct. Since it appears that usage continues to grow each year, the Grant for Winter Trail Patrol (18-2264E) would have a mitigating impact on safety, environmental, big game and enforcement issues, which has long been needed. This also supports the "pleasurable experience" that we want them to have and would improve on our opportunities derived from the benefit stated above.

Recreationists' use of local businesses and services is actively pursued and greatly appreciated. For many, the Blue Mountains have become a favorite destination and well-maintained campgrounds, trailheads and trails, and fair and compassionate Law Enforcement are a big part of that. The more pleasurable their experience, the greater the likelihood they'll return, and hopefully, by spreading the word, others will come for the first time and they too, will continue to return.

I'm a lifelong resident of the County, my Great Grandfather was camped outside of what is now Pomeroy, when Lincoln was assassinated, my Grandfather acquired the lease on our Cabin at Stentz Springs in the "Blues" in 1924, and I've personally witnessed the growth of four-season ORV riding in the area, and the good and the bad that accompany it. The projects they propose greatly enhance the "good" and help deter the "bad." I also personally know the people who authored, will administer and work the projects funded by the grants. Not only are they very competent at their jobs, but very passionate about the stewardship of their "Blue Mountains." The grant funds entrusted to them will be wisely and effectively spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner

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December 04, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Adam Hodges - President of the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

In an endeavor to sustain and increase visitor activity in both Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy through increased use of the Umatilla National Forest visitor attractions, the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce is submitting this letter of support for:

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

The Chamber has long recognized and promoted the National Forest lands and outdoor recreational opportunities as an important component of the tourist activities that draw visitors to the community each year. Recent addition of the ORV routes has increased the number of recreationists coming to the forest, many of whom stop in Pomeroy to buy fuel, food and supplies before heading toward the scenic Blue Mountains to ride the trails with their families. Continued maintenance of these trails will help ensure that this increase usage will not decline, and will continue to provide a supplement to the local service and retail economy.

For this reason, Chamber is happy to support the application for grant dollars that would fund the USFS Pomeroy Ranger District for trail maintenance activities which will include log culbrushing, trail surfacing, trail hardening, maintenance of culverts, drain-dips and ditch-outs as well as trail bridge inspection and maintenance. These maintenance efforts will not only ensure safety for the trail riders but also longevity of the trail system itself, again helping to ensure that ORV riders and their families return many times to the Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy.

Sincerely,



Adam Hodges

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce



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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

September 21, 2018

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Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CIA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom It May Concern:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office continues to support the Pomeroy Ranger District in their endeavor to receive grants for the upkeep and improvements made to the Umatilla National Forest. With the proposed funds, we can ensure the people of Garfield County and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable way to appreciate the great outdoors through the use of the ORV trails.

With the damages caused by the 2005 School Fire and the 2006 Columbia Complex Fire, there are several areas that need improvements. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is vital for the safety of visitors to the forest. With the added funding this grant will provide, removal of dead trees and brush can be addressed, as well as drainage issues. Additionally this funding can be used for trail markers and snow pole installation in the winter for snowmobilers. All of these precautions will aid in the safety of those using the trails and help identify their location in the case of an emergency. For members of our agency, this is a key issue and something we strongly encourage and support.

As for winter trail patrol Pomeroy Ranger District manages 138 miles of snowmobile trails and over 180,000 acres of back country. This grant would allow education to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, enforce the "Leave No Trace" concept and ensure protection for both side areas and winter ranges for elk. This would relieve club members from feeling responsible for enforcing their own sport and ensure a sense of security in the area.

The Sheriff's Office highly encourages the enjoyment of outdoor sports, but our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone. We believe these added precautions will benefit all users as well as the natural resources we have been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew W. Hyer

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Recreation and Conservation Office

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Sept 24, 2018

Subject: Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/Cua's M&O 18-2266M

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wenaha Game Association fully supports the applications for the above mentioned projects put forth by the Pomeroy Ranger District. From federal to local government levels, budgets have been reduced while cost keep increasing. Grant dollars will help augment the district shortfalls and be able to continue their program of work without a reduction of services to the user.

Winter trail patrols are a very useful tool in educating people and preventing public access via motorized travel into Big Game Winter Range and Wilderness while protecting other resources and animals that use these areas in the winter as a safe haven.

Our membership is comprised mainly of outdoor enthusiast, hunters, general public who enjoy backcountry/wilderness areas along with camping. Accessing these areas for hiking, riding and hunting with a well maintained trail system is essential in navigating this rugged area.

Campground and dispersed site maintenance is a must to have clean user friendly campsites with sanitary facilities, tables and fire rings. These are the essential amenities that create return visitors year after year.

I personally know the people who will administer these dollars and I am confident that they will stretch every dollar as far as it will go for the above mentioned projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heath Shelton, President

Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization
699 Columbia Street
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Pomeroy, WA 99347

September 25, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Larry Ledgerwood, President, Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
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The Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization is a nonprofit men's group that seeks to enhance projects within our community and county. The Umatilla National Forest is a vital area for attracting recreational enthusiasts from hundreds of miles. These folks range from campers, snowmobilers, atv's, utv's, motorcycles, horseback riders, hunters and mushroom and huckleberry pickers. In addition to the named enthusiasts, many people enter the forest to enjoy a picnic or casual drive. These hobbies and activities are often a source for family time and entertainment.

Maintenance for the trails and facilities is crucial to create repeat visitors. First impressions are the most important thing when trying to draw people back and make the Pomeroy Ranger District a destination. Being able to enjoy the day rather than working to fix and clear trails will contribute heavily as people decide where they spend their free time.

Many Spinners members participate in multiple activities utilizing the campgrounds, trailheads, wilderness trails and motorized vehicle trails. We as an organization organize an ATV ride each summer on the motorized trails as a fun, family activity. Prior to the event members volunteer to navigate trails to ensure paths are open and after the event remove trash and repair any damage that may have been caused. On behalf of the entire Spinners Organization, we support the Pomeroy Ranger District's efforts to secure funds to maintain and enhance each type of trail system as well as patrolling to ensure the safety of everyone using the Pomeroy Ranger District as their playground. RCO should recognize the vast impact their allocations make as well as the value per dollar being allocated to the named focus areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Ledgerwood, President
Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-19
Recreational Trails Program General Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifty-two Recreational Trails Program, General category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifty-two projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Federal Highways Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these General category projects were evaluated by nine members of the RTP Advisory Committee 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, 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;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the final ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the General Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to RCO's Director to distribute federal fiscal year 2020 funds to this list of projects, pending federal spending authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorize 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: General Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Recreational Trails Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Grant Requests	Staff Recommends
1	73.67	18-2587M	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$125,000	\$380,000	\$505,000	\$125,000	\$62,500 ²
2	71.89	18-2324M	Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$498,190	\$648,190	\$275,000	\$75,000 ²
3	71.22	18-2296M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$977,760	\$1,127,760	\$425,000	\$75,000 ²
4	71.11	18-2323M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$568,980	\$718,980	\$575,000	\$75,000 ²
5	70.22	18-2519M	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$725,000	\$75,000 ²
6	70.00	18-2254M	Rescuing Threatened Trails	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$102,490	\$300,000	\$402,490	\$827,490	\$51,245 ²
7	69.89	18-2345M	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$75,000	\$196,000	\$271,000	\$902,490	\$37,500 ²
8	69.56	18-2408M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,052,490	\$66,809 ²
8	69.56	18-2525M	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$1,202,490	\$75,000 ²
10	68.78	18-2255M	Maintaining the Olympic Peninsula	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$90,870	\$190,709	\$281,579	\$1,293,360	\$45,435 ²
11	68.33	18-2476M	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration	Pacific Crest Trail Association	\$109,809	\$110,250	\$220,059	\$1,403,169	\$54,905 ²
12	68.00	18-2590M	San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps Maintenance	San Juan Island Conservation District	\$82,346	\$68,195	\$150,541	\$1,485,515	\$41,173 ²
13	67.78	18-2271M	Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$1,635,515	\$75,000 ²
14	67.11	18-2312M	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$40,200	\$42,500	\$82,700	\$1,675,715	\$20,100 ²
14	67.11	18-2344M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,900	\$27,800	\$48,700	\$1,696,615	\$10,450 ²
16	67.00	18-2527M	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,846,615	\$75,000 ²
17	65.89	18-2409M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Operations and Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$148,914	\$160,350	\$309,264	\$1,995,529	\$74,457 ²
18	65.44	18-2378M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$156,000	\$306,000	\$2,145,529	\$75,000 ²
19	65.00	18-2384M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$80,000	\$62,500	\$142,500	\$2,225,529	\$40,000 ²
20	64.89	18-2380M	Rehabilitating Endangered Trails	Backcountry Horsemen of Washington	\$112,951	\$158,054	\$271,005	\$2,338,480	\$56,476 ²

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Recreational Trails Program
2019-2021

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20	64.89	18-2382M	Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Deferred Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$144,800	\$145,380	\$290,180	\$2,483,280	\$56,386 ²
22	64.67	18-2445M	North Olympic Land Trust Trail Maintenance Bundle	North Olympic Land Trust	\$14,610	\$12,419	\$27,029	\$2,497,890	Alternate
23	64.22	18-2265M	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$36,000	\$87,241	\$123,241	\$2,533,890	\$18,000 ²
24	64.11	18-2528M	Leavenworth Winter Trail Maintenance	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club	\$124,000	\$125,000	\$249,000	\$2,657,890	Alternate
25	63.44	18-2329M	East Snoqualmie Corridor Backcountry Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$85,000	\$69,560	\$154,560	\$2,742,890	Alternate
26	63.33	18-2341M	Saint Edward State Park Trail Maintenance	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$40,750	\$33,750	\$74,500	\$2,783,640	Alternate
26	63.33	18-2470M	Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$82,000	\$232,000	\$2,933,640	Alternate
28	63.00	18-2536M	Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew	Northwest Motorcycle Association	\$121,114	\$54,600	\$175,714	\$3,054,754	\$60,557 ²
29	62.67	18-2489M	Winthrop Washington Trail Grooming	Mountain Trails Grooming Association	\$27,200	\$23,100	\$50,300	\$3,081,954	Alternate
30	62.56	18-2413M	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$150,000	\$81,000	\$231,000	\$3,231,954	\$75,000 ²
31	62.44	18-2299M	Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trail Maintenance	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$143,134	\$143,134	\$286,268	\$3,375,088	\$71,567 ²
32	62.22	18-2575M	Mount Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails Grooming	Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation	\$18,000	\$27,795	\$45,795	\$3,393,088	Alternate
33	62.11	18-2386M	White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$204,450	\$354,450	\$3,543,088	Alternate
34	61.89	18-2333M	Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$598,820	\$748,820	\$3,693,088	\$75,000 ²
35	61.56	18-2585M	Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$47,000	\$82,500	\$129,500	\$3,740,088	Alternate
36	59.89	18-2551M	Yacolt Burn Motorized Trails Maintenance Southwest Washington	Piston's Wild Motorsports	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$85,000	\$3,790,088	\$25,000 ²
37	59.78	18-2335M	Taneum Ridge Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$175,276	\$325,276	\$3,940,088	\$75,000 ²

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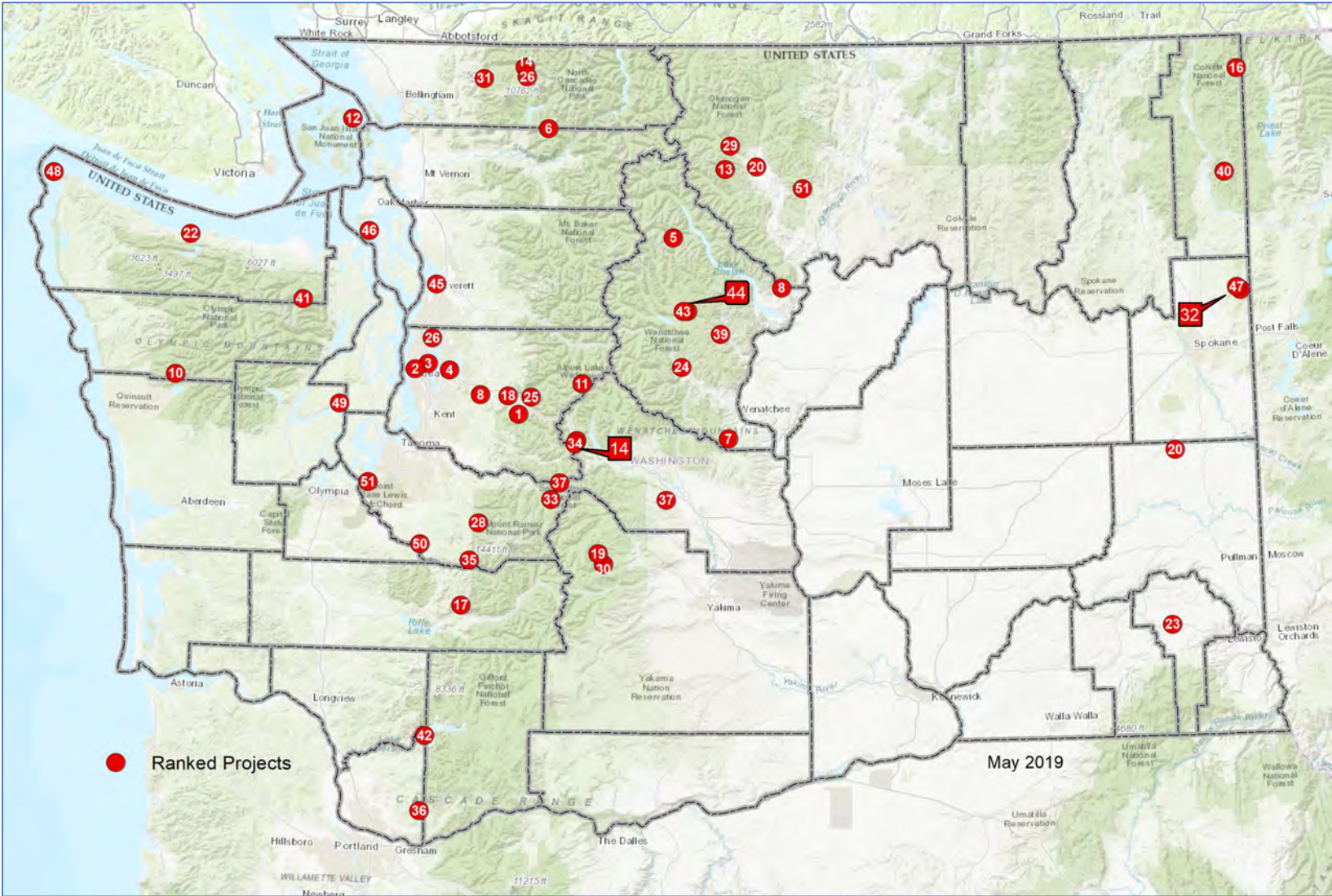
Recreational Trails Program
2019-2021

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37	59.78	18-2391M	West Cascades to Yakima Snowmobile Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$624,198	\$774,198	\$4,090,088	\$75,000 ²
39	59.00	18-2365M	Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$150,000	\$107,000	\$257,000	\$4,240,088	Alternate
40	58.78	18-2411M	Northeast Region Motorized Trails Grooming and Plowing	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$310,420	\$460,420	\$4,390,088	\$62,930 ²
41	58.44	18-2438M	Tubal Cain Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$51,000	\$23,000	\$74,000	\$4,441,088	Alternate
42	57.33	18-2510M	Pacific Cascade Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$43,000	\$143,000	\$4,541,088	Alternate
43	57.22	18-2428M	Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$238,635	\$388,635	\$4,691,088	Alternate
44	56.89	18-2363M	Entiat and Wenatchee River Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$97,600	\$159,400	\$257,000	\$4,788,688	Alternate
45	56.67	18-2339D	Howarth Park Boardwalk Replacement	Everett	\$115,830	\$62,920	\$178,750	\$4,904,518	Alternate
46	56.56	18-2351D	Walking Ebey's Trail Construction	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$97,000	\$52,000	\$149,000	\$5,001,518	Alternate
47	56.11	18-2407M	Mount Spokane Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$80,932	\$56,240	\$137,172	\$5,082,450	Alternate
48	50.44	18-2431M	Cape Flattery Trail Renovation	Makah Tribe	\$149,525	\$74,212	\$223,737	\$5,231,975	Alternate
49	49.44	18-2583D	Theler Wetlands Trail	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$44,528	\$11,132	\$55,660	\$5,276,503	Alternate
50	48.44	18-2477M	University of Washington Pack Forest Recreational Trail Network	University of Washington - Pack Forest	\$74,046	\$19,428	\$93,474	\$5,350,549	Alternate
51	44.33	18-2502M	South Summit Trails Grooming	Loup Loup Ski Education	\$90,000	\$39,000	\$129,000	\$5,440,549	Alternate
51	44.33	18-2521D	Sequalitchew Creek Trail Restroom	DuPont	\$84,949	\$21,238	\$106,187	\$5,525,498	Alternate
					\$5,525,498	\$8,431,136	\$13,956,634		\$1,755,490

¹Project Type: D=Development, M=Maintenance

²Partial Funding

State Map for Recreational Trails Program General Category Projects



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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	5
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				85

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

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25	East Snoqualmie Corridor Backcountry Maintenance	10.33	11.00		6.67	8.00	4.33	3.67	3.44	8.00	8.00	0.00	63.44	
26	Saint Edward State Park Trail Maintenance	10.00	11.00		6.44	8.00	4.00	3.33	3.00	7.56	10.00	0.00	63.33	
26	Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance	12.00	12.33		7.33	8.22	4.11	3.22	3.44	8.67	4.00	0.00	63.33	
28	Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail Crew	11.33	11.00		8.00	8.00	3.67	3.67	3.78	9.56	4.00	0.00	63.00	
29	Winthrop Washington Trail Grooming	9.67	10.33		6.67	6.67	4.33	3.78	3.89	7.33	10.00	0.00	62.67	
30	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	11.00	11.00		8.00	8.00	4.22	3.67	3.56	7.11	6.00	0.00	62.56	
31	Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trail Maintenance	9.67	11.00		6.89	7.11	4.44	3.44	3.22	6.67	10.00	0.00	62.44	
32	Mount Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails Grooming	9.33	11.00		6.67	6.67	4.00	3.78	3.89	6.89	10.00	0.00	62.22	
33	White River Trail Maintenance	10.33	11.33		7.33	7.78	4.00	3.56	3.33	4.44	10.00	0.00	62.11	
34	Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	10.33	10.67		6.22	6.89	4.33	3.33	3.22	6.89	10.00	0.00	61.89	
35	Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance	9.67	9.67		7.33	6.22	4.11	3.56	3.67	7.33	10.00	0.00	61.56	
36	Yacolt Burn Motorized Trails Maintenance Southwest Washington	10.00	11.00		6.44	7.11	3.89	3.67	3.78	6.00	8.00	0.00	59.89	
37	Taneum Ridge Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	9.67	10.33		6.67	6.89	4.33	3.22	3.11	5.56	10.00	0.00	59.78	
37	West Cascades to Yakima Snowmobile Trails	9.00	10.67		7.11	7.11	4.11	3.44	3.22	5.11	10.00	0.00	59.78	
39	Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trail Maintenance	11.33	10.67		7.33	6.89	4.00	3.56	3.67	7.56	4.00	0.00	59.00	
40	Northeast Region Motorized Trails Grooming and Plowing	9.00	10.33		6.67	6.67	4.11	3.56	3.33	5.11	10.00	0.00	58.78	
41	Tubal Cain Trail Bridge Replacement	11.33	12.67		7.78	6.89	3.22	3.33	3.44	5.78	4.00	0.00	58.44	
42	Pacific Cascade Michell Peak Rehabilitation	10.00	10.67		7.11	7.33	3.78	3.33	3.78	7.33	4.00	0.00	57.33	
43	Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks	8.67	10.00		6.67	6.22	4.00	3.22	3.11	5.33	10.00	0.00	57.22	
44	Entiat and Wenatchee River Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	8.67	10.00		6.22	6.22	4.00	3.00	3.22	5.56	10.00	0.00	56.89	
45	Howarth Park Boardwalk Replacement	8.00	12.33	7.78		7.56	3.22	3.00	2.78	6.00	6.00	0.00	56.67	
46	Walking Ebey's Trail Construction	8.67	9.67	6.67		7.78	3.44	3.44	4.00	8.89	4.00	0.00	56.56	
47	Mount Spokane Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	9.00	10.33		6.44	6.67	4.00	3.22	2.89	5.56	8.00	0.00	56.11	
48	Cape Flattery Trail Renovation	8.33	10.33		6.67	6.89	4.00	2.78	3.00	4.44	4.00	0.00	50.44	
49	Theler Wetlands Trail	10.00	11.00	6.44		7.56	3.56	3.33	2.67	4.89	0.00	0.00	49.44	
50	University of Washington Pack Forest Recreational Trail Network	9.33	10.33		6.67	7.78	3.44	3.22	3.22	4.44	0.00	0.00	48.44	

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51	South Summit Trails Grooming		8.00	8.00		5.56	6.44	3.00	2.67	2.89	3.78	4.00	0.00	44.33
51	Sequalitchew Creek Trail Restroom		8.33	10.00	6.00		6.67	3.78	2.56	2.56	4.44	0.00	0.00	44.33

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

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?

General Category Project Summaries

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Maintaining Western Washington Trails

Grant Requested: \$125,000

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to coordinate 18,000 volunteer hours to maintain 300 miles of non-motorized and 50 miles of motorized trails in Western Washington. Evergreen is building 20 miles of new trail in Western Washington to open in the 2019-2021 grant biennium. New trails will require maintenance as early as fall 2019. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical maintenance needs and responds to emergency repairs due to seasonal fire or storms. The Alliance will contribute \$380,000 in donation of labor, a local grant, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2587)

Washington Trails Association Engaging Youth in Volunteer Stewardship Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to support youth volunteers in 32,000 hours of trail maintenance on 90 miles of hiking trails in Washington. This project teaches young people the skills and ethic necessary be long-term stewards of trails. Half of the project will consist of daylong work parties for youth, families and other youth-serving organizations. These events will occur around the state, generally near Washington's major population centers including Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and Bellingham. Volunteers will complete the other part of the project with one- and two-week youth volunteer vacation, often on backcountry trails in the Olympics, Cascades and Selkirk Mountains. Volunteers will build rock steps, re-deck bridges and uncover lost sections of trail, in addition to performing routine maintenance. Washington Trails Association will contribute \$498,190 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2324)

Washington Trails Association Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship of Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage volunteers in 61,466 hours of trail maintenance on 277 miles of hiking trails in Washington. As part of the two-year project volunteers will address a backlog of trail maintenance on some of the state's most popular trails, under stress from increased visitors. An estimated 3.9 million hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers visit with these trails statewide. Funding for this grant will support maintenance efforts to help increase the sustainability of these trails and safety of the increasing population that uses them. This project will support

600 volunteer events near major urban areas of Puget Sound, Vancouver, Spokane, as well as smaller communities around the state. Volunteers will help to clear trails, enhance water drainage, and replace old puncheons and bridges. In total, matching contributions of volunteer labor and cash will provide 86.7 percent of the project's total value. Washington Trails Association will contribute \$977,760 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2296)

Washington Trails Association**Grant Requested: \$150,000****Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship to Maintain Trails Statewide**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to engage backcountry volunteers in 33,000 hours of maintenance on 345 miles of hiking trails in Washington for two years. An estimated 2.5 million visitors use backcountry trails in Washington state and many of these trails are at risk of being lost altogether if not maintained. Land agencies' staff capacity to complete this work is increasingly diminishing. This project will support 100 weeklong volunteer trips and backcountry response teams throughout the Cascades, Olympics, Selkirks/Kettle Range and Blue Mountains. Backcountry crews will perform a wide variety of maintenance tasks such as clearing debris and enhancing trail tread. Technical projects such as installing a crib wall to stabilize a switchback, building a bridge using materials found onsite, constructing short reroutes following a slide, or clearing of downed trees may also occur. This grant will also support rapid backcountry response work in the event of a storm or wildfire in coordination with land managers. In total, matching contributions of volunteer labor and cash will provide 79 percent of the projects total value. Washington Trails Association will contribute \$568,980 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2323)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$150,000****Maintaining Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trails**

Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to address backlog maintenance on 307 miles of non-motorized trail in the Lake Chelan Basin for two seasons. Duties will include trail clearing, replacement and repair of trail signs, drainage, and bridges as well as standard maintenance and minor reconstructions of trail tread surfaces. The project will improve access and safety, retain access on burned trails, and protect natural resources. The Ranger District will contribute \$130,000 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2519)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Requested: \$102,490**
Restoring Trails Affected by Wildfires, Flooding, and Windstorms

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

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Requested: \$75,000**
Maintaining Eastern Washington Trails with Volunteer Support

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support more than 10,000 volunteer hours to maintain more than 200 miles of non-motorized trails and 120 miles of motorized trails in Eastern Washington. This volunteer stewardship is important to address land managers' backlog of maintenance projects and meet the needs of the growing mountain bike community. In 2018, Evergreen volunteers delivered 29,685 hours statewide. Evergreen is planning and building new trails in Eastern Washington, which are slated to open in the 2019-2021 grant biennium. These new trails will require maintenance attention as early as fall 2019. Evergreen works closely with land managers statewide to identify areas with critical maintenance needs. It also responds to emergency repairs due to seasonal, fire, or storm damage. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$196,000 in donation of labor, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2345)

Mountains to Sound Greenway **Grant Requested: \$150,000**
Maintaining Trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails for two years in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. The Greenway Trust will clear logs and trail debris, replace signs, and repair trail tread, drainage, and trail structures. Work will cover Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains, destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, along the Pacific Crest Trail, in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$150,000 in donation of labor, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2408)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$150,000****Maintaining Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails**

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

Back Country Horsemen of Washington**Grant Requested: \$90,870****Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Recreation Opportunities**

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association**Grant Requested: \$109,809****Restoring the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail**

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

**San Juan Island Conservation District
Using Youth Conservation Corps to Maintain San Juan Island Trails****Grant Requested: \$82,346**

The San Juan Island Conservation District will use this grant to hire about 50 youth through Youth Conservation Corps crews to maintain 198 miles of backcountry trails across San Juan, Orcas, Lopez, and throughout the islands. Youth Conservation Corps crews offer a summer work opportunity for youth (ages 12-18) working and learning in the natural environment with mentoring from natural resource professionals, AmeriCorps crews, and Washington Trails Association volunteers. Crewmembers receive a \$25-\$30/day stipend. The Conservation District will contribute \$68,195 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, donation of materials, and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2590)

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

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

**U.S. Forest Service
Caring for Winter Recreation Opportunities in the Cle Elum Ranger District****Grant Requested: \$40,200**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two positions to maintain 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 60 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails on national forest lands in Kittitas County. Duties will include clearing trail debris; installing signs and trail markers; and repairing culverts, or pipes that help water to move under roads. The Cle Elum Ranger District is one of the most heavily used winter recreation areas in the state, with easy access from population centers, snow, and good weather. Trends indicate that visitors to the district's Sno-Parks will continue to increase, from an average of 24,000 visitors in 2011-12 to 40,000 in 2015-16. The ranger district will contribute

\$42,500 in donation of labor, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2312)

**Nooksack Nordic Ski Club
Maintaining the Salmon Ridge Trail System**

Grant Requested: \$20,900

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

**Pacific Northwest Trail Association
Maintaining the Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

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

**U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Caring for Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails**

Grant Requested: \$148,914

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to hire two four-person crews to maintain 300 miles of wilderness system trails, including 81 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, for 2 years. Volunteers will contribute 2,800 hours of donated labor in partnership with the Washington Trails Association, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and Back Country Horsemen of Washington. This project help to reduce conflicts between visitors while increasing understanding and natural resource protection. The ranger

district will contribute \$160,350 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2409)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trail

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain more than 190 miles of trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Work will include clearing trail, addressing drainage challenges, and repairing trail tread. Visitor counts from 2018 suggest more than 200,000 people visit U.S. Forest Service trails on the I-90 corridor west of Snoqualmie Pass. Social and environmental factors such as, steep grades, high rainfall, popularity, dense forests, and winter storms have created conditions of backlogged maintenance in this area. Project benefits include fewer safety hazards, reduced erosion, longer life span for trail facilities, and enhanced access to the outdoors. The Ranger District will contribute \$156,000 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2378)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$80,000

Responding to Deferred Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant for deferred maintenance on 360 miles of wilderness and adjacent non-motorized trails located within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Yakima County. This project will help fund a 4-to-6-person trail crew to clear trail, limit erosion and enhance drainage, and rebuild small bridges. The project will also include buying small tools and materials. These trails attract tens of thousands of visitors each year who boost the local economy by purchasing food, accommodations, gas, groceries, equipment, and other services. The ranger district will contribute \$62,500 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, equipment, materials, and youth groups. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2384)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Rehabilitating Backcountry Trails

Grant Requested: \$112,951

Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to replace the planking on a bridge on the Palouse to Cascade Rail Trail, maintain a campground and trails in the Pend Oreille County Park. The project will support the Cowlitz, Newport, and Mount Baker Ranger Districts, alleviating 2 to 28 years of backlog maintenance on trails with several Back Country Horsemen chapters donating more than 6,000 volunteer hours. Back Country Horsemen has worked with land managers to keep trails open for 42 years

and are U.S. Forest Service, certified sawyers to use chainsaws and/or crosscut saws to maintain these forests. This grant will help hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians from Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, Spokane, and the surrounding small towns enjoy Washington's backcountry. Backcountry Horsemen will contribute \$158,054 in donation of labor, donation of materials, and equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2380)

U.S. Forest Service

Grant Requested: \$144,800

Caring for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to continue to replace equipment and address deferred maintenance on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail in the Pasayten Wilderness. Maintenance work will include clearing trail, repairing trail tread, controlling erosion, and repairing trail sections damaged from fire. In 2009, congress designated the Pacific Northwest Trail as a national scenic trail. The Methow Valley Ranger District maintains 85 miles of this trail, through one of the most spectacular continuous wilderness portions of the trail. Remote crews, supported by pack stock and using traditional Wilderness tools, do most of the work. Without this maintenance work, this national scenic trail would cease to exist. The trail and its hikers also bring an important economic benefit to the rural communities of Okanogan County. The ranger district will contribute \$145,380 in donations of cash, donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2382)

North Olympic Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$14,610

Maintaining Trails on the North Olympic Peninsula

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to maintain, repair, and improve trails on its Siebert Creek, Lyre, Pysht, Elk Creek, and Calawah conservation areas in Clallam County. Work will include upgrading one interpretive trail to make it accessible to people with disabilities. Visitors using the trail system will have access to the 700+ acres the Land Trust preserves to experience solitude, view birds and wildlife, visit forests, rivers, meadows, and estuaries, and partake in educational tours, group activities, and organized trail runs. The trail system is open to hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and power-driven mobility devices. North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$12,419 in donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2445)

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

Grant Requested: \$36,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with a crew of volunteers, to maintain 138 miles of snowmobile trails within the Umatilla National Forest. Duties include clearing trail debris and installing signs, trail markers, and snow poles. This funding will help to maintain working relationships with the Mount Misery Sno-Drifters and other volunteers to keep trails safely passable during the winter season and to promote responsible snowmobiling. The town of Pomeroy acts as the gateway to this snowmobiling mecca, which small businesses receive an economic boost from snowmobilers and other winter recreationist who visit gas stations, stores, and restaurants. The ranger district will contribute \$87,241 in donation of equipment, donation of labor, equipment, staff labor, materials, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2265)

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club
Maintaining Leavenworth Winter Trails

Grant Requested: \$124,000

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will use this grant to maintain 30 miles of winter trails for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire biking at Ski Hill, Icicle River Trail, and Leavenworth Golf Course. Much-needed deferred maintenance will improve trail conditions and help retain snow on 5 miles of trail at Ski Hill. Activities includes clearing trail and small trees, removing overhead limbs that reduce snowfall reaching the trails, and improve drainage to enable better grooming conditions and avoid damage. These locations provide recreational opportunities for all skill levels through forested environments and along the Wenatchee and Icicle Rivers. The Winter Sports Club sells more than 1,200 annual memberships and 18,000 day-use passes per season. Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will contribute \$125,000 in cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2528)

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

Grant Requested: \$85,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain more than 36 miles of non-motorized trails, 5 trailheads and 4 day-use sites in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie natural resources conservation areas in eastern King County. This project will provide partial funding for a recreation specialist, equipment operator, and two natural resource workers as well as funding for a seasonal crew to perform trail and facility maintenance. Trail maintenance activities include removing hazard and downed trees and repairing trail tread and rock armoring, trail bridges, culverts, drainage, and ditches. Other duties include maintaining parking areas, removing litter, and maintaining

restrooms, day-use viewpoints, river access sites, and signs. The grant will also fund equipment, including a chainsaw and a mountain bike for getting tools into remote sites. The department will contribute \$69,560 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2329)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Requested: \$40,750**
Maintaining Trails in Saint Edward State Park

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

U.S. Forest Service **Grant Requested: \$150,000**
Caring for Heather Meadows Trail

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a 4-person trail crew, youth crew, and support volunteer stewardship for two years of trail maintenance on 23 miles of trails in the Heather Meadows Recreation Area. This project will make trails safer for visitors, help reduce resource damage, and provide a better visitor experience. Work includes clearing trail, repairing boardwalk and stairways, cleaning drainages, and removing loose rocks. At the end of the Mount Baker Scenic Byway, Heather Meadows receives 300,000 visitors each season and has been a popular recreation destination for more than 90 years. The ranger district will contribute \$82,000 in a federal appropriation, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2470)

Northwest Motorcycle Association **Grant Requested: \$121,114**
Caring for Multi-use Trails Statewide

Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to address deferred maintenance for about 73 miles of trail on Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land statement. Maintenance is critical to prevent further trail damage, negative environmental impacts and trail closures. This effort will enhance visitors' experiences and improve safety preventing closures and improving user safety. The primary beneficiaries of this include hikers, equestrians, off-road motorcyclists, hunters and mountain bikers. The association will contribute \$54,600 in donations of cash, and

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

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

Grant Requested: \$27,200

Mountain Trails Grooming Association will use this grant to maintain more than 177 miles of groomed snowmobile, ski, and dogsled trails in the Methow Valley for two years from December 1 to March 31. This project would allow weekly grooming of the Highway 20 trail and lower Harts Pass trails. Trails out of Goat Creek Snow Park would receive some extra grooming based on weather conditions and use. The Association will contribute \$23,100 in donation of equipment, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2489)

**U.S. Forest Service
Addressing Deferred Maintenance for Motorized Trails**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to hire a 5-person trail crew to address backlogged maintenance on 50 miles of its 300-plus mile motorcycle and 4x4 trail system in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Work will include clearing, brushing, drainage, structure repair and maintenance, tread repair and sign maintenance. This funding also supports transportation and supplies. An estimated 45,000 recreationists visit these motorized trails each year. The Ranger District will contribute \$81,000 in a federal appropriation, donation of labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2413)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Caring for Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

Grant Requested: \$143,134

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to maintain 6 Sno-Parks and 9,360 miles of snowmobile trails near Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties for two winter seasons. Duties include plowing snow and grooming trails from December 1 to March 31, depending upon snowfall and available funds. The Mount Baker area provides snowmobiling opportunities and a world-class riding destination with vistas of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable and heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding typically depletes long before riding opportunities have ended. State Parks will contribute \$143,134 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (18-2299)

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

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

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

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails on the south half of the district, which includes area burned in the 2017 Norse Peak Fire and drainages of the White and Greenwater Rivers. The project will also include work in the Clearwater Wilderness. Duties include clearing trails and repairing trail tread and structures. The ranger district will also buy materials, supplies and equipment. With decreasing budgets for trail maintenance, these funds, along with recreation pass collections, have become the sole source of funding to accomplish annual trail maintenance for the district. The ranger district will contribute \$204,450 in donation of labor, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2386)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Maintaining Interstate 90 to Blewett Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks****Grant Requested: \$150,000**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to maintain snowmobile trails, remove winter storm debris, and plow snow. The I-90 Corridor east to Blewett Pass is Washington State's most popular winter snowmobile riding area. The state snowmobile survey identifies this as the most popular riding area for multi-day riding for all skill levels and ages and accounts for 33 percent of all riding days for the entire state. The snowmobile trails also provide opportunities for snow-biking, dog mushing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire bike riding. Visitors to these trails are important to the economic health of the local communities of Cle Elum, Easton, Roslyn and Ronald. The larger cities of North Bend, Yakima, and Ellensburg also benefit from providing off-season lodging, fuel and restaurant services. State Parks will contribute \$598,820 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2333)

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

Grant Requested: \$47,000

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

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

Grant Requested: \$50,000

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

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000
Maintaining Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks near Taneum Ridge**

State Parks' winter recreation program will use this to maintain 4 Sno-Parks and groom about 9,400 miles of snowmobile trails near Cle Elum in Kittitas County for two winter seasons. Maintenance includes plowing snow at the Sno-Parks, clearing storm debris, and clearing trails once or twice per week from December 1 to March 31. The Taneum-Manastash area is part of the most popular riding area in the state, and is especially important to the communities of Cle Elum, Easton, Roslyn and Ellensburg. Easy access from I-90 also makes this a popular destination for visitors from the Puget Sound population centers. The trails climb to ridges above the upper Yakima Valley with views of the valley below and the Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$175,276 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2335)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000
Caring for Snowmobile Trails from the West Cascades to Yakima

State Parks will use this grant to maintain 19 Sno-Parks and groom 403 miles of snowmobile trails in King, Pierce, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties for the next two years. This trail system crosses Snoqualmie and Naches Ranger Districts and the Ahtanum State Forest. Work will include snow plowing as needed and grooming trails once or twice per week from December 1 to March 31, depending on snow conditions and funding. The overall goal is to maintain safe parking areas and groomed trails for snowmobilers and other winter visitors. This area, together with the Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass Corridor, is the most popular riding area of the state, centrally located between the population centers of Puget Sound, Yakima, and Ellensburg. State Parks will contribute \$624,198 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2391)

U.S. Forest Service Grant Requested: \$150,000
Maintaining Entiat and Wenatchee River Motorized Trails

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain about 20 miles of trail heavily used by motorcycles, focusing on Lower Mad, Chickamin Tie, and Alder Ridge trails. Maintenance activities will include bridge reconstruction, trail rebuilding, tread maintenance, and restoring trails damaged in a wildfire. The primary outdoor recreation opportunity provided on these trails is single-track motorcycle riding, as well as hiking and mountain biking. Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$107,000 in a federal appropriation, donation of equipment, donation of labor, staff labor, and a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2365)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000
Grooming and Plowing Winter Trails in Northeastern Washington

The Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at 7 Sno-Parks and groom about 537 miles of snowmobile trails in the Selkirk Mountains near Mount Spokane State Park for the next 2 winters. Duties include plowing snow at the Sno-Parks and access roads and grooming snowmobile trails one or twice per week. Snowmobile trails are open to cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog mushing, and fat tire biking. The trail systems in this area draw snowmobilers from Kettle Falls, Colville, Chewelah, Metaline Falls, Newport and Spokane. This area also draws in visitors from Idaho, British Columbia and other parks of Washington State. State Parks will contribute \$310,420 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2411)

**U.S. Forest Service
Designing and Replacing Tubal Cain Trail Bridge****Grant Requested: \$51,000**

The Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to design and replace the Tubal Cain Trail Bridge in the Olympic National Forest on the edge of the Buckhorn Wilderness. The Tubal Cain Trail is a popular trail used by hikers and stock to access the Buckhorn Wilderness. This trail is also an access point for recreationalists to enter the Olympic National Park. The existing bridge crossing Silver Creek is showing signs of rot and needs to be replaced with a safer bridge that will also better accommodate changes in water flow. The Forest Service will use matching contributions from labor (i.e. volunteers and forest service employees) to implement the design. The ranger district will contribute \$23,000 in donation of labor, donation of materials, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2438)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Rehabilitating Mitchell Peak Trail System****Grant Requested: \$100,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain its Mitchell Peak Trail system about 35 miles northeast of Vancouver. Duties include trail brushing and log-out, resurfacing of trail tread, replacement of drainage structures, maintenance and repair of bridges and updated trail access and signs. The project will ensure hikers and equestrians have continued public access to Mitchell Peak Trail System, which was recently cut-off by private landownership. The Department will contribute \$43,000 in donation of labor, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2510)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Maintaining Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks****Grant Requested: \$150,000**

State Parks will use this grant to groom more than 11,602 miles of trail and plow snow at 3 Sno-Parks near Lake Wenatchee. From riding up Chiwawa Valley to breathtaking views from Entiat Ridge; Snow Cone and Sugarloaf Peaks, this area offers a wide range of riding options for all skill levels to enjoy. Trails are also open to cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and fat tire bikers riders. Popular winter resort towns of Leavenworth, Wenatchee, and Chelan are easily within an hour's drive, with Ellensburg 1.5 hours away. State Parks will contribute \$238,635 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2428)

U.S. Forest Service**Grant Requested: \$97,600****Caring for Trails in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts**

The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of trail in the winter and the summer on popular groomed snowmobile routes.

Maintenance will include taking out trees that blew down in the winter to allow safe access to users and groomers. Other duties will include clearing trail of debris, repairing culverts, or pipes that carry water under a road, and repairing minor washouts. Work will also include installing, removing, and maintain more than 250 trail way signs and route safety markers. Estimated visits to the area are 45,000 per winter season. The ranger districts will contribute \$159,400 in a federal appropriation, donation of equipment, donation of labor, equipment, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2363)

Everett**Grant Requested: \$115,830****Replacing Howarth Park Boardwalk**

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

Whidbey Camano Land Trust**Grant Requested: \$97,000****Building the Walking Ebey's Trail**

Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to add trailhead parking and build .4 miles of trail at Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve. By connecting two existing and separate backcountry trail systems, one at Fort Casey State Park (5 miles) and the other at Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve (2 miles), the project will result in 7 miles of contiguous backcountry trail. The newly connected park and preserve trail will go through some of the best natural areas that Whidbey Island offers. The creation of the 7-mile backcountry trail allows visitors to experience an old-growth coastal forest, rare native prairie, coastal bluff shoreline, access to long stretches of beaches, extensive array of military history, and scenic views, including Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. There is currently no legal parking to access Admiralty Inlet Preserve. The new trailhead

and parking area located adjacent to the preserve will provide valuable access to visitors. It will result in parking areas on both ends of the newly connected trails. This is part of a larger plan to build trails connecting to 50 miles of existing trails. Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$52,000 in donations of cash, Conservation Futures, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2351)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$80,932
Plowing and Maintaining Mount Spokane Non-Motorized Trails

State Parks will use this grant to maintain access to the Mount Spokane Sno-Parks and groom about 30 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails northeast of Spokane. Duties include plowing snow at the Sno-Park and access roads and grooming trails at least once or twice per week from December 1 to March 31, depending on weather and snow conditions. The system has miles of trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced skiers, and is popular with families. Competitive cross-country ski events and instructional classes are held at this location with thousands of participants competing or learning each winter season. State Parks will contribute \$56,240 in a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2407)

Makah Tribe Grant Requested: \$149,525
Renovating Cape Flattery Trail

The Makah Tribe will use this grant to hire a 5-person crew to replace two observation desks and reinforce an existing deck on the three-quarter-mile Cape Flattery Trail near Neah Bay. The Tribe will also buy woodchips, small equipment including wheelbarrows, a hedge trimmer, backpack blower, and a chainsaw. Other supplies include two trail counters. The hike takes visitors through a wooded area to overlook the Cape Flattery lighthouse on Tatoosh Island and the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and the Salish Sea. The Cape Flattery Trail brings people to the most northwestern point of the lower 48 states and supports regional tourism. The Tribe will contribute \$74,212 in donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2431)

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Grant Requested: \$44,528
Reconnecting the Theler Wetlands Trail

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to build 900 feet of trail on top of a dike to repair the 3.2-mile Theler Wetlands Trail, located near Belfair. This trail was washed out due to high tide events in 2012, which necessitated a detour to allow hikers to reach the other side of the breach. The Enhancement Group will contribute

\$11,132 in a federal grant, and another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2583)

**University of Washington
Maintaining Pack Forest Trails**

Grant Requested: \$74,046

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

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

Grant Requested: \$90,000

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation will use this grant to hire staff and buy equipment to groom cross-country ski and snowshoe trails for the next two seasons. Critically important to the local economy, the Loup Loup Pass South Summit State Sno-Park trails system is an asset in winter recreation for Okanogan Valley and sees visitors from the surrounding area. The trails serve as a link to the motorized snowmobile trails that connect North Summit Sno-Park to the alpine ski area's Nordic trails on the other side of State Route 20 and on the Loup Loup Summit. The Foundation will contribute \$39,000 in donations of cash, donation of equipment, donation of labor, donation of materials, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2502)

**DuPont
Building Sequelitchew Creek Trail Restroom**

Grant Requested: \$84,949

The City of DuPont Parks Department will use this grant to build a 103-sq.-ft. two-stall restroom at the trailhead to the Sequelitchew Creek Trail. This trail offers a unique backcountry experience in the heart of the I-5 corridor. It lacks permanent restrooms and the adjacent DuPont City Hall is only available during business hours. It is estimated that the Sequelitchew Creek Trail has 500 visitors a week who spend about 1.5 hours on the trail. The City anticipates that adding restrooms would double the amount of visitors and lengthen the time families spend on the trail. The City will contribute \$21,238 in cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-2521)

Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Recreational Trails Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO during the grant evaluation process. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters submitted for that project.

General Category Letters are in Ranked Order

- 18-2324M 2018 Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance (6) Rank 2
- 18-2296M 2018 Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance (6) Rank 3
- 18-2323M 2018 Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance (5) Rank 4
- 18-2519M Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance (5) Rank 5
- 18-2254M Rescuing Threatened Trails (8) Rank 6
- 18-2345M Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance (1) Rank 7
- 18-2525M Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails (5) Rank 8
- 18-2408M Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance (1) Rank 8
- 18-2255M Maintaining the Olympic Peninsula (10) Rank 10
- 18-2476M Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration (5) Rank 11
- 18-2590M San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps Trails M&O (2) Rank 12
- 18-2271M Backcountry Trail Maintenance Darrington Ranger District (4) Rank 13
- 18-2312M Cle Elum RD Winter Trail Maintenance (8) Rank 14
- 18-2344M Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance (5) Rank 14
- 18-2527M Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship (8) Rank 16
- 18-2409M Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails O&M (2) Rank 17
- 18-2378M Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21 (5) Rank 18
- 18-2384M Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred M&O (2) Rank 19
- 18-2380M Rehabilitating Endangered Trails (4) Rank 20
- 18-2265M Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O (6) Rank 23
- 18-2528M Leavenworth Winter Trail Maintenance (8) Rank 24
- 18-2329M East Snoqualmie Corridor - Backcountry Maintenance (4) Rank 25
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- 18-2536M NW Motorcycle Assoc. Statewide Heavy Maintenance Trail (13) Rank 28
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- 18-2428M Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Trails and Sno-Parks (1) Rank 43
- 18-2339D Howarth Park Boardwalk Replacement (2) Rank 45



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18-2324 RTP General #2

October 30, 2018

RCO Staff and RTP Scoring Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Back Country Horsemen of Washington [BCHW] in support of the Washington Trails Association [WTA] RTP Grant applications that will be used to support its trail maintenance projects.

The mission of Back Country Horsemen of Washington is to keep trails open. The members of BCHW are dedicated to hands on, ground level volunteer projects that will keep our public lands open for stock use and for other recreational users. Often we accomplish our mission by partnering on projects with WTA. Together we can keep more trail miles open.

In 2017 Back Country Horsemen contributed over 66,000 volunteer hours toward our mission. Over ½ of these hours were accumulated working on federal and state lands in collaboration with Washington Trails Association and other recreational trails organizations. We value these opportunities to work together. The funding provided with RCO/RTP grants furthers our ability to collaborate to get more trail work accomplished.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support.


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington



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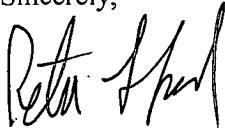
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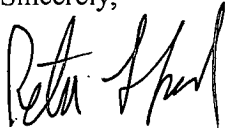
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Sincerely,



 JAMIE KINGSBURY
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Mike Schlafmann
Dave Redman

File Code: 2350
Date: October 25, 2018

18-2296 RTP General #3

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Grant Selection Team:

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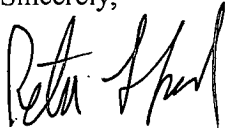
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The Olympic National Forest greatly values and appreciates WTA's commitment to trails, community, and service. Thank you for considering their grant applications. For additional information, please contact Nicole LaGioia, Acting Recreation Staff Officer, at nllagioia@fs.fed.us or 360-765-2219.

Sincerely,



RETA LAFORD
Forest Supervisor

cc: Rebecca Lavigne, Dean Millett, Yewah Lau, Nicole LaGioia



File Code: 2330
Date: October 19, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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18-2296 RTP General #3

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzanne Cable at (509) 664-9394 or scable@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,



MR MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor





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18-2323 RTP General #4

October 30, 2018

RCO Staff and RTP Scoring Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Back Country Horsemen of Washington [BCHW] in support of the Washington Trails Association [WTA] RTP Grant applications that will be used to support its trail maintenance projects.

The mission of Back Country Horsemen of Washington is to keep trails open. The members of BCHW are dedicated to hands on, ground level volunteer projects that will keep our public lands open for stock use and for other recreational users. Often we accomplish our mission by partnering on projects with WTA. Together we can keep more trail miles open.

In 2017 Back Country Horsemen contributed over 66,000 volunteer hours toward our mission. Over ½ of these hours were accumulated working on federal and state lands in collaboration with Washington Trails Association and other recreational trails organizations. We value these opportunities to work together. The funding provided with RCO/RTP grants furthers our ability to collaborate to get more trail work accomplished.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support.


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington



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File Code: 2320

Date: October 15, 2018

18-2323 RTP General #4

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Washington Trails Association (WTA) and their application for a Recreation Trail Program trail maintenance grant. We enthusiastically support this proposal. The WTA has become a key partner and contributor to our overall trail maintenance program goals for the non-motorized trail system on the Cle Elum Ranger District (CERD). This year alone, the WTA volunteers performed close to 2500 hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Cle Elum Ranger District! Along with our RCO funded non-motorized trail maintenance crew, together we are successful in keeping the majority of non-motorized trails safe and open to all allowed uses. With WTA help, we annually logging out almost our entire non-motorized trail system. Typically, we are able to address several miles per year of backlog maintenance such as heavy brush work, structure maintenance and replacement, rerouting, and tread restoration by partnering to offer Volunteer Vacations and Backcountry Response Teams. A cadre of dedicated WTA volunteers and crew leads have gained specialized skills in both maintenance and construction, greatly helping the CERD in reaching our sustainable long term trail maintenance goals.

The WTA has demonstrated a commitment to long term trail maintenance through the recruitment, training, and supervision of fine volunteers as mentioned above. Thus, they need the funding that such a grant proposal would provide so that we can continue to work in consort with one another toward a comprehensive, effective, and sustainable trail maintenance program for the non-motorized trails of the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

John Morrow
Trails and Wilderness Program/Lead Wilderness Ranger
Cle Elum Ranger District
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File Code: 2350

Date: November 6, 2018

18-2323 RTP General #4

Attn: Recreation Trails Advisory Committee
Recreation and Conservation Office
RTP Program
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Advisory Committee:

I would like to speak in support of Recreation Trails Program (RTP) funding requests by the Washington Trails Association (WTA). The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) has worked with WTA through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement since 1994. This has been a very valuable experience for both us, and I believe WTA. Their volunteer trail maintenance program has expanded from a few hundred hours in 1993 to likely over 150,000 hours this year. In 2018, volunteers contributed over 30,000 hours of work on MBS trails with 300 individual work parties. Rarely a day goes by when there are not WTA volunteers working somewhere on the Forest.

What started as a program mostly benefiting the MBS, has expanded to four other National Forests, the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, National Parks, state, county, city and other trails around the state. With the support of RTP grants, it has also grown to serve a rapidly growing youth program and backcountry response teams. Through this partnership many trails that would not have been maintained at all have received much needed annual care.

Leadership on these maintenance work parties is done by dedicated volunteer and paid crew leaders. The total number of maintenance trips are limited by the number of crew leaders, not the number of volunteers. Thanks to RTP funding and other grants, WTA has expanded its volunteer program to include hundreds of volunteer maintenance projects a year. This has been a major factor in the overall expansion of its volunteer program.

There have been many benefits of this program to the Forest Service, other land management agencies, and the trail community:

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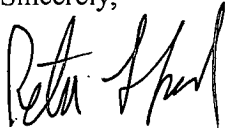
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File Code: 2330
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18-2323 RTP General #4

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Sincerely,



 MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor





February 5, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

Holden Village is offering our strong support for you to fund the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Upper Lake Chelan Trail maintenance grant project. We work cooperatively with the Chelan Ranger District to complete trail maintenance on trails near our Village. Our trail crew completes trail maintenance that improves access and trail experiences for all visitors in the Railroad Creek Valley. Our staff and members also venture far beyond Holden Village, well into the heart of the North Cascades. We realize that this grant helps the Forest Service and partner groups improve and maintain trails like the Pacific Crest Trail from Cloudy Pass to Stehekin and Lakeshore Trail on Lake Chelan. All of this work adds to a healthy wilderness experience.

Holden Village provides up to \$40,000 in labor annually on trail maintenance in the project area. We complete this work with Holden Village staff and volunteers as well as some partner organizations. We work on trails that are 'outside' of the village. We feel the cooperative trail work we complete provides our guests and Forest Service visitor's distinctive trail based experiences in one of the more unique settings in the lower 48. We also value the natural processes at play in our valley and know our trail maintenance not only provides better public access but also creates sustainable trails that protect the environment.

Our staff and volunteers work closely with the Chelan Ranger District each year on many projects. The cooperative effort produces better experiences for the recreating public. Holden Village supports the Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519). Please consider it for funding through your grant program.

Sincerely,



Peg Carlson-Hoffman + Chuck Hoffman
Holden Village Executive Directors

November 5, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917



RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

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18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
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Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley.

February 2, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)
Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance fully supports the projects proposed by the Chelan Ranger District. Trail experiences play an important role in our valley for residents and visitors alike. These projects provide for a wide array of operations and maintenance work on diverse trail systems that should enhance the experiences of trail users during both winter and summer seasons on both non-motorized and motorized trails. Project outcomes will align with the mission of our organization.

Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley. As members of the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance, we have a passion for trails, and we have a passion to spread our enthusiasm throughout the valley. Trails clear the mind, strengthen the heart, and forge timeless memories with others along the way. We are partnering with many organizations such as the Chelan PUD, City of Chelan, Washington Department of Fish and Game and Chelan Ranger District to help the Lake Chelan valley become known as a "trails valley".

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is committed to provide financial support and volunteer labor as one of many organizations partnering with the Chelan Ranger District in continuing to maintain trails for diverse trail users.

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is in full support of the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525) and Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Evans".

Guy Evans, President

Lake Chelan Trails Alliance



Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
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Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Imler".

Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2519 RTP General #5

December 6, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District's RTP grant applications #18-2525

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant application submitted by the Chelan Ranger District for work trail work in the upper Lake Chelan basin.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Chelan Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Across the state, our volunteers log out and maintain the PCT each season, but the trail season is short, and the need is great.

The section of the PCT on the Chelan Ranger District from Suiattle Pass to the Stehekin Valley traverses the remote glacially carved Agnes Creek drainage. It is an important section for both PCT long-distance hikers as well as weekend backpackers who utilize the PCT on the district to complete the popular 3-day loop from Holden Village to Stehekin. Several focused maintenance efforts in the last two years in addition normal annual maintenance continue to improve user experiences and provide a sustainable trail. In order to maintain and continue to improve this trail segment, public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and managing the use of the area requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges.





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 15, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails." Our partners seek funds that will enable them to expedite trail restoration following wildfires and other catastrophic events that disrupt trailways. Their scope of service for this proposal includes the Colville, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, where they are likely to have a direct, positive impact on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and a multitude of popular feeder trails.

Regardless of whether or not fires and heavy storms are increasing in frequency and intensity, wildfires, blowdowns, landslides and washouts are inevitable, natural processes that have a negative impact on trails. In the worst cases-- when we're not prepared to address those consequences-- segments of trails can languish in a shambles for years. Impassable conditions can prove to be more than a hazard and inconvenience for a season of users; if neglected for too long, they become a reputation and deterrent to trail users.

Here in Northeast Washington, where rural communities are eager to diversify our economic portfolio and invest in the drawing power of our uncrowded, natural recreation resources, it makes sense to have the funds and a strategy in place to swiftly redress the consequences of disruptive events that regularly impact the trailways we rely upon. We at the PNTA are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for their foresight in this matter, their ongoing leadership and collaboration in the trails community, and their interest in devoting care and attention to the PNT and other trail systems in our region-- especially those segments in most dire need of service. Please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristin Ackerman
Regional Coordinator, Eastern Washington
kristinackerman@pnt.org; (509) 590-1928

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



File Code: 2350
Date: October 30, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

18-2254 RTP General #6

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Colville National Forest (CNF) relies heavily on trail partners and volunteers to maintain and restore the network of trails that provide public access, community connections, and recreational pursuits. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has long been a partner and trail advocate for the CNF. Their efforts have helped to keep the trail system on the CNF safe and available for public use and enjoyment. As the intensity and frequency of weather events, wildfires, and other disturbances has increased, so has the threat to the safety and availability of trail systems.

BCHW's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails" seeks to make funds available for BCHW to work with the CNF, other National Forests, and other trail partners to enable them to respond to the increasingly frequent disturbances that impact the trail system. This unique proposal stands out in that it addresses current known needs of trails, provides the flexibility to focus efforts to emerging needs, while helping to increase the resiliency and sustainability of the trail system.

The CNF supports BCHW's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails" and are hopeful that the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board will provide its support as well. If the Board has questions about this proposal, the CNF's support of this proposal, or in regards to our partnership with BCHW, please feel free to contact Craig E. Newman (the CNF's Recreation, Engineering, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Hydropower Staff Officer) at 509-684-7104 or cnewman03@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

RODNEY D. SMOLDON
Forest Supervisor

cc: Craig Newman, Darrell Wallace (dlwallace700@gmail.com)





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Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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File Code: 2350
Date: October 31, 2018

18-2254 RTP General #6

Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board
RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board,

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest supports the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails." Our partners seek funds that will enable them to expedite trail restoration following wildfires and other catastrophic events that disrupt trails. Their scope of service for this proposal includes the Colville, Gifford Pinchot, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, where they are likely to have a direct, positive impact on a multitude of popular recreation trails across the Pacific Northwest Region, including the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and including National Trails such as the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT).

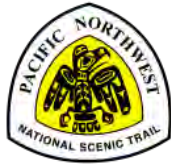
We at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for partnering with us to help maintain trails that might not otherwise receive all of the attention they need to keep them open, safe, and available for public use and enjoyment. We ask that you please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Sincerely,

*F*GINA OWENS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Robin Rose, Tracy Calizon, Gala Miller, Darrell Wallace, BCHW Grant Committee Chair





**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 15, 2018

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To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

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Regardless of whether or not fires and heavy storms are increasing in frequency and intensity, wildfires, blowdowns, landslides and washouts are inevitable, natural processes that have a negative impact on trails. In the worst cases-- when we're not prepared to address those consequences-- segments of trails can languish in a shambles for years. Impassable conditions can prove to be more than a hazard and inconvenience for a season of users; if neglected for too long, they become a reputation and deterrent to trail users.

Here in Northeast Washington, where rural communities are eager to diversify our economic portfolio and invest in the drawing power of our uncrowded, natural recreation resources, it makes sense to have the funds and a strategy in place to swiftly redress the consequences of disruptive events that regularly impact the trailways we rely upon. We at the PNTA are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for their foresight in this matter, their ongoing leadership and collaboration in the trails community, and their interest in devoting care and attention to the PNT and other trail systems in our region-- especially those segments in most dire need of service. Please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin E. Ackerman".

Kristin Ackerman
Regional Coordinator, Eastern Washington
kristinackerman@pnt.org; (509) 590-1928

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



File Code: 2350

Date: October 24, 2018

Attn: Recreation Trails Advisory Committee
Recreation and Conservation Office
RTP Program
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504

18-2254 RTP General #6

RE: RCO Project Agreement Number 18-2254

Dear Advisory Committee:

I would like to speak in support of Recreation Trails Program (RTP) funding requests by the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW). The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) has worked with BCHW on several agreements building and maintaining trails on the Forest in recent years. We look forward to expanding and continuing this Forest in the future as several exciting opportunities await!

BCHW's proposed work includes routine maintenance and repair of popular stock trails throughout the Forest. This work includes removal from the trail of debris such as logs and rocks; maintenance and construction of drainage structures; constructing and maintaining minor structures such as puncheon bridges and retaining walls; and brushing. BCHW also provides pack support for other volunteer groups throughout the Forest. Specific trail projects will be identified by the District Trail Coordinators and BCHW prior to work commencing.

I appreciate our opportunity to partner with BCHW on these projects and look forward to another successful season of working with BCHW volunteers to enhance the trail experience for all of our trail users.

Sincerely,


JAMIE KINGSBURY
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mike Schlafmann, Dave Redman





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18-2254 RTP General #6

October 24, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our strong support of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW)'s "Rescuing Threatened Trails" application to the Recreational Trails Program.

Trails on the Cle Elum Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest are some of the most popular destinations for hiking, backpacking and equestrian use in the state. Lack of sufficient maintenance, overuse, and seasonal weather events threaten many of these trails and their long-term viability. Keeping trails open and ensuring maintenance provides users a wide range of safe recreational experiences and an opportunity to spread the load of increasing use.

In recent years, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and our public land manager partners have come to rely heavily on the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to clear and repair trails following fires, winter blow-downs, and seasons of maintenance backlog. This grant would support work such as removal of downed trees, brushing the trail corridor, repairing trail tread, and improving drainage. The resources provided through RTP will also enable the BCHW to provide pack animal support and coordinate trail work with other stakeholder partners. Delay of trail maintenance on this trail network would certainly lead to significantly increased costs in trail rebuilding, as it is clear that a delayed response invariably leads to larger reconstruction issues.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway encompasses 1.5 million acres of public and private land, stretching from the shores of Seattle, through communities, farms, and forests to the crest of the Cascade mountains and then out to Central Washington's fields and pine forests. The Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the Greenway landscape, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. At the core of all we do is a belief that when we have meaningful connections with our natural surroundings, we are healthier and happier, our communities are stronger and more equitable; our lives are better.

We strongly support this project. The Backcountry Horsemen have been and continue to be consistent advocates for sustainable recreation in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 206-890-1474.

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Backcountry Horsemen of Washington grant applications (RTP #18-2254)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant application submitted by the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW). The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington to maintain trails on our region's national forests. The BCHW brings a unique skill set to the table. Their members can load equine with gear and supplies and travel deep into the backcountry. BCHW volunteers are dedicated and determined. They continually search for innovative solutions to overcome logistics challenges. In recent years they have developed an impressive track record of project success in the Pasayten Wilderness. In addition to their own projects, they are vital partners to PCTA, WTA and others. In 2018, BCHW members helped the PCTA move heavy rigging equipment into the backcountry to reconstruct a bridge in the Methow Valley Ranger District. They packed three of our twelve-person crews in and out of weeklong projects in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and their Tahoma Chapter played a pivotal role in logging out the PCT in the area burned by the 2017 Norse Peak fire.

The BCHW uses their animals as efficient trail maintenance tools. Their maintenance projects are ambitious and well planned. PCTA strongly supports this application.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





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File Code: 2350 **18-2254 RTP General #6**
Date: October 31, 2018

Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board
RCO Funding Board
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Dear Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board,

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest supports the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails." Our partners seek funds that will enable them to expedite trail restoration following wildfires and other catastrophic events that disrupt trails. Their scope of service for this proposal includes the Colville, Gifford Pinchot, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, where they are likely to have a direct, positive impact on a multitude of popular recreation trails across the Pacific Northwest Region, including the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and including National Trails such as the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT).

We at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for partnering with us to help maintain trails that might not otherwise receive all of the attention they need to keep them open, safe, and available for public use and enjoyment. We ask that you please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Sincerely,

Dawn GINA OWENS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Robin Rose, Tracy Calizon, Gala Miller, Darrell Wallace, BCHW Grant Committee Chair





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18-2345 RTP General #7

Recreation and Conservation Office
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November 5, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance RTP grant application.

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express strong support of Evergreen's *Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance 2019-2020* grant application (#18-2345), as submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. I have been building a relationship with your Cowlitz-Naches Chapter and am excited to have them working on trail maintenance within the Naches Ranger District.

In addition to working on system trails on the district, the Cowlitz-Naches Chapter will be performing maintenance on the "Soup Creek Trail" which we want to list as an official RCO work-site. We are asking them to maintain this trail in an effort to provide a positive biking opportunity on the District, build a strong relationship with the local mountain biking community and encourage environmentally sustainable trail building. This work includes drainage maintenance, constructing minor structures, brushing, and removing rocks, trees and other debris from the trail corridor. In some instances, work may include rerouting, repairing or rehabilitating short sections of trail.

We appreciate Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance's efforts in obtaining trail maintenance funds through the RTP grant and your willingness to help maintain the trails within our district.

WILLIAM ZIMMER
Resource Assistant
Oka-Wen National Forest
Naches Ranger District





Dedicated to promoting Nordic skiing and creating winter recreation opportunities in the Lake Chelan area.

February 1, 2019
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of The Lake Chelan Nordic Club, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trail maintenance grant proposal. The Lake Chelan Nordic Club is a key partner in providing cross country ski and snowshoe trail grooming and a Yurt for day use at the Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area. We work cooperatively with the Forest Service through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement to provide professional grooming services, public trail condition and grooming reports with an overall goal of providing winter recreation opportunities.

The Lake Chelan Nordic Club has helped Washington residents and out of state visitors experience winter sports at Echo Ridge for over 25 years. We have a history of local volunteerism and ongoing community financial support for our operations at Echo Ridge. In the last five years we modernized our grooming equipment by purchasing new grooming drags, snowmobiles, and a tracked ATV that allows our organization to provide efficient and exceptional trail grooming with paid groomers and experienced volunteers. In 2018, we constructed a new groomer shed with materials purchased by the Nordic Club and volunteer labor to protect our new grooming equipment. We created a new website and social media feeds to improve dissemination of grooming updates and trail conditions. These recent improvements complement our previous infrastructure projects including a 'warming' yurt for day use, enclosed groomer building for our LMC snowcat, and wood shed. We will continue to provide annual volunteer work, raise funds to maintain our grooming equipment and infrastructure, and provide public information to the recreating public.

The Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area has experienced a significant increase in winter use since 2010. Site data shows over a 100% increase in use between 2010 and 2018. An important part of that increase is the partnership between the Lake Chelan Nordic Club, the Forest Service. Each organization has historically contributed resources to build, maintain, and provide quality winter trail experiences to the public.

The Lake Chelan Nordic Club fully supports the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Willard".

Catherine Willard
Lake Chelan Nordic Club President

November 5, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917



RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance

18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21

18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21
18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
18-2292 MNT, MOTORIZED/MULTI-USE TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021



Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley.

February 2, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)
Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance fully supports the projects proposed by the Chelan Ranger District. Trail experiences play an important role in our valley for residents and visitors alike. These projects provide for a wide array of operations and maintenance work on diverse trail systems that should enhance the experiences of trail users during both winter and summer seasons on both non-motorized and motorized trails. Project outcomes will align with the mission of our organization.

Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley. As members of the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance, we have a passion for trails, and we have a passion to spread our enthusiasm throughout the valley. Trails clear the mind, strengthen the heart, and forge timeless memories with others along the way. We are partnering with many organizations such as the Chelan PUD, City of Chelan, Washington Department of Fish and Game and Chelan Ranger District to help the Lake Chelan valley become known as a "trails valley".

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is committed to provide financial support and volunteer labor as one of many organizations partnering with the Chelan Ranger District in continuing to maintain trails for diverse trail users.

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is in full support of the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525) and Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519).

Sincerely,

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Guy Evans, President

Lake Chelan Trails Alliance



10/18/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
Re: 18-2525 MNT, Lower Lake Chelan Summer/Winter Trails

The Northwest Motorcycle Association is an advocate for maintaining trails that provide a backcountry experience for the offroad motorcycling user group. Most trails of this nature in Washington are multiple use trails. This grant application will support trail maintenance on several multiple use trails that are open to offroad motorcycling. Because of this, the NMA **strongly recommends** funding this grant application through RCO grant programs.

Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President

Dale Williams - Vice President

Tod Petersen - Land Use/Legislative Coordinator



Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
- 18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance
- 18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
- 18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



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Date: November 1, 2018

RCO Review Committee
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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18-2408 RTP General #8

Dear RCO Review Committee,

I am writing to express support of the Snoqualmie Ranger District for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust's (MTSGT) Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance 2019 grant application (#18-2408) which has been submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is a valuable partner to the Snoqualmie Ranger District, and has provided extensive improvement and maintenance to USFS facilities and trails within the Greenway. These accomplishments most notably include significant collaborative efforts in facility and trail development within the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, along with associated trail maintenance. The development within the valley has created an increased need for maintenance funding on trails in order to continue providing quality recreation experiences for the public.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District supports projects dedicated to addressing ongoing maintenance needs associated with recreation trails on the district. The MTSGT has consistently shown to be highly capable of implementing professional trail maintenance projects on the district and their grant aligns with the USFS's goal of providing safe and high quality recreation opportunities for the public. For the aforementioned reasons we provide our enthusiastic support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Alex Weinberg (I-90 Corridor Manager) 425-888-8770.

Sincerely,

MARTIE SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Cc: Forest Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) National Forest
MBS Public Services/Administration Office





18-2255 RTP General #10

September 10, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504-3015

Dear RCO Funding Team,

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JST) offers its wholehearted support for the Back County Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) in their application for RCO funding. The JST enjoys a close working partnership with the BCHW-PC in their efforts to maintain the ever-popular, non-motorized trail system on the Olympic Peninsula.

The JST owns over 300 acres of land adjacent to Washington State Parks Land on the Miller Peninsula in east Clallam County. The trails on Tribal land provide connections to many of the trails on the adjoining properties that would be difficult to access without crossing Tribal property. This system of trails is available to a wide variety of trail users (hikers, cyclists, equestrians, walkers, etc.) in a remote, unspoiled wilderness. The Tribe is willing to allow public use of the trails but is unable to provide the resources to keep the trails passable.

The BCHW-PC steps up willingly with a cadre of dedicated and experienced volunteers who spend countless hours repairing damaged trails, clearing downed trees, bush-whacking overgrown trails, bridging boggy areas and improving the tread of worn trails. The ability of the BCHW-PC to access the trails by non-motorized means (horses, mules) is an eco-friendly way to improve, maintain and build trails that provide hours of outdoor recreation enjoyment to local Peninsula residents and visitors alike.

With more and more tourists coming to visit the Olympic Peninsula, it is important to continue to offer them quality recreation opportunities. Additionally, any time spent outdoors for local folks is a plus. The work accomplished by BCHW-PC is vital to keeping our wonderful trails available to all the year around.

Sincerely,

Annette Nesse
Chief Operations Officer

TO: Tom Mix, BCHW
FROM: Shelly Baird & William Miller, WSSA Saw Training Coordinators
DATE: August 14, 2018
RE: Memo of Support, RCO Grant Request

Back Country Horsemen of Washington-Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) has provided Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) members sawyer certificate training, most recently near Ronald Washington.

BCHW are also helping the WSSA volunteers establish a Saw program within WSSA. This chapter, like BCHW-PC, will have trained volunteers who will help maintain our public lands.



Washington Trails Association

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August 10, 2018

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RE: Letter of Support for Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) RCO grant application

Dear RCO Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association to express our enthusiastic support of Backcountry Horseman of Washington – Peninsula Chapter's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to develop and maintain trails on the Olympic Peninsula.

Washington Trails Association has a 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail advocacy organization, with 15,500 member households, thousands of volunteers each year and an online community of more than 100,000.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington- Peninsula Chapter is one of the preeminent chapters within the state organization committed to protecting horseback riding opportunities on public lands in Washington. Like WTA, BCHW-PC provides thousands of hours of volunteer trail maintenance each year. WTA works closely with BCHW-PC to ensure that all Washingtonians and visitors to the state can enjoy the wonderful trails and wilderness on the Olympic Peninsula. WTA partners with BCHW-PC on trail work parties. BCHW-PC also provides vital support to WTA's multi-day work parties by packing gear, tools and food into remote areas via horse pack strings. Without this support, WTA would have a difficult time reaching some trail work locations that are miles from roads.

Both organizations are committed to maintaining the unparalleled recreation opportunities on the Olympic Peninsula for hikers, equestrians and other users. The continued work of volunteer organizations like BCHW-PC and WTA are critical to help land management agencies in the face of increasing visitation, aging trail structures and related maintenance backlogs. That's why we are supportive of BCHW-PC's proposal to develop and maintain trails across the Olympic Peninsula.

Washington Trails Association appreciates the partnership it has with BCHW-PC and we encourage the support and funding of this organization's vitally important projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director



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CATHY LUCERO, COORDINATOR

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Dear RCO Funding Assistance Decision Makers,

The Clallam Noxious Weed Control Board would like to express our strong and wholehearted support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter in their tireless efforts to support recreation on lands managed for trail and recreation use on the north Olympic Peninsula.

The impact and cost of noxious weeds on our recreation lands is real and growing just as public demand has exploded. Often, the incursion of non-native invasive plants is directly related to recreational users that inadvertently introduce these non-native plants as they hike and recreate in some of our most pristine and beautiful public lands. This dedicated group of volunteers not only provides invaluable eyes on the ground when it comes to finding early infestations of new species that pose a threat to our recreational areas, but also helping hands and hooves to eliminate the problem. We have collaborated on numerous weed control projects including the Miller Peninsula State Park as well as Forest Service lands as remote as the Buckhorn Wilderness. We already have new projects on the horizon. Without the assistance of the BCHW, many of these projects could not be contemplated.

The Peninsula Chapter of the BCHW provides an incredible array of invaluable maintenance services ranging from noxious weed control to clearing trails and repairing falling or damaged infrastructure; all for the cost of materials and travel. As budgets tighten and usage grows, this incredible organization has become more invaluable than ever in our efforts sustain a high quality recreational experience in Washington State. Please fully fund this deserving group of volunteers in their quest to do great work that benefits us all.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lucero
Clallam Noxious Weed Control Board, coordinator



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File Code: 1560
Date: August 28, 2018

18-2255 RTP General #10

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Grant Selection Team:

The Olympic National Forest supports the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their efforts to compete for trail project funding.

The BCHW, Peninsula Chapter is one of the Forest's many indispensable partners. They contribute to maintaining the 270-mile Forest trail network, which is maintained almost exclusively through the hard work of volunteers. Their support is far-reaching in Wilderness, where horses and pack stock are required to transport heavy materials that otherwise can't be carried. They perform trail work and provide support forest-wide pack support for other volunteer groups and projects. In particular, their work on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail provides support for these long distance, multi-jurisdictional trails.

The organization stands out for their collaborative and cooperative support of other trails and wilderness partners such as the Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Gray Wolves Trail Crew, and the Mountaineers, Olympia Branch. The BCHW assist these other volunteer groups by packing tools and equipment, providing hands-on assistance, contributing their technical expertise in rigging and trail bridge construction.

The BCHW, Peninsula Chapter, aid Forest Service staff by performing trail reconnaissance, logging out windfall along trails, brushing, tread-work, removal of illegal trash dumps, and hauling material for projects. They also assist our operation by teaching and certifying traditional skills such as crosscut saw use.

Their stewardship is vital to the success of our all-volunteer trails program. We are proud of our partnership and are grateful for their members' commitment to help maintain the Forest's trails. We look forward to our continued partnership and provide our support for the positive work of the BCHW on approved projects throughout Olympic National Forest.

Thank you for considering the BCHW, Peninsula Chapter's application. For additional information please contact Nicole LaGioia, Olympic National Recreation Staff Officer, at nllagioia@nfs.fed.us or 360-765-2213.

Sincerely,

RETA LAFORD
Forest Supervisor





18-2255 RTP General #10

STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SEQUIM BAY AREA
Sequim Bay State Park
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August 07, 2018

Jesse Sims,

The Miller Peninsula State Park Properties provide an extensive trail system for pedestrian, equestrians and bicyclists. Heavily used by local visitors and visitors from the Olympic Peninsula and greater Puget Sound, the property and trail system are a true asset to the area and the state of Washington. The Back Country Horseman of Washington, Peninsula Chapter (BCH), are a vital resource in keeping those trails maintained and open.

As the land manager overseeing the Miller Peninsula for State Parks, I rely heavily on the BCH volunteers for organizing and administering volunteers on the ground. But I also rely on BCH for expert advice in trail construction and maintenance, noxious weed control and in matters directly related to equestrian trail use and perspective.

BCH volunteers work closely with Washington State Parks and Recreation staff to comply with policy and regulatory requirements. They assist in planning and brainstorming and they routinely support the interests of other groups such as hikers and bikers. They do all of things AND write grants and solicit support for trail access and support on public lands throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

We appreciate the partnership between The Back Country Horseman and Washington State Parks and strongly support their efforts in providing access to public lands on the Olympic Peninsula.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erik Plunkett".

Erik Plunkett
Sequim Bay
Area Manager



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September 13, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Members of the Selection Committee:

On behalf of Olympic National Park, I am writing to confirm our support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW) for consideration by the members of the grant selection committee.

I would like to thank the Back Country Horseman of Washington Peninsula Chapter for their time volunteering at Olympic National Park. Olympic National Park has over 600 miles of trails across its 922,651 acres of land, 95% of which is designated wilderness. Located on western Washington's Olympic Peninsula, extreme weather conditions make maintaining these trails a tremendous effort. BCHW and their stock have always been an essential partner in working with our program managers to help maintain our trails.

Part of the park's mission is to develop the next generation of public land stewards and supporters. As the country's demographics continue to change, we are constantly seeking ways to connect diverse audiences to the resources of Olympic National Park. Our strong partnership with BCHW has allowed the volunteers with wilderness backgrounds and Leave No Trace ethics to mentor youth through our most popular events such as Junior Ranger Day and National Public Lands Day. This partnership has been an exemplary model of a joint effort that brings diverse youth to the park and creates an experience that links hands on stewardship and potentially a life-long relationship with Olympic National Park.

We look forward to partnering with the Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter in the future.

Sincerely,

M. Sarah Creachbaum
Superintendent



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File Code: 1580
Date: August 28, 2018

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Dear Grant Selection Team:

The Olympic National Forest supports the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Mt. Olympus Chapter, in their efforts to compete for trail project funding.

The BCHW, Mt. Olympus Chapter is one of the forest's many indispensable partners. They contribute to maintaining the 270-mile forest trail network, which is maintained almost exclusively through the hard work of volunteers. Their support is far-reaching in back country projects, where horses and pack stock are required to transport heavy materials that otherwise can't be carried. They perform trail work, trailhead maintenance projects, and help address deferred maintenance at our stock trails.

The Mt. Olympus Chapter of the BCHM aid Forest Service staff by focusing their efforts on the Mount Muller and Bogachiel River Trail corridors and trailheads. This maintenance includes corridor logging out windfalls, brushing, trail erosion management and maintenance of the Littleton Horse Camp. In the foreseeable future, the Mt. Olympus Chapter will be a critical partner in the re-route of the Bogachiel River Trail.

Their stewardship and dedication is vital to the success of our all-volunteer trails program. We are proud of our partnership and are grateful for their members' commitment to help maintain the Forest's trails. We look forward to our continued partnership and provide our support for the positive work of the Backcountry Horsemen on approved projects throughout Olympic National Forest.

Thank you for considering the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Mt. Olympus Chapter's application. For additional information please contact Nicole LaGioia, Olympic National Recreation Staff Officer, at nlagioia@fs.fed.us or 360-765-2213.

Sincerely,

DEAN R MILLETT
District Ranger



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North Olympic Land Trust would like to express our support of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter – in their work to construct and maintain trails on the North Olympic Peninsula.

North Olympic Land Trust owns eight conservation areas with approximately 700 acres of land. Three of these conservation areas have trails which are open to the public. While the Backcountry Horsemen group has helped and is always willing to help on any of our trail projects, one project sticks out as a particularly large and important project for our organization, and that was the work done at our Elk Creek Conservation Area. The Backcountry Horsemen were instrumental in the construction and maintenance of the trail system at the property, including the construction and maintenance of a 65-foot log bridge across the creek.

BCH Peninsula Chapter has also helped many times with removal of hazard trees so we can keep our conservation areas safe for the public.

In addition to their work at North Olympic Land Trust, I have personally observed the work done by the group on the public lands all around our community – they work for the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, State Department of Natural Resource, State Parks, County Parks, and more! I have not met a more ambitious or harder-working trail group in my 20 years working on public lands.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorrie Mittmann".

Lorrie Mittmann
Easement Steward

18-2255 RTP General #10

North Olympic Land Trust is accountable:



18-2255 RTP General #10

State of Washington

7/25/2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Attn: Mr. Dan Haws, Project Manager

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Olympic Region, would like to express our support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their work to continue to support recreation on DNR managed lands on the north Olympic peninsula.

The DNR manages roughly 90,000 acres of land on the Olympic peninsula and relies heavily on volunteers to help manage dispersed recreation. Currently, the peninsula chapter of the Back Country Horsemen are engaged in an adopt-a-trail agreement with the DNR to help construct and maintain trails on DNR managed land. Volunteers under the direction of the BCHW work with the DNR to clear windfall brush and improve tread to provide a safe and high quality experience for recreationalists. They recently helped us to design and construct a large slope stabilizing structure on the Striped Peak trail. The project required heavy rigging and log placement on a very steep slope and they executed the project from beginning to end.

Recreational opportunities and continue to increase on the north Olympic Peninsula. Using trail counters placed across the landscape, we are estimating at least 60,000 user visits per year on Trust lands. More than ever, we need to continue to work together and support each other's efforts to provide safe and sustainable recreation to the public.

Sincerely,



Justin R. Zarzeczny
Recreation Manager
Department of Natural Resources
Olympic Region



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Clallam County Road Department

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Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
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Dear RCO Funding Assistance Decision Makers,

Clallam County would like to express our enthusiastic support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their work to continue to support recreation on lands managed for trail and recreation use on the north Olympic peninsula.

The County manages and maintains roughly 85 miles of the Olympic Discovery Trail in Clallam County and relies heavily on volunteers to help maintain this facility for dispersed recreation. Currently, members of the Peninsula chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington are engaged in an adopt-a-trail agreement to help construct and maintain the Olympic Discovery Trail and trails within County parks. Volunteers under the direction of BCHW work with us to clear windfall, brush and improve tread to provide a safe and high quality experience for trail users and recreationalists. We anticipate working closely with BCHW in the near future on upcoming trail projects that will require their level of experience and equipment. This partnership is proving to have many benefits for both us and the BCHW.

A variety of recreational opportunities have expanded greatly on the Olympic Peninsula in the last three to five years. Our visitor estimates show we are experiencing about 200,000 user visits per year on portions of the Olympic Discovery Trail. More than ever we need to continue to work together and support each other's efforts to provide safe and sustainable recreation to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich James".

Rich James
Clallam County Transportation Program Manager



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Date: October 15, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) and their application for a Recreation Trail Program trail maintenance grant. We enthusiastically support this proposal. The PCTA has become a key partner and contributor to our overall trail maintenance program goals for the Pacific Crest Trail and feeder trails. This year alone, the PCTA volunteers performed close to 1000 hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the portion of the PCT managed by the Cle Elum Ranger District. Along with our RCO funded non-motorized trail maintenance crew, together we are successful in annually logging out the entire 86 miles of PCT. Typically, we are able to address several miles per year of backlog maintenance such as heavy brush work, structure maintenance and replacement, and tread restoration. In fact, The 34 miles of trail outside of Federally Designated Wilderness has primarily been the responsibility of the PCTA volunteers. A cadre of dedicated PCTA volunteers have gained specialized skills in chain saw and power brush use to keep that portion of trail open and passable to both hikers and horse riders.

The PCTA has demonstrated a commitment to long term PCT maintenance through the recruitment, training, and supervision of fine volunteers as mentioned above. Thus, they need the funding that such a grant proposal would provide so that we can continue to work in consort with one another toward a comprehensive, effective, and sustainable trail maintenance program for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

Sincerely,

John Morrow
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Date: October 23, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40947
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: 18-2476 M - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration

Dear RCO Advisory Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) RTP grant request – RCO #18-2476 M - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration.

The PCTA is a strong partner of the Darrington Ranger District, having collaborated with the district on a number of projects over the last two years. This past winter PCTA volunteers utilized the wood shop and materials provided by the district to construct 10 Wallowa-style backcountry toilets. The toilets were then made available to any district in need of such facilities.

The PCTA North 350 Blades chapter provided 1200 hours of maintenance to the PCT and associated access trails during 2017 and 2018. They provided much needed help with a landslide on one of the district's major PCT access trails – the Suiattle River Trail. Members helped remove tons of wet earth and debris, approximately a 150' wall of mud, rocks and trees. Without their support we would not be opening the trail to stock in 2019. This will put us on track to work on the PCT in the Suiattle area, something we were forced to cancel in 2018 due to the landslide.

We look forward to continue working with the PCTA and collaborating on both small and large projects. Their help with routine trail maintenance, upkeep of PCT access trails, and assistance with “waste management” help in propelling the Forest Service and district mission forward.

Sincerely,

Bridget Wisniewski
Trail and Wilderness Manager



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October 22, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

WA State Recreation & Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to give our strong support for the Pacific Crest Trail Association's RTP Grant #18-2476M. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest has partnered with the PCTA for years and they are strong advocates for keeping trails accessible and maintained to standard so the public can continue to use them. They provide immense support and numerous volunteer hours to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and its feeder trails. We hope to again partner with the PCTA in the coming years. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrea M. Durham
Recreation Planner & Wilderness Manager
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Cowlitz Valley Ranger District



18-2476 RTP General #11

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 29, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Pacific Crest Trail Association RTP grant application.

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) in support of their RTP grant request – RCO #18-2476.

For the last 13 years, the PCTA has been an ever growing volunteer program here in the Naches Ranger District that provides hundreds of hours annually to the maintenance and protection of the Pacific Crest Trail and connecting system trails throughout Washington State. During 2018 the local volunteer group – White Pass Chapter - performed projects totaling more than 800 hours. These projects range from scouting and brushing to major trail reconstruction; this season it included cutting and removing nearly 300 trees to re-open the PCT here in this district.

The PCTA has a developed program of volunteer recruitment, training, and project management with a solid track-record. Their mission statement includes the promotion, protection and preservation of the PCT. To that end, this organization of volunteers (more than 1700 here in Washington) is dedicated to keeping the PCT open and accessible to all allowable user groups. A shared goal is to address the large back-log of trail restoration in the William O Douglas and Goat Rocks Wildernesses in the coming seasons. For this work, the PCTA needs local funding to support its partnership with local ranger districts like the Naches RD.

We encourage your support of the PCTA and its work on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

WILLIAM ZIMMER
Resource Assistant
Oka-Wen National Forest
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January 2, 2019

18-2476 RTP General #11

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Letter of Support for Pacific Crest Trail Association's *Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration* Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant application (18-2476)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust strongly supports the Pacific Crest Trail Association's application to the Recreational Trails Program to support ongoing trail maintenance and restoration of the nationally significant Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

The Greenway Trust is dedicated to conserving and enhancing the landscape from Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Enhancing people's connections to nature drives the Greenway mission. Our coalition of community members, businesses, government agencies, and donors is joined together by the ethos that when we have meaningful connections to our natural surroundings, we are healthier and happier, our communities are stronger and more equitable; our lives are better.

Partnership with organizations such as the PCTA is critical to achieving high-priority maintenance efforts on some of the Greenway's most popular trails, including the PCT and its many access trail in the Central Cascades. A successful RTP award will allow the PCTA to continue working with the Greenway Trust and other partners to improve trail across the majestic center of Washington State.

The Greenway Trust supports the PCTA's application, and looks forward to collaborating with PCTA staff and members on trail maintenance efforts across the Greenway landscape.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Dolstad
Stewardship Program Manager

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File Code: 2300

Date: November 1, 2018

RCO Review Committee
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2476 RTP General #11

Dear RCO Review Committee,

I am writing to express the Snoqualmie Ranger District's support for the Pacific Crest Trail Association's (PCTA) Volunteer Maintenance grant (#18-2476), which has been submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District works regularly with the PCTA and its volunteers to maintain some of the District's most remote wilderness trails. Maintaining the PCTA presents significant annual challenges due to its remote nature and because it needs to be maintained to stock standards. Most recently, the USFS partnered with the PCTA to clear windfall and re-establish tread within the Norse Peak Wilderness, which experienced a significant fire in 2017. Through these collaborative efforts, the PCT section of the burned area was completely logged out with extensive tread rehabilitation completed in time for 'through hiker season'. As the burned area settles over the next few years, it will become imperative to have PCTA volunteer support to keep up with annual blowdown and associated rehab in the area alongside USFS crews.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District supports projects dedicated to addressing ongoing maintenance needs associated with recreation trails on the district. The PCTA has a reputation of outstanding field work and coordination and has consistently shown to be highly capable of implementing professional trail maintenance projects. For the aforementioned reasons we provide our enthusiastic support for this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Alex Weinberg (I-90 Corridor Manager) 425-888-8770.

Sincerely,

MARTIE SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Cc: Forest Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) National Forest
MBS Public Services/Administration Office





IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

San Juan Island National Historical Park
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Friday Harbor, Washington 98250



18-2590 RTP General #12

SAJH

Memorandum

To: Whom it May Concern
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Elexis Fredy, Superintendent *EF*
San Juan Island National Historical Park

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: Letter of Support for San Juan Islands Conservation District grant application for funding their Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews

CC: Mike Ramsey, Executive Director
San Juan Islands Conservation District

San Juan Island National Historical Park Washington State Parks is strongly in support of the San Juan Islands Conservation District grant application for funding their Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews. Since 2014, the National Park Service has supported efforts of the local YCC program through grant and cooperative agreements.

We believe that your continued support of these crews promotes a message of natural resource conservation stewardship, and emphasizes a commitment to youth engagement and education. In your support you will be providing education, job training, development of responsible citizenship, productive community involvement, and furthering the understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources through the involvement of young adults in the care and enhancement of public resources.

We have found that projects these YCC members participate in motivates them to become involved in the natural, cultural and /or historical resource protection of their community and beyond. If you should have any questions, please contact me at (360) 378-2240 ext 2223, or elexis_fredy@nps.gov.



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November 30, 2018

18-2590 RTP General #12

Allison Dellwo, Grant Manager
Recreation Conservation Office
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RE San Juan Islands YCC Trails Maintenance #18-2590

Dear Alison,

Please receive this letter in reference to the San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps grant application noted above. I apologize for not getting this submitted in time for the application deadline, but hope you can accept it anyway.

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, I'd like to offer my full support for this grant. As noted in the application, much good work is accomplished by Youth Conservation Corps members in the San Juan Islands in a variety of settings and ownerships including DNR-managed land. In fact, The Department depends on organizations like the Youth Conservation Corps for the majority of our crew labor for trail maintenance on DNR-managed recreation sites, and for most work related to conservation of those properties.

In addition to performing valued work in the islands, the YCC program also provides important opportunities for environmental education in a hands-on work environment. Corps members contribute to conservation on a broad scale through their work for various landowners in a variety of settings, they get exposure to a range of potential future career opportunities, and they learn about the direct connections between human activities and their effect on the natural world. I can think of no better way to help ensure we accomplish important work today, while also developing tomorrow's leaders in conservation.

Sincerely,

Paul McFarland
Natural Areas Manager
NW Region

Washington Resource and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, Washington

98504-0917

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of grant #18-2271 Backcountry Trail Maintenance, an application from the US Forest Service Darrington Ranger District.

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Sincerely,

Catherine Austin

PhD candidate in fishery sciences, University of Washington

Alger, Washington



18-2271 RTP General #13

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Letter of Support for:
18-2271 Backcountry Trail Maintenance – USFS Darrington RD
18-2272 Mt. Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance
18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

Dear Review Committee,

The Town of Darrington is pleased to support the Darrington Ranger District's applications for RCO grants. Tucked away in the North Cascades the town is surrounded by large tracts of public land. This has offered the community both employment in the woods and an incredible recreational experience for those who have been lucky enough to live and visit here.

With funding from the 2016 grants acquired by the district, maintenance of the trails, trailheads, and construction of trails damaged by storms of past has improved opportunities for recreation close to town. A noticeable uptick in the number of vehicles parked at trailheads, positive reviews for these trails on websites such as NW hiker and WTA trip reports, demonstrates the importance of these grants to the success we are experiencing. We have applauded the Darrington District's ability to procure grants, employ youth from our town, and work with local and other volunteer groups to keep the trails open.

Aside from maintenance we understand the need to undertake expensive projects as those needed at Big 4/ Ice Caves. Granite Falls and Darrington connected by the Mt. Loop Highway enjoy the influx of visitors brought by the attractions along the Mt. Loop. Big 4 draws 50,000 visitors, who inevitably pass through one or both towns. If the trail bridge washes out this will definitely effect the numbers who drive the Mt. Loop. Support of both the boardwalk and bridge extension means the attraction will be there for future generations.

I ask the review committee to consider the applications above of which will continue to help our town offer the best hiking, equestrian, and wilderness and non-wilderness experiences now and into the future.

Thank you,

Daniel O. Rankin
Mayor

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• **18-2271 RTP General #13**

Grant # 18-2271 Committee:

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to directly support the Darrington Ranger District's trails program. I spent six seasons on the Darrington trail crew and it was one of the most formative experiences in my life. The continuation of this program in Darrington is important because it assists with the development of young adult development, teaches job skills, develops environmental awareness and gives back to our community.

The Darrington Trail Crew has been important to the development of not only myself, but many other youths from this and other communities. Members spend up to a month at a time living and working together. It helps young adults develop a sense of independence, which helps them succeed in other aspects of their lives. The crew members are not only local to Darrington, but literally come from all around the world and promotes diversity and tolerance for other cultures and life pathways. This is especially important for the rural students in our communities who otherwise might not be introduced to other cultures beyond our small river valley. I cannot overemphasize the degree to which this experience bonds youths together. My two closest friends and I shared our summers in this experience and we have an intimacy akin to that of soldiers in battle.

The trail crew provides its young members with invaluable job experiences and skills. Many of my crewmembers and myself had not been exposed to the tools and skills needed to be successful until we shared this experience. First of all, I cannot stress enough how important it is toward developing team work. Not only must its members live together for extended periods at a time, but it can take the entire crew to clear a single obstacle or build a bridge. The process of planning a project, completing it and inspecting it upon completion reflects the process in many careers. The trail crew can also be a pathway into a permanent career with the Forest Service or the Department of Recreation.

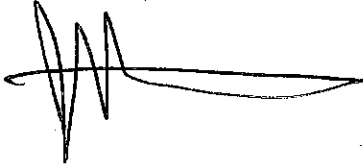
As the relationship between humans and the planet becomes more tenuous, environmental awareness is ever more important. The trails program facilitates this experience in several ways. First of all, it enables youths in the Pacific Northwest to experience and gain understanding for the natural environment outside of our doors. It is also an environmental learning experience considering that members learn how to forage and use the natural resources to improve their lives, whether that is making tea from stinging nettles or making a blueberry crumble in a hole of coals in the ground. The youths also learn basic care skills such as how to find good drinking water and to navigate a map etc. Not only does this positively impact the awareness of the youths participating, but they also go home and bring friends and family to this level of awareness.

Finally, the Darrington trails program encourages youths to give back to their communities. The crew build and maintains trails in the area. As trails become more dilapidated and not well maintained, there is less access to the public. It is important to keep the public enjoying the environment around them. Again, the more that society understands the environment around it, the better it is for everyone. Furthermore, the Darrington community relies on the thousands of hikers and campers who visit the wilderness around it. They bring money to an already challenged economy. Their

experiences here fund our roads and our schools. Public access to these areas is important to maintain this community.

This grant will not only provide youths with a wonderful experience, but it is a safe investment. The support that this grant provides will help youths develop into wonderful adults. These adults will have job skills and ethics that will facilitate their own careers, whatever those might be. It will also raise environmental awareness in the youth and the community as well. The support that this grant offers to the Darrington trails program is not only an investment, but a cumulative investment that will result in more dividends than many other types of pursuits.

Thank You,

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18-2312 RTP General #14

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Hale III".

Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2312 RTP General #14

SKI FOR LIGHT PUGET SOUND

To the Recreation and Conservation Office:

Ski For Light is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1975. Our mission is to teach visually-impaired individuals how to cross-country ski. Our program uses the Erling Stordahl trail system exclusively. Its flat trails and user-friendly slopes make it an ideal location to instruct and guide our participants. We require special grooming (double tracks) and good trail maintenance. Thanks to the great support of the Cle Elum Ranger District in meeting those needs, Ski For Light Puget Sound is the most active of the nine regional groups in the country. Without it, our program would not exist.

Sincerely,

Doug Sundberg, Vice-President, Ski For Light Puget Sound



Kittitas County, Washington
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October 8, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

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October 4, 2018

18-2312 RTP General #14

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2312 RTP General #14

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To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn

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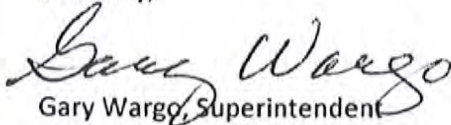
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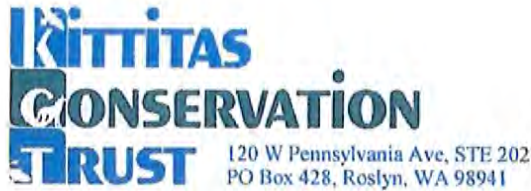
The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



18-2312 RTP General #14

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Long", is written over a vertical blue line that extends from the signature down to the contact information below.

Mitchell Long
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18-2312 RTP General #14

October 4, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



File Code: 2300 Recreation

Date: October 29, 2018

18-2344 RTP General #14

Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for 18-2344 Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2344 Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project.

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the most visited National Forest in the country. It offers year-round recreation opportunities that accommodates the most experienced outdoor enthusiast to the beginner starting out on their first trip. Over 1,500 miles of trail offer a multitude of opportunities for every skill level.

The Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project would support 15 miles of maintenance and grooming of cross-country ski trails, and 5 miles of snowshoe trails on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Baker Ranger District. Through the combination of experienced and dedicated volunteers and a contracted groomer, the club has been able to maintain the winter trail system and set tracks on 15 miles of ski trails. The public interest in winter recreation has grown and the developed Sno-Park at Salmon Ridge, maintained by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, provides a crucial winter recreation opportunity on the Mt. Baker Ranger District.

Sharing stewardship with community stakeholders such as Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will help the Forest Service provide access to public lands, offer high quality winter recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefit the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club has been a truly outstanding partner for over 26 years with the Mt. Baker Ranger District on multiple successful projects like this one. I strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely

Erin Uloth
DISTRICT RANGER





18-2344 RTP General #14

October 25, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism would like to express our complete support of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) to the Recreation and Conservation Office as you review their Recreation Trails Program grant application. We understand the importance the continued maintenance and operations this funding would allow the NNSC to provide for the Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails and hope it can continue for many years to come.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the ONLY groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington (north of Stevens Pass). The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The trail system is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness and North Fork of the Nooksack River and is only 46 miles from Bellingham. This winter trail system is a critical outdoor recreation destination.

Due to the fact the Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area, the trails provide local skiers, snowshoe enthusiasts, and visitors access to trails that are easily accessible. The trails receive an estimated 7,200 visits each winter drawing people from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan. Without the Salmon Ridge Trail System, economic leakage is created because cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts must then travel to British Columbia or Stevens Pass to recreate.

In conclusion, the Recreation Trails Program funding for this project is vital to the ongoing viability of this important recreation resource. Our organization strongly supports the RTP grant application by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. If you should have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Ward".

Sandra L. Ward, President and CEO
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Don Hoch
Director

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October 24, 2018

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Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

Dear RTP Review Team,

Please consider this letter of support for the grant application being submitted by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. This application is seeking grant funding for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails, in Whatcom County.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington (north of Stevens Pass). The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The trail system is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness and North Fork of the Nooksack River and is only 46 miles from Bellingham. This winter trail system is a popular outdoor recreation destination.

Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area. These trails provide visitors and local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that near large populations; i.e., Bellingham, Burlington, Everett, and Vancouver Canada and surrounding rural communities. The trails receive an average of 7200 visits each winter. The trail system is part of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Strategic Plan and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan.

This Recreation Trails Program grant is vital to the ongoing viability of this important recreation resource. Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program strongly supports the RTP application from the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Pamela A. McConkey in cursive.

Pamela A. McConkey, Manager
Winter Recreation Program



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Michael G. McFarlane, Director
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Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

To whom this may concern:

This letter is in support of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's 2018 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application. The grant application seeks funding for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Salmon Ridge cross country ski and snowshoe trails located in Whatcom County.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the ONLY groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington north of Stevens Pass. The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The area is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness Area and the North Fork of the Nooksack River, 46 miles from the City of Bellingham. This winter trail system is a popular outdoor recreation destination.

The Salmon Ridge Trail System provides local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that are relatively close to home. The trail system receives an estimated 7,200 visits each winter drawing skiers from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and is supported in the 2013-2018 Washington State Trails Plan.

The Recreation Trails Program Funding for this project is vital to the ongoing viability of this important winter recreation resource. The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department fully supports the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's RTP application and encourages your approval.

Sincerely,



Michel McFarlane, Director
Whatcom County Parks & Recreation



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November, 11th, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Due to the fact the Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area, the trails provide local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that are relatively close to home. The trails receive an estimate 7200 visits each winter drawing people from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan. Without the Salmon Ridge Trail system, cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts must travel to British Columbia or Stevens Pass!

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Respectfully Submitted

John D. Westerfield
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18-2296 RTP General #3

October 30, 2018

RCO Staff and RTP Scoring Committee:

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Thank you for this opportunity to express our support.


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington



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Date: October 15, 2018

18-2296 RTP General #3

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Sincerely,

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18-2296 RTP General #3

October 26, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

**RE: Washington Trails Association (WTA) – Grant Applications #18-2296,
#18-2324 and #18-2323**

Dear members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express King County Park's strong support of the Washington Trails Association's 2018 Trail Maintenance grant applications (#18-2296, #18-2324 and #18-2323) which have been submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.


King County Parks (Parks) manages 180 miles of backcountry trails that offer year-round accessibility for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding to residents of Seattle and the surrounding urban and rural communities of King County. WTA has been a fantastic partner for Parks for the past 19 years, and now provides over 16,000 hours of volunteer service to our backcountry trails each year.

The work completed by #18-2296 M Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance and #18-2323 M 2018 Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance are critical to Parks backcountry trail program. WTA's adult volunteers working on high use trails at Cougar Mt., Squak Mt., Taylor Mt., Soaring Eagle, Grand Ridge, Gold Creek, Big Finn, Spring Lake, Moss Lake and Tolt-Macdonald are critical for keeping the trails up to standard. In addition, WTA is helping us expand our great trail systems throughout Parks from Cedar Creek in Covington to Gold Creek in Woodinville and even Maury Island Marine Park on Maury Island.

We support whole heartily WTA's work to engage youth in trail maintenance. Parks highly supports #18-2324 M 2018 Statewide Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance. This two-year project will allow youth volunteers to reduce or prevent trail maintenance backlogs on King County Parks lands. WTA offers work parties to local schools and youth organizations. Many of the youth are new to trail maintenance and even hiking, yet WTA's crew leaders always ensure that these young volunteers complete high-quality work. WTA is consistently able to provide a safe and inviting work environment for youth to learn, gain a sense of accomplishment, acquire an interest in hiking, stay fit, and have fun.

WTA's contributions are essential to the ongoing maintenance of our trail system, especially as trail user volumes skyrocket. They have been an invaluable partner and I look forward to our continued work together over the next two seasons. I am confident that Washington Trails Association's adult and youth trail maintenance projects will advance our work to help build the next generation of trail users who support, and protect our parks and natural areas. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 206-477-6112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Lund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Brian Lund
Project Manager
King County DNRP – Parks Division
206-477-6112



File Code: 2350

Date: November 6, 2018

18-2296 RTP General #3

Attn: Recreation Trails Advisory Committee
Recreation and Conservation Office
RTP Program
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

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 JAMIE KINGSBURY
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

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Mike Schlafmann
Dave Redman

File Code: 2350
Date: October 25, 2018

18-2296 RTP General #3

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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Olympia, WA 98501

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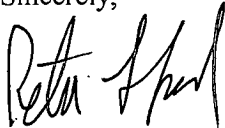
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Sincerely,



RETA LAFORD
Forest Supervisor

cc: Rebecca Lavigne, Dean Millett, Yewah Lau, Nicole LaGioia



File Code: 2330
Date: October 19, 2018

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18-2296 RTP General #3

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18-2323 RTP General #4

October 30, 2018

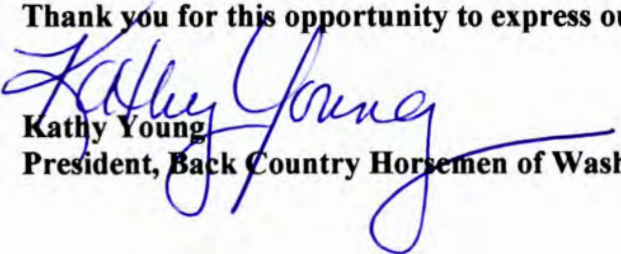
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Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington

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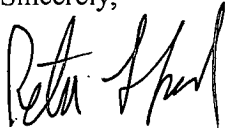
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 MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS
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February 5, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
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RE: Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

Holden Village is offering our strong support for you to fund the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Upper Lake Chelan Trail maintenance grant project. We work cooperatively with the Chelan Ranger District to complete trail maintenance on trails near our Village. Our trail crew completes trail maintenance that improves access and trail experiences for all visitors in the Railroad Creek Valley. Our staff and members also venture far beyond Holden Village, well into the heart of the North Cascades. We realize that this grant helps the Forest Service and partner groups improve and maintain trails like the Pacific Crest Trail from Cloudy Pass to Stehekin and Lakeshore Trail on Lake Chelan. All of this work adds to a healthy wilderness experience.

Holden Village provides up to \$40,000 in labor annually on trail maintenance in the project area. We complete this work with Holden Village staff and volunteers as well as some partner organizations. We work on trails that are 'outside' of the village. We feel the cooperative trail work we complete provides our guests and Forest Service visitor's distinctive trail based experiences in one of the more unique settings in the lower 48. We also value the natural processes at play in our valley and know our trail maintenance not only provides better public access but also creates sustainable trails that protect the environment.

Our staff and volunteers work closely with the Chelan Ranger District each year on many projects. The cooperative effort produces better experiences for the recreating public. Holden Village supports the Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519). Please consider it for funding through your grant program.

Sincerely,



Peg Carlson-Hoffman + Chuck Hoffman
Holden Village Executive Directors

November 5, 2018



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance

18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21

18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21
18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
18-2292 MNT, MOTORIZED/MULTI-USE TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021



Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley.

February 2, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)
Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance fully supports the projects proposed by the Chelan Ranger District. Trail experiences play an important role in our valley for residents and visitors alike. These projects provide for a wide array of operations and maintenance work on diverse trail systems that should enhance the experiences of trail users during both winter and summer seasons on both non-motorized and motorized trails. Project outcomes will align with the mission of our organization.

Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley. As members of the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance, we have a passion for trails, and we have a passion to spread our enthusiasm throughout the valley. Trails clear the mind, strengthen the heart, and forge timeless memories with others along the way. We are partnering with many organizations such as the Chelan PUD, City of Chelan, Washington Department of Fish and Game and Chelan Ranger District to help the Lake Chelan valley become known as a "trails valley".

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is committed to provide financial support and volunteer labor as one of many organizations partnering with the Chelan Ranger District in continuing to maintain trails for diverse trail users.

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is in full support of the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525) and Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Guy Evans, President

Lake Chelan Trails Alliance



Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
- 18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance
- 18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
- 18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2519 RTP General #5

December 6, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District's RTP grant applications #18-2525

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant application submitted by the Chelan Ranger District for work trail work in the upper Lake Chelan basin.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Chelan Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Across the state, our volunteers log out and maintain the PCT each season, but the trail season is short, and the need is great.

The section of the PCT on the Chelan Ranger District from Suiattle Pass to the Stehekin Valley traverses the remote glacially carved Agnes Creek drainage. It is an important section for both PCT long-distance hikers as well as weekend backpackers who utilize the PCT on the district to complete the popular 3-day loop from Holden Village to Stehekin. Several focused maintenance efforts in the last two years in addition normal annual maintenance continue to improve user experiences and provide a sustainable trail. In order to maintain and continue to improve this trail segment, public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and managing the use of the area requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges.





Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 15, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails." Our partners seek funds that will enable them to expedite trail restoration following wildfires and other catastrophic events that disrupt trailways. Their scope of service for this proposal includes the Colville, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, where they are likely to have a direct, positive impact on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and a multitude of popular feeder trails.

Regardless of whether or not fires and heavy storms are increasing in frequency and intensity, wildfires, blowdowns, landslides and washouts are inevitable, natural processes that have a negative impact on trails. In the worst cases-- when we're not prepared to address those consequences-- segments of trails can languish in a shambles for years. Impassable conditions can prove to be more than a hazard and inconvenience for a season of users; if neglected for too long, they become a reputation and deterrent to trail users.

Here in Northeast Washington, where rural communities are eager to diversify our economic portfolio and invest in the drawing power of our uncrowded, natural recreation resources, it makes sense to have the funds and a strategy in place to swiftly redress the consequences of disruptive events that regularly impact the trailways we rely upon. We at the PNTA are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for their foresight in this matter, their ongoing leadership and collaboration in the trails community, and their interest in devoting care and attention to the PNT and other trail systems in our region-- especially those segments in most dire need of service. Please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristin Ackerman
Regional Coordinator, Eastern Washington
kristinackerman@pnt.org; (509) 590-1928

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



File Code: 2350
Date: October 30, 2018

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18-2254 RTP General #6

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Colville National Forest (CNF) relies heavily on trail partners and volunteers to maintain and restore the network of trails that provide public access, community connections, and recreational pursuits. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has long been a partner and trail advocate for the CNF. Their efforts have helped to keep the trail system on the CNF safe and available for public use and enjoyment. As the intensity and frequency of weather events, wildfires, and other disturbances has increased, so has the threat to the safety and availability of trail systems.

BCHW's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails" seeks to make funds available for BCHW to work with the CNF, other National Forests, and other trail partners to enable them to respond to the increasingly frequent disturbances that impact the trail system. This unique proposal stands out in that it addresses current known needs of trails, provides the flexibility to focus efforts to emerging needs, while helping to increase the resiliency and sustainability of the trail system.

The CNF supports BCHW's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails" and are hopeful that the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board will provide its support as well. If the Board has questions about this proposal, the CNF's support of this proposal, or in regards to our partnership with BCHW, please feel free to contact Craig E. Newman (the CNF's Recreation, Engineering, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Hydropower Staff Officer) at 509-684-7104 or cnewman03@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

RODNEY D. SMOLDON
Forest Supervisor

cc: Craig Newman, Darrell Wallace (dlwallace700@gmail.com)





File Code: 2350
Date: October 31, 2018

18-2254 RTP General #6

Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board
RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board,

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We at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for partnering with us to help maintain trails that might not otherwise receive all of the attention they need to keep them open, safe, and available for public use and enjoyment. We ask that you please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Sincerely,

*F*GINA OWENS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Robin Rose, Tracy Calizon, Gala Miller, Darrell Wallace, BCHW Grant Committee Chair





**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 15, 2018

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Thank you for your consideration,

Kristin Ackerman
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File Code: 2350

Date: October 24, 2018

Attn: Recreation Trails Advisory Committee
Recreation and Conservation Office
RTP Program
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504

18-2254 RTP General #6

RE: RCO Project Agreement Number 18-2254

Dear Advisory Committee:

I would like to speak in support of Recreation Trails Program (RTP) funding requests by the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW). The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) has worked with BCHW on several agreements building and maintaining trails on the Forest in recent years. We look forward to expanding and continuing this Forest in the future as several exciting opportunities await!

BCHW's proposed work includes routine maintenance and repair of popular stock trails throughout the Forest. This work includes removal from the trail of debris such as logs and rocks; maintenance and construction of drainage structures; constructing and maintaining minor structures such as puncheon bridges and retaining walls; and brushing. BCHW also provides pack support for other volunteer groups throughout the Forest. Specific trail projects will be identified by the District Trail Coordinators and BCHW prior to work commencing.

I appreciate our opportunity to partner with BCHW on these projects and look forward to another successful season of working with BCHW volunteers to enhance the trail experience for all of our trail users.

Sincerely,


JAMIE KINGSBURY
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mike Schlafmann, Dave Redman





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18-2254 RTP General #6

October 24, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our strong support of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW)'s "Rescuing Threatened Trails" application to the Recreational Trails Program.

Trails on the Cle Elum Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest are some of the most popular destinations for hiking, backpacking and equestrian use in the state. Lack of sufficient maintenance, overuse, and seasonal weather events threaten many of these trails and their long-term viability. Keeping trails open and ensuring maintenance provides users a wide range of safe recreational experiences and an opportunity to spread the load of increasing use.

In recent years, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and our public land manager partners have come to rely heavily on the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to clear and repair trails following fires, winter blow-downs, and seasons of maintenance backlog. This grant would support work such as removal of downed trees, brushing the trail corridor, repairing trail tread, and improving drainage. The resources provided through RTP will also enable the BCHW to provide pack animal support and coordinate trail work with other stakeholder partners. Delay of trail maintenance on this trail network would certainly lead to significantly increased costs in trail rebuilding, as it is clear that a delayed response invariably leads to larger reconstruction issues.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway encompasses 1.5 million acres of public and private land, stretching from the shores of Seattle, through communities, farms, and forests to the crest of the Cascade mountains and then out to Central Washington's fields and pine forests. The Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the Greenway landscape, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. At the core of all we do is a belief that when we have meaningful connections with our natural surroundings, we are healthier and happier, our communities are stronger and more equitable; our lives are better.

We strongly support this project. The Backcountry Horsemen have been and continue to be consistent advocates for sustainable recreation in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 206-890-1474.

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2254 RTP General #6

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Backcountry Horsemen of Washington grant applications (RTP #18-2254)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant application submitted by the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW). The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington to maintain trails on our region's national forests. The BCHW brings a unique skill set to the table. Their members can load equine with gear and supplies and travel deep into the backcountry. BCHW volunteers are dedicated and determined. They continually search for innovative solutions to overcome logistics challenges. In recent years they have developed an impressive track record of project success in the Pasayten Wilderness. In addition to their own projects, they are vital partners to PCTA, WTA and others. In 2018, BCHW members helped the PCTA move heavy rigging equipment into the backcountry to reconstruct a bridge in the Methow Valley Ranger District. They packed three of our twelve-person crews in and out of weeklong projects in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and their Tahoma Chapter played a pivotal role in logging out the PCT in the area burned by the 2017 Norse Peak fire.

The BCHW uses their animals as efficient trail maintenance tools. Their maintenance projects are ambitious and well planned. PCTA strongly supports this application.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





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File Code: 2350 **18-2254 RTP General #6**
Date: October 31, 2018

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Dear Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board,

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest supports the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's grant proposal (18-2254) "Rescuing Threatened Trails." Our partners seek funds that will enable them to expedite trail restoration following wildfires and other catastrophic events that disrupt trails. Their scope of service for this proposal includes the Colville, Gifford Pinchot, Okanogan-Wenatchee, and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests, where they are likely to have a direct, positive impact on a multitude of popular recreation trails across the Pacific Northwest Region, including the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and including National Trails such as the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT).

We at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are grateful to our friends and partners, the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, for partnering with us to help maintain trails that might not otherwise receive all of the attention they need to keep them open, safe, and available for public use and enjoyment. We ask that you please say yes to "Rescuing Threatened Trails."

Sincerely,

Dawn GINA OWENS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Robin Rose, Tracy Calizon, Gala Miller, Darrell Wallace, BCHW Grant Committee Chair





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18-2345 RTP General #7

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

November 5, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance RTP grant application.

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express strong support of Evergreen's *Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance 2019-2020* grant application (#18-2345), as submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. I have been building a relationship with your Cowlitz-Naches Chapter and am excited to have them working on trail maintenance within the Naches Ranger District.

In addition to working on system trails on the district, the Cowlitz-Naches Chapter will be performing maintenance on the "Soup Creek Trail" which we want to list as an official RCO work-site. We are asking them to maintain this trail in an effort to provide a positive biking opportunity on the District, build a strong relationship with the local mountain biking community and encourage environmentally sustainable trail building. This work includes drainage maintenance, constructing minor structures, brushing, and removing rocks, trees and other debris from the trail corridor. In some instances, work may include rerouting, repairing or rehabilitating short sections of trail.

We appreciate Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance's efforts in obtaining trail maintenance funds through the RTP grant and your willingness to help maintain the trails within our district.

WILLIAM ZIMMER
Resource Assistant
Oka-Wen National Forest
Naches Ranger District





Dedicated to promoting Nordic skiing and creating winter recreation opportunities in the Lake Chelan area.

February 1, 2019
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of The Lake Chelan Nordic Club, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trail maintenance grant proposal. The Lake Chelan Nordic Club is a key partner in providing cross country ski and snowshoe trail grooming and a Yurt for day use at the Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area. We work cooperatively with the Forest Service through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement to provide professional grooming services, public trail condition and grooming reports with an overall goal of providing winter recreation opportunities.

The Lake Chelan Nordic Club has helped Washington residents and out of state visitors experience winter sports at Echo Ridge for over 25 years. We have a history of local volunteerism and ongoing community financial support for our operations at Echo Ridge. In the last five years we modernized our grooming equipment by purchasing new grooming drags, snowmobiles, and a tracked ATV that allows our organization to provide efficient and exceptional trail grooming with paid groomers and experienced volunteers. In 2018, we constructed a new groomer shed with materials purchased by the Nordic Club and volunteer labor to protect our new grooming equipment. We created a new website and social media feeds to improve dissemination of grooming updates and trail conditions. These recent improvements complement our previous infrastructure projects including a 'warming' yurt for day use, enclosed groomer building for our LMC snowcat, and wood shed. We will continue to provide annual volunteer work, raise funds to maintain our grooming equipment and infrastructure, and provide public information to the recreating public.

The Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area has experienced a significant increase in winter use since 2010. Site data shows over a 100% increase in use between 2010 and 2018. An important part of that increase is the partnership between the Lake Chelan Nordic Club, the Forest Service. Each organization has historically contributed resources to build, maintain, and provide quality winter trail experiences to the public.

The Lake Chelan Nordic Club fully supports the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Willard".

Catherine Willard
Lake Chelan Nordic Club President

November 5, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917



RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

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18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
18-2292 MNT, MOTORIZED/MULTI-USE TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021



Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley.

February 2, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

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RE: Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525)
Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance fully supports the projects proposed by the Chelan Ranger District. Trail experiences play an important role in our valley for residents and visitors alike. These projects provide for a wide array of operations and maintenance work on diverse trail systems that should enhance the experiences of trail users during both winter and summer seasons on both non-motorized and motorized trails. Project outcomes will align with the mission of our organization.

Our mission is to plan, build, promote, and enjoy trails in the Lake Chelan Valley. As members of the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance, we have a passion for trails, and we have a passion to spread our enthusiasm throughout the valley. Trails clear the mind, strengthen the heart, and forge timeless memories with others along the way. We are partnering with many organizations such as the Chelan PUD, City of Chelan, Washington Department of Fish and Game and Chelan Ranger District to help the Lake Chelan valley become known as a "trails valley".

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is committed to provide financial support and volunteer labor as one of many organizations partnering with the Chelan Ranger District in continuing to maintain trails for diverse trail users.

The Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is in full support of the Lower Lake Chelan Winter/Summer Trails Project (18-2525) and Upper Lake Chelan Trails Project (18-2519).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Evans", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Guy Evans, President

Lake Chelan Trails Alliance



10/18/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office
Re: 18-2525 MNT, Lower Lake Chelan Summer/Winter Trails

The Northwest Motorcycle Association is an advocate for maintaining trails that provide a backcountry experience for the offroad motorcycling user group. Most trails of this nature in Washington are multiple use trails. This grant application will support trail maintenance on several multiple use trails that are open to offroad motorcycling. Because of this, the NMA **strongly recommends** funding this grant application through RCO grant programs.

Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President

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Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
- 18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance
- 18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21
- 18-2359 M Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 2020-21
- 18-2361 M Entiat RD Campgrounds and Dispersed M&O 2020-21
- 18-2358 E Central Zone Backcountry E&E 2020-21

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Imler", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association



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Date: November 1, 2018

RCO Review Committee
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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18-2408 RTP General #8

Dear RCO Review Committee,

I am writing to express support of the Snoqualmie Ranger District for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust's (MTSGT) Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance 2019 grant application (#18-2408) which has been submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is a valuable partner to the Snoqualmie Ranger District, and has provided extensive improvement and maintenance to USFS facilities and trails within the Greenway. These accomplishments most notably include significant collaborative efforts in facility and trail development within the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, along with associated trail maintenance. The development within the valley has created an increased need for maintenance funding on trails in order to continue providing quality recreation experiences for the public.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District supports projects dedicated to addressing ongoing maintenance needs associated with recreation trails on the district. The MTSGT has consistently shown to be highly capable of implementing professional trail maintenance projects on the district and their grant aligns with the USFS's goal of providing safe and high quality recreation opportunities for the public. For the aforementioned reasons we provide our enthusiastic support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Alex Weinberg (I-90 Corridor Manager) 425-888-8770.

Sincerely,

MARTIE SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Cc: Forest Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) National Forest
MBS Public Services/Administration Office





18-2255 RTP General #10

September 10, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504-3015

Dear RCO Funding Team,

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JST) offers its wholehearted support for the Back County Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) in their application for RCO funding. The JST enjoys a close working partnership with the BCHW-PC in their efforts to maintain the ever-popular, non-motorized trail system on the Olympic Peninsula.

The JST owns over 300 acres of land adjacent to Washington State Parks Land on the Miller Peninsula in east Clallam County. The trails on Tribal land provide connections to many of the trails on the adjoining properties that would be difficult to access without crossing Tribal property. This system of trails is available to a wide variety of trail users (hikers, cyclists, equestrians, walkers, etc.) in a remote, unspoiled wilderness. The Tribe is willing to allow public use of the trails but is unable to provide the resources to keep the trails passable.

The BCHW-PC steps up willingly with a cadre of dedicated and experienced volunteers who spend countless hours repairing damaged trails, clearing downed trees, bush-whacking overgrown trails, bridging boggy areas and improving the tread of worn trails. The ability of the BCHW-PC to access the trails by non-motorized means (horses, mules) is an eco-friendly way to improve, maintain and build trails that provide hours of outdoor recreation enjoyment to local Peninsula residents and visitors alike.

With more and more tourists coming to visit the Olympic Peninsula, it is important to continue to offer them quality recreation opportunities. Additionally, any time spent outdoors for local folks is a plus. The work accomplished by BCHW-PC is vital to keeping our wonderful trails available to all the year around.

Sincerely,

Annette Nesse
Chief Operations Officer

TO: Tom Mix, BCHW
FROM: Shelly Baird & William Miller, WSSA Saw Training Coordinators
DATE: August 14, 2018
RE: Memo of Support, RCO Grant Request

Back Country Horsemen of Washington-Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) has provided Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) members sawyer certificate training, most recently near Ronald Washington.

BCHW are also helping the WSSA volunteers establish a Saw program within WSSA. This chapter, like BCHW-PC, will have trained volunteers who will help maintain our public lands.



Washington Trails Association

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August 10, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW-PC) RCO grant application

Dear RCO Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association to express our enthusiastic support of Backcountry Horseman of Washington – Peninsula Chapter's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to develop and maintain trails on the Olympic Peninsula.

Washington Trails Association has a 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail advocacy organization, with 15,500 member households, thousands of volunteers each year and an online community of more than 100,000.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington- Peninsula Chapter is one of the preeminent chapters within the state organization committed to protecting horseback riding opportunities on public lands in Washington. Like WTA, BCHW-PC provides thousands of hours of volunteer trail maintenance each year. WTA works closely with BCHW-PC to ensure that all Washingtonians and visitors to the state can enjoy the wonderful trails and wilderness on the Olympic Peninsula. WTA partners with BCHW-PC on trail work parties. BCHW-PC also provides vital support to WTA's multi-day work parties by packing gear, tools and food into remote areas via horse pack strings. Without this support, WTA would have a difficult time reaching some trail work locations that are miles from roads.

Both organizations are committed to maintaining the unparalleled recreation opportunities on the Olympic Peninsula for hikers, equestrians and other users. The continued work of volunteer organizations like BCHW-PC and WTA are critical to help land management agencies in the face of increasing visitation, aging trail structures and related maintenance backlogs. That's why we are supportive of BCHW-PC's proposal to develop and maintain trails across the Olympic Peninsula.

Washington Trails Association appreciates the partnership it has with BCHW-PC and we encourage the support and funding of this organization's vitally important projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director



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CATHY LUCERO, COORDINATOR

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Dear RCO Funding Assistance Decision Makers,

The Clallam Noxious Weed Control Board would like to express our strong and wholehearted support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter in their tireless efforts to support recreation on lands managed for trail and recreation use on the north Olympic Peninsula.

The impact and cost of noxious weeds on our recreation lands is real and growing just as public demand has exploded. Often, the incursion of non-native invasive plants is directly related to recreational users that inadvertently introduce these non-native plants as they hike and recreate in some of our most pristine and beautiful public lands. This dedicated group of volunteers not only provides invaluable eyes on the ground when it comes to finding early infestations of new species that pose a threat to our recreational areas, but also helping hands and hooves to eliminate the problem. We have collaborated on numerous weed control projects including the Miller Peninsula State Park as well as Forest Service lands as remote as the Buckhorn Wilderness. We already have new projects on the horizon. Without the assistance of the BCHW, many of these projects could not be contemplated.

The Peninsula Chapter of the BCHW provides an incredible array of invaluable maintenance services ranging from noxious weed control to clearing trails and repairing falling or damaged infrastructure; all for the cost of materials and travel. As budgets tighten and usage grows, this incredible organization has become more invaluable than ever in our efforts sustain a high quality recreational experience in Washington State. Please fully fund this deserving group of volunteers in their quest to do great work that benefits us all.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lucero
Clallam Noxious Weed Control Board, coordinator



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File Code: 1560
Date: August 28, 2018

18-2255 RTP General #10

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Grant Selection Team:

The Olympic National Forest supports the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their efforts to compete for trail project funding.

The BCHW, Peninsula Chapter is one of the Forest's many indispensable partners. They contribute to maintaining the 270-mile Forest trail network, which is maintained almost exclusively through the hard work of volunteers. Their support is far-reaching in Wilderness, where horses and pack stock are required to transport heavy materials that otherwise can't be carried. They perform trail work and provide support forest-wide pack support for other volunteer groups and projects. In particular, their work on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail provides support for these long distance, multi-jurisdictional trails.

The organization stands out for their collaborative and cooperative support of other trails and wilderness partners such as the Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Gray Wolves Trail Crew, and the Mountaineers, Olympia Branch. The BCHW assist these other volunteer groups by packing tools and equipment, providing hands-on assistance, contributing their technical expertise in rigging and trail bridge construction.

The BCHW, Peninsula Chapter, aid Forest Service staff by performing trail reconnaissance, logging out windfall along trails, brushing, tread-work, removal of illegal trash dumps, and hauling material for projects. They also assist our operation by teaching and certifying traditional skills such as crosscut saw use.

Their stewardship is vital to the success of our all-volunteer trails program. We are proud of our partnership and are grateful for their members' commitment to help maintain the Forest's trails. We look forward to our continued partnership and provide our support for the positive work of the BCHW on approved projects throughout Olympic National Forest.

Thank you for considering the BCHW, Peninsula Chapter's application. For additional information please contact Nicole LaGioia, Olympic National Recreation Staff Officer, at nllagioia@nfs.fed.us or 360-765-2213.

Sincerely,

RETAL LAFORD
Forest Supervisor





18-2255 RTP General #10

STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SEQUIM BAY AREA
Sequim Bay State Park
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August 07, 2018

Jesse Sims,

The Miller Peninsula State Park Properties provide an extensive trail system for pedestrian, equestrians and bicyclists. Heavily used by local visitors and visitors from the Olympic Peninsula and greater Puget Sound, the property and trail system are a true asset to the area and the state of Washington. The Back Country Horseman of Washington, Peninsula Chapter (BCH), are a vital resource in keeping those trails maintained and open.

As the land manager overseeing the Miller Peninsula for State Parks, I rely heavily on the BCH volunteers for organizing and administering volunteers on the ground. But I also rely on BCH for expert advice in trail construction and maintenance, noxious weed control and in matters directly related to equestrian trail use and perspective.

BCH volunteers work closely with Washington State Parks and Recreation staff to comply with policy and regulatory requirements. They assist in planning and brainstorming and they routinely support the interests of other groups such as hikers and bikers. They do all of things AND write grants and solicit support for trail access and support on public lands throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

We appreciate the partnership between The Back Country Horseman and Washington State Parks and strongly support their efforts in providing access to public lands on the Olympic Peninsula.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erik Plunkett".

Erik Plunkett
Sequim Bay
Area Manager



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Olympic National Park
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September 13, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Members of the Selection Committee:

On behalf of Olympic National Park, I am writing to confirm our support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter (BCHW) for consideration by the members of the grant selection committee.

I would like to thank the Back Country Horseman of Washington Peninsula Chapter for their time volunteering at Olympic National Park. Olympic National Park has over 600 miles of trails across its 922,651 acres of land, 95% of which is designated wilderness. Located on western Washington's Olympic Peninsula, extreme weather conditions make maintaining these trails a tremendous effort. BCHW and their stock have always been an essential partner in working with our program managers to help maintain our trails.

Part of the park's mission is to develop the next generation of public land stewards and supporters. As the country's demographics continue to change, we are constantly seeking ways to connect diverse audiences to the resources of Olympic National Park. Our strong partnership with BCHW has allowed the volunteers with wilderness backgrounds and Leave No Trace ethics to mentor youth through our most popular events such as Junior Ranger Day and National Public Lands Day. This partnership has been an exemplary model of a joint effort that brings diverse youth to the park and creates an experience that links hands on stewardship and potentially a life-long relationship with Olympic National Park.

We look forward to partnering with the Back Country Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter in the future.

Sincerely,

M. Sarah Creachbaum
Superintendent



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Date: August 28, 2018

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Dear Grant Selection Team:

The Olympic National Forest supports the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Mt. Olympus Chapter, in their efforts to compete for trail project funding.

The BCHW, Mt. Olympus Chapter is one of the forest's many indispensable partners. They contribute to maintaining the 270-mile forest trail network, which is maintained almost exclusively through the hard work of volunteers. Their support is far-reaching in back country projects, where horses and pack stock are required to transport heavy materials that otherwise can't be carried. They perform trail work, trailhead maintenance projects, and help address deferred maintenance at our stock trails.

The Mt. Olympus Chapter of the BCHM aid Forest Service staff by focusing their efforts on the Mount Muller and Bogachiel River Trail corridors and trailheads. This maintenance includes corridor logging out windfalls, brushing, trail erosion management and maintenance of the Littleton Horse Camp. In the foreseeable future, the Mt. Olympus Chapter will be a critical partner in the re-route of the Bogachiel River Trail.

Their stewardship and dedication is vital to the success of our all-volunteer trails program. We are proud of our partnership and are grateful for their members' commitment to help maintain the Forest's trails. We look forward to our continued partnership and provide our support for the positive work of the Backcountry Horsemen on approved projects throughout Olympic National Forest.

Thank you for considering the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Mt. Olympus Chapter's application. For additional information please contact Nicole LaGioia, Olympic National Recreation Staff Officer, at nlagioia@fs.fed.us or 360-765-2213.

Sincerely,

DEAN R MILLETT
District Ranger



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North Olympic Land Trust would like to express our support of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington – Peninsula Chapter – in their work to construct and maintain trails on the North Olympic Peninsula.

North Olympic Land Trust owns eight conservation areas with approximately 700 acres of land. Three of these conservation areas have trails which are open to the public. While the Backcountry Horsemen group has helped and is always willing to help on any of our trail projects, one project sticks out as a particularly large and important project for our organization, and that was the work done at our Elk Creek Conservation Area. The Backcountry Horsemen were instrumental in the construction and maintenance of the trail system at the property, including the construction and maintenance of a 65-foot log bridge across the creek.

BCH Peninsula Chapter has also helped many times with removal of hazard trees so we can keep our conservation areas safe for the public.

In addition to their work at North Olympic Land Trust, I have personally observed the work done by the group on the public lands all around our community – they work for the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, State Department of Natural Resource, State Parks, County Parks, and more! I have not met a more ambitious or harder-working trail group in my 20 years working on public lands.

Best Regards,

Lorrie Mittmann
Easement Steward

18-2255 RTP General #10

North Olympic Land Trust is accountable:



18-2255 RTP General #10

State of Washington

7/25/2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
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Attn: Mr. Dan Haws, Project Manager

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Olympic Region, would like to express our support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their work to continue to support recreation on DNR managed lands on the north Olympic peninsula.

The DNR manages roughly 90,000 acres of land on the Olympic peninsula and relies heavily on volunteers to help manage dispersed recreation. Currently, the peninsula chapter of the Back Country Horsemen are engaged in an adopt-a-trail agreement with the DNR to help construct and maintain trails on DNR managed land. Volunteers under the direction of the BCHW work with the DNR to clear windfall brush and improve tread to provide a safe and high quality experience for recreationalists. They recently helped us to design and construct a large slope stabilizing structure on the Striped Peak trail. The project required heavy rigging and log placement on a very steep slope and they executed the project from beginning to end.

Recreational opportunities and continue to increase on the north Olympic Peninsula. Using trail counters placed across the landscape, we are estimating at least 60,000 user visits per year on Trust lands. More than ever, we need to continue to work together and support each other's efforts to provide safe and sustainable recreation to the public.

Sincerely,



Justin R. Zarzeczny
Recreation Manager
Department of Natural Resources
Olympic Region



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Clallam County Road Department

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Dear RCO Funding Assistance Decision Makers,

Clallam County would like to express our enthusiastic support of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Peninsula Chapter, in their work to continue to support recreation on lands managed for trail and recreation use on the north Olympic peninsula.

The County manages and maintains roughly 85 miles of the Olympic Discovery Trail in Clallam County and relies heavily on volunteers to help maintain this facility for dispersed recreation. Currently, members of the Peninsula chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington are engaged in an adopt-a-trail agreement to help construct and maintain the Olympic Discovery Trail and trails within County parks. Volunteers under the direction of BCHW work with us to clear windfall, brush and improve tread to provide a safe and high quality experience for trail users and recreationalists. We anticipate working closely with BCHW in the near future on upcoming trail projects that will require their level of experience and equipment. This partnership is proving to have many benefits for both us and the BCHW.

A variety of recreational opportunities have expanded greatly on the Olympic Peninsula in the last three to five years. Our visitor estimates show we are experiencing about 200,000 user visits per year on portions of the Olympic Discovery Trail. More than ever we need to continue to work together and support each other's efforts to provide safe and sustainable recreation to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich James".

Rich James
Clallam County Transportation Program Manager



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Date: October 15, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) and their application for a Recreation Trail Program trail maintenance grant. We enthusiastically support this proposal. The PCTA has become a key partner and contributor to our overall trail maintenance program goals for the Pacific Crest Trail and feeder trails. This year alone, the PCTA volunteers performed close to 1000 hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the portion of the PCT managed by the Cle Elum Ranger District. Along with our RCO funded non-motorized trail maintenance crew, together we are successful in annually logging out the entire 86 miles of PCT. Typically, we are able to address several miles per year of backlog maintenance such as heavy brush work, structure maintenance and replacement, and tread restoration. In fact, The 34 miles of trail outside of Federally Designated Wilderness has primarily been the responsibility of the PCTA volunteers. A cadre of dedicated PCTA volunteers have gained specialized skills in chain saw and power brush use to keep that portion of trail open and passable to both hikers and horse riders.

The PCTA has demonstrated a commitment to long term PCT maintenance through the recruitment, training, and supervision of fine volunteers as mentioned above. Thus, they need the funding that such a grant proposal would provide so that we can continue to work in consort with one another toward a comprehensive, effective, and sustainable trail maintenance program for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

Sincerely,

John Morrow
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Date: October 23, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: 18-2476 M - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration

Dear RCO Advisory Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) RTP grant request – RCO #18-2476 M - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration.

The PCTA is a strong partner of the Darrington Ranger District, having collaborated with the district on a number of projects over the last two years. This past winter PCTA volunteers utilized the wood shop and materials provided by the district to construct 10 Wallowa-style backcountry toilets. The toilets were then made available to any district in need of such facilities.

The PCTA North 350 Blades chapter provided 1200 hours of maintenance to the PCT and associated access trails during 2017 and 2018. They provided much needed help with a landslide on one of the district's major PCT access trails – the Suiattle River Trail. Members helped remove tons of wet earth and debris, approximately a 150' wall of mud, rocks and trees. Without their support we would not be opening the trail to stock in 2019. This will put us on track to work on the PCT in the Suiattle area, something we were forced to cancel in 2018 due to the landslide.

We look forward to continue working with the PCTA and collaborating on both small and large projects. Their help with routine trail maintenance, upkeep of PCT access trails, and assistance with “waste management” help in propelling the Forest Service and district mission forward.

Sincerely,

Bridget Wisniewski
Trail and Wilderness Manager



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October 22, 2018

18-2476 RTP General #11

WA State Recreation & Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to give our strong support for the Pacific Crest Trail Association's RTP Grant #18-2476M. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest has partnered with the PCTA for years and they are strong advocates for keeping trails accessible and maintained to standard so the public can continue to use them. They provide immense support and numerous volunteer hours to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and its feeder trails. We hope to again partner with the PCTA in the coming years. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrea M. Durham
Recreation Planner & Wilderness Manager
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Cowlitz Valley Ranger District



18-2476 RTP General #11

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 29, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Pacific Crest Trail Association RTP grant application.

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) in support of their RTP grant request – RCO #18-2476.

For the last 13 years, the PCTA has been an ever growing volunteer program here in the Naches Ranger District that provides hundreds of hours annually to the maintenance and protection of the Pacific Crest Trail and connecting system trails throughout Washington State. During 2018 the local volunteer group – White Pass Chapter - performed projects totaling more than 800 hours. These projects range from scouting and brushing to major trail reconstruction; this season it included cutting and removing nearly 300 trees to re-open the PCT here in this district.

The PCTA has a developed program of volunteer recruitment, training, and project management with a solid track-record. Their mission statement includes the promotion, protection and preservation of the PCT. To that end, this organization of volunteers (more than 1700 here in Washington) is dedicated to keeping the PCT open and accessible to all allowable user groups. A shared goal is to address the large back-log of trail restoration in the William O Douglas and Goat Rocks Wildernesses in the coming seasons. For this work, the PCTA needs local funding to support its partnership with local ranger districts like the Naches RD.

We encourage your support of the PCTA and its work on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

WILLIAM ZIMMER
Resource Assistant
Oka-Wen National Forest
Naches Ranger District





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January 2, 2019

18-2476 RTP General #11

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Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Letter of Support for Pacific Crest Trail Association's *Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Restoration* Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant application (18-2476)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust strongly supports the Pacific Crest Trail Association's application to the Recreational Trails Program to support ongoing trail maintenance and restoration of the nationally significant Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

The Greenway Trust is dedicated to conserving and enhancing the landscape from Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Enhancing people's connections to nature drives the Greenway mission. Our coalition of community members, businesses, government agencies, and donors is joined together by the ethos that when we have meaningful connections to our natural surroundings, we are healthier and happier, our communities are stronger and more equitable; our lives are better.

Partnership with organizations such as the PCTA is critical to achieving high-priority maintenance efforts on some of the Greenway's most popular trails, including the PCT and its many access trail in the Central Cascades. A successful RTP award will allow the PCTA to continue working with the Greenway Trust and other partners to improve trail across the majestic center of Washington State.

The Greenway Trust supports the PCTA's application, and looks forward to collaborating with PCTA staff and members on trail maintenance efforts across the Greenway landscape.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Dolstad
Stewardship Program Manager

(* Executive Committee Member
(X) Ex Officio (non-voting) Director





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Date: November 1, 2018

RCO Review Committee
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2476 RTP General #11

Dear RCO Review Committee,

I am writing to express the Snoqualmie Ranger District's support for the Pacific Crest Trail Association's (PCTA) Volunteer Maintenance grant (#18-2476), which has been submitted to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District works regularly with the PCTA and its volunteers to maintain some of the District's most remote wilderness trails. Maintaining the PCTA presents significant annual challenges due to its remote nature and because it needs to be maintained to stock standards. Most recently, the USFS partnered with the PCTA to clear windfall and re-establish tread within the Norse Peak Wilderness, which experienced a significant fire in 2017. Through these collaborative efforts, the PCT section of the burned area was completely logged out with extensive tread rehabilitation completed in time for 'through hiker season'. As the burned area settles over the next few years, it will become imperative to have PCTA volunteer support to keep up with annual blowdown and associated rehab in the area alongside USFS crews.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District supports projects dedicated to addressing ongoing maintenance needs associated with recreation trails on the district. The PCTA has a reputation of outstanding field work and coordination and has consistently shown to be highly capable of implementing professional trail maintenance projects. For the aforementioned reasons we provide our enthusiastic support for this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Alex Weinberg (I-90 Corridor Manager) 425-888-8770.

Sincerely,

MARTIE SCHRAMM
District Ranger

Cc: Forest Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) National Forest
MBS Public Services/Administration Office





IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Friday Harbor, Washington 98250



18-2590 RTP General #12

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Memorandum

To: Whom it May Concern
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Elexis Fredy, Superintendent *EF*
San Juan Island National Historical Park

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: Letter of Support for San Juan Islands Conservation District grant application for funding their Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews

CC: Mike Ramsey, Executive Director
San Juan Islands Conservation District

San Juan Island National Historical Park Washington State Parks is strongly in support of the San Juan Islands Conservation District grant application for funding their Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews. Since 2014, the National Park Service has supported efforts of the local YCC program through grant and cooperative agreements.

We believe that your continued support of these crews promotes a message of natural resource conservation stewardship, and emphasizes a commitment to youth engagement and education. In your support you will be providing education, job training, development of responsible citizenship, productive community involvement, and furthering the understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources through the involvement of young adults in the care and enhancement of public resources.

We have found that projects these YCC members participate in motivates them to become involved in the natural, cultural and /or historical resource protection of their community and beyond. If you should have any questions, please contact me at (360) 378-2240 ext 2223, or elexis_fredy@nps.gov.



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November 30, 2018

18-2590 RTP General #12

Allison Dellwo, Grant Manager
Recreation Conservation Office
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RE San Juan Islands YCC Trails Maintenance #18-2590

Dear Alison,

Please receive this letter in reference to the San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps grant application noted above. I apologize for not getting this submitted in time for the application deadline, but hope you can accept it anyway.

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, I'd like to offer my full support for this grant. As noted in the application, much good work is accomplished by Youth Conservation Corps members in the San Juan Islands in a variety of settings and ownerships including DNR-managed land. In fact, The Department depends on organizations like the Youth Conservation Corps for the majority of our crew labor for trail maintenance on DNR-managed recreation sites, and for most work related to conservation of those properties.

In addition to performing valued work in the islands, the YCC program also provides important opportunities for environmental education in a hands-on work environment. Corps members contribute to conservation on a broad scale through their work for various landowners in a variety of settings, they get exposure to a range of potential future career opportunities, and they learn about the direct connections between human activities and their effect on the natural world. I can think of no better way to help ensure we accomplish important work today, while also developing tomorrow's leaders in conservation.

Sincerely,

Paul McFarland
Natural Areas Manager
NW Region

Washington Resource and Conservation Office

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Olympia, Washington

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of grant #18-2271 Backcountry Trail Maintenance, an application from the US Forest Service Darrington Ranger District.

As a former crew member and supervisor of the Darrington Trail Crew (2003-2015), I can attest that RCO funds have always been well prioritized (there always being too much work), and extremely efficiently applied on the ground. This crew, under the leadership of Bridget Wisniewski, pushes hard against the short snow-free access season to high country trails with long approaches, the defiantly dynamic terrain of the North Cascades' west slopes, the luxuriant growth of brush, and rising user demands of Seattle's mountain playground. My salary and that of other crew members often came from RCO funds, which allowed us to mobilize larger crews than the skeleton otherwise allowed by other funding streams. Since there is significant cost to mobilizing people and tools to remote locations, this support has represented a major cost savings and a substantial increase in the work we could accomplish in terms of number of miles of trail brushed, logged out, and repaired for tread and structure problems.

I hope that the RCO committee again funds this important work serving the through hikers, day hikers, backpackers, hunters, horseback riders, bird watchers, amateur geologists, and lollygaggers who enjoy the far flung reaches of the Glacier Peak Wilderness and beyond.

Sincerely,

Catherine Austin

PhD candidate in fishery sciences, University of Washington

Alger, Washington



18-2271 RTP General #13

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Letter of Support for:
18-2271 Backcountry Trail Maintenance – USFS Darrington RD
18-2272 Mt. Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance
18-2273 Big 4 Bridge Extension
18-2274 Ice Caves Trail Boardwalk Installation Phase 2

Dear Review Committee,

The Town of Darrington is pleased to support the Darrington Ranger District's applications for RCO grants. Tucked away in the North Cascades the town is surrounded by large tracts of public land. This has offered the community both employment in the woods and an incredible recreational experience for those who have been lucky enough to live and visit here.

With funding from the 2016 grants acquired by the district, maintenance of the trails, trailheads, and construction of trails damaged by storms of past has improved opportunities for recreation close to town. A noticeable uptick in the number of vehicles parked at trailheads, positive reviews for these trails on websites such as NW hiker and WTA trip reports, demonstrates the importance of these grants to the success we are experiencing. We have applauded the Darrington District's ability to procure grants, employ youth from our town, and work with local and other volunteer groups to keep the trails open.

Aside from maintenance we understand the need to undertake expensive projects as those needed at Big 4/ Ice Caves. Granite Falls and Darrington connected by the Mt. Loop Highway enjoy the influx of visitors brought by the attractions along the Mt. Loop. Big 4 draws 50,000 visitors, who inevitably pass through one or both towns. If the trail bridge washes out this will definitely effect the numbers who drive the Mt. Loop. Support of both the boardwalk and bridge extension means the attraction will be there for future generations.

I ask the review committee to consider the applications above of which will continue to help our town offer the best hiking, equestrian, and wilderness and non-wilderness experiences now and into the future.

Thank you,

Daniel O. Rankin
Mayor

18-2271 RTP General #13

Washington Resource and Conservation Office

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Sincerely,



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• **18-2271 RTP General #13**

Grant # 18-2271 Committee:

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to directly support the Darrington Ranger District's trails program. I spent six seasons on the Darrington trail crew and it was one of the most formative experiences in my life. The continuation of this program in Darrington is important because it assists with the development of young adult development, teaches job skills, develops environmental awareness and gives back to our community.

The Darrington Trail Crew has been important to the development of not only myself, but many other youths from this and other communities. Members spend up to a month at a time living and working together. It helps young adults develop a sense of independence, which helps them succeed in other aspects of their lives. The crew members are not only local to Darrington, but literally come from all around the world and promotes diversity and tolerance for other cultures and life pathways. This is especially important for the rural students in our communities who otherwise might not be introduced to other cultures beyond our small river valley. I cannot overemphasize the degree to which this experience bonds youths together. My two closest friends and I shared our summers in this experience and we have an intimacy akin to that of soldiers in battle.

The trail crew provides its young members with invaluable job experiences and skills. Many of my crewmembers and myself had not been exposed to the tools and skills needed to be successful until we shared this experience. First of all, I cannot stress enough how important it is toward developing team work. Not only must its members live together for extended periods at a time, but it can take the entire crew to clear a single obstacle or build a bridge. The process of planning a project, completing it and inspecting it upon completion reflects the process in many careers. The trail crew can also be a pathway into a permanent career with the Forest Service or the Department of Recreation.

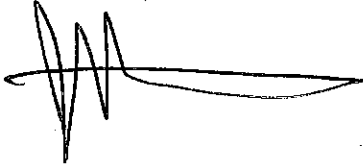
As the relationship between humans and the planet becomes more tenuous, environmental awareness is ever more important. The trails program facilitates this experience in several ways. First of all, it enables youths in the Pacific Northwest to experience and gain understanding for the natural environment outside of our doors. It is also an environmental learning experience considering that members learn how to forage and use the natural resources to improve their lives, whether that is making tea from stinging nettles or making a blueberry crumble in a hole of coals in the ground. The youths also learn basic care skills such as how to find good drinking water and to navigate a map etc. Not only does this positively impact the awareness of the youths participating, but they also go home and bring friends and family to this level of awareness.

Finally, the Darrington trails program encourages youths to give back to their communities. The crew build and maintains trails in the area. As trails become more dilapidated and not well maintained, there is less access to the public. It is important to keep the public enjoying the environment around them. Again, the more that society understands the environment around it, the better it is for everyone. Furthermore, the Darrington community relies on the thousands of hikers and campers who visit the wilderness around it. They bring money to an already challenged economy. Their

experiences here fund our roads and our schools. Public access to these areas is important to maintain this community.

This grant will not only provide youths with a wonderful experience, but it is a safe investment. The support that this grant provides will help youths develop into wonderful adults. These adults will have job skills and ethics that will facilitate their own careers, whatever those might be. It will also raise environmental awareness in the youth and the community as well. The support that this grant offers to the Darrington trails program is not only an investment, but a cumulative investment that will result in more dividends than many other types of pursuits.

Thank You,

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Joshua M. Roberts
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Kittitas County Search & Rescue

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18-2312 RTP General #14

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Search and Rescue (an all volunteer 501c3) supports the USDA Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for grant funding to enhance and improve recreational experiences on public lands in Kittitas County.

These grants help to keep winter and summer trails and parking areas open and accessible for emergency personal when an incident occurs with one of the thousands of visitors who come to Kittitas County for its year round recreational opportunities. In addition, these grants help place more trained Forest Service staff and volunteers on the ground who can activate the emergency response system.

In the past these individuals have provided Kittitas County Search and Rescue at the direction of Kittitas County Sheriff's Office with accurate locations of injured patients and a medical assessment, sized up helicopter landing zones, provided information on terrain type and weather, and have assisted with aid to ill and injured subjects in the backcountry, Evacuations of campgrounds and trails during wildfires. Often Forest Service staff and volunteers are the first to respond on the scene of an incident in both the backcountry and in the frontcountry.

The Cle Elum Ranger District has an outstanding record of providing a variety of recreational projects in Kittitas County through previously awarded NOVA and RTP grants. We hope your Office continues to fund these grant requests to the Cle Elum Ranger District.

Sincerely,

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Kittitas County Search and Rescue Chairperson

509-859-2243



18-2312 RTP General #14

SKI FOR LIGHT PUGET SOUND

To the Recreation and Conservation Office:

Ski For Light is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1975. Our mission is to teach visually-impaired individuals how to cross-country ski. Our program uses the Erling Stordahl trail system exclusively. Its flat trails and user-friendly slopes make it an ideal location to instruct and guide our participants. We require special grooming (double tracks) and good trail maintenance. Thanks to the great support of the Cle Elum Ranger District in meeting those needs, Ski For Light Puget Sound is the most active of the nine regional groups in the country. Without it, our program would not exist.

Sincerely,

Doug Sundberg, Vice-President, Ski For Light Puget Sound



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October 8, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas County Public Works strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District's applications for Recreation and Conservation Office NOVA and RTP (winter and summer) grants. These grants will improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are key components to the economy of Kittitas County. Kittitas County's public lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, are considered destination hotspots state and even country wide. Tourists visit year-round to explore the County's lakes and many trails, supporting our local businesses. This funding is essential to the conservation of our County's natural resources and education of our residents. We pride ourselves on our recreational areas and depend on funding like this to keep our trails, campgrounds, and road access available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Osiadacz", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Ms. Laura Osiadacz, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

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October 4, 2018

18-2312 RTP General #14

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: US Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District RCO Application

Dear RCO Review Board:

The City of Cle Elum is pleased to support the Cle Elum Ranger District in their applications for Recreation and Conservation Office grant funding to enhance and improve the recreational experience on National Forest System lands here in Kittitas County. We understand that the Forest Service has a successful record of using NOVA and RTP grants to accomplish a variety of recreation projects across this area.

The National Forest lands surrounding the City of Cle Elum provide year-round recreation and are critically important to the economy of our City, as well as the entire upper Kittitas County community. Each year, thousands of people pass through Cle Elum on their way to recreation destinations on the Cle Elum Ranger District and support our local businesses. These recreationist include but are not limited to: campers, hikers, horseback riders, trail motorbike riders, mountain bike riders, hunters, fishing folks, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, snowshoers, skiers, snowmobilers, and jeepers. Our local economy depends in part upon these visitors and the money they spend in our city while visiting the adjacent Forest.

Funding through these grant programs will ensure that these high quality recreation opportunities continue to exist for the many visitors that support our city and local economy. The National Forest enhances our quality of life and we support stewardship and sustainability within this year-round recreation destination.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay McGowan



CITY OF ROSLYN

National Historic District and Preserve America Community

18-2312 RTP General #14

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

The **City of Roslyn** strongly endorses **Cle Elum District RCO Winter and Summer RTP and NOVA Grant** funding for the U.S. Forest Service Cle Elum Ranger District in its effort to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

Tourism in general and outdoor recreation in particular are major economic drivers for Kittitas County, which is responsible for thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. Public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service is one of the most popular outdoor destinations for our visitors and we strongly urge you to support these valuable and needed public services.

Please feel free to contact me for further questions or further details about the City of Roslyn support.

Sincerely,

Brent Hals
Mayor
City of Roslyn



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September 17, 2018

18-2312 RTP General #14

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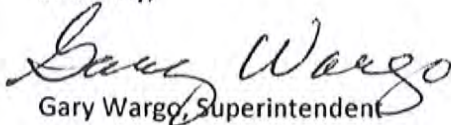
To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for RCO grant funding for the U.S.F.S. Cle Elum Ranger District's three summer programs: Education and Enforcement, Maintenance and Operation, and of Sanitation Rentals in the Upper Cle Elum Watershed. As a lifetime recreation enthusiast, longtime regional educator, I am deeply aware of sanitation issues in our area's dispersed camping areas and the need for active management programs.

As our school district superintendent, I can't stress enough how Stewardship of Place is important to our area and the education of our students. The entire Cle Elum-Roslyn School District focuses on studying our local area researching its water, animal and plant resources and how these resources have played a part in our history and its future. In May of each year the school district hosts a community open house to allow students to demonstrate and display their learning of the history and environment of our region. This is a celebration of learning focuses on Stewardship of Place. In more recent years we have brought in U.S.F.S. personnel into the classroom to diversify this instruction. The relationship we've developed with the U.S.F.S. is critical to our children's educational success and responsible recreation of the Cle Elum through active management.

I urge you and your organization to continue your support of the U.S.F.S.'s efforts to provide safe recreational opportunities in our local geography with grant funding. Without your support, our efforts will be hampered and our watershed degraded, further eroding its ability to inspire stewardship of place.

Sincerely,


Gary Wargo, Superintendent



18-2312 RTP General #14

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Kittitas Conservation Trust strongly endorses grant funding for the Cle Elum District's RCO Grants. These grants help fund programs such as trail/frontcountry maintenance and operation, wilderness/OHV/frontcountry education and enforcement, and Sanitation Rentals. These projects have a combined effect of enhancing recreation on public land in Kittitas County, but also contribute to the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.

Field going Forest Service employees making education and enforcement contacts near critical fish habitat and within riparian areas helps to limit the negative impacts from recreationist in these areas.

Maintenance and operation grants help keep trails maintained preventing sediment from running into streams. Maintenance and operation grants also mean large scale dumpsites, near lakes and streams, are cleaned up and litter does not contaminate nearby waterways. In addition, the placement of porta-pots in these same areas helps improve water quality and sanitation.

We feel these grants align with the goal of Kittitas Conservation Trust to: to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Long", is written over a vertical blue line that extends from the signature down to the contact information below.

Mitchell Long
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18-2312 RTP General #14

October 4, 2018

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RE: The Cle Elum Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service's 2018 RTP and NOVA grant application proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support for the Cle Elum Ranger District's proposal to the Recreation and Conservation Office's RTP and NOVA grant programs. These applications will provide funding for the District to improve winter recreation, keep trails open, maintain campgrounds, protect natural resources, and educate recreationists to improve overall recreational experience in Forest Service lands within Kittitas County.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance 1.5 million acres between Puget Sound and Ellensburg. Our work connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along the I-90 corridor. We also strive to support our partners who own and manage the lands within the Greenway's boundaries, and recognize the immense value of their recreation infrastructure, education programs, and restoration activities in creating opportunities to connect people with the outdoors.

Tourism in general, and outdoor recreation in particular, are major economic drivers for Kittitas County. According to a 2015 study by the RCO, the outdoor recreation industry supports 1,800 local jobs and generates \$185 million in revenue per year. Concurrently the number of Seattle adults who report hiking on public lands has grown by 40%, from 472,000 to 943,000, since 2009. Funding the U.S. Forest Service's trail, infrastructure, restoration and educational programs not only enhances the local economy, it also provides a valuable public service to local and regional visitors.

We are pleased to express support for this project and recommend it for funding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Upper Yakima Basin staffperson, Nicole Pasi, at nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org, should you have any questions about our endorsement of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- Sally Bagshaw (D), Councillor, City of Seattle
- John Baier (M), Attorney, Baier Law Firm
- Jim Backer, Retired, formerly Founder, SmartLab Toys and backer Graynet
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- Gary Bernik, Wildlife and Fire Liaison, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
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- Kerstin Brown, Director, King County Parks & Recreation
- W.L. Castillo, Principal, GGLCO
- Bill Chapman (M), Past President, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
- Dow Constantine (D), King County Executive
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- Hail Forgaard President, Alpinelakes Protection Society
- Hilary France (D), Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Ava R. Finger, Former Mayor, City of Issaquah
- Todd Glass, Partner, Wilson, Sonini, Goodrich & Ross PC
- Kari Glover, Global Integration Partner (retired), RGL Gates
- Peter Goldsmith, Former Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Don Hoch (D), Director, Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission
- Laura Hoffman, Amazon Publishing, Copper Ridge Farm
- Corey Johnson, Geotechnical Engineer, GeoEngineers
- Andrew Konefick, Senior Legal Counsel, Waste Management of Washington, Inc.
- Jamie Kingbury (D), Supervisor, USFS Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
- Janet N. Knox, Principal Environmental Geochemist, Pacific Groundwater Group
- Keri Kongsamrak, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
- Vyonna Kraus, Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- Danny Levine, President, National Communications
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- Robert Manelski, Senior Director, 767 Program, The Boeing Company
- Gordon McHenry, Jr. (M), President & CEO, Solid Ground
- Sue McLain (M), Former Senior VP Delivery, Operations, Puget Sound Energy
- Roger Miller (D), Secretary of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation
- Chad Nieland, Director, Microsoft Procurement
- Mary Norton, Meadowbrook Farm Preserve on Association
- Thomas O'Keefe, Pacific NW Stewardship Director, American Whitewater
- Julia Parish, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Environment, University of Washington
- Marie Quabus (M), Attorney, RGL Gates LLP
- Charles Raines, Director Cascade Chacka Board Project, Sema Club
- Jim Reinhardt (M), Principal & Senior Managing Director, HEBARTLAND LLC
- Royd Rogers, Environmental Advocate
- Vik Sahney, Divisional Vice President, Sustainability, FB Co-op
- The Mountaineers, American Alpine Club
- Jill Simmons, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association
- M. Smith, Partner, Perkins Coet LLP
- David Sturtevant (M), Retired, Vice President, CH2M Hill
- Maryanne Thayer, Community at Large Representative
- Chris Thomas, SVP & Managing Director, Government Relations & Seattle Market Client Account Executive, CH2M
- Lesh Tivoli, Organizational Performance Manager, City Budget Office Seattle
- Milka Williams (D), Supervisor, USFS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
- Kathy Williams, Retired, Former Senior Vice President, HomeStreet Bank
- Jodi Yokar, Solution Architect, Microsoft
- Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activities and Community Center

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Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust



File Code: 2300 Recreation

Date: October 29, 2018

18-2344 RTP General #14

Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98507-0917

RE: Letter of Support for 18-2344 Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2344 Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project.

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the most visited National Forest in the country. It offers year-round recreation opportunities that accommodates the most experienced outdoor enthusiast to the beginner starting out on their first trip. Over 1,500 miles of trail offer a multitude of opportunities for every skill level.

The Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance Project would support 15 miles of maintenance and grooming of cross-country ski trails, and 5 miles of snowshoe trails on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Baker Ranger District. Through the combination of experienced and dedicated volunteers and a contracted groomer, the club has been able to maintain the winter trail system and set tracks on 15 miles of ski trails. The public interest in winter recreation has grown and the developed Sno-Park at Salmon Ridge, maintained by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, provides a crucial winter recreation opportunity on the Mt. Baker Ranger District.

Sharing stewardship with community stakeholders such as Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will help the Forest Service provide access to public lands, offer high quality winter recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefit the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club has been a truly outstanding partner for over 26 years with the Mt. Baker Ranger District on multiple successful projects like this one. I strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely

Erin Uloth
DISTRICT RANGER





18-2344 RTP General #14

October 25, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism would like to express our complete support of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) to the Recreation and Conservation Office as you review their Recreation Trails Program grant application. We understand the importance the continued maintenance and operations this funding would allow the NNSC to provide for the Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails and hope it can continue for many years to come.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the ONLY groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington (north of Stevens Pass). The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The trail system is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness and North Fork of the Nooksack River and is only 46 miles from Bellingham. This winter trail system is a critical outdoor recreation destination.

Due to the fact the Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area, the trails provide local skiers, snowshoe enthusiasts, and visitors access to trails that are easily accessible. The trails receive an estimated 7,200 visits each winter drawing people from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan. Without the Salmon Ridge Trail System, economic leakage is created because cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts must then travel to British Columbia or Stevens Pass to recreate.

In conclusion, the Recreation Trails Program funding for this project is vital to the ongoing viability of this important recreation resource. Our organization strongly supports the RTP grant application by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. If you should have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Ward".

Sandra L. Ward, President and CEO
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18-2344 RTP General #14

Don Hoch
Director

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October 24, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

Dear RTP Review Team,

Please consider this letter of support for the grant application being submitted by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. This application is seeking grant funding for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails, in Whatcom County.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington (north of Stevens Pass). The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The trail system is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness and North Fork of the Nooksack River and is only 46 miles from Bellingham. This winter trail system is a popular outdoor recreation destination.

Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area. These trails provide visitors and local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that near large populations; i.e., Bellingham, Burlington, Everett, and Vancouver Canada and surrounding rural communities. The trails receive an average of 7200 visits each winter. The trail system is part of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Strategic Plan and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan.

This Recreation Trails Program grant is vital to the ongoing viability of this important recreation resource. Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program strongly supports the RTP application from the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. McConkey, Manager
Winter Recreation Program



WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM

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Michael G. McFarlane, Director
Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager

18-2344 RTP General #14

October 24, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

To whom this may concern:

This letter is in support of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's 2018 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application. The grant application seeks funding for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Salmon Ridge cross country ski and snowshoe trails located in Whatcom County.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the ONLY groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington north of Stevens Pass. The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The area is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness Area and the North Fork of the Nooksack River, 46 miles from the City of Bellingham. This winter trail system is a popular outdoor recreation destination.

The Salmon Ridge Trail System provides local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that are relatively close to home. The trail system receives an estimated 7,200 visits each winter drawing skiers from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and is supported in the 2013-2018 Washington State Trails Plan.

The Recreation Trails Program Funding for this project is vital to the ongoing viability of this important winter recreation resource. The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department fully supports the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's RTP application and encourages your approval.

Sincerely,



Michel McFarlane, Director
Whatcom County Parks & Recreation



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November, 11th, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Subject: Letter of Support for Nooksack Nordic Ski Club RTP Grant Application

To who this may concern,

This letter is being forwarded to the Recreation and Conservation Office to support a grant application that is being submitted by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. The grant application is being submitted seeking grant funding for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails, located in Whatcom County.

The Salmon Ridge Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Area is the ONLY groomed and tracked cross-country ski area in NW Washington (north of Stevens Pass). The trail system is comprised of 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails. The trail system is located adjacent to the Mt. Baker Wilderness and North Fork of the Nooksack River and is only 46 miles from Bellingham. This winter trail system is a critical outdoor recreation destination.

Due to the fact the Salmon Ridge Trail System is the only groomed trail system in the area, the trails provide local skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts access to trails that are relatively close to home. The trails receive an estimate 7200 visits each winter drawing people from Everett to Southern British Columbia. The trail system is recognized in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Management Plan, the Whatcom County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and supported in the 2013-18 Washington State Trails Plan. Without the Salmon Ridge Trail system, cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts must travel to British Columbia or Stevens Pass!

In conclusion, the Recreation Trails Program Funding for this project is vital to the ongoing viability of this important recreation resource. Our organization strongly supports the RTP application by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club! If you should have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at (360) 733-1080.

Respectfully Submitted

John D. Westerfield
Vice President and General Manager
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3101 NW Ave, Bellingham WA 98226



File Code: 2350
Date: October 30, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Colville National Forest (CNF) proudly supports the PNTA's grant proposal (18-2527) "Pacific Northwest Trail - Statewide Stewardship." The CNF partners with the Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) in the maintenance of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and other trails across the Forest. The CNF relies heavily on trail partners and volunteers to construct, maintain and restore the network of trails that provide public access, community connections, and recreational pursuits. The PNTA provides expertise and leadership in coordinating the work of multiple partner organizations and volunteers on the CNF. PNTA actively collaborates with the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Washington Trails Association (WTA), and other trail partners, supporting each other's work to help keep the trail system on the CNF safe and available for public use and enjoyment.

PNTA and our other trail partners seek funds that will enable them to work together to construct, improve and maintain the PNT and other trails throughout the state of Washington. They're making a broad appeal for funds that will give us the flexibility to select appropriate projects as needs arise and sustainable solutions are identified and mutually agreed upon with the land managing partners including the CNF. The flexibility of funding not inherently tied to specific projects will provide the PNTA and our other trail partners the ability to respond and adapt plans to ever changing trail needs.

Funding provided to the PNTA has impacts that reach far beyond the trail system. PNTA trail crews provide seasonal employment for Washington State residents, including teens and young adults that are typically hired from rural communities with limited economic opportunities. The PNTA's Performance Crew program gets youth outdoors, gainfully employed in service to the community. Likewise, the PNTA's Job Corps Crew (in partnership with Curlew Job Corps Center) engages underprivileged job corps students with meaningful work experience on trails.

The CNF supports the PNTA's grant proposal (18-2527) "Pacific Northwest Trail - Statewide Stewardship" and we are hopeful that the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding



Board will provide its support as well. If the Board has questions about this proposal, the CNF's support of this proposal, or in regards to our partnership with PNTA, please feel free to contact Craig E. Newman (the CNF's Recreation, Engineering, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Hydropower Staff Officer) at 509-684-7104 or cnewman03@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



RODNEY D. SMOLDON
Forest Supervisor

cc: Craig Newman, Kristin Ackerman (kristinackerman@pnt.org)



File Code: 2300 Recreation

Date: October 29, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship.

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the most visited National Forest in the country. It offers year-round recreation opportunities that accommodates the most experienced outdoor enthusiast to the beginner starting out on their first trip. Over 1,500 miles of trail offer a multitude of opportunities for every skill level.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship Project would support maintenance crews of youth and young adults, and many volunteers from the local community in the stewardship of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNNST). The PNNST traverses the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Baker Ranger District, for over 70 miles beside several dynamic creek and river drainages, through beautiful Heather Meadows, and around the glacial moraines of Mount Baker. Pacific Northwest Trail Association's crews would maintain this popular trail system to Forest Service hiker and stock standards.

Sharing stewardship with community stakeholders such as Pacific Northwest Trail Association will help the Forest Service provide access to public lands, offer high quality recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefit the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been an outstanding partner over years with the Mt. Baker Ranger District on multiple successful projects like this one. I strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Erin Uloth
DISTRICT RANGER





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Date: November 1, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

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RE: Letter of Support for 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

The Tonasket Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest supports the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship.

The Tonasket Ranger District relies on partners like the PNTA to help maintain the Pacific Northwest National Trail (PNTA) which is receiving more and more visitors and through-hikers each year. The District is limited in being able to consistently maintain portions of the PNNST and does rely on volunteers and the PNTA to help us in that effort. Approximately 76 miles of the PNNST is located on the Tonasket Ranger District which also includes over 10 miles in the Pasayten Wilderness.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship Project would support maintenance crews of youth and young adults, such as the Curlew Job Corps, and many volunteers from the local community in the stewardship of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNNST). Sharing stewardship with community stakeholders such as Pacific Northwest Trail Association will help the Forest Service continue to provide access to public lands, offer high quality recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefit the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association has partnered with the Tonasket Ranger District for as long as the PNNST has been an official Scenic Trail. I strongly encourage you to consider this proposal for stewardship and partnership between the Forest Service and the Pacific Northwest Trail Association.

Sincerely,

FOR
Matthew D. Marsh
DISTRICT RANGER





File Code: 2300 Recreation

Date: November 2, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, WA 98507-0917

RE: Letter of Support for 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship.

The Methow Valley Ranger District, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, is responsible for the maintenance of over 1000 miles of trails that provide a wealth of trail experiences for a wide variety of forest visitors, from remote wilderness hiker and stock trails to short accessible day hikes, mountain bike trails, and motorized opportunities. This trail system also includes two popular long-distance national scenic trails: the Pacific Crest and the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trails. Wildfire is a recurring theme on our landscape, and with it come the additional challenges of maintaining trails post-fire.

The Methow Valley Ranger District relies heavily on partners and volunteers to maintain and steward this vast network of trails. The District has long regarded the Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) as a key ally and partner in the stewardship of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT). Approximately 90 miles of the PNT pass through this District, and many of those miles were impacted by the 2017 Diamond Creek Fire.

This project would allow the PNTA to employ youth and young adults from communities along the trail corridor, as well as students from the Curlew Job Corp and many volunteers, all working in support of maintaining this trail to hiker and stock standards. This shared stewardship helps the Forest Service provide access to public lands, offer high quality recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefits the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been a key partner over the years with the Methow Valley Ranger District, with a strong track record of success. I strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Chris W. Furr
DISTRICT RANGER





File Code: 2300
Date: November 6, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

RCO Staff and Advisory Committee
1111 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98507-0917

Dear RCO Staff and Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's RTP Maintenance proposal 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship.

The Hood Canal Ranger District, Olympic National Forest, is responsible for the maintenance of over 270 miles of trails that provide a wealth of trail experiences for a wide variety of forest visitors, from remote wilderness hiker and stock trails to short accessible day hikes, and mountain bike trails. This trail system also includes the popular long-distance Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.

The Hood Canal Ranger District relies heavily on partners and volunteers to maintain and steward this vast network of trails. The District has long regarded the Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) as a key ally and partner in the stewardship of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT). Approximately 30 miles of the PNT pass through the Olympic National Forest, the majority of which is on the Hood Canal Ranger District.

This project would allow the PNTA to employ youth and young adults from communities along the trail corridor working in support of maintaining this trail to hiker and stock standards. The long-standing Quilcene Ranger Corp is an example of this youth stewardship focus. This shared stewardship helps the Forest Service provide access to public lands, offer high quality recreation experiences to a diversity of Forest visitors, and benefits the Forest Service as we work towards meeting our National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System.

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been a key partner over the years with the Hood Canal Ranger District, with a strong track record of success. I strongly encourage you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

YEWAH LAU
District Ranger





Date: November 7, 2018

18-2527 RTP General #16

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

Subject: Pacific Northwest Trail Association RTP Grant Proposal

On behalf of the USDA Forest Service, I am writing to offer our full support for the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's (PNTA) grant proposal 18-2527 Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship. This grant would provide funds for PNTA to employ youth and young adults from communities along the trail corridor, as well as students from Curlew Job Corps, to engage in the stewardship of the Pacific Northwest Trail on sites across the state of Washington, from the Idaho border to the Pacific.

The Pacific Northwest Trail travels more than 1,200 miles from the Continental Divide in Montana to the Pacific Ocean in Washington, with more than 900 miles of the PNT in Washington alone. Along its way, the PNT passes through some of the most spectacular and scenic terrain in the United States. Beyond the scenery, the PNT also connects people and communities to their natural and cultural history as millions of people live within a short drive of the PNT and its vibrant and diverse gateway communities.

PNTA is the primary non-profit partner of the USDA Forest Service for administration and management of the Pacific Northwest Trail and PNTA takes a leadership role in trail management, construction, and maintenance. Management of the PNT is complex; in Washington the trail passes through four National Forests, two National Parks, three DNR regions, a BLM field office, and six Washington State Parks. PNTA work is particularly important because it works across land ownership and management boundaries to improve access and recreational opportunities all across the state.

This grant will provide resources for critical trail projects with the added benefit of offering seasonal employment to rural youth with limited economic opportunities and will teach them valuable life and career skills while providing meaningful outdoor experiences.

Please feel free to contact me at mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us or 503-808-2405 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt McGrath
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Program Manager
United States Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Region
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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON
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18-2527 RTP General #16

October 23, 2018

Recreation & Conservation Office
RTP Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee and Staff,

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington enthusiastically support the Pacific Northwest Trail Association's RTP grant request 18-2527 "Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship". The PNTA is seeking funds for maintenance and improvements on the PNT "from the Idaho border to the Pacific-- through Colville, Oka-Wen, MBS, and OLY National Forests, as well as on BLM and state land in the surrounding areas."

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington consistently partners with the PNTA and looks forward to continuing mutual efforts to maintain trails in the Colville National Forest and other areas in Washington State. Unfortunately, the need for continuing maintenance by volunteer partners is so great that there will be no overlap in our funding requests, and there will still be trails in need of more maintenance.

Sincerely,

s/Melissa Wallace

Melissa Wallace
President, Northeast Chapter
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



18-2527 RTP General #16

Washington Trails Association

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October 30, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for PNTA's grant proposal (18-2527) - Pacific Northwest Trail - Statewide Stewardship

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the PNTA's grant proposal (18-2527) Pacific Northwest Trail - Statewide Stewardship. Our partners at the PNTA seek funds that will enable them to construct, improve and maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) throughout the state of Washington.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The grant proposal is for flexible funding which is often necessary to select appropriate projects as specific needs arise and sustainable solutions are identified and mutually agreed upon with the land managing partners and trail maintenance partners like WTA. This proposal allows for critical trail maintenance projects, such as sawyer training and certification and backcountry pack animal support. PNTA trail crews provide seasonal employment to local teens and young adults, typically hired from rural communities with limited economic opportunities, exposing them to meaningful outdoor experiences. This trail work is vital to helping the PNT remain sustainable and accessible; trail crew employment helps to make the outdoors a more equitable and accessible place for all.

WTA encourages the Recreation and Conservation Office to help meet the needs of the PNTA. We wholeheartedly support this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



18-2409 RTP General #17

September 26, 2018

Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office

RCO Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the Cowlitz Ranger District Gifford Pinchot National Forest request for funding (RTP #18-2409 Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails O & M).

Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) is a nonprofit organization that strengthens the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research. As a part of programming, we utilize AmeriCorps volunteers to support the work of wilderness managers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Many of our volunteers continue to serve the cause after their term of service ends. Over the past 7 years, our organization's support of wilderness and public lands has resulted in over 63,000 hours of volunteer service.

Since 2004, we have partnered with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) to provide additional support for managing our public lands. By placing our AmeriCorps Members with the GPNF we realize a dual benefit: The Forest has additional resources to assist its increasing work load due to increased visitor traffic, wildfire recovery and decreasing budgets; And our members have the opportunity to develop career skills and experience that increase their probability of finding permanent employment in the field.

MAI is very supportive of the efforts of the GPNF to minimize the negative impacts by providing more opportunities to educate wilderness visitors and restore impacted areas. In addition to their efforts to increase the presence of wilderness rangers on the ground, MAI is committed to amplifying this awareness, including the relevant Leave No Trace principles, through our various social media channels. Together, we will endeavor to steward public lands so that they remain accessible and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Brendan Norman
Executive Director
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From:
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October 11, 2018

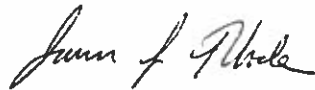
To:
WA State Recreation & Conservation Office
Care of: Andrea M Durham
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Cowlitz Valley Ranger District
10024 US Highway 12
Randle, WA 98377

WA State Recreation & Conservation Office,

This letter is to give our strong support to the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District and the Mt. Adams Ranger District's grant request to perform routine annual and heavy trail maintenance over 2 years on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest's wilderness trail system. Without the RCO funding, the amount of maintenance will significantly decrease on USFS trails. The Lewis County Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington does provide volunteer help to keep these trails open but we are limited in what we can do and without the USFS work funded by this grant trail maintenance would simply not be completed and all trail users would suffer.

The grant number and name is RTP #18-2409 Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails O & M

Sincerely,



Jim Thode
Director, Lewis County Chapter BCHW



Pacific Crest Trail Association

Northern Cascades Regional Office

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

18-2409 RTP General #17

October 9, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Gifford Pinchot National Forest wilderness trails grant application (RTP #18-2409)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the wilderness trails grant application submitted by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel.

Maintaining the remote wilderness trails on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry areas and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Their contributions are essential to the maintenance of the PCT across the forest, but especially in the Indian Heaven, Mt. Adams, and Goat Rock Wildernesses. I ask you to support wilderness recreation and approve the Gifford Pinchot National Forest's application for trail maintenance funding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





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18-2378 RTP General #18

October 31, 2018
Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street S.E. #2
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Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

Back Country Horsemen of Washington is aware that the Snoqualmie Ranger District is applying for a number of grants from both the RTP and the NOVA categories. We endorse and support these grant applications. As long time recreation users and as an organization that does volunteer trail maintenance in the Snoqualmie Ranger District we are aware of the benefit these grants would provide.

Aside from the usual grants for trail maintenance, front country patrol, Evans Creek O.R.V. Campground volunteer coordinator and back country patrol, the District is also applying for grants to assist with fire recovery efforts for Corral Pass Campground. The entire Corral Pass campground was destroyed by the Norse Peak fire in 2017. Corral Pass has long been a campground and trailhead that was a popular access for equestrian users; its renovation is something that we look forward to.

In addition, the Middle Fork Trail had a severe washout during the fall of 2017. In the past the Middle Fork Trail had provided access for pack and saddle stock as an east/west corridor across the Cascades and into the Salmon La Sac area. That route over Dutch Miller gap has been inaccessible to horsemen and difficult for hikers for a number of years. It is a route that horsemen are committed to seeing re-established. The repair of the washed out area of the Middle Fork Trail will be a major positive step toward this end.

The Snoqualmie District recreation staff manages and coordinates thousands of volunteer hours annually that subsidize their efforts to provide a continued and valued recreation experience. Grants from the Recreation Conservation Office ensure that resources continue to be available for these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Kathy Young

Kathy Young
President
Back Country Horsemen of Washington
president@bchw.org

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501 (c) (3) organization with 33 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.



18-2378 RTP General #18

November 1, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-917

Re: Letter of Support- 18-2378 MNT, Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21

Dear Representative,

EarthCorps has been an active partner with the US Forest Service assisting in the long-term maintenance of trails and campsites in Washington State's National Forests for nearly 20 years. Each year we accomplish thousands of hours of critical maintenance and know too well the importance of this work for the protection of our natural resource and the safety of recreational users.

I am writing in support of the US Forest Service application to conduct seasonal trail maintenance in 2018-2019. Work will include clearing, brushing, drainage and tread repair along 150 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and surrounding backcountry. Trail maintenance will be accomplished on Forest Service trails within the watersheds of North, Middle and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, which include trails along the I-90 corridor. More than 200,000 visitors utilize trails in these areas each year. Social and environmental factors such as high visitor use, steep grades, dense forests and winter storms have created conditions of backlogged maintenance within the proposed project area. Existing Forest Service budgets are not sufficient to address ongoing maintenance needs. Thirty-five percent of the trail miles in this project area are non-motorized/multiple use and sixty-five percent are hiker only. There is an emphasis on addressing deferred maintenance for the 35% of multiple use trails for non-hiking NOVA recreationists. Funding will be used to support trail maintenance performed by contractors, force account crews, nonprofit organizations and volunteers including EarthCorps and many other organizations. Benefits include fewer safety hazards, reduced erosion and vegetation loss, preservation of trail structures, longer life span for trail facilities, and enhanced public access for outdoor recreation activities.

EarthCorps is proud to support the Snoqualmie District's RCO grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Steve Dubiel
Executive Director

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18-2378 RTP General #18

November 7, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
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18-2383 E Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
18-2381 E Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
18-2379 E Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
18-2378 M Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
18-2399 M Middle Fork Trail Relocation
18-2401 M Asahel Curtis Picnic Area Rehabilitation
18-2402 D Snoqualmie Lake Trailhead Development

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust enthusiastically endorses the Snoqualmie Ranger District's proposals to the RCO through the NOVA and RTP programs to maintain, improve, build, and relocate hiking, backcountry, and multi-use trails and facilities in the District and to provide ranger patrols.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the landscape connecting Seattle to Ellensburg surrounding Interstate 90, including wilderness lands, rural areas and historic sites, and the 15th largest metropolitan area in the country. This spectacular landscape has not happened by accident. More than two decades of collaborative work have preserved the natural heritage of the Greenway, which encompasses some of the most heavily used trails in the state including locations within the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Unfortunately, the very crowds that are drawn to the beauty and challenge of the District's unique terrain threaten to destroy the wilderness experience they are seeking at popular destinations such as the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley, and the many popular trails along the Interstate 90 corridor.

Trail maintenance efforts, the creation and maintenance of new recreational ADA-accessible day use facilities, and increased education and enforcement via front- and backcountry rangers is critical to the long-term sustainability of the trails and natural resources within the Greenway, allowing the recreational resources to meet increased demand without negatively impacting the landscape.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities.

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The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and many other agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and citizens to support long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and to responsibly accommodate increased visitation expected to occur after a federal road improvement project paves the main access to the Valley. The projects put forth within these multiple grant proposals will help to ensure that trails and facilities in the Middle Fork Valley and in the Greenway are up to a standard that can sustainably support higher public visitation, and that recreational users are aware and educated about the natural world around them.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for these important projects. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Hoekstra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Hoekstra
Executive Director



18-2378 RTP General #18

Recreation and Conservation Office
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October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District's grant applications (RTP #18-2386 and #18-2378, as well as NOVA #18-2381)

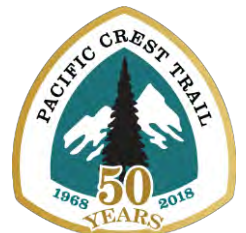
Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our support for the grant applications submitted by the Snoqualmie Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Snoqualmie Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in central Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers donated over 1,500 hours of their time to maintaining trails in this area. This included extended work on the PCT in the area burned by the Norse Peak fire. Snoqualmie seasonal staff were tremendous partners in this effort. Despite the ongoing work of the Forest Service and its partners, the district will have miles of additional trails in need of maintenance in the years to come. Part of this is a function of the district's location. The Snoqualmie Ranger District includes the corridor around Interstate 90 and extends south to Highway 410. As a result, it contains some of the most popular hiking areas in the state of Washington.

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness experiences some of the heaviest use on the Pacific Crest Trail. As Seattle continues to grow, this trend will continue. The PCTA celebrates the exploding popularity of hiking. We are thrilled that people are getting out to places like the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie, but we believe that public support is needed to protect both the region's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience.





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Northern Cascades Regional Office

Maintaining the trails on the district and managing the heavy use of the area will require experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals will assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of visitors to the area necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations. PCTA asks for careful consideration of these grant applications and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





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October 29, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of support for NOVA & RTP proposals

Dear RCO Review Committee:

On behalf of Washington Trails Association, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the following NOVA and RTP projects:

#18-2386 M	White River Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2383 E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 20-21
#18-2381 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol 20-21
#18-2379 E	Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator 20-21
#18-2378 M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 20-21
#18-2399 D	Middle Fork Trail Relocation

Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 4,400 WTA volunteers perform over 140,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

For 50 years, WTA has focused on helping Washingtonians get on trail to experience the great outdoors in our state and national parks, national forests and other public lands with an emphasis on ensuring the sustainability of trails and making outdoor experiences fulfilling and fun for hikers.

The Snoqualmie Ranger District on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers some of the most visited trails and trailheads in the state. With this increase in users, Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance is essential to providing safe and sustainable trails to all users in addition to the need for more Front Country and Backcountry Ranger Patrols to help alleviate and control user impact.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance on the Snoqualmie Ranger District, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



18-2384 RTP General #19

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

October 31, 2018

RE: Letter of support for Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District's RCO grant applications

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee,

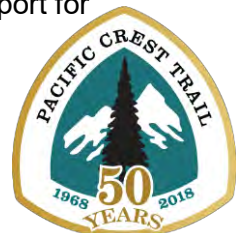
I am writing on behalf of the 13,300-member Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) to express our strong support for the grant applications submitted by the Naches Ranger District.

The PCTA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the PCT as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands. In 2017, PCTA's volunteer program contributed over 96,000 volunteer hours towards the maintenance and improvement of this gorgeous public resource. Our volunteers' work is a testament to the public's significant passion for the Pacific Crest Trail and backcountry travel more generally.

It is our privilege to partner with the Naches Ranger District to tackle the challenges of maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in southern Washington. In 2018, PCTA volunteers contributed 353 hours of trail work in support of the district's maintenance efforts. Leveraging the energy of PCTA volunteers allows the Forest Service to maximize the impact of its seasonal staff. This partnership is especially important because trails in the Naches Ranger Districts have been significantly damaged by fire in recent years. In 2017, the Norse Peak Fire scorched trails north of Chinook Pass. This summer the Miriam Fire burned for weeks near the summit of White Pass. Both fires damaged trail infrastructure and added to the district's workload.

Considering the challenges facing the trails on the district, public support is needed to protect both the area's wilderness quality and the users' travel experience. Maintaining the remote wilderness trails of the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and reopening areas affected by fire requires experienced agency staff with the skills to work on challenging projects in remote locations. These trail professionals assure access to immensely popular backcountry sites and address major trail reconstruction challenges. Additionally, the large number of users in areas like the Goat Rocks Wilderness necessitates the seasonal presence of wilderness rangers who educate travelers and can enforce regulations.

The PCTA asks for your careful consideration and support for the dual priorities of trail maintenance and visitor use management. Specifically, we would like to convey our support for





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funding #18-2397 Naches Wilderness Trail Maintenance, #18-2384 Naches Wilderness Trails
Deferred M&O, and #18-2364 Naches Wilderness E&E.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanley
Pacific Crest Trail Association
North Cascades Regional Representative





November 17, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to provide a letter of support for Recreation and Conservation Office funding to support the U.S. Forest Service Naches District's wilderness education and enforcement and wilderness trails maintenance and operations efforts. The Naches Ranger District will use these grants to add much-needed seasonal and part-time staff capacity to patrol high-use areas within the wilderness and backcountry areas of the district as well as meet critical wilderness trails maintenance and operations needs. Staff will provide education and enforcement to promote leave-no-trace ethics, resource protection, and visitor safety. This work is critical to effectively monitoring and regulating recreational use, protecting the ecological integrity of the area, and educating visitors about what wilderness areas have to offer. Furthermore, grant funding will be used to restore and maintain popular wilderness trails throughout the Naches District.

Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit conservation organizations. Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. We work in partnership with local communities, businesses, conservation organizations, and local citizens to find solutions for the preservation and stewardship of our national public lands. Representing more than 700,000 supporters nationwide and 25,000 in Washington state, The Wilderness Society has long been involved in public land management issues statewide.

The efforts proposed by the U.S. Forest Service align well with the focus of our North Cascades Initiative: to protect the last great wild places in the North Cascades and preserve and enhance opportunities for recreation on our public lands. Recreation and Conservation Office funding would protect the beloved Norse Peak, Goat Rocks, and William O. Wilderness Areas through the provision of much-needed oversight and education and trail maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support. Feel free to contact me at (206) 473-2523 or at krcraig@tws.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kitty Craig
Acting State Director
Washington State Office

18-2380 RTP General #20

October 22, 2018

WA State Recreation & Conservation Office
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to give our strong support to the Back Country Horsemen of Washington RTP Grant #18-2380M. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest has partnered with local chapters for decades on trail maintenance projects and also relies heavily on these great folks for pack support for various back country projects. Without RCO funding, much of this work will not happen and trail users across Washington State will be effected as a result. We hope to again partner with our local chapters in the coming years. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrea M. Durham
Recreation Planner & Wilderness Manager
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
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18-2380 RTP General #20

Date: October 23, 2018

WA State Recreation & Conservation Office
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To whom it may concern,

The Forest Service supports the proposed "Rehabilitating Endangered Trails, RCO Project Agreement Number 18-2380" submitted by Back Country Horsemen of Washington and the Lewis County Chapter.

The Forest Service has a long-standing partnership with Back Country Horsemen to improve and maintain trails and recreation facilities at Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. We actively support this proposed project to improve access and maintain trails in the Green River area.

The Forest Service will support the proposal by working closely with Back Country Horsemen to develop and implement a plan to address recreation needs in the area.

The goals of the proposed project are fully complementary to the goals of Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. We support the proposed project and are committed to our roles and responsibilities to support this volunteer effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Acting for

REBECCA HOFFMAN
Monument Ranger

Amy Wilson



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18-2380 RTP General #20

October 23, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Letter of Support for Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Dear RCO Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association to express our enthusiastic support of Backcountry Horseman of Washington's (BCHW) grant proposal to fund the rehabilitation of the State Parks Pine City trestle on the Palouse to Cascades Trail.

Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The grant would fund the rehabilitation of the State Parks Pine City trestle on the Palouse to Cascades Trail. This 220' trail trestle is located between Rock Lake and Malden in Whitman County. It is rapidly deteriorating with failing planking along with some of the supporting structures, creating a serious safety hazard to travelers on this highly important cross-state trail. This trail improvement is vital to both the sustainability of this trail and increased access for hiking and other recreation.

Washington Trails Association appreciates the partnership it has with BCHW, and we encourage the support and funding of this organization's vitally important projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

CITY OF POMEROY

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December 3, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersal Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264M

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Pomeroy strongly supports the subject programs as the Umatilla National Forest is an integral part of our community.

The Umatilla National Forest provides enjoyment for both tourists and recreationalists alike. We rely on these programs in order to continue to attract visitors and local usage for such activities as camping, mushrooming, hiking, ATV and UTV use, huckleberry picking, horseback riding, hunting and casual enjoyment. Maintenance of the trails and campgrounds, as well as patrols, are essential services for the continued safety of visitors.

Please continue funding these programs as the Umatilla National Forest is a valued partner to our community.

There are

Sincerely,



G. P. Miller
Mayor, City of Pomeroy

GPM/am

Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner
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November 5, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Pomeroy Backcountry-wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy RD Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy RD Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy RD Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy RD Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Garfield County, I offer our full and hearty support for the above grant applications submitted by the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest.

The County, with a population of about 2,200, is the smallest in the State. As such, we are considered “distressed” and our economy is in a stagnate state. To help mitigate that, we actively promote recreational and tourism activities, primarily, activities available in the “Blue Mountains” of the Umatilla National Forest. As an example of our efforts, in 2009 we adopted an ordinance allowing ORV travel on selected county roads, from the City of Pomeroy to the boundary of the UNF (18-2268M). We encourage staging in Pomeroy and, hopefully, money being spent here. Also, not often mentioned but of importance to me and others, maintenance of the ORV trail system encourages riders to stay on the trail so they’re not “an accident waiting to happen” on the heavily traveled main roads, and provides the added benefit of greatly reducing “off-roading” and the resulting damage to the terrain.

Spring, summer and fall bring campers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters who use Pomeroy as the springboard for their adventures. A well maintained trail system with appurtenant trailheads and campgrounds (18-2267M and 18-2266M) are essential in making it a memorable and an “I want to do that again” adventure.

As we all know, the great majority of participants abide by the rules and are well-intentioned, but sometimes ignorance will come into play, and, sadly at times, some individuals display outright disregard for rules, regulations and courteous conduct. Since it appears that usage continues to grow each year, the Grant for Winter Trail Patrol (18-2264E) would have a mitigating impact on safety, environmental, big game and enforcement issues, which has long been needed. This also supports the "pleasurable experience" that we want them to have and would improve on our opportunities derived from the benefit stated above.

Recreationists' use of local businesses and services is actively pursued and greatly appreciated. For many, the Blue Mountains have become a favorite destination and well-maintained campgrounds, trailheads and trails, and fair and compassionate Law Enforcement are a big part of that. The more pleasurable their experience, the greater the likelihood they'll return, and hopefully, by spreading the word, others will come for the first time and they too, will continue to return.

I'm a lifelong resident of the County, my Great Grandfather was camped outside of what is now Pomeroy, when Lincoln was assassinated, my Grandfather acquired the lease on our Cabin at Stentz Springs in the "Blues" in 1924, and I've personally witnessed the growth of four-season ORV riding in the area, and the good and the bad that accompany it. The projects they propose greatly enhance the "good" and help deter the "bad." I also personally know the people who authored, will administer and work the projects funded by the grants. Not only are they very competent at their jobs, but very passionate about the stewardship of their "Blue Mountains." The grant funds entrusted to them will be wisely and effectively spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Wynne McCabe
Garfield County Commissioner

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December 04, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office

From: Adam Hodges - President of the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce

In an endeavor to sustain and increase visitor activity in both Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy through increased use of the Umatilla National Forest visitor attractions, the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce is submitting this letter of support for:

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
Pomeroy R.D. Campgrounds/Dispersed Sites/CUA's M&O 18-2266M
Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M
Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Trail Patrol 18-2264E

The Chamber has long recognized and promoted the National Forest lands and outdoor recreational opportunities as an important component of the tourist activities that draw visitors to the community each year. Recent addition of the ORV routes has increased the number of recreationists coming to the forest, many of whom stop in Pomeroy to buy fuel, food and supplies before heading toward the scenic Blue Mountains to ride the trails with their families. Continued maintenance of these trails will help ensure that this increase usage will not decline, and will continue to provide a supplement to the local service and retail economy.

For this reason, Chamber is happy to support the application for grant dollars that would fund the USFS Pomeroy Ranger District for trail maintenance activities which will include log culdbushing, trail surfacing, trail hardening, maintenance of culverts, drain-dips and ditch-outs as well as trail bridge inspection and maintenance. These maintenance efforts will not only ensure safety for the trail riders but also longevity of the trail system itself, again helping to ensure that ORV riders and their families return many times to the Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County and the City of Pomeroy.

Sincerely,



Adam Hodges

Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce



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September 21, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office continues to support the Pomeroy Ranger District in their endeavor to receive grants for the upkeep and improvements made to the Umatilla National Forest. With the proposed funds, we can ensure the people of Garfield County and surrounding areas a safe and enjoyable way to appreciate the great outdoors through the use of the ORV trails.

With the damages caused by the 2005 School Fire and the 2006 Columbia Complex Fire, there are several areas that need improvements. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is vital for the safety of visitors to the forest. With the added funding this grant will provide, removal of dead trees and brush can be addressed, as well as drainage issues. Additionally this funding can be used for trail markers and snow pole installation in the winter for snowmobilers. All of these precautions will aid in the safety of those using the trails and help identify their location in the case of an emergency. For members of our agency, this is a key issue and something we strongly encourage and support.

As for winter trail patrol Pomeroy Ranger District manages 138 miles of snowmobile trails and over 180,000 acres of back country. This grant would allow education to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, enforce the "Leave No Trace" concept and ensure protection for both side areas and winter ranges for elk. This would relieve club members from feeling responsible for enforcing their own sport and ensure a sense of security in the area.

The Sheriff's Office highly encourages the enjoyment of outdoor sports, but our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone. We believe these added precautions will benefit all users as well as the natural resources we have been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew W. Hyer

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POMEROY, WA

October 4, 2018

Re:

Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M

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Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming M&O 18-2265M

Pomeroy Ranger District Winter Patrol 18-2264E

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Mt. Misery Snowdrifter's, I encourage you to provide any funding to the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We strongly believe that they will continue their excellent job of taking care of our trail system for all season recreation, the snowmobile groomer and operation, camping areas, parking lots, access points, forest and timber health, etc. with your financial assistance. Many of our members use the Forest Service ground year-round. We camp, mushroom hunt, huckleberry pick, hunt, and ride the trails.

We are a snowmobile club located in Garfield County, Washington. We help provide a safe, fun environment for the snowmobiling families in our area. We are a non-profit organization who has several fundraisers throughout the year. The money we earn goes directly into our community. We provide scholarships each year to high school seniors who are involved in outdoor activities and recreation. We also contribute to special organizations and local charities.

The Snowdrifters' members work very closely with the Pomeroy Ranger Station. We have a great relationship with the local staff. We have over 120 members that volunteer their time each year helping the Forest Service staff maintain our trail system, warm-up shelters, and outhouses. We spend our time cutting firewood, clearing trails, repairing the wood stoves in the shelters, and stocking them each year with firewood and emergency supplies. We also work closely with our local search and rescue team. Our local Forest Service staff provide us with some of the best groomed trails in the area. They help us out with our special events as well. Overall, we have a great partnership with our local Forest Service and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Sincerely,

Emily Ruchert, Secretary

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Mt. Misery Snowdrifters

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September 25, 2018

To: Recreation and Conservation Office
From: Larry Ledgerwood, President, Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization

Re: Pomeroy R.D. Backcountry-Wilderness Trails M&O 18-2267M
Pomeroy R.D. Motorized Trails M&O 18-2268M
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The Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization is a nonprofit men's group that seeks to enhance projects within our community and county. The Umatilla National Forest is a vital area for attracting recreational enthusiasts from hundreds of miles. These folks range from campers, snowmobilers, atv's, utv's, motorcycles, horseback riders, hunters and mushroom and huckleberry pickers. In addition to the named enthusiasts, many people enter the forest to enjoy a picnic or casual drive. These hobbies and activities are often a source for family time and entertainment.

Maintenance for the trails and facilities is crucial to create repeat visitors. First impressions are the most important thing when trying to draw people back and make the Pomeroy Ranger District a destination. Being able to enjoy the day rather than working to fix and clear trails will contribute heavily as people decide where they spend their free time.

Many Spinners members participate in multiple activities utilizing the campgrounds, trailheads, wilderness trails and motorized vehicle trails. We as an organization organize an ATV ride each summer on the motorized trails as a fun, family activity. Prior to the event members volunteer to navigate trails to ensure paths are open and after the event remove trash and repair any damage that may have been caused. On behalf of the entire Spinners Organization, we support the Pomeroy Ranger District's efforts to secure funds to maintain and enhance each type of trail system as well as patrolling to ensure the safety of everyone using the Pomeroy Ranger District as their playground. RCO should recognize the vast impact their allocations make as well as the value per dollar being allocated to the named focus areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Ledgerwood, President
Pomeroy Spinners Community Organization



18-2528 RTP General #24

December 18, 2018
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Letter of Support: **RTP-General 18-2528: LEAVENWORTH WINTER TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen) strongly supports the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club (LWSC) request for maintenance funds to complete ongoing winter sports activities on approximately 30 miles of non-motorized winter recreation trails. As these trail corridors are also used for summer recreation and maintained by the USFS and several volunteer groups, keeping these corridors cleared and brushed over the winter months will also benefit summer use for hikers and bikers who frequent this popular recreation area for both residents of Leavenworth and thousands of tourists.

Due to the locations high use in winter and nearly no similar facilities within the vicinity, maintenance and upkeep of grooming activities are key to providing continued sustainable winter recreation experiences for snowshoes, Nordic skiers, and fat-tire bikers. The LWSC is a well-respected non-profit organization that provides access to winter trail systems at three main locations: Ski Hill, Icicle River Trail, and the Leavenworth Golf Course along with several other smaller locations. These resources provide recreational opportunities for all skill levels through forest environments and along the Wenatchee and Icicle Rivers.

The grant will allow LWSC to complete deferred maintenance activities and improve trail conditions of all Nordic trails and trails used for snowshoeing and fat biking. Snowshoeing and fat biking in particular have become extremely popular in recent years, changing the maintenance needs for the club as more users access trails and require different grooming techniques and equipment. We commend LWSC in taking initiative to extend its maintenance practices that also benefits the winter biking community and stand ready to assist in their ongoing work with our volunteers.

Evergreen is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with 5,200+ members and over 36,000 social media followers and supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. As a trusted partner with public land managers across the state, Evergreen's volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours of volunteer labor in 2018. We are committed to reach 30,000 volunteer labor hours in 2019.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



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October 15, 2018

Dear RCO Committee for the Recreation Trails Program,

I am writing in support of the "Leavenworth Winter Trails" grant application that the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club is submitting to the Recreation Trails Program (RTP.) The Leavenworth Ski Hill is located on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and is managed under Forest Service special use permit by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. The Wenatchee River Ranger District is the permit administrator. We have proudly partnered with the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club and its predecessor club since 1928.

The club now offers eight kilometers of groomed Nordic trails at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, used for both skate skiing and classic skiing. The club has worked very hard in recent years to adjust their operations to accommodate a pattern of lower snow years. The forest has started to close in over the trails, resulting in less snow reaching the ground. The proposal to limb trees along the ski trails, and remove some of the trees closest to the trail, is a priority project that hasn't had a funding source. If selected for funding, this project would provide a long-term benefit to the trail system. Likewise, the proposed equipment acquisitions will improve trail maintenance operations well into the future.

The club also provides grooming of snowshoe trails that also work for fat bikes. Fat bikes are a fairly recent innovation. This is a bicycle with very wide knobby tires suitable for riding on snow. Very few trails are available to this use, making the trails at the Leavenworth Ski Hill very important for our area.

It should also be noted that the trails managed by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club provide not only for Chelan and Douglas County residents, but also for the droves of tourists that visit Leavenworth, coming from all over Washington State. The Forest Service does not have the capacity for providing this valuable service, so we are grateful that the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club provides for access to winter trails.

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest supports the importance of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Rivera
District Ranger, Wenatchee River Ranger District





October 16, 2018

Dear Recreation Trails Program Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Wenatchee Outdoors, a non-profit organization that endeavors to connect people with the outdoors, in support of Leavenworth Winter Sports Club's grant application entitled "Leavenworth Winter Trails." The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club provides some of the most accessible winter trails in the Wenatchee Valley, serving Nordic skiers, snowshoers, and fat bikers. The club serves a broad sweep of the general public, including locals, tourists, and people of all ages and abilities.

There are different styles of Nordic skiing, ranging from skiing on groomed trails to remote backcountry skiing. Remote backcountry skiing is challenging in the Wenatchee Valley due to both avalanche terrain, and limited options for winter parking. The most popular expression of this sport by far is skiing on groomed trails. The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club trails accommodate everyone from beginner skiers to competitors—all at the same time.

The snowshoe trails at the Icicle River Trail and Leavenworth Golf Course accommodate beginning snowshoers in a safe predictable environment that is easy to navigate. The snowshoe trail at the Leavenworth Ski Hill accesses a more challenging trail system that climbs up into the hills.

Fat biking is a relatively new sport, where bikers are able to ride on snow because of large tires that provide extra flotation. The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club grooms the snowshoe trails at the Leavenworth Ski Hill to also be able to accommodate fat biking. Access to snow-covered single track trails for biking is limited in our area, so this is an important service to the recreating public.

Please support the "Leavenworth Winter Trails" grant application.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Shaffer
Executive Director

Marlene Farrell

7496 Icicle Road

Leavenworth, WA98826

October 18, 2018

Dear RCO Reviewers,


I am writing on behalf of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Junior Nordic Team to support the grant application for the Leavenworth Winter Trails. As the Program Director for the team, I am grateful that the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club provides such fine trail systems for our young participants to first learn to Nordic Ski, and then develop into competent competitive skiers. Our program is designed to accommodate four age levels, progressing them from playful learning to more serious ski instruction and training. One program helps train aspiring high school age athletes to compete in the qualifiers for Junior Nationals. Our best athletes go on to Junior Nationals every year, making our mountain town very proud. Many of them have gone on to compete on college Nordic teams. In a typical year we have about 120 children participating in our program. Our participants are mostly from the Leavenworth area, but we also have youth participating from Cashmere and Wenatchee. We have several each year whose tuition is covered by scholarship moneys.

The Junior Nordic Team utilizes groomed Nordic Trails to work on training drills and go for long skis. The team even trains in the off-season, bounding, running, Nordic walking and more. The project improvements proposed by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will enhance our training and instructional experience, and possibly lengthen our ski season. If LWSC is able to reduce some of the canopy cover at Ski Hill, with this grant, the snow will stay more pristine and last much longer. Even a few extra days on snow can help our junior skiers have an enhanced experience and hone their skills.

Living here in the upper Wenatchee Valley, our outdoor environment is covered with snow all winter. For kids to get outdoors, get exercise, and compete on teams, we ski! That is why these Nordic trail systems are so important. As a parent, community member and skier, I will end by saying the Leavenworth Ski Hill and the stewardship provided by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club greatly enrich our quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Marlene Farrell

Program Director, LWSC Junior Nordic Team



Dear RCO Committee,

Please accept this letter from the Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation in support of the *Leavenworth Winter Trails Maintenance* grant application submitted by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. The Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation was founded as a non-profit 501(c)3 in order to support both the historical setting of the Leavenworth Ski Hill and operations of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. As a 501(c)3 we are able to accept tax deductible donations and use those in support of Ski Hill projects and other efforts to support recreation in the Leavenworth area.

The Foundation works closely with the Club to identify, prioritize, and fund projects that support the long-term viability of Ski Hill operations and the Club. By addressing backlog maintenance as well as routine annual maintenance of Nordic, snowshoe, and fat bike trails, this grant application benefits not only the Ski Hill venue, but the Club's other trail systems and operations as well.

Of particular benefit to the Ski Hill trail system is funding backlog maintenance to open up the tree canopy over the Nordic trails. Twenty-five years ago, the Ponderosa pine trees were about half the size they are now, and were not shading the trails and twenty-five years ago, we had more snowfall. Now the tree branches reduce the amount of snow that reaches the ground. The best option to recruit and retain more snow is to thin the canopy directly over the trails.

I would like to provide some additional context about the evolution of Nordic skiing here in Leavenworth. Historically, the Club only provided slopes for downhill skiing and ski jumping. That changed in the 1970s, when interest arose in grooming Nordic ski trails. The first trails to be established and groomed were at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, winding through national forest just one mile from town. Later, groomed Nordic trails were provided along Icicle Creek at both the Leavenworth Golf Course and the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, both of which provide a mix of forest and openings, and offer breathtaking views of the valley and surrounding peaks. In recent years, snowshoe trails were added to the trail systems. In the last few years, fat bikes have gained access to groomed backcountry trails from the Leavenworth Ski Hill. Today there are 80 kilometers of groomed trails for skiers and bikers.

Traditionally the Club depends on annual memberships and daily ticket sales, which generally covers basic operational costs. In some years, strong daily ticket sales provide funds to address the maintenance backlog. This grant will leverage those assets in order to address backlog maintenance needs in a timely manner to help sustain the winter trail system and therefore help sustain the Club.

Thank you for considering this Leavenworth Winter Trails Maintenance grant application.

Sincerely,

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Shaun Seaman
Secretary/Treasurer



10/23/2018

Dear National Recreation Trails Committee,

The Cascade School District offers this letter in support of Leavenworth Winter Sports Club's grant application entitled "Leavenworth Winter Trails." The grant application is seeking funding for both routine maintenance and backlog maintenance of Nordic trails, snowshoe trails, and a few fat bike trails.

The Cascade School District has enjoyed a strong partnership with the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club for many years. Winters in Leavenworth are snowy and icy, and for kids (and adults) to get exercise outdoors, it means they are skiing or snowshoeing. Nordic skiing is a way of life in Leavenworth, and the primary venue in Leavenworth for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing are the trails maintained by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club.

In addition to the backcountry trails at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Golf Course, and Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, the club has also graciously groomed a trail on the playground at our elementary schools and middle school, giving all students a chance to try out cross-country skiing. Almost half the kids in the Cascade School District qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, indicating a low socio-economic status. Thus, learning to ski at school serves to provide an opportunity for these kids that they wouldn't have otherwise.

Over 100 of our school district students, from Kindergarten through Senior High School, participate on the Nordic Ski Team, giving them an opportunity for outdoor exercise, developing new skills, and socializing with their peers. These students often demonstrate a higher-level of confidence and increased leadership skills from their participation in this programming.

In addition, we have an After School Ski & Snowboard program that uses the downhill ski facilities at the Leavenworth Ski Hill provided at no-cost by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. For 6 Wednesday afternoons during January and February, 30-40 students in grades 3-8 participate in this program annually. Typically, this program is designed for students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in Alpine Skiing activities. Our Icicle Bicycle Program which runs from mid-winter through the spring benefits from the Fat Tire Trails. This program has over 30 middle school students that were involved last year, and 10-15 high school students.

Leavenworth is such a great community for kids and young families. The winter trail system is one of our most important community assets, and we commend the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club for its faithful management of this important resource.

I recommend that you approve this grant application.

Sincerely,



Brett B. Johnson

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18-2528 RTP General.#24

October 31, 2018

Dear Recreation Trails Committee,

Mission Ridge Ski Area is proud to support the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club in applying for a "Leavenworth Winter Trails" grant. Mission Ridge has long been a supporter of the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club and the success of the Club's operations. The Leavenworth Ski Hill, Leavenworth Golf Course, and Icicle River Trail all provide a great setting for young skiers to learn how to ski in an intimate affordable family-friendly setting, essentially serving as an incubator to raise up young skiers. These areas serve everyone from beginners to professionals.

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club is a non-profit club that survives on donations, memberships, ticket sales, and grant programs. Providing ski trails right near the popular tourist town of Leavenworth means that the hill serves not only Chelan County families, but visitors from all over Washington as well. The trails provide a progression of experiences from the gentle fairly flat Icicle River Trail, to more challenging rolling terrain at the Leavenworth Ski Hill and Leavenworth Golf Course. Many locals make skiing a way of life. And visitors are able to easily rent gear in Leavenworth, and try out skiing on well-groomed trails.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Tony Hickok
Marketing Director
Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort



18-2528 RTP General #24

November 2, 2018

Dear Recreation Trails Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Leavenworth Winter Sports Club's "Leavenworth Winter Trails Maintenance" grant application. I am writing on behalf of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, to confirm the importance of our winter trail system, and the role that LWSC plays in making winter recreation accessible to the general public.

As you know, Leavenworth is a very popular Bavarian-themed tourist town in Chelan County. We enjoy being located in the very center of Washington State, making it possible for visitors from every major metropolitan area in the state to easily visit for a few days of relaxation and play. Leavenworth currently has 2.5 million visitors per year, seeking tourism amenities and outdoor recreation opportunities. The winter trail system provided by LWSC fills a very important niche. The winter months of January, February, and March are a slower time of year than other months. So by offering Nordic trails, snowshoe trails, and fat bike trails in beautiful natural settings very close to town, the Club is providing a very important opportunity for our visitors. Several businesses rent cross-country skis and snowshoes, making a winter outing very accessible and affordable for our visitors.

I also don't want to overlook the importance of the winter trail system to our local residents. For many locals, our lifestyle is predicated on living close to nature with ample opportunities for enjoying wildland settings. Many locals use the local Nordic trails daily as their primary form of exercise. It is even possible to go for a ski during a lunch break, right after work, or before church on Sunday.

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club's goal is to make their long-term operations more sustainable, much of which could be accomplished with this grant funding and the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce supports this grant application for that reason.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Smith
Executive Director

LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Washington Trails Association

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January 18, 2019

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
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RE: Letter of Support for the following Department of Natural Resources grant proposal,
Recreational Trails Program (East Snoqualmie Corridor – Backcountry Maintenance), Application #18-2329.

Dear RCO Review Committee:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal for backcountry maintenance in the East Snoqualmie Corridor, a trail development project under the Non-highway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) category

WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. In 2018, more than 5,000 WTA volunteers performed over 171,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to conduct maintenance on over 36 miles of non-motorized trails, five trailheads and four day-use sites. Trail systems and support facilities are located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas, in eastern King County. This project will provide partial funding for a Recreation Specialist, Equipment Operator, and two Natural Resource Workers as well as funding for a seasonal crew to perform trail and facility maintenance. Trail maintenance activities will include removal of hazard and downed trees, repairing trail tread and rock armoring, maintaining and repairing trail bridges, brushing trails and maintaining and repairing culverts, drain dips, and ditch-outs. Facility maintenance will include trailhead parking surface grading and surfacing, litter removal and the maintenance and repair of restrooms, along with maintenance of day use viewpoints, river access sites, and signage. Funding will also be used to purchase trail maintenance equipment, including a chainsaw and a mountain bike for transporting trail maintenance tools into the backcountry. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project will be safe and sustainable non-motorized recreation trails and support facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



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18-2329 RTP General #25

December 18, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – Maintenance
East Snoqualmie Corridor - Backcountry Maintenance, #18-2329

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

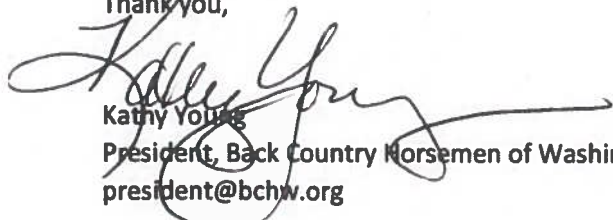
I am writing on behalf of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to conduct trail and facility maintenance located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

These two conservation areas are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less than an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. The Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered the backyard for many hikers, mtn bikers and equestrians. Even though very accessible to the public, they are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

The goal for this project is to conduct maintenance on 36 miles of trails, five trailheads and four day use sites. Maintaining recreation facilities at a high service level was identified as an important priority of the recently Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan. Within the scope of this grant, is the popular C.C.C Trail which connects the lower Middle Fork Valley to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

BCHW is dedicated to assisting DNR and USFS to help maintain close-in backcountry recreation resources with expected increases in visitation up the Middle Fork corridor with recently completed road surfacing improvements. This grant application is strongly supported to ensure trails are maintained and provide a safe, enjoyable experience.

Thank you,


Kathy Young
President, Back Country Horsemen of Washington
president@bchw.org



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Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

January 25, 2019

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,
P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

18-2329 RTP General #25

RE: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) General

East Snoqualmie Corridor – Backcountry Maintenance #18-2329 (MNT)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust to express our enthusiastic support of DNR's proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to conduct trail and facility maintenance located in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs).

These NRCAs are in the Snoqualmie Corridor, which is less an hour from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center. The Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered the backyard for many hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and others living or visiting the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Though very accessible to the public, these public lands are considered the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor and are adjacent to the USFS Alpine Lakes Wilderness. This project's maintenance on 36 miles of trails, five trailheads, and four day use sites is part of a much larger public-private collaboration to improve and maintain trails and recreational facilities across the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley. This project was identified as a high priority of the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan, and is essential to meet growing public use and reduce natural resource damage.

DNR is a valuable partner in the stewardship of public lands, and provides important opportunities for people to connect with nature near the ever-growing Seattle and east King County metropolitan areas. We fully support DNR in their ongoing working to provide enjoyable and sustainable recreation opportunities including school groups, skiers, mountain bikers, equestrians, trail runners, kayakers and rafters, rock climbers and nature enthusiasts.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust convenes a diverse coalition of public and private partners working to ensure a long-term balance between people and nature, across the watersheds between Seattle and Ellensburg. We work to connect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve outdoor recreation, enhance outdoor education, preserve working farms and forests, and ensure thriving communities. The Greenway Trust is working with a broad coalition of partners including the DNR and USFS and many others to plan for long-term stewardship of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley and the increased visitation following the federal road improvement project to pave the main access to the Valley. This grant opportunity is strongly supported to ensure trail and facilities are up to a high standard.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Jon Hoekstra, Executive Director

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January 4, 2019
Recreation and Conservation Office
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18-2329 RTP General #25

RE: Recreational Trails Program - East Snoqualmie Corridor – Backcountry Maintenance #18-2329 (MNT)

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports DNR's proposal to conduct trail maintenance within the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCAs). With the anticipated significant increase in visitorship and recreational use coming to fruition in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley through forest access road improvements to popular trailheads, DNR's proposed maintenance project is crucial to sustainably maintain trails, trailheads, and day use sites.

Located within less than an hour's drive from the Seattle/Bellevue metropolitan center, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley is considered a backyard for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. Yet despite its geographical closeness to urban centers, the valley's many trails and recreational resources include some of the most remote of DNR landscapes in the Snoqualmie Corridor, and are immediately adjacent and connected to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. This proposal allows for additional DNR staff resources and tools needed to maintain and sustain at least 36 miles of trails, five trailheads, and four day-use facilities.

Evergreen MBA is currently involved in ongoing multi-stakeholder recreation planning for the Middle Fork Valley with the Mountains to Sound Greenway. We are dedicating staff to help DNR and USFS plan for the increased visitation that is occurring due to a road improvement in the Middle Fork Valley. The proposed DNR's maintenance efforts will help protect the stakeholder and public's investment in recreational resources for this increasingly popular destination. DNR's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Trail is in need of major maintenance repairs and an enhanced service level would offer mountain bikers an improved extended riding experience to connect with the Middle Fork Trail.

Evergreen MBA is Washington's largest mountain bike organization with over 5,400 members and more than 38,000 supporters statewide. We are dedicated to trail building and maintenance, as well as volunteerism, education, advocacy, and youth participation. We particularly support this proposal since it includes ongoing planning efforts between multiple stakeholders to protect the incredible natural and recreational resources of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. We stand ready to assist the DNR with future volunteer maintenance needs.

Sincerely,

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Yvonne Kraus
Executive Director



18-2341 RTP General #26

October 20, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

CC: John Keates – Asst Regional Park Manager
Washington State Parks

RE: #18-2341 - WA State Parks: St Edwards State Park O&M

Dear Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (Evergreen MBA) strongly supports Washington State Parks' grant request #18-2341 for maintenance funding at St. Edwards State Park. St. Edwards state park is one of the closest riding areas within the greater Seattle metropolitan region, and borders the communities of Kirkland, Bothell, and Kenmore. It has been a popular State Park for decades and caters to multiple non-motorized users. Ongoing trail maintenance funding to keep up with increasing use and ensure environmental protection of streams and habitat is crucial to ensuring State Parks' success in providing long term sustainable recreation activities in this highly popular park and trail network.

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has a rich history of maintaining, designing and constructing trails within numerous land manager's jurisdictions in Washington State. St. Edwards is one of the first parks in the State in which we began volunteer efforts, and some of our dedicated community volunteers have now worked in this park for over 20 years. We have a rich history of performance and assistance to Parks staff, and look forward to continued collaboration with Parks staff to help maintain St Edwards State Park. In addition, we particularly support Park's grant request at this time, as the Parks department is about to begin a CAMP process for future trail network considerations. Evergreen support Parks in this effort and will be engaged in ongoing maintenance and parks need discussion to ensure a strongly community supported CAMP process and final park plan.

Evergreen's volunteers have provided hundreds of valuable volunteer match hours within the Park. Without this funding, the much-loved trails could fall into disrepair quickly due to high use. State Parks relies on funding to keep the park open and well-maintained.

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Executive Director



Friends of Saint Edward State Park

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October 31, 2018

18-2341 RTP General #26

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Dear Grant Reviewers,

Given the increasing backlog of trail maintenance issues at Saint Edward State Park, the Friends of Saint Edward State Park enthusiastically support the grant proposal being put forward by the Northwest Region of Washington State Parks to address much needed maintenance and improvements --especially for trails going down to the lake. Our group has been painfully aware of how limited staff resources and funding over the past few years combined with weather events have seriously exacerbated trail conditions.

The Friends group is "dedicated to the public enjoyment and stewardship of Saint Edward State Park" which includes providing support where possible to help with trails. However, the needs clearly outweigh the resources at this point, so additional funding support is essential to get the job done.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

Elaine Everitt
President



Washington Trails Association

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October 30, 2018

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504-2650
RE: Preliminary Grant Proposals – Recreational Trails Program Grant

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Sincerely,

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Andrea Imler
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October 20, 2018

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Executive Director

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID: 91-1553023.

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City of Kenmore, Washington

18-2341 RTP General #26

December 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
C/O Karl Jacobs, Project Manager
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: Saint Edward State Park Trail Planning

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Kenmore to provide the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) with a letter of support for RCO Project #18-2500, Saint Edward State Park Trail Planning, which has been submitted for funding consideration in the NOVA Nonhighway Road category.

The project, if funded, would develop trail master plan for Saint Edward State Park. The 326-acre site is located on Lake Washington within the city limits of Kenmore. A popular park, Saint Edward State Park receives up to 1,000,000 visitors per year. Heavy visitation in combination with multi-uses of the trails such as hiking, running, biking, and nature viewing places a great burden on the existing system. In addition, social trails have developed over time, which has the potential to cause serious damage to fragile ecosystems especially on the waterfront, steep slopes, and in wetlands. Planning includes a public process to engage stakeholders and public to inform them about the development of the plan. The plan will identify existing conditions and explore opportunities and constraints to prioritize and recommend trail improvements for the future.

In 2008, Washington State Parks approved the Classification and Management Plan (CAMP) for Saint Edward State Park. The CAMP Plan recommended to "Create a Trail Management Plan."

We are assuming that any trail improvements resulting from the plan would go through the required environmental and permitting processes. We are also assuming that the trail plan for the forested portions outside of the active recreation area in the center of the park (ballfields, gymnasium, seminary, children's play structure), would be in harmony with the natural setting and wildlife habitat that make up most of the park's acreage.

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In summary, we are pleased support this much needed grant application for a trail plan at Saint Edward State Park. If you require further information or have any questions, please feel free contact me at 425-398-8900.

Sincerely yours,



Rob Karlinsey
City Manager
City of Kenmore

cc: Kenmore City Council



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October 30, 2018

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Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association



November 1, 2018

18-2470 RTP General #26

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mountaineers, a 112-year old outdoor education and conservation organization, writes in support of a number of Mt. Baker Ranger District (of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest) projects that create sustainable recreation opportunities.

The Mountaineers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, protecting the outdoor experience for current and future generations. As an organization that seeks “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond” we believe these projects are important to getting people outside safely and responsibly. Based in Seattle, Washington, we have over 13,000 members and guests in seven branches throughout Western Washington and nationally. Our guidebooks and publications inspire countless outdoor adventures world-wide, and our 1,300 skilled and experienced volunteers lead 3,200 courses and activities. We offer over 4,000 opportunities a year for youth to get outside.

We write to express support of the following Mt. Baker Ranger District Development and Planning projects:

Project Names:

- RTP Ed 18-2469 Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers 2019
- RTP Ed 18-2468 Mt. Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards 2018
- RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance
- NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019

The Mt. Baker Climbing Ranger program is incredibly important as more and more people explore the mountains of the PNW, and Mt Baker specifically, though mountaineering. Currently, the Climbing Program on Mt. Baker Ranger District has funds available for one ranger. One ranger working alone cannot safely access the areas on Mount Baker where the majority of climbing activities occur. This education grant will provide a second ranger to work with the first ranger. Together they will be able to safely work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with the climbing public. Due to the large number of climbers on the mountain there are concerns about safety issues such as un-ropeed climbers and resource management issues such as human waste and campsite impacts. As a skilled and experienced rope team they will be able to contact the climbers and educate them on Leave No Trace techniques appropriate for the alpine environment including waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices such as roping up on the glaciers.

We also consider the Mountain Stewards Program important for their role as public educators and stewards of these public lands that are so heavily experienced by outdoor enthusiasts. The presence of stewards in places like the Mt. Baker NRA, Heliotrope ridge, Skyline Ridge and Heather Meadows helps the recreating

public understand the important role of land managers to protecting public lands, as well as creating critical education and engagement with the public.

We appreciate the Mt. Baker Ranger district's partnership with multiple organization to undertake trail maintenance work. Keeping trails accessible and open is more important than ever as we see increased outdoor recreation happening in this area. Quality trails reduce environmental impact, directly protecting these public lands, as well as providing quality experiences to the variety of recreational experiences they offer.

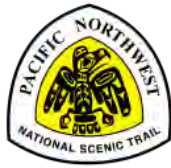
The Mt. Baker Ranger District encompasses many rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering and backcountry snow sports (skiing, snowshoeing and split boarding) destinations of local, regional and international significance. Mountaineers members visit this area every season of the year. These proposals will help protect public lands that are very valuable to our membership.

The human-powered recreation community as a group is conscientious of access and environmental issues in the areas that they recreate. When resources are available to educate them, they can be one of the most thoughtful and proactive user groups in terms of preservation and impact minimization. We are excited about the potential of these programs to preserve the quality of outdoor experiences for all future users of the Mt. Baker Ranger District. The Mountaineers believes that the money granted for these programs would be very well spent preserving and improving the nature of our public lands and the experience one can get from it. We look forward to supporting the Mt. Baker Ranger District with volunteer, outreach, and educational support.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Hollis,
Conservation and Advocacy Director



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRAIL
ASSOCIATION**

18-2470 RTP General #26

October 15, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) supports Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) - Mount Baker Ranger District's grant proposals *RTP M 18-2470 Heather Meadows Trail Maintenance, NOVA M 18-2471 Mt. Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance 2019, and NOVA D 18-2472 PNT - South Fork Nooksack Trail Phase 2.* These proposals will have direct, positive impacts on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) and a multitude of popular feeder trails.

For 41 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has served as the Pacific Northwest Trail's primary advocate and steward, shepherding the concept of a long distance trail across the Pacific Northwest from our founder's vision to a federally designated treasure for all. Today, the PNTA works alongside agency partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District to provide opportunities for youth and young adults from local communities to form lasting connections with Washington's public lands while engaging them in stewardship of the Trail.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Congress designating the Pacific Northwest Trail as the nation's newest national scenic trail - and with 900 of its 1200 miles in Washington - the longest trail within the state. The PNT connects the people of Washington to their wild places every day, and offers unparalleled opportunities for extended adventure to a growing number of long distance hikers and equestrians who come from around the world each year.

MBS Mount Baker Ranger District is entrusted with over 70 miles of the PNT - which carries users down from rugged Hannegan Pass, through scenic Heather Meadows, around tranquil Baker Lake, up into the alpine to gaze at glaciers near iconic Park Butte Lookout, and down through lush old growth forests toward the South Fork of the Nooksack River.

The continued development and maintenance of this 1200 mile trail corridor is a herculean task, but with partners like the Mount Baker Ranger District, who not only deliver high quality projects of their own, but also provide guidance and leadership to local stakeholders who can amplify the impact of available resources on the ground, the PNT continues to raise in stature among the world's premiere long distance trails.

I wholeheartedly support these projects, and hope you will choose to do the same.

Jeff Kish
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Trail Association

America's Wildest Trail is Yours to Explore and Yours to Protect



File Code: 2350
Date: November 5, 2018

RCO Funding Board
1111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

18-2536 RTP General #28

To the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board:

The Colville National Forest (CNF) supports NOVA and RTP grant proposals from the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) and the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHV). The grants would help fund equipment, expenses, supplies and administration to increase both the quantity and the effectiveness of partnership and volunteerism for OHV trail maintenance on public lands across the State. These proposals align with the Forest Service's National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System, would benefit all trail users, and contribute to the agency's restoration and conservation goals.

The Colville National Forest has hundreds of miles of OHV and single-track motorcycle trails that need maintenance or reconstruction. This grant would support the efforts of multiple partners in the maintenance and reconstruction of the Forest's motorized trail system. Needed work includes reconstruction of trail tread to repair and prevent erosion while promoting drainage of water off the trail. Additional work includes brushing and log-out of trails as well as sign, bridge, culvert and structure maintenance. This work would not only benefit OHV enthusiasts, but also hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and others who utilize National Forest Trail Systems. It will also increase volunteerism by improving the effectiveness of volunteer efforts in the repair and maintenance of our trail systems.

The Batey-Bould, Little Pend Oreille, and Gillette Ridge motorcycle trail systems as well as the Middle Fork Calispell OHV trails all could benefit from this work. In addition, there are several new motorized trails needed to create system connectivity and loop riding opportunities in completion of the South End motor vehicle use project nearest Spokane. We look forward to working with NMA, WOHV, and other trail partners to address this needed work.

The CNF supports the NMA and WOHV grant proposals and we are hopeful that the Washington Recreation & Conservation Funding Board will provide its support as well. If the Board has questions about this proposal, or the CNF's support of this proposal, please feel free to contact Craig E. Newman (the CNF's Recreation, Engineering, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Hydropower Staff Officer) at 509-684-7104 or cnewman03@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

RODNEY D. SMOLDON

Forest Supervisor

cc: Craig Newman; ohv-grant-support@nmaoffroad.org; president@wohva.org;





11/05/18

TO: WA Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

RE: 18-2536 M NMA Statewide RTP Volunteer Heavy Trail Maint & 18-2538 M NMA Statewide NOVA Volunteer Heavy Trail Maint

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) was formed in 2006 to bring together 4x4, SxS, ATV & Off Road Motorcycle users. We believed that working together would benefit all. Throughout the WOHVA journey, the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) has been a supporting member since the beginning. Every member of the NMA is also a member of WOHVA! Both organizations have a long history of working together to promote, protect & pursue OHV experiences for Washington State families.

OHV trails on public land in WA State are not receiving enough heavy maintenance to maintain a lot of the trails to the specifications for their assigned Trail Management Objective (TMO). The amount of work needed for trail maintenance just far exceeds land management's ability to do all the work. We've also seen that complimentary work by OHV volunteers usually requires way too much manual labor to truly be effective.

Our strong partnership has brought both organizations to this moment and finds us both applying for grant funding through RCO. The NMA is specifically applying for NOVA & RTP funding to support heavy maintenance capability on single track trails all across Washington State. If both of their grants are approved, the NMA will be able to provide specialized power equipment and funding for other expenses to OHV trail volunteers, to support local efforts on the projects volunteers choose to accomplish on public lands in their area of WA State. The machine the NMA plans to purchase will greatly enhance the effectiveness of volunteers on the ground and help reduce maintenance backlogs on single track trails.

The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) strongly supports the efforts by the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) to increase the effectiveness of volunteers, reduce maintenance backlog & enhance the single track trails across Washington State. We feel that fully funding both of these grant proposals will absolutely help accomplish these shared goals.

Sincerely,

Bryan Peterson
President
Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA)

www.wohva.org



18-2536 RTP General #28

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NOVA Advisory Board
Recreation and Conservation Office
Natural Resources Building
1111 Washington Street
Olympia, WA 98501

Members of the NOVA Advisory Board:

As Executive Director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), I write to acknowledge NOHVCC's support for the grant application submitted by the Northwest Motorcycle Association. This project would provide mechanized trail maintenance to trails open to off-highway vehicles (OHV) across the state of Washington. The need to address the existing backlog of necessary maintenance on trails is a concern that has been voiced by NOHVCC State Partners in Washington, as well as a member of our staff that recreates in Eastern Washington.

NOHVCC is a 501(c)3 with the mission of creating a positive future for OHV recreation. NOHVCC works towards this mission by providing educational resources to OHV enthusiasts and land managers as well as providing on-the-ground assistance to OHV trail projects. This project would fall under NOHVCC's mission, and as such, NOHVCC can provide 20 staff hours at \$65 per hour as match for this grant. Marc Hildesheim, NOHVCC Project Manager, will provide trail assessment, layout and design assistance, and consultation as professional services should this grant be approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your ongoing support of OHV recreation.

Sincerely,

Duane Taylor
Executive Director



18-2536 RTP General #28

October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 40917

Re: Grant Application

We represent the over 100 franchised dealers in Washington and thousands of off-road recreating families – since 1972. We fully support the NOVA grant application by the NW Motorcycle Association to help fund the voluntary work of the off-road riding community members.

In these times of short-handed staffing at DNR, these volunteer efforts are paramount to maintaining DRN off-road riding areas in our state – to support health of the of riding trails and rider safety.

Sincerely,

James R. Boltz, President, Washington State Motorsports Dealer's Association



Sharetrails.Org / BlueRibbon Coalition

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DATE: November 6, 2018

18-2536 RTP General #28

TO: Recreation and Conservation Office
111 Washington St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

FROM: Sharetrails.Org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC)

RE: NOVA and RTP grant applications by WOHVA and the NMA

To whom it may concern:

Sharetrails.org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is a national recreation group that champions responsible recreation and encourages individual environmental stewardship. With members in all 50 states, BRC is focused on building enthusiast involvement with organizational efforts through membership, outreach, education and collaboration among recreationists. We work with land managers to provide recreation opportunities, preserve resources and promote cooperation with other public land users.

BRC members use motorized and non-motorized means, including Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), snowmobiles, equestrian, mountain bikes and hiking to access and enjoy recreating on state and federally managed lands throughout the United States.

This letter is written to inform you of our support, and that of our members, of the Northwest Motorcycle Association's (NMA) and Washington Off Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant applications for issuance of NOVA and RTP funds.

These grants are to fulfill their funding needs for equipment, materials and related expenses for maintenance of trails on public lands in WA State that are open for motorized Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. This support is essential in order to allow local trail organizations and volunteers throughout Washington State to maintain and improve existing trails to current best practices and USFS standards. Meeting those standards is almost impossible to achieve without proper equipment.

We hereby request the NOVA and RTP review committees and RCO Board to support the Northwest Motorcycle Associations (NMA) grant applications for NOVA and RTP funds which will be utilized to provide state-of-the-art power equipment and materials to maintain and improve single track trails used by mountain bikers (human and electric powered), hikers, and equestrians in addition to the dirt bike riders.

We also fully support WOHVA's grant application for NOVA funds which will be used to maintain and improve multiple use trails open to all WA trail users by providing power equipment and support for WA volunteers and organizations to provide proper maintenance of trails open for use by Off Highway

Sharetrails.org – it's what we do!

Vehicles (OHVs) larger than electric powered bicycles and dirt bikes. Those motorized OHV user types include Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs & Side by Sides), All Terrain Vehicles and 4 Wheel Drive vehicles in addition to powered mountain bicycle and dirt bike riders.

The NMA and WOHVA is also obtaining cross district volunteer trail maintenance agreements with the land management agencies in WA State to make it easy for local OHV user volunteers to assist with proper maintenance of multiple use trails in their local areas. These trail maintenance programs will significantly benefit all types of back country trail users.

We are pleased to add our support to this effort. We ask that you please support and approve the NMA and WOHVA grant applications.

Sincerely,



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST 4-WHEEL-DRIVE ASSOCIATION OREGON—WASHINGTON—IDAHO

18-2536 RTP General #28

November 1, 2018

Motorized Trail Maintenance in Washington State

To: The RTP Advisory Board

This is a letter of support for the NMA grant request for funds to assist in motorized trail maintenance in Washington State. This grant would provide specialized power equipment and funding for other expenses to OHV trail volunteers to support efforts on projects on public lands in Washington State. The grant will also increase both the quantity and the effectiveness of partnership and volunteerism for OHV maintenance on public lands here in Washington State.

This grant will support trail safety and reduce resource damage.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

Earl P. Nettin

Earl P. Nettin, Region 4 Director
Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association
519 North Fisher Place
Kennewick, WA 99336-2701



18-2536 RTP General #28

October 28th, 2018

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

RE: Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance Grant request

The Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club fully supports the Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds. The clubs that are associated with the NMA are the heart of ORV volunteer support for trail maintenance, and this on-going maintenance is very important to the sustainability of our trail systems on public lands.

These trail systems are what brings our friends and families together outdoors and we must do all we can to keep them in good usable shape for everyone's enjoyment and the health of the forests.

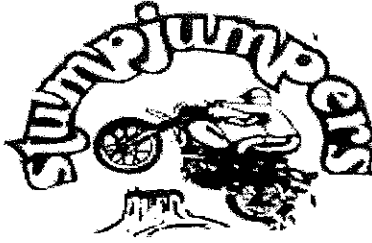
Currently there are many trails across the state that are falling behind in needed maintenance due to the lack of funds and support to accomplish the work. If this grant request is approved, these funds will go a long way towards helping to get our trails back into good sustainable conditions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve DeCoy".

Steve DeCoy

Bremerton Cruisers Motorcycle Club Land Use Representative



18-2536 RTP General #28

Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club
PO Box 476, Lynnwood, WA 98046

October 22, 2018

State of Washington
Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: NOVA & RTP Funding

The Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club and its over 150 families fully support the RCO grant applications by the Northwest Motorcycle Association and the Washington Off-Highway Vehicle Association to secure NOVA and RTP funding for trail maintenance. This funding is crucial to ensure that the existing trails can be maintained and improved to acceptable standards.

Proper maintenance of multi-use trails benefits all user groups, hikers, mountain bikers, dirt bikers, and equestrians included. Proper trail maintenance ensures that trails stay healthy and do not become erosion problems, that users stay on designated trails rather than re-routing around problem areas, and that the back country trail experience is enjoyable for all user groups.

Both the NMA and WOHVA are obtaining volunteer trail maintenance agreements with the various land management agencies in Washington State to make it easy for local volunteers to assist with projects, and with proper funding these programs can be a benefit to all trail users.

Please support the NMA and WOHVA grant applications.

Sincerely,

Pete Wisner
President
Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club

Lobos MC

PO Box 2630
Clackamas, OR 97015-2631

11/02/2018



18-2536 RTP General #28

Lobos Motorcycle Club

RCO, NOVA and RTP Grant Advisory Committee Members.

The Lobos Motorcycle Club has been asked to review and comment on NMA's and WOHVA's grant application package regarding equipment and maintenance materials and other costs directed at OHV accessible trails in Washington State. Though we are an Oregon based club, we all ride frequently, and occasionally join volunteer trail work projects in Washington State. We enthusiastically recommend for approval their 2019 grant application package. Informed by our great experiences here in Oregon we are particularly enthusiastic about a new, robust effort around cooperative maintenance agreements on the table up there. The benefit to trail users of all types, of getting the right, state of the art equipment in the hands of a motivated, organized volunteer effort will be tremendous. That goes for all of the various motorized and non-motorized users in these trail systems. The US Forest Service and BLM are on an outstanding new footing, and poised to realize the efficiencies of improved utilization of volunteers to address today's trail maintenance costs, and backlogs. A comprehensive package like this will go a long way.

Thank you for your volunteer efforts to help see that these funds are distributed in a responsible way. We're sure you'll agree that the NMA and WOHVA's trail tools program described in this package represent great **dollars per mile of opportunity** investments.

Best regards,

Thomas Mees, President
Lobos MC
503-869-8850

October 23, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street S.E. #2

Olympia, Wa 98501

Dear Recreation and Conservation funding board:

I support the Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds

Motorized off-road recreation and trail maintenance is very important not only for my family, but our community, and state too!

These activities create great family values and memories, help preserve our trails, and promote trail education and stewardship for all user groups.

Just as important, it provides income and revenue for our local businesses, and our state in general.

Please pass the NMA Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds.

Sincerely,



Shay Schakel

18-2536 RTP General #28

October 18, 2018

Dear Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

Me and many of my outdoor friends are thrilled to learn of the NMA project will that will empower clubs and individuals to be part of an exciting new workforce of volunteers that will maintain trails on DNR and USFS lands. This will help clear backlogs of trail maintenance and increase the amount of trails maintained which will bring more athletes outdoors more often. Motivation for all to spend more time outdoors is badly needed.

I formally want to state that "I support the Northwest Motorcycle Association's Trail Maintenance grant application for NOVA funds"

And also "I support the RTP grant application for NMA Trail Maintenance".

Thank you for your support!

Chris Bentley

NMA Member

Outdoor trail rider

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October 29, 2018

18-2536 RTP General #28

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Subject: NMA and WOHVA NOVA and RTP Grant Applications

Dear Recreation and Conservation Office:

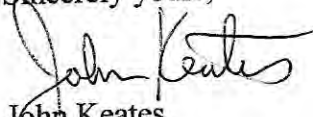
It is my pleasure to write and support grant applications by the Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) and the Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) in the NOVA and RTP grant categories.

Having spent more than ten years evaluating RTP grant applications for RCO, I recall some years actually turning away funding dedicated to motorized projects due to a lack of applications. I am delighted to see both the NMA and WOHVA stepping up to the plate and seeking funding. Based on past history, I'd argue that motorized recreation has been underserved and is deserving of full funding consideration! I hope the evaluation committee's in both programs will be mindful of that fact.

Having spent much of my adult life enjoying motorized off highway vehicle recreation, I'd like to believe the next generation of riders can enjoy an equal, if not improved opportunities to the trails in Washington State. Approval of the grant applications by the NMA and WOHVA would be a very positive step in a positive in the right direction.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to support the efforts of the NMA and WOHVA. If you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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18-2536 RTP General #28

Marcus Erickson
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10/26/2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

I am writing to support the Northwest Motorcycle Association's RTP grant application for Trail Maintenance. Currently, I experience severe arthritis and my only access to the deep forest is via my off-road motorcycle. I enjoy the great opportunities to ride our Washington State trails with my family. With trail maintenance funding and resources being in short supply, it is clearly a good idea to enlist the willing and able volunteers of the NMA to keep our trails in good repair – and fun for all.

Regards,
Marcus Erickson
macehardware@juno.com

November 1, 2018

To: RCO Grant Committee

Via email

Re: Methow Valley Grooming Association request

It has come to my attention that the Grooming Association is requesting a grant for funding of additional snow grooming in the Methow Valley for 2018-2019. This is an appropriate request. The Snowmobile Association requested and received \$15,000 last year for this use, from the Winter Recreation folks. We did not make a similar request this year because we thought the Groomer Association was requesting it.

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The Methow attracts lots of tourists, which include snowmobilers. Our snowmobiling is maturing with two beautiful warming huts, several well kept sno-parks, and a very active Snowmobile Association, with planned rides and activities. The secret is out and outside users easily dwarf the local users. Sometimes we struggle to meet the demand, but obviously it is great for the economics of the Methow Valley.

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While this project is still in the planning stages, the DOT was able to keep the road plowed last year to this point, which alleviated parking issues at Early Winters and increased the use of Hwy 20 significantly. A report by Mike Liu (recently retired Forest Ranger for this district) is attached, showing the use and his comments.

Please give this request serious consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Fitzpatrick, Jr. – Methow Valley Snowmobile Association secretary

- Steering Committee – Methow Valley Trails Collaborative

November 1, 2018

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST 4-WHEEL-DRIVE ASSOCIATION OREGON—WASHINGTON—IDAHO

November 1, 2018

Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations Grant

To: The RTP Advisory Board

This is a letter of support for the Naches Ranger Districts grant application for the districts Motorized Trail Maintenance and Operations. This grant will help maintain the trail systems for the safety of recreational users and keep resource damage to a minimum.

We are a motorized 4 X 4 organization, The Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association, and have donated many hours of volunteer labor to help with the maintenance of the trail system that we use and enjoy. We need to keep this area open for recreational use.

I represent Region 4 of the Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association; we have 15 clubs in our region.

Thank you for considering the Motorized Maintenance and Operations grant application for the Naches Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Earl P. Nettin

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18-2413 RTP GENERAL #30

NOVEMBER 15,2018

NACHES MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENACE

To: The RTP Advisory Board

We are in support of the Grant for the Naches Ranger District grant application for The Districts Trail Maintenance. With the help of volunteers and the Ranger District this grant will help maintain natural resources and public trail system. We need to maintain to keep the public lands open to the public. We have spent many hours volunteering to help on several projects to maintain the trail system. With the grant and the many volunteers in our area this can continue to be possible.

Thank you,

Mike & Liz Van Amburg

Van Amburg Enterprises Inc.



Mt. Spokane State Park Nordic Ski Trails Grooming Project
RCO #18-2575

18-2575 RTP GENERAL #32

11/27/18

RCO,

I'm Ryan Griffith Assistant Recreation Director for the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department. I write this letter in support of the Spokane Nordic Ski Association (Spokane Nordic) and their grant project request to maintain and groom Nordic ski trails at Mt Spokane State Park.

The City's Outdoor Recreation Program has offered cross country ski lessons and tours at Mt Spokane's Selkirk Nordic Area for over 20 years. During this time the recreation program opportunities would not be available without the countless hours from State Parks' staff and volunteer labor. The maintaining and grooming of the trails system which is available and accessible to our community and visitors is extraordinary, much of which Spokane Nordic and its members have been the leader in organizing and coordinating trail work and events that are enjoyed each year.

Spokane Nordic and the City of Spokane partner in recreation programming at the Selkirk Nordic Area. The partnership provides introductory cross ski lessons and tours to participants, many of which are their 1st experience visiting the State Park. The participants feel welcomed to the area by Spokane Nordic's instructors and are led through skiing skills teaching a lifelong recreational winter sport. The participants continue to enjoy the expansive well-manicured trail system in the park after their experience, coming back weekend after weekend, year after year to enjoy wonderful park. Spokane Nordic's passion for the trails and teaching participants is obvious when visiting the Nordic Area. They take pride in their endeavors year after year providing quality programming, grooming and trail maintenance.

Mt Spokane Nordic trails are a destination for winter recreation enthusiast and users have come to expect and appreciate quality grooming for an enjoyable experience. It is important to stay current on industry standards and continue offering high quality trail grooming for public recreation opportunities. I greatly see the benefit of Spokane Nordic receiving grand funding to replace aging equipment and continuing the trail maintenance program.

Sincerely,



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Okanogan -Wenatchee
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File Code: 2320

Date:

18-2333 RTP GENERAL #34

October 15, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

To Whom It May Concern:

The Cle Elum Ranger District supports Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program's application for RCO funding. The ranger district is at the center of winter recreation in the state and manages thousands of visitors each year. This effort requires requires partnership and communication. State Parks Winter Recreation staff operate the Sno-Park and winter trails grooming programs for the entire state. The Forest Service is a cooperator on National Forest System lands.

As part of the Winter Recreation Program, Cle Elum RD staff assist with Sno-Park operation, permit compliance, trail patrols and winter safety education, and grooming of both motorized and non-motorized winter routes. State Parks staff have always been responsive and helpful when issues arise, and have provided valuable guidance in solving problems and providing public service.

The district has enjoyed a cordial working relationship for over 10 years. Our ability to continue to deliver quality winter recreation opportunities depends on our ongoing partnership with the Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program. We urge funding of their grant funding request.

Sincerely,

Michelle Capp
District Ranger



November 5, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: RCO Grant Projects on the Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts*

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board:

On behalf of the Central Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for several grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Chelan, Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts provide a diverse range of trail experiences for a wide array of trail users in all seasons including many trails managed for mountain biking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. EMBA is the state's largest mountain bike trail maintenance and advocacy organization with a continual growing membership and chapters throughout the state. Each year EMBA volunteers donate thousands of hours of building and maintaining trails across Washington.

The Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts provide many unique trail based recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts. EMBA supports this wide array of opportunities and is especially supportive of trail building and maintenance at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, Devils Gulch, Echo Ridge, Sawtooth Backcountry, Number Two Canyon, and motorized trails on the Entiat Ranger District. These trail systems premier mountain biking opportunities in Central Washington. These destinations as well as other trails across these districts are in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing diverse recreating public and to provide dependable access to public lands.

As an organization that provides many hours of volunteer trail planning, building, and maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, EMBA strongly supports these projects.

Signature; 

*Chelan, Wenatchee River, and Entiat Ranger Districts RCO Grant Proposals

18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails

18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance

18-2365 M Entiat & Wen River Motorized Trail Maint 20-21

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18-2291 MNT, W.R.R.D. TRAILHEAD AND DISPERSED SITE M & O
18-2393 MNT, WILDERNESS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021
18-2406 DEV, #2 CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT WRRD - PHASE 2
18-2292 MNT, MOTORIZED/MULTI-USE TRAILS M&O WRRD 2020-2021



10/18/18

Northwest Motorcycle Association
969 Green Mountain Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564

To: Washington Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: 18-2365 Motorized Trail Maintenance 20-21 / Entiat & Wenatchee River RDs

There is a backlog of trail maintenance on many trails open to motorized use in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. This backlog will potentially increase due to recent wild fire damage.

The maintenance backlog includes the Lower Mad River Trail and Chikamin Trail. These trails, among many others in these districts, provide exceptional recreation for off-road motorcyclists in Washington. This backlog needs to be addressed in order to provide the quality recreation opportunity afforded by the country of the area. As such, the Northwest Motorcycle Association **strongly recommends** funding this grant application through RCO grant programs.

Sincerely,

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Marc Toenyan - President

Dale Williams - Vice President

Tod Petersen - Land Use/Legislative Coordinator



Washington Trails Association

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November 7, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office

P.O. Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Trail Maintenance Grant Projects on the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts

To Whom It May Concern:

Washington Trails Association is pleased to submit this letter supporting offer our strong support for the following trail maintenance grants on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

- 18 – 2525 Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails
- 18 – 2519 Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance
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Washington Trails Association has a more than 50-year legacy of engaging the hiking community. WTA enhances hiking experiences in Washington state by empowering a diverse and growing community of hikers to explore, steward and protect trails and public lands. WTA is the nation's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization, with more than 15,500 member households and an online community of more than 100,000. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across the state.

The Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts provide diverse trail experiences for a multitude of trail enthusiasts in all seasons including many trails managed for hiking and backpacking as well as education programs and recreation site maintenance and operation. The Lakeshore Trail, Myrtle Lake Trail, PCT, Hart Lyman Trail, Echo Ridge Trail System, and Silver Falls Trail are all destinations in need of continued maintenance to meet the needs of growing recreating public.

As an organization that provides countless hours of volunteer trail maintenance within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, WTA heartily supports these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Imler", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrea Imler

Advocacy Director

Washington Trails Association

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club
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Spokane, WA 99205

November 1, 2018

State of Washington
Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington St. SE #2
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Recreation and Conservation Office Grant (RCO)

Dear RCO Office,

The Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club fully supports the Washington State Parks application for RTP grant funding. The snowmobile trails we utilize in Eastern Washington are multi-use facilities that are home not only to snowmobilers but nordic skiers, fat tire bikes, and dog sledders as well. Many of these users do not purchase licenses, so much of the funding for the maintenance and grooming of these trails falls on the snowmobile community. Which makes it vital that we secure grant funding to ensure our trails are safely maintained, trails are groomed, and sno-park parking areas are plowed for safe public access.

If awarded this grant would be utilized over the 2019/20 and 2020/21 winter seasons. Please do not hesitate to contact me at greg.f@msn.com if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Greg Figg, President
Spokane Winter Knights



18-2510 RTP GENERAL #42

Dear Grant Committee:

My name is Steve Jones. I regularly use DNR lands and I support the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region's grant requests.

This area of Southwest Washington has seen increased recreational use due to the fires in the Columbia River Gorge. The fire burned about 50,000 acres over three months in the summer of 2017. I believe many people in the Portland Metro area have discovered the DNR lands in Southwest Washington because I see many Oregon license plates driving the roads and parked at trailheads.

I applaud the efforts of the DNR to construct new trails and their partnering with volunteer organization such as Washington Trails Association and the Chinook Trail Association in the maintenance and construction of trails.

With the great collaboration with trail organizations I firmly believe this grant money will be used efficiently and wisely.

On behalf of the recreational users in the Southwest Washington area and the Chinook Trail Association, please approve these grants for the Pacific Cascade Region.

RCO#18-2507 Education and Enforcement
RCO#18-2508 Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2509 Non-Motorized Maintenance
RCO#18-2510 Mitchell Peak Rehabilitation
RCO#18-2511 Non-Motorized Trail Bridges
RCO#18-2512 Capitol & Yacolt Forest Facilities Maintenance

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

President, Chinook Trail Association



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18-2428 RTP GENERAL #43

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November 6, 2018

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
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RE: Support for Sno-Parks and Trails Maintenance – Grant Request

To whom it may concern:

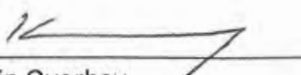
On behalf of Chelan County, we support the application of Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's Winter Recreation Program for grant funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office's Recreational Trails Program.

If successful, this funding will provide the State Parks' Winter Recreation Program with the necessary resources to maintain winter Sno-Park access as well as groom over 100 miles of motorized winter recreation trails within the Wenatchee Mountains Stemilt-Colockum area.

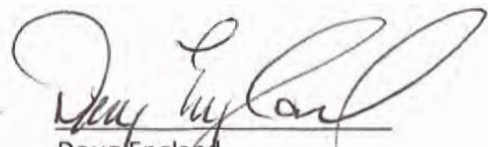
Winter recreation is a vital component of Chelan County's economy. It is imperative that Washington State Parks be provided the necessary resources to accomplish their goals of providing outdoor recreation opportunities and access to all citizens which in turn provides positive economic benefits to the central Washington region.

The Chelan County Board of County Commissioners encourages the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to approve the State Parks and Recreation Commission's grant request for Sno-Park and Trails Maintenance.

Sincerely,


Kevin Overbay


Keith W. Goehner


Doug England



Snohomish County
Marine Resources
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Dear RTP Review Committee:

The Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is writing this letter of support for the City of Everett's Park Department Howarth Park Boardwalk Restoration Project. In 2015, the City of Everett was a strategic partner with the MRC and Snohomish County to complete a large beach restoration and beach nourishment project that included creating habitat for juvenile salmon and forage fish.

We understand the boardwalk is the primary access to Howarth Park Beach, and this is the only City owned property with public access directly to Puget Sound. Howarth Park boardwalk and trails serve upwards of ten thousand visitors each year. On a regular basis, the MRC and various other research groups utilize the boardwalk and trails to access the beach for sampling and habitat survey events. Nearby schools and volunteer organizations also need access to the shoreline for educational and service related projects.

We support the City of Everett's initiative to replace the existing degraded wooden boardwalk with reinforced fiberglass grating. This project will greatly reduce ongoing maintenance and extend the life of this valuable asset.

In addition to restoring the boardwalk, we understand the City will be installing educational signage describing wetlands, stream functions, habitats, and water quality topics important for clean water, a thriving environment and the overall health of Puget Sound. Education is one of the primary goals of the MRC and we are happy to support the City in such an endeavor.

As an organization dedicated to promoting effective stewardship of Snohomish County's marine shorelines and ecosystems, the MRC supports the City's funding request to improve access for the public to salt water beaches around the Sound.

Sincerely,

Sarah Brown, Chair

November 26, 2018

18-2339 RTP GENERAL #45

Forterra
901 5th Ave, Suite 2200
Seattle, WA 98164

Dear RTP Review Committee:

Forterra is writing this letter of support for the City of Everett's Park Development Howarth Park Boardwalk Restoration Project. In 2012, the City of Everett and Forterra joined to form the Green Everett Partnership, an effort to manage and restore Everett's forested parklands and natural areas. The Green Everett Partnership's vision is to have healthy forested parklands supported by an aware and engaged community in which individuals, neighborhoods, nonprofits, businesses, and city government are working together to protect and maintain their valuable public resources.

Howarth Park contains some of the most popular and visited natural areas within the city of Everett. A major draw of this park for visitors is the direct access visitors can have between the natural forested areas of the park and the shores of Puget Sound that this boardwalk provides. The boardwalk passes through natural areas of the park that the Green Everett Partnership actively manages and is an opportunity for the public to see the partnership's efforts. Volunteers also regularly use the boardwalk and surrounding trails at Howarth Park to access restoration sites and to enjoy the park.

Forterra supports the City of Everett's efforts to improve the boardwalk by replacing the current wooden structures with more accessible and longer-lasting materials so that residents and visitors can continue to enjoy this community asset long into the future.

We also support the City's planned instillation of interpretive and educational signs. These will help to inform the community on the importance of connected green areas for the community, and may help to inspire folks to be engaged in caring for them by volunteering with our program. Connecting people to their local natural areas so that they are inspired to care for them is a huge goal of Forterra and the Green Everett Partnership program and we are happy to support this endeavor.

As an organization dedicated to securing keystone places for a sustainable future for all in the Puget Sound region, Forterra supports the City's funding request to improve access to natural areas around the region.

Sincerely,

Charlie Vogelheim, Stewardship Coordinator



APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Legislature approved \$6.6 million for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

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 #: 2019-20

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked list and grant awards for the projects shown in Table 1.

Background

The Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) program provides grants to acquire, develop, and restore the state's aquatic lands and associated water. Aquatic lands include tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters. The program has three purposes: protection and enhancement of a site's naturally, self-sustaining ecological functions, providing people with access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a limited resource.

Application Process

Applicants submit ALEA project proposals to the RCO during the even-numbered calendar year of each biennium. In the fall of 2018, the ALEA Advisory Committee evaluated and ranked projects for acquisition, development or restoration of aquatic lands using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In October 2018, the board adopted the ranked list of ALEA projects for submittal to the Governor and Legislature. See Resolution 2018-29.

Certification of Match Required

State and local agency applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent or 1:1 match for an ALEA grant. Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 27, 2019 funding meeting.¹ Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. All ALEA applicants certified that their matching funds are available.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

Funding for the ALEA program comes from one of two sources: 1) money raised by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources from activities on aquatic lands, such as leases to marinas and the sale of harvest rights for geoduck clams; or 2) the sale of general obligation bonds.

The Legislature passed the 2019-21 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$6.6 million in bond monies for ALEA projects. The Legislature also approved the list of ALEA projects recommended for funding as shown in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-6H. With board approval, the funds provided will fully fund 14 projects and partially fund the last project on the list.

Analysis

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to protect, preserve, develop, restore, and enhance habitat and outdoor 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.

Projects considered for ALEA funding support the board-adopted priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

¹ Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in October 2018. Additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends approval of the final ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1.

Next Steps

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-20, including Table 1 – *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium*
- B. ALEA Ranked List Table

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-20
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-6H; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting policies in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to maintain fully functioning ecosystems and to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation and approval of these projects occurred 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21* indicates the projects that have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and program policies; and

WHEREAS, funding these projects would further the board's goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget which includes an appropriation of \$6.6 million for ALEA for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list and award grants to the projects in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; 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
 Final Ranked List and Grant Awards
 2019-2021**

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	61.0	18-2003D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$776,718	\$1,276,718	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	59.5	18-1646D	Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$438,200	\$441,200	\$879,400	\$938,200	\$438,200
3	56.1	18-2031A	Lopez Channel Shoreline	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$1,348,200	\$410,000
4	56.0	18-1504C	Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$2,389,394	\$2,889,394	\$1,848,200	\$500,000
5	55.5	18-1618A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$3,049,986	\$4,049,986	\$2,848,200	\$1,000,000
6	55.4	18-1988D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Property Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$3,348,200	\$500,000
7	52.9	18-1945C	California Creek Estuary Park Development	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$3,806,200	\$458,000
8	52.2	18-1752R	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Shoreline Enhancement	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$598,000	\$1,098,000	\$4,306,200	\$500,000
9	50.5	18-1963R	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	Seattle	\$500,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,650,000	\$4,806,200	\$500,000
10	49.9	18-2033D	Chinook Wind Public Access	Tukwila	\$157,200	\$157,200	\$314,400	\$4,963,400	\$157,200
11	49.6	18-2004D	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	Spokane	\$500,000	\$1,229,751	\$1,729,751	\$5,463,400	\$500,000
12	49.3	18-1535C	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$2,914,891	\$3,414,891	\$5,963,400	\$500,000
13	49.1	18-1244A	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	Washougal	\$74,988	\$74,989	\$149,977	\$6,038,388	\$74,988
14	48.6	18-2023D	Adams Street Waterfront Park	Hoquiam	\$156,500	\$156,500	\$313,000	\$6,194,888	\$156,500
15	46.9	18-1437D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$831,833	\$1,331,833	\$6,694,888	\$405,112 ²
					\$6,694,888	\$15,267,519	\$21,962,407		\$6,600,000

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination of two or more acquisition, development, or restoration elements, D=Development, R=Restoration

²Partial Funding

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium
Boating Facilities Program

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Legislature approved nearly \$17.9 million for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

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 #: 2019-21

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

Program Description

The Boating Facilities Program (BFP) provides financial assistance for recreational boating access on both fresh and salt waters. State and local agencies use the funds to design, permit, acquire, renovate, and develop sites for motorized recreational boating. Improvements typically include launch ramps, guest moorage, and support amenities such as breakwaters, vehicle-trailer parking, restrooms, laundry and other facilities used exclusively or primarily by recreational boaters.

Application Process

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received thirty grant proposals requesting nearly \$16.5 million in BFP funds in November 2018. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), the Boating Programs Advisory Committee reviewed and evaluated proposals in the program's two categories – State Agency and Local Agency.

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for BFP, the board adopted the preliminary ranked lists of projects, Resolutions #2019-08 and #2019-09 at the April 2019 meeting.

Certification of Match Required

Local agency applicants must provide a minimum 25 percent match for a BFP grant award. Local and state agencies providing match must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 27, 2019, funding meeting.¹ Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. All BFP applicants required to do so certified their match by the established deadline.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

BFP funding comes from a portion of marine fuel taxes attributed to boaters. The current rate is thirty-four and nine-tenths cents per gallon. The money appropriated for BFP is divided into two equal shares. One share provides funding for state agency projects and the other share funds local agency projects.

The Legislature passed the 2019-21 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of nearly \$17.9 million for BFP grants. This year there are enough dollars to fund all of the state and local agency projects.

Analysis

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to protect, restore, and develop recreation opportunities. The grant process supports the board's goals to (a) achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and (b) 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 recreation opportunities.

Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2019. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

¹Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

RCO staff recommends approval of the ranked lists of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1 for each Boating Facilities Program category.

Next Steps

If the board approves the lists and funding amounts, the RCO director will be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all of the post approval requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-21, including Table 1 – *Boating Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21*
- B. BFP Ranked List Table (state and local)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-21
Boating Facilities Program
Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, thirty grant proposals for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) are being considered for funding; 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 protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the review and evaluation of these projects occurred 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 the board’s goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

WHEREAS, all projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and Manual 9, *Boating Facilities Program* policy manual; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the Boating Facilities Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes RCO’s Director to execute project agreements for funded projects to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Local Agency Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Boating Facilities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	65.63	18-2421D	Port of Keyport Boat Ramp Reconstruction	Port of Keyport	\$520,650	\$173,550	\$694,200	\$520,650	\$520,650
2	64.38	18-2524D	Jetty Landing Restroom Development	Port of Everett	\$584,500	\$198,063	\$782,563	\$1,105,150	\$584,500
3	63.25	18-2355D	Schlagel Park Boating Facilities Updates	Pasco	\$660,839	\$235,000	\$895,839	\$1,765,989	\$660,839
4	62.88	18-2571D	Port of Poulsbo New Floating Breakwater	Port of Poulsbo	\$1,000,000	\$1,302,500	\$2,302,500	\$2,765,989	\$1,000,000
5	62.00	18-2462D	Port of Chinook Boat Ramp Pay Station	Port of Chinook	\$29,775	\$9,925	\$39,700	\$2,795,764	\$29,775
6	61.38	18-2373D	Port of Ilwaco Boat Launch Area Renovation	Port of Ilwaco	\$331,350	\$110,450	\$441,800	\$3,127,114	\$331,350
7	60.88	18-2372P	Port of Chinook Boat Launch Planning	Port of Chinook	\$112,500	\$37,500	\$150,000	\$3,239,614	\$112,500
8	60.75	18-2567D	Kitsap Lake Park Boat Launch Replacement	Bremerton	\$556,200	\$187,660	\$743,860	\$3,795,814	\$556,200
9	60.38	18-2396P	Luther Burbank Park Dock Reconfiguration Design	Mercer Island	\$173,000	\$58,000	\$231,000	\$3,968,814	\$173,000
10	59.13	18-2337C	Ogren Property Purchase	Port of Allyn	\$386,100	\$128,700	\$514,800	\$4,354,914	\$386,100
11	58.63	18-2282P	Washougal Breakwater Dock Access Ramp and Electric	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$67,050	\$22,350	\$89,400	\$4,421,964	\$67,050

**Table 1: Local Agency Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Boating Facilities Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
12	58.38	18-2338D	Rotary Park Renovations	Everett	\$299,086	\$100,761	\$399,847	\$4,721,050	\$299,086
13	58.25	18-2256D	Redondo Boat Ramp Float Upgrades and Replacement	Des Moines	\$211,107	\$72,258	\$283,365	\$4,932,157	\$211,107
14	56.63	18-2425D	Keller Ferry Boat Launch Phase 2	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$640,875	\$213,625	\$854,500	\$5,573,032	\$640,875
15	55.75	18-2479D	Al Helenberg Boat Launch Safety Improvements Construction	Castle Rock	\$708,000	\$237,000	\$945,000	\$6,281,032	\$708,000
16	55.00	18-2447P	Nicholson Beach	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$93,750	\$31,250	\$125,000	\$6,374,782	\$93,750
17	49.00	18-2498D	15th Street Transient Moorage Replacement	Tacoma	\$598,337	\$199,446	\$797,783	\$6,973,119	\$598,337
18	48.50	18-2420D	Grapeview Boat Launch Development	Port of Grapeview	\$628,000	\$212,000	\$840,000	\$7,601,119	\$628,000
					\$7,601,119	\$3,530,038	\$11,131,157		\$7,601,119

¹Project Types: D=Development, C=Combination, P=Planning

**Table 1: State Agency Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Boating Facilities Program

2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Total	Cumulative	Staff Recommends
1	63.63	18-2422D	Region 6 Boating Access Site Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$320,000
2	63.38	18-2558P	Lake Wenatchee Launch Expansion and Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$248,000	\$248,000	\$568,000	\$248,000
3	62.13	18-2424D	Glen Williams Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,818,000	\$1,250,000
4	61.38	18-2423D	Boston Harbor Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$930,000	\$930,000	\$2,748,000	\$930,000
5	59.25	18-2461D	Liberty Lake Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$354,000	\$354,000	\$3,102,000	\$354,000
6	57.38	18-2259A	Sekiu Boating Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,102,000	\$1,000,000
7	56.88	18-2516D	Burke Lake Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$398,000	\$398,000	\$4,500,000	\$398,000
8	56.63	18-2515D	Lind Coulee Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$630,000	\$630,000	\$5,130,000	\$630,000
9	55.50	18-2349D	Lake Cavanaugh Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$490,000	\$490,000	\$5,620,000	\$490,000
10	54.88	18-2356D	Deer Lake Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$404,000	\$404,000	\$6,024,000	\$404,000
11	54.50	18-2555D	Penrose Pier Float, Restroom, and Americans with Disabilities Act Picnic Facilities	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,969,000	\$1,969,000	\$7,993,000	\$1,969,000
12	53.50	18-2350D	Lake Whatcom Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$505,000	\$505,000	\$8,498,000	\$505,000
					\$8,498,000	\$8,498,000		\$8,498,000

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, D=Development, P=Planning

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Legislature approved \$735,000 for the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) grant program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-22

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

Program Description

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program grants support firearm and archery recreation. Funds may be used to purchase, develop, and renovate facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery sports. The primary goal of the FARR program is to increase general public access to firearm and archery range facilities. This includes law enforcement personnel, members of the public with concealed pistol or hunting licenses, and those enrolled in firearm or hunter safety education classes.

Application Process

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received six grant proposals requesting \$862,374 in FARR funds in November 2018. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), the FARR advisory committee reviewed and evaluated proposals.

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for FARR, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list of projects via Resolution #2019-10 at the April 2019 meeting.

Certification of Match Required

State law requires applicants to provide a minimum 33 percent match for noise abatement or safety improvement elements and minimum 50 percent match for all other projects or project elements. Applicants providing match must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 27, 2019 funding meeting. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. Most of the FARR applicants certified their match by the established deadline, with one exception:

- Rank 4 FARR – Klickitat County Gun Range Phase II ([18-2389](#)): Klickitat County did not certify match for this project because of a lack of matching funds due to county budget issues.

This grant proposal is no longer eligible for funding consideration and is shown as “Not Funded” on the final ranked list in Table 1.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

The FARR program receives funding from the sale of concealed pistol licenses. Currently the grant program receives \$2.16 from each permit sold. The Legislature passed the state capital budget for the 2019-21 biennium, which includes an appropriation of \$735,000 for FARR projects. Since the Klickitat County project is no longer eligible for funding, there are enough funds for all of the remaining projects.

Analysis

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 goals to (a) achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and (b) 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 recreation opportunities.

Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2019. Additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ranked list and funding for projects as shown in Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21*.

Next Steps

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-22, including Table 1 – *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium*
- B. FARR Ranked List Table

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-22
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
Approval of Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, for nine Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) projects are being considered for funding; 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;

WHEREAS, the review and evaluation of these projects occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21* now indicates the project that is not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match; and

WHEREAS, all of the remaining projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and Manual 11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program*; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the FARR Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; and

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

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards
2019-2021**

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	76.67	18-2444D	Noise and Safety Improvements to Rifle and Pistol Building	Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$92,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
2	72.89	18-2315D	Walla Walla Gun Club Covered Pistol and Rimfire Rifle Range	Walla Walla Gun Club	\$150,000	\$330,440	\$480,440	\$196,000	\$150,000
3	72.22	18-2394D	Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000	\$286,000	\$90,000
4	64.33	18-2389D	Klickitat County Gun Range Phase 2 Upgrades	Klickitat County	\$150,000	\$350,000	\$500,000	\$436,000	Not Board ² Funded
5	60.44	18-2297D	KBH Archers Clubhouse and Field Course Upgrades	KBH Archers Incorporated	\$41,027	\$41,028	\$82,055	\$477,027	\$41,027
6	59.89	18-2541D	Skookum Archers Range Improvements	Skookum Archers	\$99,024	\$99,024	\$198,048	\$576,051	\$99,024
7	56.44	18-2353D	North Cascades Sportsman's Rifle and Pistol Range Restrooms	North Cascades Sportsman's Club	\$41,200	\$41,419	\$82,619	\$617,251	\$41,200
8	54.78	18-2300D	Lynden Shotgun Club Goes Wireless	Lynden Shotgun Club	\$22,850	\$22,850	\$45,700	\$640,101	\$22,850
9	54.33	18-2262D	Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Access	Tri-Cities Shooting Association	\$72,525	\$76,525	\$149,050	\$712,626	\$72,525
10	53.44	18-2561D	Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club Noise Safety Improvements	Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association	\$150,000	\$86,000	\$236,000	\$862,626	\$150,000
					\$862,626	\$1,183,286	\$2,045,912		\$712,626

¹Project Types: D=Development

²Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium
Land and Water Conservation Fund

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved the preliminary ranked lists of projects for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund in October 2018. The Legislature, as part of the state capital budget for the 2019-21 biennium, adopted a budget and approved spending authority for the program. Recreation and Conservation Office staff asks the board to (1) approve the final ranked lists of projects, and (2) delegate authority to the director to award grants to projects meeting statutory and policy requirements, contingent on Congressional approval of funds.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-23

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

Program Description

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal program that provides grants to states to preserve and develop quality outdoor recreation facilities for the public, including parks, trails, and conservation lands. The National Park Service (NPS) administers the program

Application Process

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) accepts LWCF grant applications during the even-numbered year of each biennium. In 2018, applicants submitted eighteen

proposals requesting more than \$7.6 million in grant funds. The LWCF advisory committee evaluated and ranked the projects using a process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would authorize funding for LWCF projects, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list via Resolution #2018-30 at their October 2018 meeting.

Certification of Match Required

State and local agency applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent or 1:1 match for a LWCF grant. Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 27, 2019 funding meeting.¹ Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. All LWCF applicants certified that their matching funds are available.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

Congress approves funding for the LWCF grant 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 received approximately \$5 million last biennium and expects to receive a similar amount or more for federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Because RCO accepts applications once each biennium, with board approval, RCO's director would use funds for two federal fiscal years for the projects shown in Table 1.

As of this writing, RCO is waiting on the apportionment certificate from NPS. Staff prepared applications for the top nine ranked applications and entered them into the federal database by April 30, 2019. The Secretary of Interior reviews all grants in excess of \$100,000 before NPS staff can approve the funding. Washington's portfolio of projects includes requests that range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. RCO expected fund approval in June, however, the federal "shut-down" earlier this year, has caused some unexpected delays. NPS has advised staff to anticipate approval of federal fiscal year 2019 grants by the end of September.

RCO staff plans to submit the highest-ranking alternates for funding in federal fiscal year 2020. Staff will update the board on the total federal funds provided for this ranked list.

¹Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends that the board approve the final ranked list of projects shown in Table 1. Also, staff recommends the board delegate authority to the RCO director to award grants, contingent on National Park Service review and Congressional approval of funds for the program.

Analysis

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 directly support board-adopted priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 (SCORP)*.

Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in October 2018. Additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends that the board approve the final ranked list of projects shown in Table 1, *Land and Water Conservation Fund, Final Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*. In addition, staff recommends the board delegate authority to the RCO director to award grants, contingent on National Park Service review and Congressional approval of funds for the program.

Next Steps

If the board approves the final ranked list, the RCO director would award grants following National Park Service review and Congressional approval of funds. The director would then execute agreements for projects that meet all state and federal post-approval requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-23, including Table 1 – *Land and Water Conservation Fund, Final Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. LWCF Ranked List Table

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-23
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Approval of the Final Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, eighteen grant proposals for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire and develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting policies in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the review, evaluation, and approval of these grant proposals occurred in an open public meeting as part of Washington State's open project selection process, 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, the projects in *Table 1 –Land and Water Conservation Fund, Final Ranked Lists of Projects, 2019-21* have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Financial Assistance Manual, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 15, Land and Water Conservation Fund*; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for its Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Land and Water Conservation Funds for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list of projects as depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Final Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020 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 project implementation upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Land and Water Conservation Fund
Final Ranked List of Projects
2019-2021**

Attachment B
Resolution: 2019-23

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	50.50	18-1781D	South Park Playground and Spray Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$2,884,756	\$3,384,756	\$500,000
2	49.13	18-1622A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,517,500	\$2,017,500	\$1,000,000
2	49.13	18-1657D	Warm Water Exercise Pool	William Shore Pool District	\$500,000	\$2,934,500	\$3,434,500	\$1,500,000
4	48.13	18-1834D	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$2,000,000
5	48.00	18-1819D	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$2,500,000
6	45.75	18-1379D	Downtown Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$3,000,000
6	45.75	18-1274D	Green Lake Community Boathouse	Seattle	\$500,000	\$995,000	\$1,495,000	\$3,500,000
8	45.13	18-1335D	Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	Mountlake Terrace	\$250,000	\$255,000	\$505,000	\$3,750,000
9	44.63	18-1250D	Lincoln Park Renovation	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$4,250,000
10	43.38	18-2024D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$4,350,000

**Table 1: Land and Water Conservation Fund
Final Ranked List of Projects
2019-2021**

Attachment B
Resolution: 2019-23

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
11	43.13	18-1581D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$4,850,000
11	43.13	18-2000D	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	Normandy Park	\$363,604	\$363,605	\$727,209	\$5,213,604
13	42.50	18-1212A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$298,000	\$298,000	\$596,000	\$5,511,604
14	41.63	18-1828D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$5,705,604
15	41.38	18-1481D	Mother Nature's Window Park	Marysville	\$500,000	\$870,591	\$1,370,591	\$6,205,604
16	41.25	18-1941D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$6,705,604
17	38.88	18-1505D	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$596,441	\$1,096,441	\$7,205,604
18	37.50	18-1957D	Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$7,658,304
					\$7,658,304	\$31,255,789	\$38,914,093	

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Legislature approved \$85 million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting approval of the final ranked list and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-24

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked list and grant awards for the projects shown in Table 1.

Background

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides grants to purchase, develop, renovate, restore, and protect farms, forests, habitats, parks, public access sites, and trails.

Application Process

Applicants submitted 273 WWRP grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in 2018, requesting more than \$196 million in grant funds. Early in the process, applicants withdrew or RCO staff terminated applications that missed critical deadlines, were ineligible, or were not ready to proceed. In the summer of 2018, seven WWRP advisory committees evaluated and ranked the remaining applications using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). Two applicants subsequently withdrew their acquisition projects. One withdrew because it

wanted to spend more time engaging the public in discussions about the proposed purchase. The other withdrew because another entity bought the targeted property.

In October 2018, the board approved preliminary ranked lists¹ for each WWRP category for submittal to the Governor by the November 1, 2018 deadline. The lists forwarded to the Governor included 259 projects requesting more than \$183 million. The Governor submitted the lists to the Legislature without changes.

Certification of Match Required

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the funding meeting.² Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. Most applicants have certified that their matching funds are available. However, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

WWRP Farmland Preservation Category

- Rank 11, WWRP Farmland Preservation – Skagit River Maple Farm ([18-2052A](#)). Skagit County did not certify match. The county acquired the farmland easement without WWRP funding assistance.
- Rank 14, WWRP Farmland Preservation – Bell Farm ([18-2051A](#)). Skagit County did not certify match. The county acquired the farmland easement without WWRP funding assistance.
- Rank 15, WWRP Farmland Preservation – Olson Family Farms ([18-2050A](#)). Skagit County did not certify match. The county acquired the farmland easement without WWRP funding assistance.
- Rank 16, WWRP Farmland Preservation – Nelson – Lewis Farm ([18-2049A](#)). Skagit County did not certify match. The county acquired the farmland easement without WWRP funding assistance.

WWRP Local Parks Category

- Rank 56, WWRP Local Parks – Ilwaco City Park Renovation Phase II ([18-1879D](#)): Ilwaco did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 72, WWRP Local Parks – Averill Field Development ([18-1955D](#)): Snohomish did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 81, WWRP Local Parks – “A” Street Sports Complex Phase 2 ([18-1361AD](#)). Pasco did not certify match because of its low ranking.

¹ Resolutions 2018-16 through 2018-27

² Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

- Rank 85, WWRP Local Parks – Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park ([18-2006D](#)): Peninsula Metropolitan Park District did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 86, WWRP Local Parks – Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial ([18-2013D](#)): Snohomish did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 88, WWRP Local Parks – Lobe Field 1 Improvements Phase 2 Synthetic Turf ([18-1224D](#)). Kitsap County did not certify match because of its low ranking.
- Rank 91, WWRP Local Parks – Frontier Heights Park Walking Paths and Parking ([18-1454D](#)): Lake Stevens did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

WWRP Trails Category

- Rank 20, WWRP Trails – Evergreenway Route North Bend Community Connection ([18-1604D](#)): The Department of Natural Resources did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 23, WWRP Trails – Port Townsend Loop Trail Construction ([18-1626D](#)): Port Townsend did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking
- Rank 24, WWRP Trails – Edmonds Waterfront Trail [18-1594D](#)): Edmonds did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 26, WWRP Trails – Sacajawea Heritage Trail Safety Upgrades ([18-1362D](#)): Pasco did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 31, WWRP Trails – Ocean Shores High Dune Trail ([18-1812D](#)): Ocean Shores did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 34, WWRP Trails – North Bend Tanner Trail Rails to Trails ([18-2029AD](#)): North Bend did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

WWRP Urban Wildlife

- Rank 11, WWRP Urban Wildlife – Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition ([18-1714A](#)): Whatcom Land Trust did not certify match because of its low ranking.

These eighteen applications are no longer eligible for funding consideration and are shown as “Not Funded” on the final ranked lists in Table 1.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

The Legislature passed the 2019-21 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$85 million for WWRP. Funding comes from the sale of general

obligation bonds. Statutorily, the funds are divided into three accounts that are comprised of twelve categories.

The Legislature also approved lists of projects recommended for either funding or alternate status. The projects are in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-5H. The Legislature removed 50 low ranking projects, thus reducing the number of alternates in five categories. Staff has listed those projects as “not funded” on the final ranked list. In addition, a budget proviso delays funding for a State Parks Category project, the Palouse to Cascades Connecting Malden and Rosalia project ([18-1840D](#)), until July 1, 2020, following a mediation process. Attachment B includes the funding formula and a summary of the funds available for each category. At the \$85 million funding level, ninety-nine projects will be fully funded and seventeen projects will receive partial funding.

Analysis

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board’s goal to protect, preserve, develop, restore, and enhance habitat and outdoor 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 written testimony and public comment about these projects in October 2018. Additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends approval of the ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1 for each WWRP category.

Next Steps

If the board approves the lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-24, including Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium
- B. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funding Formula
- C. WWRP Ranked List Tables (all)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-24
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-5H; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Farm and Forest Account protect important agricultural and timber lands through perpetual conservation easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goals to provide partners with funding to protect and enhance working farm and forest lands and to maximize the useful life of Board-funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) acquire lands for protection, management, and public enjoyment of wildlife species, (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) preserve riparian corridors that provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species, thereby supporting the board's strategic goal to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance habitats that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect game, non-game, and listed species, and maintain fully function ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for outdoor recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation and approval of these projects occurred 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21* 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 remaining projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and the board’s program policies; and

WHEREAS, funding these projects would further the board’s goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-21 Capital Budget includes \$85 million for WWRP; and

WHEREAS, RCW 79A.15.030 (8) authorizes RCO to retain a portion of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding board hereby approves the final ranked list of WWRP projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-5H and reflected in Table 1 – *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a portion of the WWRP appropriation be subtracted from the appropriation, to be used for administration of the program, and the remaining funds be distributed to the twelve WWRP funding categories according to statutory requirements and board policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the funding amounts shown in Table 1 – *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium*, and 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:

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funding Formula

<p>45%</p> <p>Habitat Conservation Account</p> 	<p>45%</p> <p>Outdoor Recreation Account</p> 	<p>10%</p> <p>Farm and Forest Account</p> 
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Categories		
<p>35% Critical Habitat</p> <p>25% Natural Areas</p> <p>15% Riparian Protection</p> <p>10%* State Lands Restoration and Enhancement</p> <p>15% Urban Wildlife Habitat</p> <p>*or \$3 million, whichever is less</p>	<p>30% Local Parks <i>40%-50% must be acquisition</i></p> <p>10%* State Lands Development and Renovation</p> <p>30% State Parks <i>40%-50% must be acquisition</i></p> <p>20% Trails</p> <p>10% Water Access <i>75% must be acquisition</i></p> <p>*or \$3 million, whichever is less</p>	<p>90% Farmland Preservation</p> <p>10% Forestland Preservation</p>

Distribution of \$85 Million: Less RCO Administration

Account and Category	Percent to Account	Percent to Category	Amount Per Category
Habitat Conservation Account	45 Percent		
• Critical Habitat		35%	\$12,846,645
• Natural Areas		25%	\$9,176,175
• Riparian Protection		15%	\$6,176,175
• State Lands Restoration		10%	\$3,000,000
• Urban Wildlife Habitat		15%	\$5,505,705
Outdoor Recreation Account	45 Percent		
• Local Parks		30%	\$11,011,410
• State Lands Development		10%	\$3,000,000
• State Parks		30%	\$11,011,410
• Trails		20%	\$7,340,940
• Water Access		10%	\$4,340,940
Farm and Forest Account	10 Percent		
• Farmland Preservation		90%	\$7,340,940
• Forestland Preservation		10%	\$815,660

**Table 1: Critical Habitat Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Attachment C
Resolution: 2019-24

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	44.29	18-1334A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	41.14	18-1452A	Spiva Butte Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$341,900	\$344,900	\$686,800	\$4,341,900	\$341,900
3	38.86	18-1277A	Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon Phase 3	Columbia Land Trust	\$3,000,000	\$4,232,900	\$7,232,900	\$7,341,900	\$3,000,000
4	38.14	18-1358A	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,100,000		\$1,100,000	\$8,441,900	\$1,100,000
5	37.86	18-1371C	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$977,426	\$2,061,331	\$3,038,757	\$9,419,326	\$977,426
6	36.57	18-1333A	South Sound Prairies	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$12,419,326	\$3,000,000
7	32.71	18-1791A	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	Methow Conservancy	\$2,056,622	\$2,056,622	\$4,113,244	\$14,475,948	\$427,319 ²
8	32.29	18-1336A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,235,000		\$4,235,000	\$18,710,948	Alternate
9	29.14	18-1340A	Goat Mountain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$155,000		\$155,000	\$18,865,948	Alternate
10	28.43	18-1357A	Hoffstadt Hills	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$21,865,948	Alternate
					\$21,865,948	\$8,695,753	\$30,561,701		\$12,846,645

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition C=Combination

²Partial funding

**Table 1: Farmland Preservation Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Attachment C
Resolution: 2019-24

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	50.56	18-1420A	French Slough Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$952,400	\$2,175,600	\$3,128,000	\$952,400	\$952,400
2	48.89	18-1421A	Rengen Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$1,054,000	\$1,479,400	\$527,000
3	48.56	18-1376A	Mountain View Dairy	PCC Farmland Trust	\$778,711	\$793,289	\$1,572,000	\$2,258,111	\$778,711
4	47.33	18-2060A	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$175,000	\$191,300	\$366,300	\$2,433,111	\$175,000
5	46.44	18-1944A	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	North Olympic Land Trust	\$559,771	\$559,772	\$1,119,543	\$2,992,882	\$559,771
6	45.67	18-2015A	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$100,000	\$117,800	\$217,800	\$3,092,882	\$100,000
7	45.56	18-1503A	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$3,242,882	\$150,000
8	43.56	18-1632A	Eagleson Farmland Easement	Blue Mountain Land Trust	\$284,500	\$284,500	\$569,000	\$3,527,382	\$284,500
9	43.22	18-1418A	Getchell Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$111,200	\$111,200	\$222,400	\$3,638,582	\$111,200
10	41.78	18-1625A	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$75,000	\$92,800	\$167,800	\$3,713,582	\$75,000
11	39.56	18-2052A	Skagit River Maple Farm	Skagit County	\$69,125	\$69,125	\$138,250	\$3,782,707	Not Funded ²
12	38.22	18-1705A	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	Okanogan Land Trust	\$729,363	\$729,364	\$1,458,727	\$4,512,070	\$729,363
13	38.11	18-1861A	Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$215,775	\$215,775	\$431,550	\$4,727,845	\$215,775
14	37.33	18-2051A	Bell Farm	Skagit County	\$222,875	\$222,875	\$445,750	\$4,950,720	Not Funded ²
15	37.17	18-2050A	Olson Family Farms	Skagit County	\$60,375	\$60,375	\$120,750	\$5,011,095	Not Funded ²
16	35.44	18-2049A	Nelson Lewis Farm	Skagit County	\$57,875	\$57,875	\$115,750	\$5,068,970	Not Funded ²
					\$5,068,970	\$6,708,650	\$11,777,620		\$4,658,720

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
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²Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Table 1: Forestland Preservation Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	N/A	18-1886A	Busy Wild Creek Forestland Preservation	Nisqually Land Trust	\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400	\$350,000	\$350,000
					\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400		\$350,000

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	71.07	18-1952D	Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park	Wilkeson	\$30,024	\$20,017	\$50,041	\$30,024
2	67.71	18-1320D	South Lynnwood Park Renovation	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$530,024
3	67.43	18-1630D	Bidwell Park Phase 3 Development	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$871,000	\$1,371,000	\$1,030,024
4	65.93	18-1245D	Lincoln Park Revitalization	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$1,530,024
5	65.71	18-1923D	Fort Steilacoom Park Trail Access Upgrades	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$571,312	\$1,071,312	\$2,030,024
6	64.29	18-1370D	Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$2,530,024
7	64.07	18-1609D	Natural Scenic Recreation Area Trailhead and Park	Skagit County	\$298,338	\$306,338	\$604,676	\$2,828,362
8	63.71	18-1528D	Lions Park Sprayground	Olympia	\$500,000	\$1,095,500	\$1,595,500	\$3,328,362
9	63.43	18-1649D	Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$500,000	\$498,000	\$998,000	\$3,828,362
10	63.21	18-1284D	Gateway Park Phase 3 Splash Pad	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$497,800	\$497,800	\$995,600	\$4,326,162
11	62.93	18-1736D	Chehalis Recreation Park Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$4,826,162
12	62.86	18-1251A	Little Baseball Association Woods Boulevard Road	Olympia	\$1,000,000	\$4,684,834	\$5,684,834	\$5,826,162
13	62.57	18-1247C	Kenzie's Landing	Wenatchee	\$1,000,000	\$1,469,700	\$2,469,700	\$6,826,162
14	62.14	18-1582D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$7,326,162
15	61.57	18-1419D	Electric City Ice Age Park	Electric City	\$257,649	\$257,650	\$515,299	\$7,583,811
16	61.43	18-1666D	Hesse Recreation Park Phase 1	Ferry County	\$108,900	\$12,100	\$121,000	\$7,692,711
17	60.71	18-1668D	Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$461,150	\$461,150	\$922,300	\$8,153,861
18	59.86	18-1679A	George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$235,415	\$238,077	\$473,492	\$8,389,276
19	59.57	18-1586D	Smokiam Park Basketball Court Improvements	Soap Lake	\$211,445	\$23,494	\$234,939	\$8,600,721
20	59.14	18-1697D	Evergreen Playfield Number 1 Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$500,000	\$1,087,000	\$1,587,000	\$9,100,721
20	59.14	18-1745D	Centennial Fields All Inclusive Playground	Snoqualmie	\$497,000	\$497,500	\$994,500	\$9,597,721
22	58.00	18-1687D	North Image Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,958,303	\$2,458,303	\$10,097,721
22	58.00	18-2030D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$3,795,000	\$4,295,000	\$10,597,721

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24	57.71	18-1938D	Nespelem Community Park	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$379,677	\$42,187	\$421,864	\$10,977,398	Alternate
25	57.64	18-1773D	Tenino City Park Core	Tenino	\$297,966	\$198,644	\$496,610	\$11,275,364	Alternate
26	57.57	18-1958D	Keller Community Park Redevelopment	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$500,000	\$87,920	\$587,920	\$11,775,364	Alternate
27	57.29	18-1680D	Skamania Courthouse Plaza Revitalization	Skamania County	\$500,000	\$222,800	\$722,800	\$12,275,364	Alternate
27	57.29	18-1637D	Everson City Park Improvements	Everson	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$12,575,364	Alternate
29	57.07	18-1474D	Little Mountain Skills Park and Trails Facility	Mount Vernon	\$500,000	\$534,900	\$1,034,900	\$13,075,364	Alternate
30	56.93	18-1934D	Lions Park Renovation	College Place	\$500,000	\$805,926	\$1,305,926	\$13,575,364	Alternate
31	56.57	18-1555D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Phase 2	Airway Heights	\$500,000	\$552,783	\$1,052,783	\$14,075,364	Alternate
32	56.43	18-1270D	George Schmid Memorial Ballpark Improvements	Washougal	\$500,000	\$1,761,042	\$2,261,042	\$14,575,364	Alternate
32	56.43	18-1785D	North Rainier Landbanked Site Park Development	Seattle	\$500,000	\$586,060	\$1,086,060	\$15,075,364	Alternate
34	56.14	18-1715D	Rainier View Park Covered Court	Sumner	\$500,000	\$380,000	\$880,000	\$15,575,364	Alternate
35	55.21	18-1869D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$15,769,364	Alternate
36	54.93	18-1904D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$15,869,364	Alternate
37	54.86	18-1592D	Glacier View Neighborhood Park	Everett	\$500,000	\$1,517,044	\$2,017,044	\$16,369,364	Alternate
38	53.29	18-1306D	Memorial Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$500,000	\$342,123	\$842,123	\$16,869,364	Alternate
39	54.36	18-1787D	Metalworks Skate Park	Ferndale	\$450,980	\$68,480	\$519,460	\$17,320,344	Alternate
40	54.29	18-1260D	Stan and Joan Cross Park Phase 1	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$1,116,736	\$1,616,736	\$17,820,344	Alternate
41	54.00	18-1459D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$500,000	\$2,005,000	\$2,505,000	\$18,320,344	Alternate
41	54.00	18-1701D	Tennant Trailhead Park Phase 1 Development	King County	\$400,000	\$412,000	\$812,000	\$18,720,344	Alternate
43	53.50	18-2055D	Horseshoe Lake Americans with Disabilities Act	Woodland	\$378,747	\$378,748	\$757,495	\$19,099,091	Alternate

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44	53.21	18-1207A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$315,325	\$315,325	\$630,650	\$19,414,416	\$315,325
45	53.14	18-1740D	Foss Central Park	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$2,109,450	\$2,609,450	\$19,914,416	Alternate
46	52.14	18-1859D	Lake Burien School Memorial Park Design and	Burien	\$500,000	\$1,083,953	\$1,583,953	\$20,414,416	Alternate
47	52.00	18-1855A	Winthrop Open Space Park Acquisition	Winthrop	\$488,000	\$326,900	\$814,900	\$20,902,416	\$488,000
48	51.71	18-1513D	Dungeness Recreation Area Enhancement	Clallam County	\$500,000	\$670,000	\$1,170,000	\$21,402,416	Alternate
48	51.71	18-1953D	South Kitsap Regional Park Phase 1D Expansion	Kitsap County	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$21,602,416	Alternate
50	51.43	18-1429D	Chewelah Spray Park	Chewelah	\$495,000	\$55,000	\$550,000	\$22,097,416	Alternate
51	51.36	18-1208D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$22,550,116	Alternate
52	50.43	18-1297D	Allan Yorke Park East Ballfield with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$500,000	\$2,845,504	\$3,345,504	\$23,050,116	Alternate
52	50.43	18-1798D	Lummi Nation Community Park Phase 1	Lummi Nation	\$500,000	\$1,782,195	\$2,282,195	\$23,550,116	Alternate
54	50.36	18-1889D	North Alder Street Park Splash Pad	Ellensburg	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$245,000	\$23,670,116	Alternate
54	50.36	18-1455D	Splash Pad at Municipal Swimming Pool	Grandview	\$139,600	\$60,000	\$199,600	\$23,809,716	Alternate
56	50.14	18-1279D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$24,309,716	Alternate
56	50.14	18-1879D	Ilwaco City Park Renovation Phase 2	Ilwaco	\$364,715	\$120,312	\$485,027	\$24,674,431	Alternate ³
56	50.14	18-1882D	Battle Point Park KidsUp Playground	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$500,000	\$505,500	\$1,005,500	\$25,174,431	Alternate
59	50.07	18-1263D	Lions Park Splash Pad	Othello	\$490,403	\$61,156	\$551,559	\$25,664,834	Alternate
60	49.93	18-1422C	Rotary Morrow Community Park	Poulsbo	\$400,000	\$333,570	\$733,570	\$26,064,834	\$12,960 ²
61	49.57	18-1990D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$26,564,834	Alternate
62	49.43	18-1275A	Benton City Sports Complex Acquisition	Benton City	\$582,000	\$388,674	\$970,674	\$27,146,834	\$582,000
63	48.86	18-2164A	Washougal Schmid Property Acquisition	Washougal	\$304,744	\$304,745	\$609,489	\$27,451,578	\$304,744

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64	48.79	18-1722D	Whitehorse Park Restroom and Shower Building	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$470,500	\$820,500	\$27,801,578	Alternate
65	48.64	18-1756C	Riverview Park Acquisition and Development	Snoqualmie	\$516,000	\$950,467	\$1,466,467	\$28,317,578	\$292,593 ²
66	48.43	18-1754A	Sakai Park	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$1,000,000	\$3,496,281	\$4,496,281	\$29,317,578	\$399,807
66	48.43	18-1612A	Van Gasken Sound View Park	Des Moines	\$684,632	\$696,287	\$1,380,919	\$30,002,210	\$273,720 ²
68	48.29	18-1322D	Heritage Park Phase 4 Renovation	Stanwood	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$700,000	\$30,502,210	Alternate
69	48.07	18-1538D	Toppenish Pioneer Park Improvement	Toppenish	\$396,200	\$99,051	\$495,251	\$30,898,410	Alternate
70	47.86	18-1962C	Five Acre Woods Park	Lake Forest Park	\$732,875	\$802,904	\$1,535,779	\$31,631,285	Alternate
71	47.50	18-1992D	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$1,066,000	\$1,566,000	\$32,131,285	Not Funded ⁴
72	47.29	18-1955D	Averill Field Development	Snohomish	\$418,237	\$278,825	\$697,062	\$32,549,522	Not Funded ^{3,4}
73	46.86	18-1458D	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Phase 1	Mukilteo	\$486,000	\$487,000	\$973,000	\$33,035,522	Not Funded ⁴
74	46.64	18-1331A	New Community Park Road 48 and Court Acquisition	Pasco	\$292,865	\$292,865	\$585,730	\$33,328,387	Not Funded ⁴
75	46.50	18-1553D	Carrie Blake Playground Redevelopment	Sequim	\$273,393	\$120,000	\$393,393	\$33,601,780	Not Funded ⁴
76	46.43	18-1262C	Frontier Park Acquisition and Trail Development	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$510,429	\$1,010,429	\$34,101,780	Not Funded ⁴
77	46.07	18-1764C	Sweetwater Creek Protection and Restoration	Port of Allyn	\$520,333	\$534,259	\$1,054,592	\$34,622,113	Not Funded ⁴
78	45.86	18-1591D	Maple Falls Park Trailhead	Whatcom County	\$378,099	\$309,354	\$687,453	\$35,000,212	Not Funded ⁴
79	44.93	18-1956A	Barnum Point County Park Expansion	Island County	\$575,000	\$607,475	\$1,182,475	\$35,575,212	Not Funded ⁴
80	44.86	18-1644D	Curtin Creek Community Park Phase 1 Development	Clark County	\$500,000	\$5,659,001	\$6,159,001	\$36,075,212	Not Funded ⁴
81	44.29	18-1361C	A Street Sports Complex Phase 2	Pasco	\$535,000	\$203,029	\$738,029	\$36,610,212	Not Funded ^{3,4}
82	43.93	18-2001D	South Whidbey Fairgrounds Campground	Port of South Whidbey	\$168,000	\$180,000	\$348,000	\$36,778,212	Not Funded ⁴
83	43.64	18-1858A	Lewis River Ranch	Clark County	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$37,778,212	Not Funded ⁴
84	43.57	18-1735D	Eagle Ridge Park Nature Themed Playground	Lake Stevens	\$135,234	\$135,234	\$270,468	\$37,913,446	Not Funded ⁴
85	42.93	18-2006D	Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$500,000	\$1,077,500	\$1,577,500	\$38,413,446	Not Funded ^{3,4}

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86	40.14	18-2013D	Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial	Snohomish	\$266,431	\$266,430	\$532,861	\$38,679,877	Not Funded ^{3,4}
87	39.50	18-1977D	Island Lake East Playground	Kitsap County	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$38,754,877	Not Funded ⁴
88	38.86	18-1224D	Lobe Field 1 Improvements Phase 2 Synthetic Turf	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$1,458,484	\$1,958,484	\$39,254,877	Not Funded ^{3,4}
89	37.50	18-1974D	Long Lake Park Improvements	Kitsap County	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$39,379,877	Not Funded ⁴
90	34.93	18-1696D	Carousel Ranch Community Park Development	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$1,525,001	\$2,025,001	\$39,879,877	Not Funded ⁴
91	33.71	18-1454D	Frontier Heights Park Walking Paths and Parking	Lake Stevens	\$126,148	\$126,149	\$252,297	\$40,006,025	Not Funded ^{3,4}
					\$40,006,025	\$85,063,624	\$125,069,649		\$11,011,410

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

²Partial funding

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

⁴No legislative authority for funding.

**Table 1: Natural Areas Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	43.63	18-1520A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,418,639		\$3,418,639	\$3,418,639	\$3,418,639
2	42.75	18-1526A	Steptoe Butte Proposed Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,238,510		\$1,238,510	\$4,657,149	\$1,238,510
3	41.25	18-1523A	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,681,010		\$2,681,010	\$7,338,159	\$2,681,010
4	38.63	18-1519A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,259,317		\$1,259,317	\$8,597,476	\$1,259,317
5	37.38	18-1517A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,017,883		\$3,017,883	\$11,615,359	\$578,699 ²
6	35.75	18-1522A	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,358,437		\$3,358,437	\$14,973,796	Alternate
7	34.75	18-1423A	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	Forterra	\$1,343,375	\$1,551,500	\$2,894,875	\$16,317,171	Alternate
					\$16,317,171	\$1,551,500	\$17,868,671		\$9,176,175

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

²Partial Funding

**Table 1: Riparian Protection Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	102.90	18-1249A	Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,487,600	\$1,487,600	\$2,975,200	\$1,487,600	\$1,487,600
2	98.00	18-1521A	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$767,739		\$767,739	\$2,255,339	\$767,739
3	95.80	18-1654A	Skookum Valley Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,755,339	\$500,000
4	95.70	18-1343A	Grayland Property	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$4,255,339	\$1,500,000
5	93.20	18-1899C	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited Vancouver	\$473,000	\$475,203	\$948,203	\$4,728,339	\$473,000
6	92.30	18-1373A	Skookum Creek Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$864,260	\$1,098,000	\$1,962,260	\$5,592,599	\$864,260
8	86.90	18-1529A	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$1,572,330	\$1,847,550	\$3,419,880	\$7,164,929	\$583,576 ²
9	86.10	18-1918A	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	Forterra	\$856,187	\$856,188	\$1,712,375	\$8,021,116	Alternate
10	85.80	18-1327A	Raging River Natural Area	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$850,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,800,000	\$8,871,116	Alternate
11	85.40	18-1868A	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	North Olympic Land Trust	\$107,233	\$262,536	\$369,769	\$8,978,349	Alternate

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12	84.30	18-1911C	Clallam Bay Acquisition	North Olympic Land Trust	\$38,770	\$94,920	\$133,690	\$9,017,119	Alternate
13	80.50	18-1329A	Chehalis Floodplain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$9,217,119	Not Funded ³
14	80.40	18-1478A	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000	\$9,477,119	Not Funded ³
15	75.20	18-1448A	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	Sammamish	\$581,325	\$591,325	\$1,172,650	\$10,058,444	Not Funded ³
					\$10,058,444	\$10,423,322	\$20,481,766		\$6,176,175

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

²Partial funding

³No legislative authority for funding.

**Table 1: State Lands Development and Renovation Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	58.00	18-1446D	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$640,000	\$320,000	\$320,000
2	57.50	18-1949D	McKenny Camp and Trailhead Renovation and Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$146,300	\$8,500	\$154,800	\$466,300	\$146,300
3	56.20	18-1860D	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Boulder-Greider Bridges	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$286,315	\$25,150	\$311,465	\$752,615	\$286,315
4	55.30	18-1733D	Tiger Mountain State Forest View Shelter and Trail Connections	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$325,000	\$206,500	\$531,500	\$1,077,615	\$325,000
5	55.00	18-1447D	Green Mountain State Forest Phase 1 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$140,000	\$460,000	\$1,397,615	\$320,000
6	54.40	18-1614D	Morning Star Sustainable Backcountry Toilets	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$216,000	\$20,150	\$236,150	\$1,613,615	\$216,000
7	53.90	18-1951D	Ebey Island Recreation Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$232,000		\$232,000	\$1,845,615	\$232,000
8	53.40	18-1457D	Nisqually River Water Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$290,000		\$290,000	\$2,135,615	\$290,000
9	52.30	18-1610D	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$310,000		\$310,000	\$2,445,615	\$310,000
10	52.20	18-1181D	Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$260,000		\$260,000	\$2,705,615	\$260,000
11	51.90	18-1724D	Blue Lake (Wannacut) Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$223,000		\$223,000	\$2,928,615	\$223,000

**Table 1: State Lands Development and Renovation Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends	
12	49.80	18-1603D	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$62,760		\$62,760	\$2,991,375	\$62,760
13	49.60	18-1965D	Roses Lake Access Redevelopment Phase 2	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$3,316,375	\$8,625 ²
14	47.00	18-2058D	Liberty Lake Public Access Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$89,000		\$89,000	\$3,405,375	Alternate
15	46.50	18-2045D	Little Spokane River Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$178,000		\$178,000	\$3,583,375	Alternate
16	46.20	18-1727D	Buzzard Lake Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$183,000		\$183,000	\$3,766,375	Alternate
17	46.00	18-1712D	Beebe Springs Facilities Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$3,966,375	Alternate
18	44.50	18-2224D	Pond 1, 2, 3, and 6 Toilet Replacement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$251,000		\$251,000	\$4,217,375	Alternate
19	43.40	18-2048D	Oak Creek Elk Viewing Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$196,490		\$196,490	\$4,413,865	Not Funded ³
20	42.60	18-1831D	Pond 4 and 5 Fishing Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$320,000		\$320,000	\$4,733,865	Not Funded ³
					\$4,733,865	\$720,300	\$5,454,165		\$3,000,000

¹Project Type: D=Development

²Partial funding

³No legislative authority for funding.

**Table 1: State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	48.67	18-1862R	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve Prairie and Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$160,000		\$160,000	\$160,000
2	47.78	18-1894R	Camas Meadows Forest and Rare Plant Restoration 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$117,500		\$277,500	\$117,500
2	47.78	18-1777R	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$434,375		\$711,875	\$434,375
4	47.22	18-1893R	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$121,000		\$832,875	\$121,000
5	45.56	18-1664R	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$106,300		\$939,175	\$106,300
6	44.89	18-1669R	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$91,300		\$1,030,475	\$91,300
7	44.11	18-1221R	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$170,000	\$28,000	\$1,200,475	\$170,000
8	43.89	18-1900R	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$212,490		\$1,412,965	\$212,490
9	43.56	18-1903R	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$93,172		\$1,506,137	\$93,172
10	42.11	18-1774R	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,161		\$1,802,298	\$296,161
10	42.11	18-1847R	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$92,400		\$1,894,698	\$92,400
12	42.00	18-1937R	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$460,000		\$2,354,698	\$460,000

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13	41.67	18-1979R	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,500	\$90,500	\$298,000	\$2,562,198	\$207,500
14	41.33	18-1987R	Ragged Ridge Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$207,033		\$207,033	\$2,769,231	\$207,033
15	41.22	18-1830R	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$647,950		\$647,950	\$3,417,181	\$230,769 ²
16	40.44	18-1924R	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$129,150		\$129,150	\$3,546,331	Alternate
17	40.00	18-1999R	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$294,300		\$294,300	\$3,840,631	Alternate
18	38.22	18-1980R	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$229,282		\$229,282	\$4,069,913	Alternate
19	38.11	18-1753R	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$407,000		\$407,000	\$4,476,913	Alternate
20	35.00	18-1721R	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000		\$60,000	\$4,536,913	Alternate
21	34.44	18-1723R	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$116,000		\$116,000	\$4,652,913	Not Funded ³
22	32.78	18-1793R	Mount Saint Helens Riparian Restoration and Stabilization	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$5,152,913	Not Funded ³
					\$5,152,913	\$118,500	\$5,271,413		\$3,000,000

¹Project Type: R=Restoration

²Partial funding

³No legislative authority for funding.

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	76.40	18-1839A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	75.43	18-1480A	Moran State Park Wilcox Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,226,800	\$409,600	\$1,636,400	\$2,226,800	\$1,226,800
3	74.17	18-1510D	Dosewallips River Campsite Relocation	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,513,892	\$225,000	\$1,738,892	\$3,740,692	\$1,513,892
4	73.03	18-1840D	Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden and Rosalia	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,741,699	\$80,000	\$1,821,699	\$5,482,391	\$1,741,699 ²
5	72.17	18-1844D	Kopachuck Beach Area Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,236,000		\$1,236,000	\$6,718,391	\$1,236,000
6	72.03	18-1843D	Palouse to Cascade Tekoa Trestle Deck and Rails	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,633,119	\$83,775	\$1,716,894	\$8,351,510	\$1,014,114 ³
7	71.00	18-1760D	Willapa Hills Trail Development 6 Miles Raymond to Menlo	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,994,000		\$1,994,000	\$10,345,510	Alternate
8	68.17	18-1845D	North Head Lighthouse Access Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$429,440	\$10,600	\$440,040	\$10,774,950	Alternate
9	65.40	18-1703A	Spring Bay Property Obstruction Pass State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,899,475	\$500	\$1,899,975	\$12,674,425	\$1,899,475
10	59.53	18-1942A	Mount Spokane Day Mountain Inholding	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$698,705		\$698,705	\$13,373,130	\$698,705

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11	59.07	18-1890A	Flaming Geyser Nelson Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$914,000		\$914,000	\$14,287,130	\$680,725 ³
12	59.00	18-1891A	Green River Gorge Butt Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$873,000		\$873,000	\$15,160,130	Alternate
13	58.50	18-1842A	Miller Peninsula Jones Trust Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,041,898	\$1,000	\$1,042,898	\$16,202,028	Alternate
14	58.40	18-1704A	Youngren Property Moran State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$474,000	\$500	\$474,500	\$16,676,028	Alternate
15	57.47	18-2038D	Lake Wenatchee Pedestrian Bridge	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$3,092,000		\$3,092,000	\$19,768,028	Alternate
16	56.43	18-1892C	Haley Property Initial Park Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$1,517,055		\$1,517,055	\$21,285,083	Alternate
17	54.73	18-1841A	Willapa Hills Trail Marwood Farms	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$744,102		\$744,102	\$22,029,185	Alternate
18	53.50	18-2037A	Joemma Beach Camp Taylor Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation	\$710,000		\$710,000	\$22,739,185	Not Funded ⁴
					\$22,739,185	\$810,975	\$23,550,160		\$11,011,410

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

²Authority for funding delayed until July 1, 2020.

³Partial funding

⁴Applicant withdrew project proposal.

**Table 1: Trails Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	72.46	18-1959D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 5	Ferry County	\$376,000	\$45,000	\$421,000	\$376,000	\$376,000
2	71.63	18-1558D	Spruce Railroad Trail Final Phase	Clallam County	\$1,999,950	\$2,185,050	\$4,185,000	\$2,375,950	\$1,999,950
3	65.79	18-1267D	Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Development	Pierce County	\$709,000	\$709,000	\$1,418,000	\$3,084,950	\$709,000
4	64.83	18-1319D	Olympic Discovery Trail Hill Street Segment	Port Angeles	\$1,421,700	\$609,300	\$2,031,000	\$4,506,650	\$1,421,700
5	63.04	18-1355D	Non-motorized Bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing	Bothell	\$1,080,300	\$1,278,000	\$2,358,300	\$5,586,950	\$1,080,300
5	63.04	18-1960D	Don Kardong Bridge Rehabilitation	Spokane	\$726,000	\$726,000	\$1,452,000	\$6,312,950	\$726,000
5	63.04	18-1691D	Lake to Sound Trail Segment C Gap Development	King County	\$600,000	\$1,062,901	\$1,662,901	\$6,912,950	\$600,000
8	62.04	18-1243D	Grass Lake Nature Park Trail Construction	Olympia	\$1,190,000	\$1,645,000	\$2,835,000	\$8,102,950	\$427,990 ²
9	61.88	18-1749D	CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park	Newcastle	\$480,775	\$480,775	\$961,550	\$8,583,725	Alternate
10	61.04	18-2059D	Palouse to Cascade Ellensburg to Renslow Surfacing	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,609,680	\$150,000	\$1,759,680	\$10,193,405	Alternate
11	59.79	18-1304A	Little Badger Mountain Missing Link Public Ridge Trail	Richland	\$2,350,000	\$2,423,300	\$4,773,300	\$12,543,405	Alternate
12	59.42	18-1475D	Redmond Central Connector Phase 3	Redmond	\$700,000	\$3,914,000	\$4,614,000	\$13,243,405	Alternate
13	59.17	18-1699A	Riverwalk Trail Phase 5 Acquisition	Puyallup	\$223,020	\$223,020	\$446,040	\$13,466,425	Not Funded ³
14	59.13	18-1305D	Glover Park Trail	Spokane	\$1,328,446	\$1,328,446	\$2,656,892	\$14,794,871	Not Funded ³
15	58.88	18-1667C	Winthrop RiverWalk Phase 2	Winthrop	\$545,000	\$366,000	\$911,000	\$15,339,871	Not Funded ³

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
16	58.63	18-1261D	Foothills National Recreation Trail Trailheads Development	Pierce County	\$1,161,428	\$1,161,429	\$2,322,857	\$16,501,299	Not Funded ³
17	58.58	18-1846D	Yakima River Greenway Trail Expansion	Yakima County	\$698,000	\$315,000	\$1,013,000	\$17,199,299	Not Funded ³
18	58.13	18-2036D	Willapa Hills Trails Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$635,120	\$10,000	\$645,120	\$17,834,419	Not Funded ³
19	58.04	18-1946D	Whitehorse Trail Repair and Resurface	Snohomish County	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	\$18,884,419	Not Funded ³
20	57.63	18-1604D	Evergreenway Route North Bend Community Connection	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,985,700	\$850,000	\$2,835,700	\$20,870,119	Not Funded ³
21	56.63	18-1989C	Brezee Creek Trail Extensions	La Center	\$310,314	\$322,325	\$632,639	\$21,180,433	Not Funded ³
22	56.17	18-2035D	Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead and Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$741,243	\$1,241,243	\$21,680,433	Not Funded ³
23	55.29	18-1626D	Port Townsend Loop Trail Construction	Port Townsend	\$131,182	\$56,221	\$187,403	\$21,811,615	Not Funded ³
24	54.71	18-1594D	Edmonds Waterfront Trail	Edmonds	\$750,000	\$844,543	\$1,594,543	\$22,561,615	Not Funded ³
25	53.46	18-1915D	Pipeline Trail Connections	Metropolitan Parks District of Tacoma	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$23,561,615	Not Funded ³
26	52.96	18-1362D	Sacajawea Heritage Trail Safety Upgrades	Pasco	\$203,500	\$250,000	\$453,500	\$23,765,115	Not Funded ³
27	52.79	18-2034D	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$138,693	\$143,841	\$282,534	\$23,903,808	Not Funded ³
28	52.50	18-1435D	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Missing Link	Lynden	\$853,548	\$569,032	\$1,422,580	\$24,757,356	Not Funded ³
29	52.13	18-1930D	Cle Elum Hanson Ponds Trail	Cle Elum	\$304,500	\$130,500	\$435,000	\$25,061,856	Not Funded ³

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30	51.88	18-1302D	Yakima Greenway Extension Yakima River Pedestrian Bridge	Yakima County	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$4,600,000	\$27,361,856	Not Funded ³
31	51.00	18-1812D	Ocean Shores High Dune Trail	Ocean Shores	\$868,736	\$372,316	\$1,241,052	\$28,230,592	Not Funded ³
32	49.38	18-1928D	Columbia Plateau Trail Martin Road to Lamont	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,133,000	\$80,000	\$1,213,000	\$29,363,592	Not Funded ³
33	45.63	18-1613D	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection	Ellensburg	\$300,000	\$270,000	\$570,000	\$29,663,592	Not Funded ³
34	43.33	18-2029C	North Bend Tanner Trail Rails to Trails	North Bend	\$372,644	\$399,097	\$771,741	\$30,036,236	Not Funded ³
					\$30,036,236	\$28,011,339	\$58,047,575		\$7,340,940

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²Partial funding

³No legislative authority for funding.

**Table 1: Urban Wildlife Habitat Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	66.86	18-1524A	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$4,768,585		\$4,768,585	\$4,768,585	\$2,648,563 ²
2	60.00	18-1525A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,831,729		\$1,831,729	\$6,600,314	Alternate
3	58.86	18-1308A	Mica Peak North Acquisition	Spokane County	\$1,210,442	\$1,310,242	\$2,520,684	\$7,810,756	\$1,210,442
4	56.71	18-1608A	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$843,000	\$843,000	\$1,686,000	\$8,653,756	\$843,000
5	56.57	18-1282A	The Wild Heart of Spokane	Dishman Hills Conservancy	\$803,700	\$803,700	\$1,607,400	\$9,457,456	\$803,700 ²
6	56.00	18-1662A	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$2,448,994	\$2,449,000	\$4,897,994	\$11,906,450	Alternate
7	52.29	18-1698A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,565,000	\$2,065,000	\$12,406,450	Alternate
8	50.86	18-1961A	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition	Kitsap County	\$595,000	\$851,700	\$1,446,700	\$13,001,450	Alternate
9	50.14	18-1931A	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$1,737,310	\$1,737,310	\$3,474,620	\$14,738,760	Alternate
10	47.86	18-1461A	East Hylebos Watershed Conservation Acquisition	Federal Way	\$2,165,500	\$6,726,270	\$8,891,770	\$16,904,260	Alternate
11	43.14	18-1714A	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$621,750	\$622,250	\$1,244,000	\$17,526,010	Not Funded ³
					\$17,526,010	\$16,908,472	\$34,434,482		\$5,505,705

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

²Partial funding

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

**Table 1: Water Access Category
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	59.22	18-1344A	Nemah Tidelands Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	57.61	18-1456D	Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Access Development Phase 1	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$634,460	\$1,070,800	\$1,705,260	\$1,634,460	\$634,460
2	57.61	18-1619A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Properties Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$2,988,286	\$3,988,286	\$2,634,460	\$1,000,000
4	56.22	18-1935A	Lopez Channel	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$3,044,460	\$410,000
5	56.00	18-1272D	Green Lake Dock Replacement and Restrooms	Seattle	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,564,460	\$450,775 ²
6	55.78	18-1947C	California Creek Estuary Park Acquisition	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$4,022,460	\$299,400 ²
6	55.78	18-1759D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$626,718	\$650,000	\$1,276,718	\$4,649,178	Alternate
8	54.33	18-1507D	Meadowdale Beach Park Access Development	Snohomish County	\$1,000,000	\$8,148,207	\$9,148,207	\$5,649,178	Alternate
9	54.00	18-1278A	Benton City Riverfront Park Acquisition	Benton City	\$81,650	\$20,413	\$102,063	\$5,730,828	\$81,650
10	53.44	18-1536D	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Natural Area Access	Kenmore	\$1,700,000	\$1,714,891	\$3,414,891	\$7,430,828	Alternate
11	52.33	18-1854D	Mack Lloyd Park Water Access	Winthrop	\$176,000	\$118,000	\$294,000	\$7,606,828	Alternate

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
12	51.00	18-1442D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Viewing	Kenmore	\$665,916	\$665,917	\$1,331,833	\$8,272,744	Alternate
13	50.94	18-1283A	Taylor Bay Acquisition Phase 2	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$204,500	\$204,500	\$409,000	\$8,477,244	\$204,500
14	49.22	18-1653D	Lakeside Park Renovations	Chelan	\$666,158	\$444,106	\$1,110,264	\$9,143,402	Alternate
15	48.17	18-1908C	South 116th Street at Green-Duwamish River	Tukwila	\$827,520	\$206,880	\$1,034,400	\$9,970,922	\$260,155 ²
16	43.33	18-1663D	High Bridge Park Community Development	Skamania County	\$92,668	\$44,332	\$137,000	\$10,063,590	Alternate
					\$10,063,590	\$17,667,138	\$27,730,728		\$4,340,940

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²Partial Funding

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium:
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

Prepared By: Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

Summary

The Legislature approved \$12 million for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting approval of the final ranked lists and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: Request for Decision
 Request for Direction
 Briefing

Resolution #: 2019-25

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

Background

The Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program provides grants for acquisition of land, renovation of existing facilities, or development of new outdoor athletic facilities serving youth and communities. The program priority is to enhance facilities that serve people through the age of eighteen who participate in sports and athletics. The program encourages multi-generational use, which means applicants may submit proposals for facilities sized for adults but which primarily serve youth.

Application Process

Applicants submitted 56 YAF project proposals to RCO in 2018 and requested more than \$14 million in grant funds. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), the YAF advisory committee reviewed and ranked project proposals, submitted for two new categories, YAF Large and YAF Small. A description of the two categories is included in the October 2018 meeting materials in [Item 15](#).

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for YAF, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list of projects via Resolutions #2018-31 and 2018-32 at the October 2018 meeting.

Certification of Match Required

YAF applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent match, unless they qualify for a match reduction. Board policy allows this exception for communities in need, counties in need, underserved populations, or because the applicant is providing facilities in a federal disaster area.

Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available at least one month¹ before the June 27, 2019, funding meeting. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 2, 2019. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available. We do not have match certifications, however, for the following projects:

- Rank 9, YAF Large – Airway Heights Recreation Complex Development ([#18-1601D](#)). Airway Heights did not certify match for this project because the matching WWRP-Local Parks grant scored out of funding range and they do not have another funding source.
- Rank 50, YAF Large – City of McCleary Elma Ballfield Lighting ([18-1546](#)). McCleary did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

These two applications are no longer eligible for funding consideration and are shown as “Not Funded” on the final ranked list in Table 1.

To address the needs of an underserved community, RCO’s Director extended the certification deadline for the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation for one year. They submitted a letter saying they needed to withdraw their application because of competing priorities. Considering the lack of alternates in this program and the timeline for when matching funds may be available, the director approved an extension. This proposal, Rank 19, YAF Large – Yakama Nation Housing Authority Apas Goudy Youth Athletic Facility ([18-1984D](#)), is shown as an Alternate on the YAF Large Category list.

Program Funding and Legislative Action

YAF funding comes from the sale of general obligation bonds. The Legislature passed the 2019-21 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$12 million in bond monies for YAF projects. The Legislature also approved a Youth Athletic Facilities Project List. Unfortunately, the list does not include enough alternates to use any “returned” funds. Staff is considering submitting a supplemental budget request in 2020 that would

¹ Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

reinstate projects removed from the list. If approved those project could possibly receive unused grant funds.

The monies appropriated provide full funding for all of the projects on the Legislature's list. At the request of the sponsor, RCO has reduced the grant and sponsor match for the City of Prosser's Competitive Pool Improvements ([18-1482D](#)). Prosser had to move ahead with one utility element needed to keep the swimming pool functioning.

Analysis

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 support board-adopted priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Public Comment

Staff presented to the board the written testimony regarding these grant proposals at the October 2018 meeting. RCO has recently received and has provided for board consideration several emails and letters regarding the Rank 4, YAF Large Category – Zakheim Youth Sports Complex ([18-1451D](#)). Staff will provide any additional public comment at the upcoming meeting.

Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends approval of the final ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1.

Next Steps

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2019-25, including Table 1 – *Youth Athletic Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium*
- B. YAF Ranked List Table (large and small)
- C. Public Comment (Emails, Letter, etc.)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2019-25
Youth Athletic Facilities**

Approval of Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in the Substitute House Bill 1102, Youth Athletic Facilities Project List; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board’s strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the board has discussed and reviewed these projects in an open public meeting, as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board’s strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match; and

WHEREAS, all remaining projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in administrative rule and Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$12 million for the YAF Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes RCO’s Director to execute project agreements for funded projects to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

**Table 1: Large Grants Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	48.17	18-1380D	Civic Park Athletic Fields Development	Edmonds	\$350,000	\$10,887,005	\$11,237,005	\$350,000	\$350,000
2	47.67	18-2075D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$350,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,850,000	\$700,000	\$350,000
3	46.50	18-1326D	Allan Yorke Park Athletic Field with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$350,000	\$2,995,504	\$3,345,504	\$1,050,000	\$350,000
4	46.17	18-1451D	Zakheim Youth Sports Complex	Spokane Youth Sports Association	\$350,000	\$1,840,000	\$2,190,000	\$1,400,000	\$350,000
5	45.00	18-1246D	Lincoln Park Soccer-Lacrosse Field Construction	Wenatchee	\$263,192	\$321,808	\$585,000	\$1,663,192	\$263,192
5	45.00	18-1383D	Warren Avenue Playfield Lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements	Bremerton	\$350,000	\$117,000	\$467,000	\$2,013,192	\$350,000
7	43.83	18-1802D	Lummi Nation Community Park	Lummi Nation	\$350,000	\$1,932,195	\$2,282,195	\$2,363,192	\$350,000
8	42.50	18-1636D	Bidwell Park Youth Athletic Facility Development	Spokane	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,613,192	\$250,000
9	42.33	18-1601D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Development	Airway Heights	\$350,000	\$702,783	\$1,052,783	\$2,963,192	Board Not Funded ²
10	41.67	18-1431D	Evergreen Playfield Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$350,000	\$1,237,000	\$1,587,000	\$3,313,192	\$350,000
11	41.50	18-1539D	Stevens Field Number 2 Synthetic Infield and Lights	Olympia	\$349,999	\$837,401	\$1,187,400	\$3,663,191	\$349,999
12	41.33	18-1684D	Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$322,000	\$600,300	\$922,300	\$3,985,191	\$322,000
13	41.17	18-1693D	Moshier Memorial Park Sports Field Improvements	Burien	\$350,000	\$973,521	\$1,323,521	\$4,335,191	\$350,000

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14	41.00	18-1460D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$350,000	\$2,155,000	\$2,505,000	\$4,685,191	\$350,000
15	40.83	18-1817C	Harbor Heights Land Acquisition and Development	Oak Harbor	\$350,000	\$1,637,600	\$1,987,600	\$5,035,191	\$350,000
16	40.50	18-1473D	Lions Park Infields and Restroom Renovation	Othello	\$347,000	\$116,515	\$463,515	\$5,382,191	\$347,000
16	40.50	18-1307D	Winnie Houser Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$297,000	\$160,000	\$457,000	\$5,679,191	\$297,000
16	40.50	18-1981D	Heritage Park Ball Field Renovation Phase 4	Stanwood	\$350,000	\$496,700	\$846,700	\$6,029,191	\$350,000
19	40.33	18-1984D	Yakama Nation Housing Authority Apas Goudy Youth Athletic Facility	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	\$133,812	\$80,000	\$213,812	\$6,163,003	Alternate ³
19	40.33	18-1932D	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Lights	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$350,000	\$380,500	\$730,500	\$6,513,003	\$350,000
21	40.17	18-1820D	Chehalis Recreation Park Ballfields Renovation	Chehalis	\$350,000	\$515,000	\$865,000	\$6,863,003	\$350,000
22	40.00	18-1550D	Cheney Park Field Lighting	South Bend	\$270,000	\$60,000	\$330,000	\$7,133,003	\$270,000
23	39.33	18-1670D	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 4	Bellingham	\$350,000	\$842,254	\$1,192,254	\$7,483,003	\$350,000
23	39.33	18-1906D	East Field Turf Conversion	King's Way Christian Schools	\$350,000	\$2,279,100	\$2,629,100	\$7,833,003	\$350,000
25	39.00	18-1508D	South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field	Lynnwood	\$326,500	\$58,500	\$385,000	\$8,159,503	\$326,500
25	39.00	18-2021D	Forest Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$126,546	\$154,111	\$280,657	\$8,286,049	\$126,546
27	38.67	18-1782D	South Park Playfield Turf Conversion and Lights	Seattle	\$350,000	\$3,900,000	\$4,250,000	\$8,636,049	\$350,000
27	38.67	18-1222D	George Schmid Field Number 3 and	Washougal	\$350,000	\$377,350	\$727,350	\$8,986,049	\$350,000

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Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
29	38.33	18-2017D	Whitehorse Community Park Field Renovation	Snohomish County	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$9,011,049	\$25,000
30	38.17	18-1187D	Wilburton Park Synthetic Sports Field Renovation	Bellevue	\$265,000	\$657,628	\$922,628	\$9,276,049	\$265,000
30	38.17	18-1269D	Mason County Recreation Area Irrigation	Mason County	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$650,000	\$9,601,049	\$325,000
32	37.50	18-1360D	A Street Sports Complex Phase 1	Pasco	\$350,000	\$221,113	\$571,113	\$9,951,049	\$350,000
33	37.33	18-1880D	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Hill Youth Facility Improvements	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club	\$74,880	\$40,340	\$115,220	\$10,025,929	\$74,880
33	37.33	18-1788D	Des Moines Field House Park Field Renovation	Des Moines	\$107,202	\$107,202	\$214,404	\$10,133,131	\$107,202
35	37.17	18-2022D	Howarth Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$52,828	\$64,568	\$117,396	\$10,185,959	\$52,828
36	37.00	18-1531D	Skagit Valley Playfields Artificial Turf Infields	Skagit County	\$270,000	\$336,000	\$606,000	\$10,455,959	\$270,000
37	36.67	18-1975D	Legion Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$93,491	\$140,236	\$233,727	\$10,549,450	\$93,491
38	35.83	18-1783D	Lower Woodland Park Playfield Number 2 Turf Improvements	Seattle	\$350,000	\$1,627,000	\$1,977,000	\$10,899,450	\$350,000
38	35.83	18-1527D	Service Club Park Drainage	Kent	\$95,500	\$95,500	\$191,000	\$10,994,950	\$95,500
40	35.67	18-1511D	Cedar Field Turf and Lighting Improvement	Marysville	\$340,928	\$371,929	\$712,857	\$11,335,878	\$305,649 ³
41	35.33	18-1943D	Arlington Evans Baseball Field Renovation	Arlington	\$45,498	\$50,498	\$95,996	\$11,381,376	Not Funded ⁴

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Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
42	35.17	18-1916D	Nespelem Youth Athletic Field	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$350,000	\$155,134	\$505,134	\$11,731,376	Not Funded ⁴
42	35.17	18-1690D	Carousel Ranch Community Park	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$1,680,001	\$2,030,001	\$12,081,376	Not Funded ⁴
44	34.17	18-1552D	Riverside Park Soccer Field Improvement	Cowlitz County	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$174,000	\$12,168,376	Not Funded ⁴
45	32.50	18-1551D	Omak Eastside Park Redevelopment Phase 1	Omak	\$315,000	\$35,000	\$350,000	\$12,483,376	Not Funded ⁴
46	32.33	18-1966D	Oroville Community Health and Fitness Track	Oroville	\$94,410	\$10,490	\$104,900	\$12,577,786	Not Funded ⁴
47	32.17	18-1996D	Olympic Stadium Lighting	Hoquiam	\$225,900	\$25,100	\$251,000	\$12,803,686	Not Funded ⁴
47	32.17	18-1549D	Capital Soccer Fields Field Turf	Blackhills Community Soccer	\$350,000	\$534,000	\$884,000	\$13,153,686	Not Funded ⁴
49	31.00	18-1747D	Longmire Park Improvements	Yelm	\$226,995	\$185,805	\$412,800	\$13,380,681	Not Funded ⁴
50	30.17	18-1546D	Elma Ballfield Lighting	McCleary	\$350,000	\$39,000	\$389,000	\$13,730,681	Not Funded ^{2,4}
51	29.50	18-2002D	Development of Seton Catholic Grass Athletic Field	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School	\$126,083	\$126,083	\$252,166	\$13,856,764	Not Funded ⁴
					\$13,856,764	\$46,846,774	\$60,703,538		\$10,816,787

¹Project Type: C=combination, D=development

²Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

³Partial funding

⁴No legislative authority for funding.

**Table 1: Small Grants Category
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards**

Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	42.17	18-2026D	Holley Park Youth Athletic Fields	La Center	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
2	41.00	18-1921D	Culbertson Park Renovations	Long Beach	\$75,000	\$47,500	\$122,500	\$150,000	\$75,000
3	39.83	18-1482D	Prosser Competitive Pool Improvements	Prosser	\$31,763	\$25,988	\$57,751	\$181,763	\$31,763 ²
4	36.00	18-2039D	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	Rj's Kids	\$74,609	\$74,610	\$149,219	\$256,372	\$74,609
5	35.33	18-2019D	Gable Park Athletic Field Lighting	Hoquiam	\$64,000	\$16,000	\$80,000	\$320,372	\$64,000
					\$320,372	\$239,098	\$559,470		\$320,372

¹Project Type: D=development

²Grant award and sponsor match reduced per the applicant's request.

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: om Anderson motand comcast.net
Sent: S nda , ne , 01 3 A
To: L nd st, att (C)
Cc: Greene, Al son (C)
Subject: os t on to C ro ect 1 1451 a he m o th S orts Com le

I understand that you are the individual to send comments in opposition to the RCO approving the grant project for the SYSA's Zakheim Youth Sports Complex at 37th and Glenrose in Spokane County.

As a 25 year resident in the Glenrose area, I represent more of a local viewpoint on this project than the many other individuals who have tried to convince you that the project has local community support. There is already the sports fields at Chase Middle School on 37th, a few blocks from 37th and Glenrose, and Ferris High School, just a few more blocks down 37th with sports fields. There are plenty of other public sports fields in our South Hill area, including within a few blocks of this project on Freya and on Regal, both in the City of Spokane city limits and designed for recreational efforts. There are also many new ones already approved and planned, and the last thing we need in the Glenrose prairie is a project like this with stadium lighting, parking for several hundred cars, and a private set of sports fields, with no sewer hookups so port-a-potties. That doesn't count the tremendous increase in traffic in our rural area since that intersection is a key one for many of us.

The people who wrote the grant did not include letter of support from the local community association, the Glenrose Association, which has been around for years. The reason why is that the Glenrose Association is opposed to this project. SYSA did meet with the association but refused to consider our point of view and has since refused any further meetings.

The politicians who provided letters of support are all Republicans, who don't live in our area, so its no skin off their backs to have this project with its noise, lighting and traffic problems that it would bring, besides just changing the nature of the Glenrose Prairie forever.

Why would you even consider approving a project to support youth recreation that does not have the local area community support? We have written many letters to the Editor, had articles in the Spokesman - all voicing opposition and concern about this private sports complex at Glenrose. Do not believe the untruths stated in the application. The permits are not current for this project and apply instead for a previous project back in 2010 for Spokane Little League which was scrapped because of lack of funding and community support. They didn't include local photos of the intersection and along both Glenrose and 37th Avenues, showing opposition to the project.

I have raised three daughters here in Glenrose and they all participated in SYSA sports and benefited from that. I have a grandson joining our family this summer and I expect he too will participate in SYSA sports as he grows up, but just not here on the Glenrose Prairie.

We will fight the County in court if they approve the permits to proceed on this project, since the zoning for that property does not allow this kind of development, despite what you may have read in the project application from SYSA.

Please do not approve the grant funding for this project. This is not the way to use my tax payer dollars to support recreation projects.

I am sorry I can't attend your board meeting in person on June 27th since I am caring for my granddaughter, who is 4 months old.

Please share this information in the board packet to your members.

Thank you.

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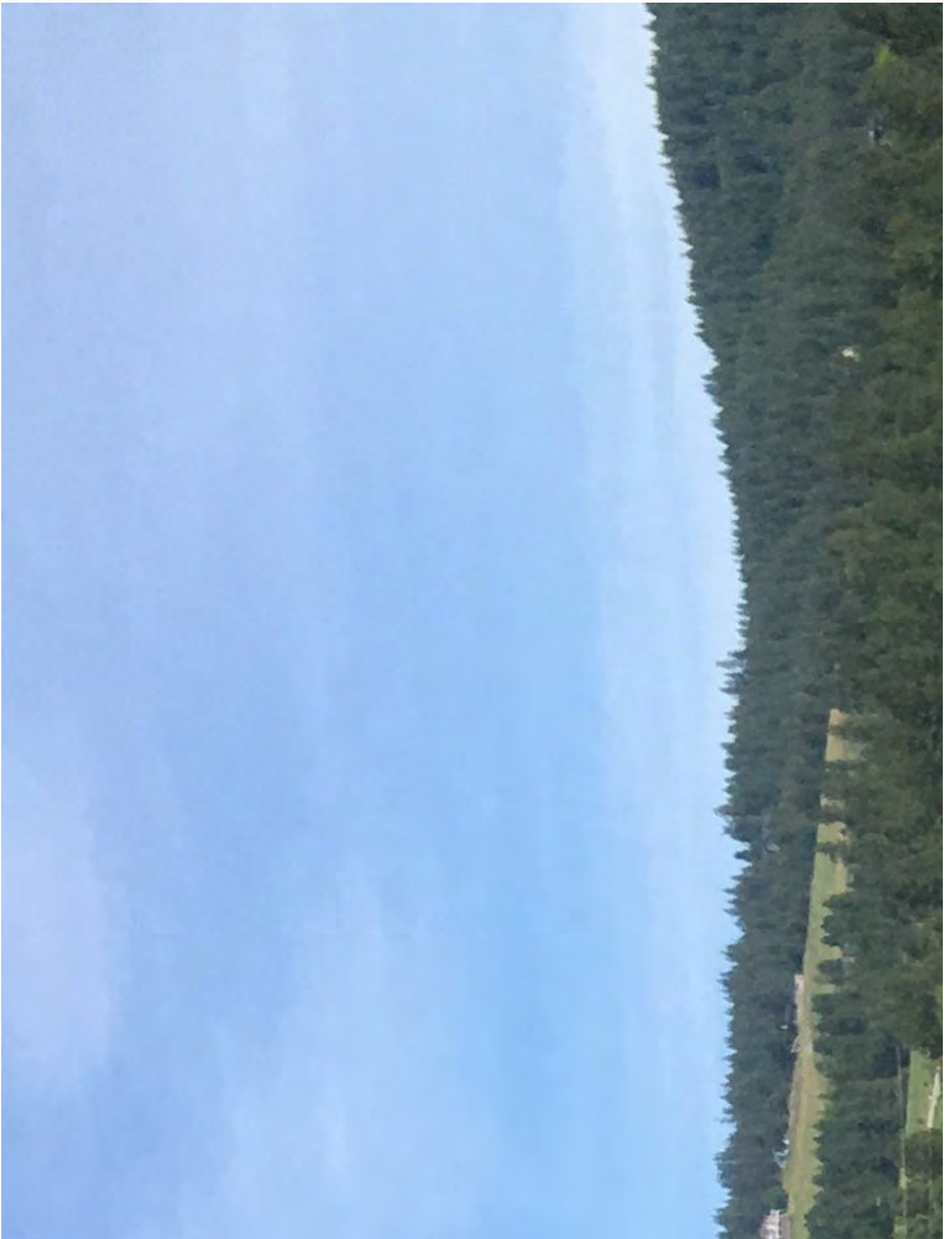
Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Tom Anderson [mailto:tomand@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2014 3:47 PM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Cc: Greene, Alison (RCO) [mailto:essca@rcoco.com]
Subject: Post on to the Home Sports Project

In addition, attached are three photos I took this afternoon of the corner of Glenrose and 37th, in contrast to the photo you got in the application showing a baseball game happening in that corner area. In 25 years, I have never seen a baseball game occurring there, and suspect it was staged for the application.

As you can see that corner with the large grove of trees in the upper left corner and the accompanying panorama of pictures, shows clearly that the land being proposed for this project is usually covered with a crop for harvesting, not a dirt field.







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Attachment C

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

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Sent: S nda , ne , 01 55
To: L nd st, att (C)
Subject: ro osed eg onal S orts Com le on Glenrose n S o ane Co nt

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

I am **opposed to the proposed Regional Sports Complex on Glenrose Avenue** in Spokane County on South Hill, Spokane.

I regularly drive on Glenrose Road. I am terrified of the ever increasing traffic and growth/development. Adjacent City feeder streets (**29th, 37th and 57th**) traverse through residential areas and school zones. Glenrose has a sharp "s" curve between 29th and 37th Avenues and a nearly blind curve near the Boys Ranch. It is not uncommon to find opposing traffic crossing over into oncoming traffic due to excessive speed and bad driving. I can't even imagine how the new development on the downside of Carnahan before 8th is going to be able to enter or exit off of a two-lane road, where cars are barreling down the steep grade.

All of these two-lane rural roads have soft or non-existing shoulders in the County area, making access to the proposed Sports Complex dependent on vehicular traffic. It would be unsafe for pedestrian and bike traffic. And, it should be noted that these rural roads are not lighted. Compounding the already untenable situation will be the Sports Complex 400 car parking lot access points off Glenrose and 37th only a short distance from an already dangerous intersection.

The only nearby I90 access to the proposed Regional Sports Complex is at Freya/Thor. This area is already extremely congested and confusing, and dangerous. Increased traffic there and onto 8th and Carnahan will be significant.

Community resources like gas, food, work, retail and lodging are all a car drive away, by at least 2 miles. Glenrose has become a cut through for folks heading down 57th to Hatch to avoid the traffic on I90. Also, it is a cut through for folks living on South Hill to get to I90 without traversing on the ever increasing congestion of Regal Street and Grand Avenue.

I understand that development happens, but I don't understand how the City of Spokane and the County can continue to add to the existing problems that are growing on the east side of South Hill. High density housing has a place in every community. But, with that the governing agencies should be working diligently to ensure public safety, maintain and/or improve infrastructure, and develop plans that provide a well-coordinated environmental impact into the future. Help me understand how the County continues to develop areas in our community that have adverse impacts. Do we address problems only after someone dies in a terrible car accident?

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

May 18, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Office

Attn: Board Liaison

PO Box 40917

Olympia, WA 98504

Wyatt.lundquist@ro.wa.gov

Dear members of the review committee:

My name is Patricia Butterfield and I am a resident of the Glenrose Community; I am representing myself.

I am writing in opposition to the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex grant proposal request for \$350,000. Unfortunately, the Spokane Youth Sports Association (SYSA) has misrepresented the project to stakeholders throughout our community. They have adopted a top-down, force it through, "we know what's best for you," and "we just won't bother to work with the community," approach to the proposed project.

The proposed project is vastly mis-scaled for the area. Here's the site.



You can read what SYSA has proposed. The site is zoned Urban Reserve and the proposed project is not consistent with the land use allowances for that land designation.

The proposed Zakheim Youth Sports Complex should not be funded in this grant cycle. Funding it would derail the authentic conversations that needs to be engaged in by all constituencies on the project, public and private.

We are mothers, fathers, scientists, small business owners, academics, and more and are not averse to development. However, the proposed project lacks the infrastructure, scale, and process worthy of the land it proposes to diminish. Washington and Spokane can do better. I believe that your decision not to fund the project will lead to an important trust- and land-worthy solution for the project and community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Butterfield, PhD

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: colleen_byrne_colbyrne@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2017 17:14
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Subject: Glenrose sports complex

I am in-favor of this complex going in. Spokane needs athletic facilities, our families and children need sports and activities in an age when sedentary habits consume children's lives. the South of the city is greatly absent of such projects and much needed.

Thank you
Colleen Byrne
Browns mountain area
colbyrne@gmail.com

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Office

Attn: Board Liaison

P.O. Box 40917 Olympia, WA 98504-0917

June 1, 2019

Dear Sirs:

I write with regard to the Grant application for the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex to the Southeast of the City of Spokane, project #18-1451D.

No permitting for this proposed project has been made, nor the required environmental studies, etc. that make for a substantial delay in any initiation of this proposed project.

Spokane County has zoned this area "rural conservation and urban reserve", which describes its nature, yet the primary use for this proposed complex will be by an urban population. This sports complex is a private endeavor that does not provide for use by the local residents. Zoning compliance under our current county regulations is currently under review.

I am aware of the several letters of support from members of the City of Spokane, and political figures of this area who overwhelmingly represent urban needs and concerns. Please make note of the fact that this proposed sports complex will bring the city, day and night, to a rural community that has neither the infrastructural requirements, or the desire for the disruption it would bring, in the forms of lighting, P.A. systems, traffic congestion on a narrow secondary road.

Representations have been made to your Office that SYSA, the Grant petitioner has met and generally agreed to this plan with the members of the Glenrose community. This is manifestly not the case, and our community is opposed to the project.

Thank you for your consideration

Dan Chadwick, Glenrose Praire

May 30, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Office
Attn: Board Liaison
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Re: Application #18-1451D, Zakheim Youth Sports Complex

- Encl: (1) Glenrose Residents Go Toe To Toe with SYSA, Spokesman Review article, May 15, 2019
(2) Planners miss the target in Glenrose, Spokesman Review guest opinion, May 15, 2019
(3) Safe Rural Glenrose, Unhappiness in Glenrose, Spokesman Review Letters, May 29, 2019
(4) Area photographs of opposition signs, May 2019

Dear Board Members,

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed development of the Spokane Youth Sports Association's (SYSA) Zakheim Youth Sports Complex with the assistance of a state funded grant. The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant funds should be used for other grant applicants that have a higher level of community support and less chance of delay due to ongoing conflicts or litigation.

This project is being "sold" as a "Community Recreation Facility" which violates the very definition of a Community Recreation facility in the Spokane County Zoning Code manual for the Rural: Urban Reserve zoning of the property. The manual defines a "Community Recreation Facility as: "Any public or private building, structure, or area which provides amusement, relaxation, or diversion from normal activities **for persons within the area in which it is located** and which is not operated for profit." This facility is being marketed as a draw for an area as far as 20 miles away for regular use, as well as for statewide and regional tournaments. The proposed service region and the scale of the project far exceed the zoning intent. A project of this scope should be classified under "Participant sports and recreation (outdoor only)" which is defined in the zoning code as: "Participant sports and recreation use in which the sport or recreation is conducted outside of an enclosed structure. Examples include tennis courts, water slides, and driving ranges". **"Participant sports and recreation (outdoor only)" is not a permitted use category in the property's Rural: Urban Reserve zoning.**

The local community where this sports complex is being proposed is represented by The Glenrose Association, a 501C non-profit charity group established for quality of life issues in this area. We are fervently against this development and The Glenrose Association is initiating legal action against Spokane County on our behalf. The community has sought alternatives to the proposed development and although the SYSA leadership has met in the past with The Glenrose Association leadership, there has been no resolution to the conflicts. SYSA has indicated that they are not interested in compromise, and by the completion of the final phases this facility will include stadium style lighting for nighttime use and nearly 400 parking spaces for the sports facility participants, regardless of impacts to local residents and the limited infrastructure in the area. We support youth sports activities but believe that development should follow the zoning and use standards established by the county.

Inaccurate information in the SYSA grant application gives the impression that this effort is ready to proceed with the support of the community. It is not. There are several glaring misrepresentations within the SYSA grant application.

The Clear & Grade Permit from the county of Spokane referenced in the application is not valid and has long since expired. It was obtained in 2010 by a previous owner of the property for initial efforts in developing a baseball and football field for South Spokane Little League. No new permits have been approved by the county to date. SYSA has indicated that the county will green-light the project based on past efforts that were completed 10 years ago in support of the original development. Conditions have changed significantly with respect to current traffic loads, residential housing in the vicinity, and environmental conditions and we intend to fight any permits based on 10 year old information.

Furthermore, the SYSA grant application presents a biased view of the community support and does not take into account the **organized community efforts against** this project. SYSA has not coordinated this grant application with the residents of the local area. This project and it's predecessor baseball/football field development have been in conflict with the local community for over a decade. In fact, the original efforts never gained sufficient community support to proceed. It is only through the generosity of a single wealthy donor, Irv Zakheim, that this project is being pushed forward. Mr. Zakheim purchased the land from the previous owner and donated it to SYSA for a sports complex that will be bear his name. Enclosed with this letter are several Spokesman Review newspaper items regarding the sports complex conflicts, and several photographs of the more than a hundred signs posted by area residents protesting the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex development.

It should be noted that the letters of support provided by SYSA are from civic leaders and other commercial entities that in many cases are from persons , offices, or organizations that don't have jurisdiction or a stake in the area proposed for the development. In particular, the mayor of Spokane and the director of the Spokane City Parks and Recreation Department are happy to endorse this effort by a private corporation to fund and build a facility that will place all of the infrastructure problems, traffic congestion, and acrimony into Spokane County outside of their jurisdiction. The local county residents who can't even vote on Spokane City issues will then be left to deal with the resulting problems.

This facility should be built in an area with the appropriate zoning and infrastructure to support the intended heavy use and the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant funds should not be used on this ill-conceived project.

I fully support The Glenrose Association action to take legal action against Spokane County and/or the SYSA as they continue to ignore the community's input and the established zoning and permitted use standards.

Sincerely,



Paul DeRuiter

Glenrose area resident



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GUEST OPINION

Planners miss the target in Glenrose

By Robert Hyslop
GLENROSE ASSOCIATION

Working in the county planning department has got to be a rough job at times. On the one hand, you have property owners pressing to build a project on their land and, on the other hand, you have adjacent landowners saying not next to me!

Thankfully, the planners have a 300-plus-page zoning manual to use as their bible to ensure compatibility. For each land zone there is a chart which lists acceptable uses for that zone. For clarity of what is allowed and what is not, a planner must first define what the proposed use is and then look at the chart to see which land zones it can be used in. Some uses are acceptable in rural, residential, commercial and industrial zones (all of them), while others are very limited in their scope.

As a planner you can't move the land but you can interpret the zoning chart or matrix table. I can only imagine an aggressive property owner pressing the planner to allow his desired use even if it doesn't quite fit his land designation. Once a decision is made by the planner, reaction by adjacent landowners is one indication of how well the planner interpreted the code manual.

In the case of the proposed Glenrose Sports Complex, the planning department has managed to infuriate several thousand residents. You might ask how that happened, and the short answer is the planners misinterpreted their zoning manual. They are calling this a Community Recreation Facility: any public or private building, structure, or area which provides amusement, relaxation, or diversion from normal activities for persons *within the area in which it is located* and which is not operated for profit.

A perfect example here is, Glenrose would be a bridle path for all the area horse people. In reality this is either a Spectator Sports Facility; Use in which athletic or other events are provided for spectators either in or out of doors - examples include but are not limited to baseball stadiums, football stadiums, racetracks and arenas - or a Participant Sports and Recreation Facility: Participant sports and recreation use in which the sport or recreation is conducted outside of an enclosed structure - examples include tennis courts, waterslides and driving ranges. Neither the spectator nor the participant sports facilities are allowed in rural zones like Glenrose.

It only makes sense that sporting fields with stadium lighting, artificial turf and hundreds of parking spots for spectators and participants would not be allowed in a rural setting like Glenrose. The infrastructure won't accommodate people traveling in from out of the area to use or spectate at the facility. The rural nature of the area will be severely changed, which is totally contrary to what the planner is mandated to preserve in the zoning manual. For these reasons and much more, local residents are livid! The interesting and salient point is the manual doesn't allow this type of facility in a rural zone!

The manual allows developments like the proposed sports complex in areas where there is more infrastructure. There needs to be adequate water supply, a sewer system, and places for spectators to shop and eat when they are not attending a tournament or practice cheering on their team.

The manual doesn't allow for a development to destroy our night sky like the proposed stadium lighting will, and it certainly doesn't intend for a development to drive away our deer, moose and elk population - just to name a few critters we live with here in Glenrose. It doesn't allow for gridlock on county roads that were never built to accommodate this type of development. If you lived in a rural area would you stand for it? These are some of the reasons the community is awake and energized over this proposed development.

We don't live in a perfect world. People and planning departments make mistakes. The beauty of life is we can correct our errors. I challenge the Spokane County Planning Department to dive back into their zoning manual and see how they have fired up and galvanized an entire community over the development of this proposed sports complex. After careful consideration, simply take another shot at it and disallow this development in Glenrose.

Robert Hyslop is president of The Glenrose Association.

GLENROSE RESIDENTS GO TOE TO TOE WITH SYSA

Proposed youth sports complex draws neighborhood ire

By Nicholas Deshals
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

A coalition of Glenrose residents has threatened legal action to stop the development of a \$2.2 million youth sports complex on 20 acres of rural land southeast of Spokane they say will "forever alter the Glenrose neighborhood."

The Glenrose Association sent a letter last week to the Spokane

Youth Sports Association citing numerous permitting and legal hurdles for the project and urged the SYSA to "address the serious concerns of the neighborhood."

"You can avoid the expense, delay and uncertainty of permit and legal battles and retain control of the outcomes," states the letter, written by local lawyer

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Neighborhood cries foul on sports complex

A coalition of Glenrose residents is trying to stop the development of a \$2.2 million youth sports complex that would have four baseball fields, two year-round multisports synthetic turf fields with lights, and a basketball court.

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Rick Eichstaedt for the Seattle-based environmental law firm Bricklin & Newman. "You have little to lose and much to gain by seeking a mutually acceptable solution with your would-be neighbors."

The development, the letter argues, would create traffic congestion and require extensive lighting, harming the neighborhood's residents and character.

A day later, Philip Helean, SYSA's executive director, responded to the three-page letter with a one-sentence reply, saying the group's members "respectfully disagree with its content."

Helean said Tuesday he had no comment about the proposed development or the Glenrose letter, and would not confirm he wrote the response.

"We don't have any comments," he said. "No comments."

John Pederson, Spokane County's planning director, did not know of the letter from the Glenrose group, but said the county's processes would mitigate any issues arising from the development. He noted that the county's hearing examiner reviewed a similar proposal on the same property in 2009, and much of what was determined then stands today.

"All the issues that are raised by the Glenrose Association were addressed by the hearing examiner," he said. "Nothing's changed. We have no pending permits. Nothing has happened since the last environmental process 10 years ago."

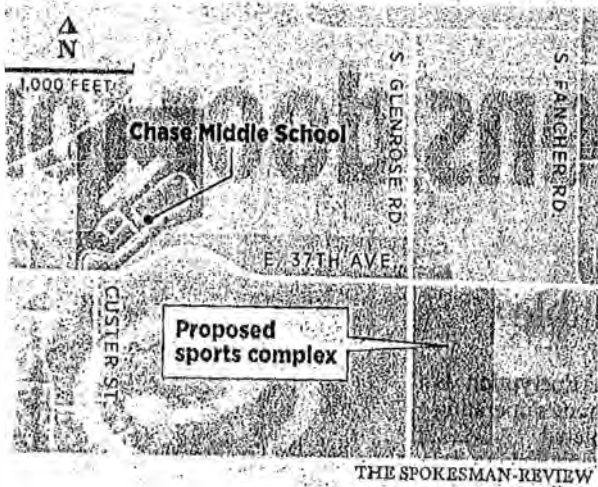
Pederson declined to go into details on the issues facing the neighborhood, property and development, saying the "file is very extensive. Not something I can describe in a couple of sentences. The file is a foot thick."

SYSA did have a pre-development meeting with the county in 2017, when it submitted site plans. Pederson said the examiner's decade-old environmental review has concrete solutions to deal with issues of traffic and excessive nighttime lighting of the facility.

"There's a whole slew of mitigation measures that were applied to this project," he said.

Changing hands, same plan

The situation began a decade ago when the Spokane South Little League sought to develop a \$4.5 million, 20-acre baseball complex on the southeast corner of 37th Avenue and Glenrose Road on land owned by Morning



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Star Boys' Ranch. At the time, the Glenrose Association said the development would significantly increase noise, traffic and stormwater runoff. When the county issued a grading permit in October 2009, the neighborhood association appealed, leading to a decision by Mike Dempsey, the hearing examiner.

Dempsey's ruling said a traffic impact analysis had to be done before a building permit could be issued, and said the league had to comply with all noise and disturbance standards set out by the county.

During this time, the Morning Star Boys' Ranch transferred the property to the Morning Star Foundation. With no sign of development in 2012, the foundation sold the 20 acres to South Spokane Little League for \$577,000. Four years later, development had yet to begin and the property was sold to SYSA in 2016 for \$476,000.

Under SYSA - which runs youth sports leagues for soccer, flag football, track, cross country, rugby, basketball, baseball and softball - the plan now is to build a multi-use sports complex.

A grant application filed by SYSA with the state Recreation and Conservation Funding Board says the \$2.2 million development is called the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex. According to the application, the sports complex will "build one multipurpose sports field, a parking lot, storage facilities, and restrooms. When fully developed, the sports complex will include four youth baseball fields, two multi-sports fields with lights, a basketball court, storage facilities, restrooms, and a walking path. The multi-use field could be used year-round and will be the only synthetic turf field on the South Hill."

The neighborhood associ-

ation, however, said the development was proceeding on an "erroneous" characterization by the Spokane County Building and Planning Department, which defines the project as a "community recreation facility." Under this designation, the complex is intended for "amusement, relaxation, or diversion from normal activities for persons within the area which it is located."

As a "regional sports hub," the neighborhood association argues the correct definition is "participant sports and recreation" facility, a use not allowed in the zoning on SYSA's property.

Pederson, the county's planning director, said the "community recreation facility" is the right definition, because it says the use is "not operated for profit."

"It's a nonprofit situation," he said. "That's the definition."

Eichstaedt, the association's lawyer, disagreed, saying the county only defined the project's land that way "so it can move forward."

"I think it's that definition so it fits the zoning out there," he said. "We did exhaustive public records requests looking for uses under 'community recreation facility.' There's nothing out there that would support the definition he gave you."

The neighborhood association's letter also said the complex would require the construction of new roads, a large parking lot and "extensive lighting" for night games, to the detriment of the neighborhood.

According to Spokane County, 37th carries about 2,000 cars a day in this area, and Glenrose carries between 3,800 and 5,200 vehicles a day. The complex would cause a "large influx of vehicles" to come to the neighborhood "in the short windows of time before and

after games that will cause significant traffic impacts," the association's letter said.

Glenrose grows

The increase in traffic is what most concerns Bob Hyslop, the association's president, who has lived in Glenrose for 33 years.

"What I've seen is the city is continuing to work its way out as time goes along," he said. "One thing that's changed quite a bit in more recent times, with all the development off of Regal - the apartment complexes and whatnot - the pressure on Freya and Thor has increased so there's a lot of people coming down Glenrose. There are only so many ways you can get off the South Hill."

Hyslop said the only real solution to preventing worse traffic caused by the development is to stop the development altogether. That's his goal, and he says it's the sentiment of his neighbors.

"I've polled the community pretty intensely over the past couple of years," he said. "Close to 100% of the people are against it. It's significant. It's very significant. So then you have to ask why. The biggest concern people have is the traffic impact. The second biggest impact, and probably the most invasive thing about the deal, is their plan to put in stadium lighting."

Eichstaedt, who said he sees an outcome that allows the project to proceed, faults SYSA for its unwillingness to talk with the Glenrose Association. He noted that the association tried to initiate meetings three times with SYSA - in October 2017, November 2017 and February 2018 - but were denied.

"Nobody wants to end up in a prolonged legal battle. The neighbors have tried three times to sit down with SYSA and work through this," he said. "We'll hold our nose and allow this to move forward, but there needs to be a solution to these problems."

First, though, Eichstaedt has tried to throw a wrench in SYSA's application to the state's recreation funding board, where it's seeking a \$350,000 grant for the project. The application said the project had a valid grading permit, which it doesn't, according to both Eichstaedt and Pederson. The letter to the state body was sent last week as well.

"No neighborhood wants to fight with youth sports. This isn't fighting a bad developer," Eichstaedt said. "But everybody has to follow the rules and everybody has to be a good neighbor."

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Smith truly honorable

Robert A. Smith for the Nobel Peace Award, Time Person of the Year, Carnegie Medal, you name it, he deserves it ("Speaker tells Morehouse grads he'll pay their debt," May 20).

Maybe an award could be created in his name. Perhaps something like: "The Robert F. Smith True Spirit of America" award.

John Myers
Spokane Valley

Safe, rural Glenrose

What's the point of county zoning if zoning definitions can be easily misinterpreted by the county planning department to cater to a specific want?

We live in a rural community in Spokane County where a private developer is wanting to build a large sports complex with multiple fields of synthetic grass and stadium lighting in order to host statewide tournaments.

Per the county, the area in question is designated a Community Recreational Facility, which is defined as for the "diversion from normal activities for persons within

the area which it is located." Statewide sports teams from Deer Park, let alone Seattle, aren't "within the area." So the planned use for the sports complex is in direct violation of its zoned definition.

We support kids' sports, but don't believe the zoning of a rural community should be abused when other viable options already exist.

If the county's zoning rules can be so easily changed in our neighborhood, what's to prevent the rules to be easily changed tomorrow in yours?

Peter Sanburn
Spokane

Unhappiness in Glenrose

What is more important to families living in Spokane County than to have a home which is safe and serene? We all work arduously to achieve owning property.

Yet the SYSA sports complex project, in the Glenrose area, is destined to disrupt the tranquility. To bulldoze and erect a 40-acre soccer plus baseball complex is with little or no regard for the disruption it will bring to Glenrose. The forces within Spokane Coun-

ty, who have approved this unwanted program, should reconsider. They are hearing but are not acting on the intense resistance. The increase in vehicular traffic that this enterprise will produce will be overwhelming. And then there is the issue of blinding light standards for night activities.

The entire project would never have moved on were it not for one individual who saved the property from foreclosure. He then donated it to SYSA even though he knew the outrage and disruption it would, and has caused, the Glenrose community over the years. Owning the land outright further emboldened the SYSA.

This sports project, after all, is a private venture and not a community undertaking. We all are for children to be able to play sports. However, you do not create this type of a complex in a rural-agricultural area. The intense opposition alone should sink it.

I say back off, Spokane County and SYSA, in order to find an area more suitable for your venture. Let there be harmony in Glenrose instead of the present contentiousness over the intend.

Jack Abel
Spokane

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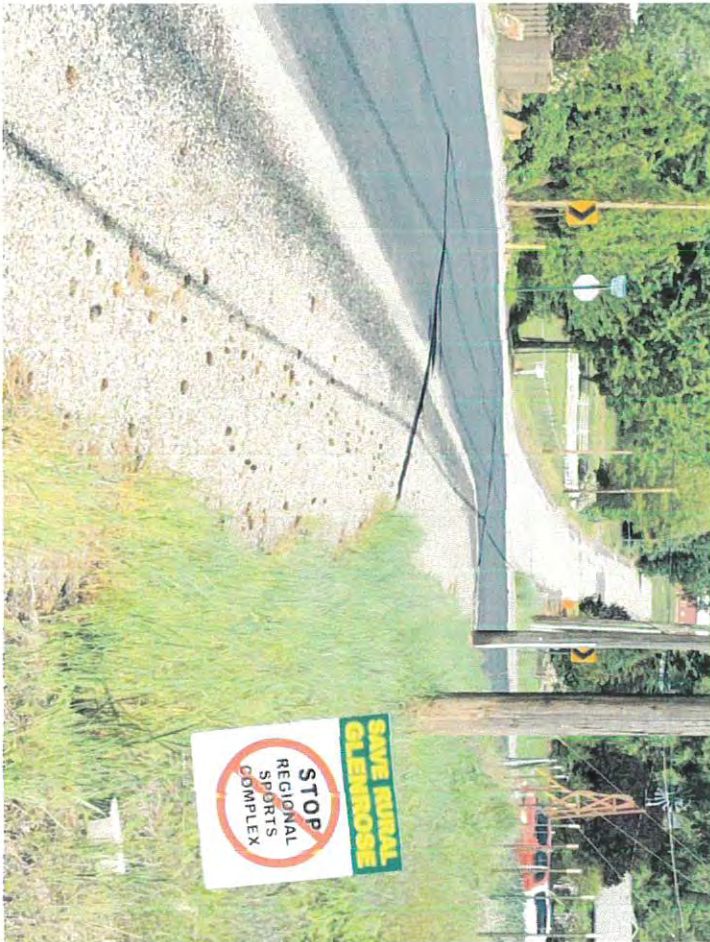
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Re: Zakheim Youth Sports Complex Proposal

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of my client, the Glenrose Association, regarding the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex grant proposal submitted by Spokane Youth Sports Association's ("SYSA"). The Glenrose Association is a non-profit neighborhood association committed to preserving the history, traditions, and appearance of the Glenrose neighborhood in Spokane County, as well as protecting its abundant natural habitats and wildlife.

The Association is extremely concerned about the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex Proposal and the impact of the project's development on the Glenrose community. Since the project's inception, the Association has raised substantial concerns regarding the impacts of the project on the community, including traffic, lighting, noise, and other impacts. The Association urges the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to deny funding this proposal.

Review of the proposal indicates a number of shortcomings that warrant denial.

1. SYSA cannot "move quickly to complete the project."

As provided in Manual 17, "Youth Athletic Facilities" at 40, a potential grantee must demonstrate that it can "move quickly to complete the project." However, there are significant obstacles that prevent this project from proceeding quickly or even at all.

First, the grant information submitted by SYSA indicates that it has received a grading permit for the project. This is false.

The previous owner of the property received a final grading permit on November 7, 2013 and subsequently undertook grading activities on the property, leaving large piles of fill material on the property. At some point thereafter, the site was returned to its original condition (without a grading permit) and has remained in this condition ever since. The original grading permit issued in 2013 has not been renewed and, therefore, expired after 18 months per the local county code. SCC 3.02.020.

The current slope and condition of the property will make grading necessary before a sports field complex and buildings can be constructed. Because grading will be necessary, SYSA must apply for and obtain a new permit before beginning any grading activities. SCC 3.10.020(d). As discussed below, that and other actions will trigger SEPA review.

Second, an athletic facility is not allowed by the current zoning of the surrounding area. SYSA's project is only allowed under the current zone if it can be characterized as a "community recreation facility." However, this facility does not fit the definition of that use category.

SYSA's sports field complex will be comprised of multiple baseball and soccer fields, along with buildings to support these uses, such as restrooms and concession stands. A "community recreational facility" is for "amusement, relaxation, or diversion from normal activities **for persons within the area in which it is located . . .**" (Emphasis supplied.) In contrast, SYSA intends for its sports field to be a regional sports hub that draws people from well beyond the Glenrose neighborhood. It is not limited to benefitting "persons within the area in which it is located."

The facility would be more correctly characterized as a "participant sports and recreation (outdoor only)" use, which is defined as "Participant sports and recreation use in which the sport or recreation is conducted outside of an enclosed structure. Examples include tennis courts, water slides, and driving ranges." SCC 14.300.100. These are outdoor facilities that draw from a larger area than the immediate neighborhood. However, that use is not allowed in the area proposed for this project. Accordingly, this project cannot proceed.

Third, when SYSA does submit its application materials for the sports field complex, it will be subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA"). Depending on the final design of the proposed sports field complex, significant adverse environmental impacts could include traffic, noise, light/glare, and aesthetic impacts. The construction of the sports field complex will forever alter the Glenrose neighborhood. The environmental consequences of this action will need to be considered and mitigated before any permits are issued. If impacts cannot be mitigated, the proposal will need to be denied.

Last, SYSA will need to analyze and mitigate traffic impacts associated with this proposal. This proposal will cause a large influx of vehicles to enter the Glenrose neighborhood in the short windows of time before and after games that will cause significant traffic impacts to the Glenrose neighborhood. The significant traffic impacts of the proposal must be analyzed, and all appropriate mitigation measures must be taken to avoid impermissible declines in the level of service of roads within the Glenrose neighborhood.

All of these obstacles will require significant time and expense to address and, as for the zoning, may present an insurmountable obstacle to project development. Certainly, there is no way that the project can move quickly to completion.

2. The project is has significant public opposition.

The Board must consider “[t]o what extent do users and the public support the project.” Manual 17, Youth Athletic Facilities at 40. The Manual indicates that media coverage can serve as evidence of public support. *Id.*

As stated, the neighborhood association to which this project would be built strongly opposes this project, as it is currently designed. This evidence is well illustrated by coverage in the local media.¹ Moreover, as illustrated below, directly across from the site of the proposal is a sign that clearly expresses public opposition to the project.



¹ Recent Spokesman Review stories include “SYSA plans for sports complex at 37th and Glenrose needs project permits, faces neighborhood concerns”, May 24, 2018, available at <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/may/24/sysa-plans-for-sports-complex-at-37th-and-glenrose/>,

“Relocate proposed Glenrose Sports Complex to more appropriate site”, July 7, 2018, available at <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/jul/07/richard-brooke-relocate-proposed-glenrose-sports-c/>, “Glenrose not the place”, June 30, 2018 available at <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/jun/30/glenrose-not-place/>.

According to RCO Project Manager, Allison Greene, SYSA indicated that they “met with the neighborhood” to resolve issues. This is hardly the case. Representatives from the Association initiated meetings on three occasions (October 10, 2017, November 8, 2017, and February 7, 2018) to try to explain the community’s concerns and reach an understanding as to measures that SYSA could implement to address the community’s concerns. The Association’s representatives met with the SYSA Executive Director. During the February 7, 2018 meeting, the Association proposed specific measures that would address our concerns and suggested that the Association’s representatives engage directly with the SYSA board of directors so the SYSA Board could better understand the community’s concerns and efforts to reach agreement. SYSA responded after that meeting that it was not interested in involving its Board in the discussions or, for that matter, have any further discussion at all.

It should be noted that a previous contentious project in Spokane County received RCO funding, a proposed whitewater park.² Community opposition and the type of permitting obstacles identified above resulted in a return of the award funds. We urge you to avoid a repeat of this situation and to consider public opposition to this proposal.

3. SYSA has not provided proof of matching funds.

RCO regulations, WAC 286-13-040(3), requires that SYSA provide proof of matching funds at least one calendar month before board approval of funding. As of this date, no proof has been provided and SYSA has requested an extension of time to demonstrate that it has an adequate match.

4. The facility will not be available to the public.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolutions 2003-24 and 2015-02 require that the facility must be open to the public for youth or community athletic purposes. Manual 17 states, “Open to the public means that the facility is available for enjoyment by the general public for the facility’s intended purpose when it is not scheduled for games or practice.” Moreover, the RCO grant can only fund a project if “any project [is] intended to only benefit a ... nonprofit organization’s facility needs.” Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolutions 2015-02 and 2017-34.

SYSA has not indicated whether the facility will be made available to the public for community use during unscheduled times or whether non-SYSA activities will be conducted at the facility.

5. The project file appears to lack a legal opinion.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2015-02 requires that first time applicants provide a legal opinion that indicates that it will be able to legally comply with the grant requirements. It appears as though this is missing for this application – and that this is not a mere ministerial oversight.

² See <https://outthereoutdoors.com/whatever-happened-with-the-spokane-river-whitewater-park-proposal/> and

6. RCO must consult with DAHP and local tribes about potential impacts.

RCO is required to consult “with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and affected Native American tribes for a determination of possible impacts to archaeological and cultural resources.” Manual 17, Youth Athletic Facilities at 17.

The Glenrose area is rich in Native American and early settler history. According to one source:

Glenrose Prairie in what is now southeast Spokane were favorites of prehistoric American Indians and were populated at an early date by white settlers. The areas were attractive to both groups for two primary reasons -- they offered open, fertile meadows that were good environments both for Indian root staples and Euro-American agriculture, and they provided a natural travel route between the major drainages of Hangman Creek and the Spokane River. The prairies survived for many years as idyllic rural environments, served and tied together by an early railroad line.³

Given this rich history, it is critical that the consultation with the Spokane Tribe, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, and DAHP occur.

To conclude, there are significant hurdles that exist to the development of this site and it appears that the proposal does not meet all of RCO’s criteria for project approval. We urge you to carefully consider the issues raised in this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

BRICKLIN & NEWMAN, LLP



Rick Eichstaedt
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Dear Mr. Helean:

I am writing on behalf of my client, the Glenrose Association, regarding the Spokane Youth Sports Association's ("SYSA") proposed sports field complex in the Glenrose neighborhood. As you know, the Glenrose neighborhood and its residents have strongly expressed their concern about the proposal because of its impacts to the neighborhood.

Representatives from the Association have initiated meetings with you on three occasions (October 10, 2017, November 8, 2017, and February 7, 2018) to try to explain their concerns and reach an understanding as to measures that SYSA could implement to effectively address the concerns of the community. During the February 7, 2018, the Association proposed specific measures that would address its concerns and suggested that they engage in discussions with the SYSA board of directors so that SYSA could better understand the neighborhood's concerns and desire to reach a mutually beneficial agreement with SYSA. After the call, you indicated to an Association representative that SYSA was not interested in reaching an understanding with the neighborhood and no effort was made to have a meeting with the board. That was a missed opportunity to resolve these issues amicably.

Since that time, the Association has retained legal counsel to assist them in this matter. Our review of your proposal has indicated several significant legal shortcomings that will present significant obstacles to the proposal. We urge you to carefully consider these, as well as to reconsider the efforts of the Association to amicably resolve concerns regarding development on the proposed site.

First, it appears that the Spokane County Building and Planning Department is erroneously characterizing your project as a "community recreation facility." This is clearly the wrong classification for the proposed use under the Spokane County Code.

SYSA's sports field complex will be comprised of multiple baseball and soccer fields, along with buildings to support these uses, such as restrooms and concession stands. Of course, with the large

number of people travelling to the Glenrose area to attend the games held here, a large number of parking spaces will be required to accommodate them. Through conversations with Association board members with SYSA representatives, it is our understanding that SYSA intends to conduct night games at the sports complex and will require extensive lighting.

A “community recreational facility” is for “amusement, relaxation, or diversion from normal activities **for persons within the area in which it is located . . .**” SYSA intends for its sports field to be a regional sports hub that draws people from well beyond the Glenrose neighborhood. It is not intended to benefit “persons within the area which it is located.” The activities on site can hardly be characterized as an amusement, relaxation, or diversion.

There is another use category that is a much better fit for your proposed use. The “participant sports and recreation (outdoor only)” use is the correct classification for this proposal. This use is defined as “Participant sports and recreation use in which the sport or recreation is conducted outside of an enclosed structure. Examples include tennis courts, water slides, and driving ranges.” SCC 14.300.100. Clearly, the County has proposed classifying this use incorrectly.

The County’s incorrect use categorization is significant because “participant sports and recreation” is not an allowed use in the zone where the property is located.

Second, you erroneously indicated to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in a grant application that you have a valid grading permit for the site. The previous owner of the property received a final grading permit on November 7, 2013 and subsequently undertook grading activities on the property, leaving large piles of fill material on the property. At some point thereafter, the site was returned to its original condition (without a grading permit) and has remained in this condition ever since. The original grading permit issued in 2013 has not been renewed and, therefore, expired after 18 months. SCC 3.02.020. Therefore, at this time, you do not have a valid grading permit. You provided the RCO false information when you asserted otherwise. We have so advised the RCO. How the RCO uses that information and the extent to which it impacts your credibility with the RCO remains to be seen.

If SYSA is intending to undertake any grading activities on the site to construct the various sports fields, it will need to obtain a new grading permit. The current slope and condition of the property will make grading necessary before a sports field complex and buildings can be constructed. Because grading will be necessary, SYSA must apply for and obtain a new permit before beginning any grading activities. SCC 3.10.020(d).

Third, when SYSA does submit its application materials for the sports field complex, it will be subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act (“SEPA”). Depending on the final design of the proposed sports field complex, significant adverse environmental impacts could include traffic, noise, light/glare, and aesthetic impacts. The construction of the sports field complex will forever alter the Glenrose neighborhood. The environmental consequences of this action will need to be considered and mitigated, if possible, before any permits are issued. If the impacts cannot be mitigated, the permit application should be denied.

Last, SYSA will need to analyze and mitigate traffic impacts associated with this proposal. This proposal will cause a large influx of vehicles to enter the Glenrose neighborhood in the short windows of time before and after games that will cause significant traffic impacts to the Glenrose neighborhood. The significant traffic impacts of the proposal must be analyzed, and all appropriate mitigation measures must be taken to avoid impermissible declines in the level of service of roads within the Glenrose neighborhood.

To conclude, there are significant hurdles that exist to the development of this site. We urge you to carefully consider the issues raised in this letter. We also welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your board to discuss how SYSA can address the serious concerns of the neighborhood. We urge you to reconsider your prior decision to not engage in discussions with the Association. An amicable resolution can be hugely beneficial to your organization as well as for the Association. You can avoid the expense, delay and uncertainty of permit and legal battles and retain control of outcomes more so that if hearing examiners and judges are making the decisions. You have little to lose and much to gain by seeking a mutually acceptable solution with your would-be neighbors.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Association or me to discuss this matter. If you are represented by counsel, your communications with me should start with him or her. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BRICKLIN & NEWMAN, LLP

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Rick Eichstaedt
Attorney for Glenrose Association

cc: Client
Spokane County
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Alison Greene, RCO

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

May 16, 2019

Rick Eichstaedt
Attorney for Glenrose Association
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Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Response to letter of concern received May 15, 2019
RCO Project #18-1451, Zakheim Youth Sports Complex

Dear Mr. Eichstaedt:

On behalf of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), thank you for submitting your written comments dated May 9, 2019. Your letter will be shared with the RCFB at their meeting scheduled for June 27, 2019.

As you may know The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is the state agency that manages RCFB grant projects. In that light I offer you the following brief responses to your six concerns:

1. RCO requires all grant projects to comply with all legal and permit requirements. We do not engage or take positions on those processes.
2. You are correct, the RCFB does consider to what extent the public supports the project. The RCFB will be provided a copy of your letter, in addition to the letters of support obtained from the applicant, at their June 2019 meeting.
3. The certification of the applicant's match has been provided to RCO, per WAC 286-13-040 (3).
4. The Spokane Youth Sports Association will be required to uphold the terms and conditions of a Youth Athletic Facilities grant agreement, which requires availability to the public.
5. A valid legal opinion is on file at RCO, as required.
6. RCO will follow all requirements regarding cultural resource consultation. This process is just beginning as the Legislature only recently passed funding for this grant project.



Please note that the RCFB is a funding board, not a board that makes land use decisions. Land use decisions and permitting is generally a local process, unless state or federal permits are required. We suggest you address land use and permitting decisions or appeals with the appropriate entity with jurisdiction.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the RCO Outdoor Grants Manager for the Spokane area, Alison Greene, at 360-522-3698 or at Alison.greene@rco.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kaleen Cottingham". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kaleen Cottingham
Director

cc: Alison Greene, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

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Sent: onda , ne 10, 01 5 01
To: L nd st, att (C) Greene, Al son (C)
Subject: lease don t de elo the S orts Com le

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a resident of Broadmoor Estates, up 25th Ave. I support youth sports and am a counselor specializing in teen counseling.

It is my firm belief that the sports complex would be a failure if placed in the Glenrose area. I have yet to speak to any neighbor who is in support of the arrangement.

It will cause gridlock traffic, and ruin the natural rural beauty of the area.

I'm sure you may think you're doing the community a service by pushing through the complex agenda, but how can that be if all the immediate residents of the area are against the project?

Please discontinue the sports complex development. Our neighbors don't want it in our backyard.

Tommy Flick

Tommy Flick, MA, LMFT
www.FlickConnection.com

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: jessica.lundquist@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2014
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Cc: Greene, Alison (RCO)
Subject: Re: Boston to Corroct 1451 - a hem o th S orts Com le

Wyatt,

Thank you so much for the confirmation. I'm also attaching a picture of the yard sign posted throughout the community that I referenced in my email.

Thank you again for hearing our concerns.

Best,
Jessica



On Jun 10, 2019, at 8:10 AM, Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO) <wyatt.lundquist@rco.wa.gov> wrote:

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From: Jessica Flick <jessieflick@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2019 10:45 AM

To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO) <wyatt.lundquist@rco.wa.gov>; Greene, Alison (RCO) <alison.greene@rco.wa.gov>

Subject: Opposition to RCO Project 18-1451D Zakheim Youth Sports Complex

Dear Recreation & Conservation Officer,

I am writing as a concerned Washington state resident strongly opposing the grant project for the SYSA's Zakheim Youth Sports Complex at 37th and Glenrose in Spokane County.

I am a 34-year-old who grew up in Spokane in the Glenrose community and benefited from the rural habitat. I moved to San Francisco for college and recently moved back to Spokane County to start a family. We chose the Glenrose neighborhood for the rural community, something that is rare and unique to find in Spokane where development is abound. After leaving the traffic and congestion of San Francisco, this rural community is what drew us to move to Washington state, rather than another state such as Idaho or Oregon.

I understand that the SYSA has communicated that the community is behind this development. That is NOT the case. My husband and I are actively involved in the Glenrose Association and we've made it clear through letters to the local newspaper, public signage in lawns and community meetings that we have concerns over the increased traffic, light pollution, damage to our reservoir, decline in property value, and improper use of land designated as rural. This project **does not have the community's support** and we **do not** want our taxpayer dollars going towards this development.

Here are the facts for you to consider.

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- The land owned by SYSA, designated for their proposed regional sports complex, is located in Spokane County, in a nearly 150-year-old rural farming and ranching community known as Glenrose
- This land is zoned as rural land and our community wants to keep it that way. There are five rural zone classifications used to classify rural zoned land in Washington State. The

five categories are as follows: Rural Traditional, Rural, Rural Conservation, Urban Reserve and Rural Activity Center.

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I played SYSA as a youth and as I grow my own family, I expect that they too will be involved in the local sports. It's an organization that I expect should take the community's interest into consideration and if they've alluded to community support, then I hope my letter proves otherwise.

Community support aside, the zoning of this land does not allow for this kind of development so that should make this an easy decision.

Thank you in advance for upholding the desires of the community and legal zoning restrictions.

Best,
Jessica

Jessica Flick
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Spokane, WA 99223

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

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Dear Mr. Lundquist,

As a 17 year resident of the Glenrose area in Spokane, and a 61 year resident of Spokane's south side, I would like to go on record as adamantly opposing the proposed Zakheim Youth Sports Complex. Please know that our opposition is not in any way directed toward youth sports, as a matter of fact my wife and I have enthusiastically supported youth sports for many, many years.

The issue at hand is that this is simply a terrible location. Not just a bad location, but a dangerously poor location. The current infrastructure is not designed to handle this type of activity, nor is it reasonably possible to be altered to support such activity, in any safe manner whatsoever.

There are many, many other valid reasons that 100% of our local residents are strongly opposing the complex, but I truly believe that the safety and lives of citizens should prevail in this decision making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration, but most of all, thank you for helping to make the right things happen in the right places.

Sincerely,

Randy Folkins
Vice President/General Manager



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Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Stephanie Hanson <stephanie@hanson.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 5:35 PM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Cc: Greene, Alison (RCO); Robert Slozemes; Stephanie Hanson
Subject: Comment on grant application 1451
Attachments: Glenrose Sports letter.stg

Dear Mr. Lundquist,

We are submitting this letter to object to the pending application for the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex in Spokane, Washington. Our reasons for opposing this facility are many and not new. This has been a contentious battle over adherence to allowed uses as defined by the zoning code, for the subject property, which is zoned in the rural category. Our community has unanimously opposed this proposed development for over ten years now and has articulated this strong opposition in great detail over a wide range of very specific issues to Spokane County, and the developer throughout this period. This is why it was all the more puzzling to see the high rating your agency gave the application for community support, since none has ever existed in Glenrose, the community in which the proposed regional sports complex would be built. How can your rating have any validity when it seems to rely on several individuals who essentially signed off on the same form letter supporting the proposed project, none of whom live in, have any in depth knowledge of, or have any interest in the welfare and well-being of Glenrose?

Last year I wrote this Op-Ed in the Spokesman-Review <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2012/jun/16/glenrose-sports-complex-raises-a-host-of-questions/> None of the issues I mention have been addressed and we are dismayed at the lack of regard for this region. I have attached a photo from this morning as the smoke from the Canadian fires roll in. Our home sits on the street that the new Dishman Hills Conservatory entrance is on. Behind and to the sides of us is a delicate habitat for a wide variety of creatures. In front of us are the developments that were constructed in violation of the [Washington State Growth Management Act](#) which resulted in the state and several other entities suing the County. Now we are preparing to challenge the County and the developer because of their continued dis-regard for the rights of the vast majority of property owners who live in Glenrose.

We have learned so much about our region and many of our residents are very dedicated to conservation and sustainability of Spokane. We know that Glenrose used to be a prehistoric lake and that Native Americans sustained their families from the fertile land. We know that there are heirloom apples still growing in the woods that many believed were extinct. We know that if we do not preserve urban farmland and the means to replenish our aquifer, we could endanger future generations. We know that we are extremely vulnerable to fire and have only one route down the hill past the proposed site. The county does not intend to require a SEPA review and there is no infrastructure on this side of Glenrose. They do not maintain good maps and records of the area and are not accounting for the impact of the newly constructed homes. They intend to change the grade of the land. Children will want to walk and ride their bikes to this facility but there is no shoulder on the road leading from the schools that surround the area. The traffic typically moves at a speed of 40 MPH or higher. We have strong reason to believe that this facility will not be constructed to standards that would improve this area but rather diminish and strain it.

We are parents of school-aged children. We understand the importance of places for children to play. Sports Complexes are for Urban areas, not rural reserves. I would expect that members of the Conservation and Parks department would understand that distinction. This site would be better served as a natural play area for the free-range opportunities for future generations, perhaps a sand field for playing soccer when our roads are widened, and sidewalks and bike lanes are added. Safety and evacuation precautions must be taken seriously. We will only get hotter and dryer.

Please hear our communities' concerns as they continue to fall on deaf ears.

Sincerely,

Stephanie and James Hokanson

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May 25, 2019

WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

To: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Recreation and Conservation Office
Attn: Board Liaison
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Grant application for proposed Zakheim Youth Sports Complex by Spokane Youth Sports Association

Dear Board Members: We live in the Glenrose community of Spokane County near the site of the proposed Zakheim Youth Sports Complex. We are opposed to having this complex in our community, and we request that you deny the funding that is being requested by Spokane Youth Sports Association. Our supporting arguments are as follows:

First. Your document describing the process of the board in making a decision clearly indicates that community support and involvement are an important part of the decision to approve a grant. This proposed sports complex clearly does not have the support of the Glenrose community. In fact, it is strongly opposed by the community.

Second. This same document indicates that grant applicants are encouraged to demonstrate an adequate public notification and review process. Spokane Youth Sports has failed to do this, and they have been unwilling to discuss our community concerns in an open forum.

Third. While this proposed complex is being called a Community Recreation Facility by Spokane Youth Sports, it is anything but that. In fact, its use would be by people who live outside of our community. Our understanding is that this would be a private entity and would not be open for use to the general public in our community.

Fourth. While we understand that the board does not involve itself in land use decisions, we believe that it is important for you to understand the severe impact that this proposed complex will have on our community. We are a rural community. We value the open spaces, the wildlife, the dark skies, the quiet, the ability to walk and bicycle along uncrowded roads, etc. There is no public sewer system and no access to public water in our community. We have septic tanks and wells. The proposed project will severely impact our groundwater and the ecology of the land. The increased traffic on essentially a single access and egress road means that our risk of a wildfire disaster is greatly increased. We have a history of wind-driven wildfires in our immediate area. The disaster of the Camp Fire in Paradise, California last year is a lesson in how the inability to evacuate quickly can lead to the loss of multiple lives.

In summary, we are opposed to any grant to support the development of the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex, and we request that you deny the funding. This is the wrong location for a complex of this type. We do not want to see our tax dollars spent for a private sports complex in this location.

Thank you very much.

Hal and Kathy Holte
4611 S Dyer Rd
Spokane, WA 99223

Hal Holte
Kathy Holte

Dear Board Members,

This letter is in response to Grant Application #18-1451D, Zakheim Youth Sports Complex to the Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office. I am a resident of Spokane and ordinarily would support a project such as this. However, I vehemently oppose this particular project and the utilization of tax dollars to support it. My reasons are listed below.

- **Environmental Concerns / Zoning** - The area in question is a rural area that is NOT COMMERCIALY ZONED. In fact, the zoning category that this project is proposed under has never before been utilized for a project of this magnitude. This is unprecedented. I find this troubling if not suspicious. Furthermore, this is a pristine environmental area supporting abundant wildlife and farmland in addition to residential communities. It should be noted that the property in question is currently zoned for a total of two houses on the 20 acres - not a sports complex with hundreds of parking spaces etc. Additionally, there is no city water or sewer access, hence, they will have to use porta potties. I continue to be in disbelief that Spokane County, much less the State of Washington, would allow porta potties, hundreds of parking spaces, concession stands, artificial turf fields, stadium lighting, PA systems etc. to decimate this incredible environmental setting.
- **Infrastructure / Safety Concerns** - The proposed site has no infrastructure that could even begin to support the traffic congestion that will result from this. The entire area is supported by rural two lane roads with limited access. SYSA has made it clear that they plan to rent the facility for out of town tournaments in addition to their standard usage. There is NO easy access to food, gas services, highways and available overnight accommodations. In addition, there are many homes located in the hills overlooking the proposed site that will absolutely be threatened. How will emergency vehicles gain the necessary and timely access they need in the event of fire or a medical emergency? Are these residents and tax payers simply left with a hope and a prayer that their emergency does not occur between sporting events when access will be virtually impossible? Mark my words, if this project is allowed to proceed at this location, it is not IF this occurs but WHEN.
- **Applicant (SYSA) Not Adhering To Grant Requirements** - The grading permit referenced in the application was taken out by the PREVIOUS OWNER of the property. The permit has long since EXPIRED. The grant also requires SYSA to complete the project quickly. The reality is, there are significant obstacles for this project to proceed quickly, if at all. Additionally, SYSA claims (via the project manager for the grant) that they have met with the community and resolved their differences. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE.** They have met with the community, however, **NO DIFFERENCES / CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.** These scarce financial resources should be applied to a more worthy project that actually will occur and be completed in a timely manor - as required by the grant. Why have requirements and regulations if they're not enforced (regardless of how one feels about a specific project)?
- **Not "Open" For General Community Use** - SYSA claims that this facility is a "community recreation facility for use of persons in the area". Again, this is simply not true. SYSA is openly promoting the facility to host tournaments with OUT OF TOWN, TRAVELING TEAMS bringing revenue to Spokane. And it should be recognized that unless you're putting money directly into SYSA's bank account (by either having a child participating in SYSA or renting out the facility from SYSA), then there is very limited usage of the complex available to the general community. In fact as mentioned above, a significant percentage of the time the facility will be utilized by groups that are not even from the Spokane community. Really? And they want \$350,000 of our tax money for this limited segment of usage?
- **Lack of Community Support** - In my entire 55 years of life, this the first time I have ever written a letter to any public or private entity either in support or opposition of a project / issue. Clearly, I am not alone in my opposition. This has garnered a fair amount of media attention and whether it be letters to the editor or broadcast media stories, there appears to

be overwhelming opposition to this project. Furthermore, I have never seen so many signs in the community opposing a specific project. In fact, I have yet to see one sign in support - not a single one (even made a concerted point of looking prior to drafting this letter). Also, the vast majority of people I talk to have no idea their tax dollars are going to this (if approved).

I don't begrudge SYSA's efforts to develop a youth sports complex. The issue is the location which is so problematic on multiple levels. At the same time, I'm surprised and disappointed at SYSA's lack of good faith in interfacing with the community and addressing our concerns, particularly when they are asking for our hard earned tax dollars.

There's a saying about trying to "push a square peg through a round hole". In this case, SYSA is attempting to "RAM the square peg through the round hole." The area for the proposed project is simply not equipped to handle a facility of this magnitude and needs to be placed in a commercially or industrially zoned area. Because of these concerns, among others, I'm asking the State of Washington to REJECT application #18-1451D,

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mary Hopkins
5214 E. Sumac Lane
Spokane, WA 99223
Email: mhop1986@gmail.com

Dear Board Members,

This letter is in relation to Grant #18-1451D (Zakheim Youth Sports Complex) proposal to the Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office. I am a life long Spokane resident who does not live in the immediate area of the proposed complex , however, I strongly oppose this development and my tax dollars being used for this. I should also mention that I've raised four children in this community and am typically supportive of projects that support youth sports, but this is absolutely the exception.

> Zoning & Environmental Issues -When I actually realized the specific area that was proposed for this development (it's quite controversial so it's been in the news), I couldn't believe it! There is no possible way the current zoning was intended to support a development of this size and scope. This is born out by the fact that zoning currently allows for one house per ten acres NOT a commercial development with hundreds of parking spaces, stadium lighting, concession stands, sound systems, porta potties etc. This is a beautiful rural area that supports amazing wildlife and farmland. The very site in question is teeming with deer early in the morning not to mention bald eagle sightings in addition to numerous other wildlife. Why should any private entity be allowed to circumvent the zoning intentions and destroy this environment that ALL of the community enjoys?

> NO Infrastructure Support - As mentioned above, this is a rural area with narrow two lane roads providing limited access. There is no way those roads can handle the traffic congestion created from the complex, not to mention the fact that emergency vehicles will have problems gaining access during the inevitable traffic jams. Personally, I'd be terrified to reside in the communities located in the hills above the proposed site for fear an emergency call could not be addressed in time. If a tragedy occurs, no one can say they weren't warned. Also, one of the many unfortunate and frustrating aspects of this proposal, is that there are businesses in the Spokane Community that would beg for the traffic this development would generate. But, because the proposed site is not commercially zoned, there is no easy access to these businesses (food, gas, lodging etc). This is absurd and nonsensical.

> Provide Full Community Use - I'm not opposed to something being developed on the 20 acre parcel in question that does NOT destroy the environment, threaten the surrounding communities AND that the ENTIRE COMMUNITY can benefit from. Simply because the land was "gifted" to the applicant does not mean they should violate the intention of the current zoning. Take their good fortune and sell the parcel to an entity that will adhere to the zoning and be a responsible neighbor within the community. Perhaps a natural community park that everyone can utilize and benefit from?

> Unwillingness to Address Community Concerns - Finally, as mentioned above, I believe it's crucial to be a responsible neighbor but according multiple letters to the editor etc. the applicant has addressed none of the community concerns (including but not limited to my concerns above). I'm sorry, but they're asking for \$350,000 of our tax money for this development. It's UNACCEPTABLE that they are unwilling to work with the community to resolve these very serious issues.

Due to the documented concerns above, I'm asking the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to reject Grant Application # 18-1451D.

Respectfully,
Margaret H. Hopkins
S. 2616 Southeast Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99223

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: o ert slo rch slo msn.com
Sent: Sat rda , ne , 01 7
To: L nd st, att (C)
Cc: Greene, Al son (C)
Subject: IS ro ect 1 1451 Comment
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To: Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office
 Gentlemen:

I am commenting about PRISM Project #18-1451, Zakheim Youth Sports Complex. I recognize that when making decisions regarding the award of grant funds it is beyond your scope to rule on land use issues. There are several criteria within your scope that I ask you to scrutinize during your evaluation process. I am referencing RCO Evaluation Criteria. SYSA 07.16 2018.docx 07/16/2018.

1. Item #3 reads – “Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?” The proposed site is located in a rural community on land presently being farmed. It is completely out of character with the area. It will not protect the integrity of the environment to the point that the entire local community is livid over the prospect of the development being built. The reason multiple letters have been written to you, letters have been written to local newspapers, signs have been posted throughout the community, and an attorney has been hired to challenge this development is because it does not have a semblance of integrity with the environment. I have attached pictures of signs in the community along with a couple of news articles and a link to a news report from a local TV station for your reference.
2. Item #6 reads - “Readiness to Proceed. What is the timeline for completing the project? Permits and approval have already been finalized by Spokane County Building and Planning Department.” That is a false statement. To date no permit has been issued for this project. I can assure you that when and if one is issued it will be aggressively litigated by the community. I can’t tell you how upset the local community is about this project. When you consider assisting developers with state taxpayer dollars shouldn’t the viability of the project be a concern to you? Do you want to award a grant knowing that the local community is irate and will do everything within their power to see that approval is denied?
3. Item #7 reads – “Project Support and Partnerships. To what extent do users and the public support the project?” Item #7 is interesting from the standpoint of who is not mentioned. One has to wonder why no county official is mentioned even though the proposed project is located in Spokane County. Why is there no mention of support from local community members? I’m sure it is pretty clear to you based on the information provided to you in #1 & #2 above. I can tell you that I and others within the Glenrose Community met with some of the leadership of Spokane Youth Sports Association to try and find a way for their development to be supported by the local community. The message sent to the Glenrose Community was that SYSA had a plan they were going to follow irrespective of how Glenrose felt. If you come to the area and interview members of the community you will immediately learn that there is zero support for this development.

Taxpayer dollars are precious. It is wonderful that you have the opportunity to help fund projects around the state. I challenge you to support the developments where there actually is true community support and participation. Promote developments that are in harmony with environment they are located in. The Zakheim Youth Sports Complex is clearly not on that list.

Sincerely,
 Bob Hyslop
 President

The Glenrose Association
<http://glenroseassociation.org/>



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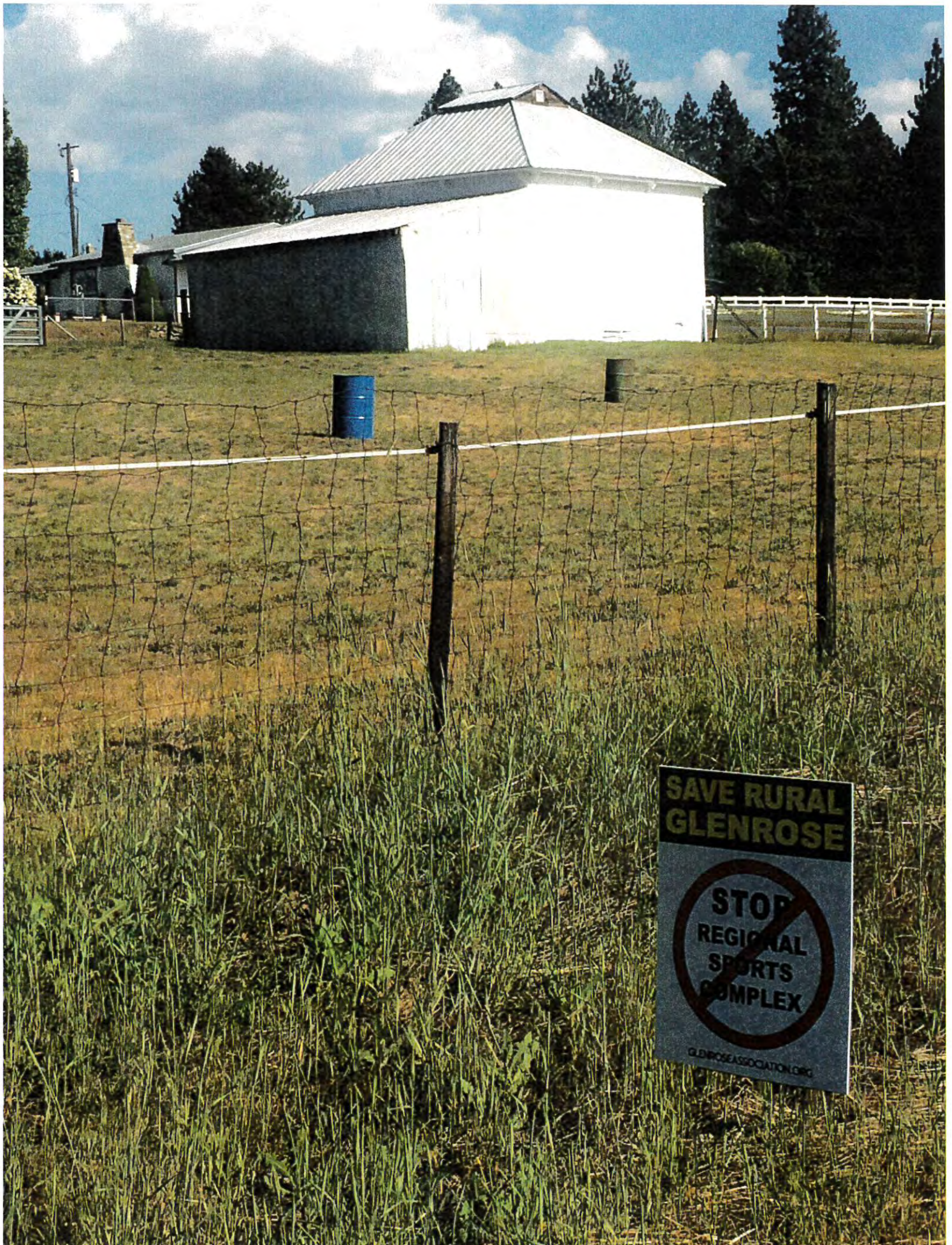
SAVE RURAL GLENROSE



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SYSA, work with Airway Heights

Glenrose is unsuited for the sports complex proposed by SYSA. SYSA should work with entities that want and can support a large complex which could likely result in building it sooner, cheaper and better.

Airway Heights is building a 70-acre sports complex; however, did SYSA not attend the planning meetings? It's not too late for SYSA to collaborate with Airway. Also, Northern Quest Casino is expanding youth activities and wants traffic and would be supportive.

Spokane city and county are working together to get better development infrastructure in West Plains and Airway area. The polo fields have set a precedent for youth sports in the area. West Plains/Airway Heights want it and have infrastructure in place: roads, restaurants, hotels, parking, sewer, zoning. There isn't a hotel on the upper South Hill and the closest restaurant or gas station is 2.5 miles via a narrow two-lane road.

Glenrose doesn't want it, the massive scale will destroy the rural residential character and overload infrastructure. It makes financial, construction, functional sense to build in West Plains/Airway Heights.

SYSA supporters and donors should demand the most effective use of their time and money and create a better facility for everybody.

Pike Brant
Spokane

Glenrose not the place

The proposed Spokane Youth Sports Association Sports Complex at 37th Avenue and Glenrose Road is inappropriate for that site. It would be a private facility, inaccessible for public use, with year-round stadium lighting (think Avista Stadium). There will be a cacophony of sound reverberating everywhere due to Glenrose's bowl-shaped geography. Upward of 400 parking spaces would significantly add to the already growing traffic on inadequate roads.

I am supportive of activities for kids. But should that support extend to a total transformation of a rural community? The proposed sports complex would certainly have the effect of a major zoning shift. One need only use their imagination to envision future commercial development around such a facility.

For me, it was perplexing as to why a picture of a community park was shown in the May 24 newspaper article about the proposed private Sports Complex. But it does suggest a possible option going forward. I recommend that county planners, SYSA, the Glenrose community and other interested parties sit down and help SYSA find a more appropriate site for their youth facility. This would make room for a Glenrose community park, which all kids and adults could enjoy.

Larry Thorson
Spokane

Link to KXLY Report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz-LA109sBA>

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: elodee ones onesh s msn.com
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2011 7:55 AM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Cc: Greene, Alison (RCO)
Subject: Grant Application 11-1451

Recreation and Conservation Office
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

I am writing in regards to the Spokane Youth Sports Association grant application #18-1451D for \$350,000 for their proposed Zakheim Youth Sports Complex. I am a longtime resident of the Glenrose community where this complex is to be located. I understand the Board does not have authority to determine the merits of our local Spokane County land use decisions. However, I do want to convey to you that there is a significant land use dispute currently taking place.

I would also like to point out that the grading permit referenced in the application (#08002934) was issued February 25, 2010 to Brian Gosline from Spokane South Little League (a completely different entity) and expired April 11, 2013, a fact which was omitted on the grant application. Since grading permits typically expire after eighteen months, it appears an extension of the permit was granted and a final inspection by the county was completed November 7, 2013. Subsequently, the property was regraded back to its original condition and returned to farming without a valid grading permit in place. To proceed with the current project, a new grading permit must be obtained and the application for this permit will certainly trigger an appeal by our neighborhood association and legal counsel.

Additionally, the community support referenced in the application seems to be a gross mischaracterization. Asking politicians and sports advocates to write letters doesn't fairly represent the level of community support. Our neighborhood community, in which this regional complex would be situated, is nearly unanimously opposed to it. The mayor of Spokane and the parks director for the city of Spokane are approving of a project that isn't even located in their jurisdiction. Ditto for state legislators that won't be affected. It appears the project was awarded full points in the "Evaluation Scores" grid under the "Support and Partnerships" category. I would like to point out that as soon as the Glenrose Association requested to meet with the SYSA board in order to work out specific conditions or limitations that would address neighborhood concerns, SYSA ended communications with the community.

As a property owner and taxpayer, I certainly don't want state funding to be granted to such a controversial project. I appreciate your consideration of these issues and in fairness, I do believe there are other projects more deserving of funding than this one.

Sincerely,

Melodee K. Jones
6110 E Corkery Rd.
Spokane, WA 99223

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: ed Lasher [mailto:edlasher@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2014
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Cc: Stephanie Hanson
Subject: Comment on grant application 1451

Dear Mr. Lundquist,

I am writing to comment on a grant application for the theme month Sports Complex in Soane, A. I see that this currently ranked 4 in the realm regarding large grants for other athletic facilities. I understand that the grant applicant, SSA, may have also filed some of the claims made in this application and would like to register my concerns.

(a) SSA does not have the desired comments. That they have are a set of letters from a handful of restgoers comment members, many of whom have never seen the site, most of whom have a track record of arguing delinquent matters, here or here. In fact, recent news articles and news stories have highlighted the intended local opposition to the sports complex, which has been a heated issue since the area was settled in the late 1900s. They proposed a road use of the facility, arguing and track expectations, and stadium lighting. It has an enormous impact on the neighborhood, much of which is accessed on one road, which goes past the proposed Sports Complex.

(b) SSA does not have a grading permit. They have an approved grading permit from the residents.

(c) They state they are required to consult with the department of archeology and historic preservation and affected state American tribes to determine possible impacts. Given the historical significance of the area, consultation with the tribes is critical and will take time.

(d) Other soccer has become a major trend that offers little benefit to the community at large and only marginal benefits to kids and families who play soccer. I see this as a mother that kids who play soccer through SSA. Although SSA is non-profit, it competes for labor and landscaping that at least three other professional leagues in the city. I estimate whether we need to provide landscaping or fields that are increasingly occupied by private sector teams. I do not see how this sports complex provides relation or diversion or persons in the area. There is already a huge (and huge) impact on soccer complex less than a mile from the proposed site.

(e) The Glenrose neighborhood is a haven for wildlife, including moose, bear, deer, pheasant, wild turkeys, porcupines, hummingbirds, snipe, hawks, and songbirds. The elongated area through such a large impact sports complex seems the wrong area to transform a rural area.

I understand the meaning of preservation and that we must accommodate growth properly, but it seems more logical to begin with a smaller facility with real grass and no stadium lighting. I would appreciate a proposed use of this land that is interested in getting along with the neighbors, being a

part of the comment that is already so strong in Glenrose. I would want a project like this in the
acard, especially one that appears so interested in getting into the center of the neighborhood.

Thank you for accepting comments.

Deborah Lasher, Stone Island
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Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Le cort, gh le cort gon aga.ed
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To: L nd st, att (C)
Subject: a he m Glenrose s orts com le

Mr. Lundquist,

I am writing to oppose the approval of a grant to the SYSA to build a sports complex (Zakheim Youth Sports Complex) in the Glenrose area of Spokane. My neighbors and I all oppose the project because of its environmental and social impact; just last week elk were grazing in that field.

Thanks,

Hugh Lefcort
6919 E. Random Point Lane
Spokane, WA 99223

*Hugh Lefcort
Professor
Biology Department, Gonzaga University
502 E. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99223
509-313-6706*

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Berl asteller amasteller@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO) rich.slo@msn.com
Subject: Proposed S SA a hem o th S orts Com le n S o ane

I am writing to say I am against an state grant money being used for the S SA a hem o th S orts Com le n S o ane. I live in the area, and am not against having soccer fields in that location, but there are major concerns that need to be addressed with the site of the proposed project. In addition to the general local protests about the project, there are too many other concerns in the rural area to list. The main reason that is needed for that site is not there.

The proposed complex would be located on a narrow lane country road, with no traffic controls other than stop signs. Congestion and safety are serious issues.

There is no food or lodging within at least 5 miles of the proposed site. It is not an ideal location for crowds of people needing food and lodging.

S SA needs to allow for a new grading permit. The original one has long since expired, so they cannot move ahead. Clearly, every concern from historical and archeological groups concerned about the rich history of the

Glenrose area.

There are pros and cons to the project, but there is much opposition as evidenced by the many signs posted in the Glenrose area, meetings, no construction, and articles in the Solesman.

S SA has not resolved differences with the local community. Course noise and light pollution concern the neighboring homeowners, and a major issue is the site and intent of the site. Soccer fields are one thing.

Added parking spaces, stadium lighting and stadium lights many months ago are another.

There are water and setbacks issues for that site in that rural location. It is not conducive to crowds and hanging.

Whether it is also an issue to consider in building this project. Given Solesman's winter weather and temperatures, I don't see this rural location being conducive to people getting around safely and being able to access the area.

Moreover, in closing, I do not see this as a wise use of the taxpayers' money, and I certainly am against millions being used to build this artificial site. Thank you for your attention. Berl asteller

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: rene.eterson@rene.eterson@outlook.com
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2014
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Subject: Spokane Glenrose Contact

Why?.... Do you know?....About the Zakheim (SYSA) Sports Complex that is trying to take a large piece of property

in the middle of our precious unique eco-system of Spokane Washington?

I live in the Glenrose Community, and have, since 1994. There is something very unusual about it! I have had many people say, "it is in vortex" It is unusual for many reasons, one because it is in a bowl. So sound and lights

would be an extreme issue! Immediate and long term. Pollution, just from the lights alone is of great concern!

So location.... The Glenrose Community doesn't serve SYSA well> And, SYSA doesn't serve Glenrose well. Then,

the traffic! The narrow 2 lane Glenrose road is incomprehensible! There will be fatalities!

I am a Mother and Grandmother. Most of us in the community are hardworking, kid loving people! And, knowingly blessed to live in this precious complex eco-system. We want our kiddos to have their sports, and to

learn right from wrong. There are many other more suitable locations, such as, the Play Fare area, the West Plains area, plus numerous others.

There are many claims made by the SYSA, that are misleading and false! One of them is that they reached out

to the Glenrose Community, and we were in favor.....False. I believe the SYSA has claimed they have a valid permit..False, it has expired.

I plead with you to not fund this request!

A resident who cares deeply !

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Tom Reynolds <reynoldstc3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2011 11:15 AM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Subject: Proposed Glenrose Sports Complex at 37th and Glenrose

Dear R&C Funding Board,

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the development of the proposed Sports Complex at 37th and Glenrose Roads.

I have many friends and neighbors that I have encountered who are totally opposed to the complex for several reasons of which a few are as follows:

1. That is a rural neighborhood setting
2. The impact of cars and traffic will destroy the property values as well as the character of the community.
3. To hear that the Soccer association has heard nothing but support for this project is false. I suggest you put it to a vote and see what the honest results would be.
4. Traffic is already an issue with the current road system unable to handle the growth of the recent developments that have already occurred.
5. Most importantly, that intersection (37th and Glenrose) will become a "safety hazard" to the community.

In summary, as a taxpayer, I do not want my tax dollars spent on a project that is being pushed down the throats of the local residents. Please reconsider.

Thank you

Tom Reynolds

cell:509-496-4165

reynoldstc3@yahoo.com

TO: Alison Greene alison.greene@rco.wa.gov (360) 522-3698
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Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Peter Sanburn <sanburn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 0, 2017
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Subject: Project number 1451 - a hemlock Sports Complex

Mr Lundquist,

This communication is to protest the above application for a \$350,000 state grant.

There are many faults with this application and the project itself. The project is being falsely presented to adhere to county zoning, but it distorts the current zoning definition to cater to a specific private use.

Here is a list of other faults with the submission.

- The Grading Permit referenced in the application was taken out by Spokane South Little League and has long since expired. SYSA statements that they have received a grading permit is absolutely false!
- In the grant manual it says media coverage can serve as evidence of public support. SYSA states they have strong media support which is factually incorrect as many media articles, both newspaper and television sight just the opposite. There are many signs in the community protesting this development! The documentation from SYSA states that it has the support of the community.
- The local community where the complex would be build is nearly unanimously opposed to this development!
- SYSA stated that they had met with the community and resolved their differences. It is categorically false that anything has been resolved!

I am vehemently opposed to this project. Please reject their grant application in order to keep rural lands rural. Once rural land is gone, it is gone forever.

Thank you.

Peter Sanburn
5106 S Girard Ln
Spokane, WA 99223

June 3, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Office

Attn: Board Liason

PO Box 40917

Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: Zakheim Youth Sports Complex, Grant #18-1451D

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Dear Sir or Madame,

I am a 12 year resident of the Glenrose Community in Spokane, Washington. We moved here to escape the noisy, crowded life in a traditional neighborhood, and were charmed by the rural, pastoral areas and views. I live one mile from the proposed sports complex. We became aware of the sports complex issue shortly after we moved here, and have been following the issues since then.

There are a number of glaring issues here. First, the grading permit referenced in the grant application that was taken out by Spokane South Little League, expired long ago. The grant specifies that they have a permit, which they do not. Second, the project manager, Allison Green was told by SYSA that they had met with the community and resolved differences. The truth is that the Glenrose Community Association tried to initiate meetings with SYSA on three occasions, October 2017, November, 2017 and February, 2018, but were denied. The concerns of the community have not been resolved. Third, the grant application claims there is community support for the project, which is an out and out falsehood. There are signs on nearly every property along Glenrose stating their opposition to the project. There is nearly unanimous opposition among the thousands of residents in the Glenrose Community. I am one of those residents, and I oppose the use of public funds for the project.

Sincerely,



Jean Simmons

5407 E Corkery Rd, Spokane, WA 99223

Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: m erle a lor ta lor001 gma l.com
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Please do not fund this request for one of you 2019-2020 grants.

This project is strongly opposed by the citizens in this neighborhood. We DO NOT want the complex its proposed site.

SYSA has done a poor job of working with the neighborhood regarding this project. They have refused legal arbitration and have done some other underhanded things.

Pay attention to the feedback of the community before you make a decision to grant a significant amount of State money to an unsupported project.

Kim Taylor

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*Attn:
Board Liaison*

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**NATIONAL
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June 1, 2019

Dear Recreation + Funding Board,

As 30 year residents of the Glenrose Community in Spokane County, my husband and I would like to go on record opposing the grant application for SYSA.

It would disappoint us to see our taxpayers funds used to support a private club. The proposed facilities will not be open to our community, only those families who pay to participate. Thus, the idea to will be for our community is erroneous and should never been approved by the Spokane County Planning Department under that guise.

When my husband spoke with Phil Helean, executive director of SYSA, Mr. Helean told him they plan to rent it out and bring teams from other areas around state. This is the description of a regional Sports Complex, not a Glenrose Community Facility.

Please use Google maps and see how this complex with its traffic, noise and lights is being inserted into this rural community (totally inappropriate location).

Sincerely,
Janice Thorson

Larry Thorson
4117 S. Theronen Rd.

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June 3, 2019

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board,

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I ~~was~~ writing to you to express my strong opposition to the construction of the proposed Zakheim Sports Complex in the Glenrose Community in Spokane, Washington. In 2018, I volunteered to visit over 100 residences in the Glenrose community. My objective was to gather information about how people felt about the proposed Sports Complex. Of all these contacts I encountered two people who supported it. Virtually everyone I talked to was strongly against it. Many were incredulous that it was even being considered in an area like this, a serene, pastoral community with horses and hiking trails. The proposed site is part of a much larger parcel of land which has and is being used to grow wheat. The community members were especially offended by the private nature of the proposed facility and the plans to have it rented out to teams throughout the state.

My wife and I have lived in the Glenrose community for over 30 years. This proposed Sports Complex would totally transform this community, with all of its impacts being negative. These include dense traffic on inadequate roads which would seriously threaten the safety of all who live here, offensive noise in a tranquil, bowl-shaped area where sound reverberates, and offensive stadium lighting appropriate only in a commercial or industrial zone. I support youth sports, but I am certain there are more appropriate sites. To me, it is unconscionable that the Glenrose site would be approved for such a facility. I certainly would not want any of my tax dollars being used for its construction here.

Sincerely,

Larry Thorson
41170 S. Theerman Rd.
Spokane, Wa. 99223

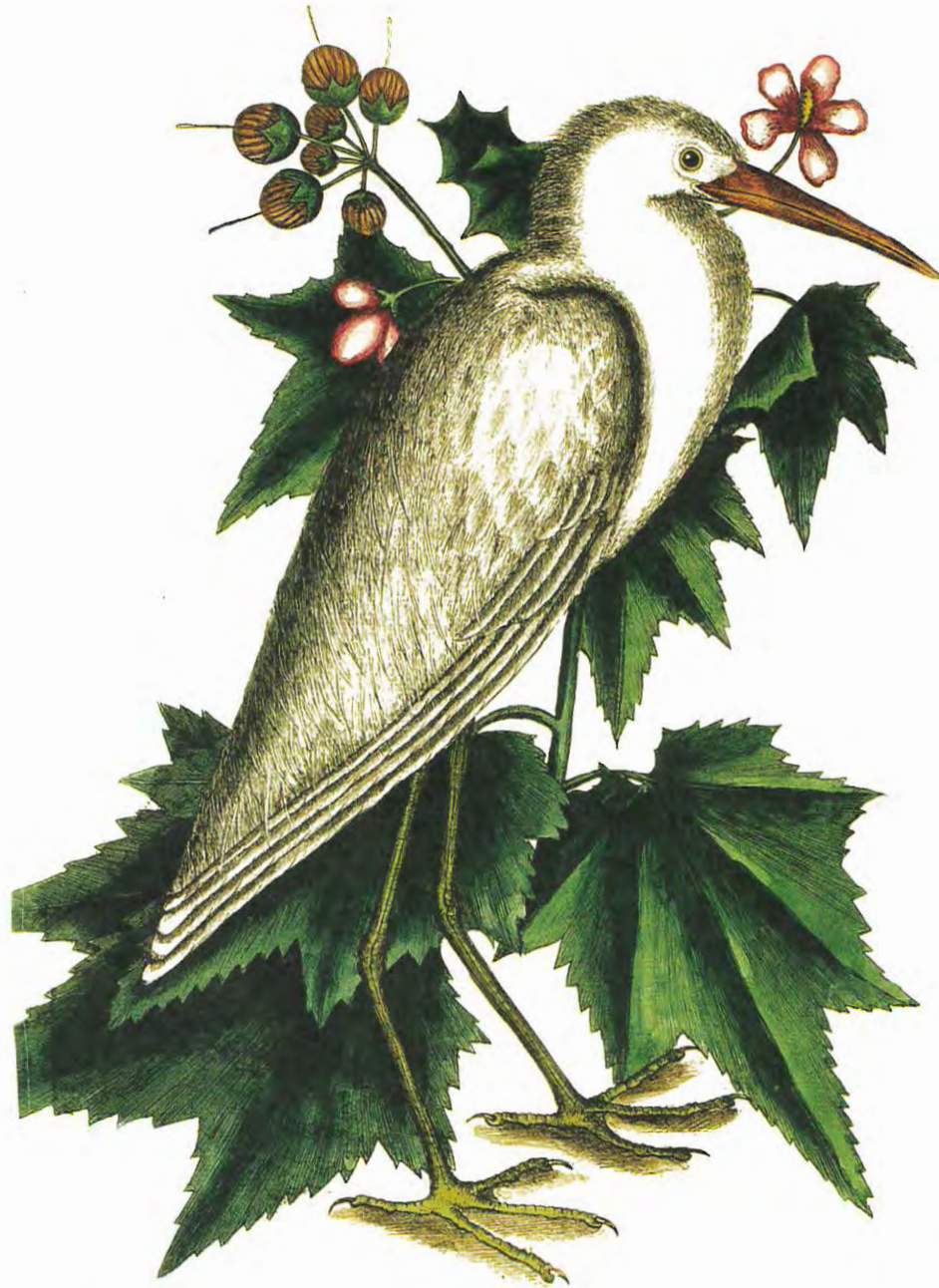
THE LITTLE WHITE HERON

Vol. I, plate 77 in *The Natural History of Carolina,
Florida, and the Bahama Islands*

Designed and engraved by Mark Catesby (1683-1749)
London, England, 1731-1743

In 1712 and again in 1722, British naturalist Mark Catesby traveled to the New World to study and observe the flora and fauna. For four years, he painted the birds and flowers of Virginia and the Carolinas until his return to England whereupon he taught himself to etch.

This image is a reproduction of the original etching by Catesby in Colonial Williamsburg's collection.



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Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)

From: Larr Thorson nlthorson.comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, June 1, 2013 3:37 PM
To: Lundquist, Wyatt (RCO)
Subject: Glenrose Sports Complex

Dear Recreation and Conservation Planning Board,

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the construction of the proposed Glenrose Sports Complex in the Glenrose community in Snohomish County, Washington. In 2001, over a two and a half month period, I volunteered to visit over 100 residences in the Glenrose community. I contacted as many as I could to gather information about how the proposed Glenrose Sports Complex would affect all these contacts. I encountered a wide variety of responses. In fact, every one I talked to was strongly against the plan. They were incredulous that this area was being considered in an area like this. The proposed site is part of a much larger parcel of land which has been zoned to grow wheat. The community members here especially opposed the rate of the proposed facility and the plans to have it rented out to teams throughout the state.

I have lived in Glenrose for over 30 years. This proposed Sports Complex would totally transform this community. All of its impacts would be negative. These include dense traffic on inadequate roads, increased noise in an otherwise tranquil area, and increased stadium lighting at a rate only in a commercial or industrial zone. I am sure, it is inconceivable that this site would be a good or successful facility. I certainly would not want an \$80 million dollar investment in this construction.

Sincerely,
 Larr Thorson

Sent from my iPad

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Projects

Prepared By: Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office accepted grant applications for federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program funding. This memo provides an overview of the program, a summary of the grant proposals, and outlines the evaluation and selection process. The June 2019 meeting provides an opportunity for review of the proposals 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
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Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is soliciting proposals for the federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program. Given the timing of the federal process, 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 Recreational Boating Safety Act of 1998. The program is managed by the USFWS and provides funds to develop, renovate, and maintain 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, buoys, and upland support amenities.

The USFWS has established two “tiers” of grants.

- Tier 1 is for projects that request \$200,000 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 \$200,000. Tier 1 applications are not guaranteed, but have a high probability of funding approval.
- Tier 2 is for projects that request between \$200,001 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.

Program Policies

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

Eligible Applicants	Local agencies, state agencies, port districts, tribal governments, and private marinas and nonprofit organizations with facilities open to the general public
Eligible Projects	Development, renovation, maintenance, and education and information
Match Requirements	Grant recipients must provide at least 25 percent in matching resources.
Funding Limits	Tier 1: The minimum fund request is \$5,000 with a maximum request of \$ 192,086. ¹ Tier 2: The minimum fund request is \$200,001 with a maximum request of \$1,440,645. ¹
Public Access	Required for the longest useful life period identified for one or more capital improvements

¹ The board’s adopted policy is to set aside 4.12 percent for program administration.

Other	• Projects must be located on navigable waters.
Program	• Transient moorage is limited to 15 days.
Characteristics	• Key priorities in the evaluative process include meeting documented needs, improving boater access, and demonstrating efficiencies, partnerships, innovation, and environmental stewardship.

RCO typically accepts grant applications for Tier 1 projects during the even-numbered year as part of the biennial grants cycle. In 2018, however, we received only one Tier 1 application, so we are accepting applications again this year. Applicants may submit Tier 2 projects each year for the national competition.

Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Cycle

RCO received six pre-applications for BIG funding consideration during this grant cycle; four Tier 1 requests and two Tier 2 requests. The proposals are described in Attachment A.

BIG Tier 1 and 2 Technical Review

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.

BIG Tier 1 and 2 Project Evaluation

The Boating Programs Advisory Committee will evaluate the four Tier 1 projects in August. The director will approve Tier 1 funding based on the ranked list and recommendation of the committee.

After considering the recommendations of the advisory committee for the Tier 2 projects, the director will submit the project applications to the USFWS in early September for the national competition. Tier 2 projects go through a six-step national review and selection process: application acceptance, pre-ranking review, application ranking, application selection, risk assessment, and finally award notification. The National Review Panel scores and ranks projects and recommends a ranked list to the USFWS Director who makes the final decision.

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.

The state capital budget for the 2019-21 biennium includes authorization to expend up to \$2.2 million in federal funds. Nationwide, the USFWS awarded approximately \$4.1 million for BIG Tier 1 projects in federal fiscal year 2019, and \$16.5 million for BIG Tier 2 projects, including Washington State's submittal for the Port of Port Angeles fuel float.

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 *Recreational Boating Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

Next Steps

The director will select and submit Tier 1 projects to the USFWS for federal fiscal year 2020 and possibly 2021 funding following public comment and review and evaluation by the advisory committee. The director will submit the Tier 2 projects to the USFWS for federal fiscal year 2020 fund consideration following public comment and final review by the committee.

Attachments

- A. Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021
- B. Map of Project Locations

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 1 Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Years 2020-21

Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
19-1532 Development	Marina Guest Moorage Electrical Upgrades	City of Des Moines	\$88,816	\$29,628	\$118,444
<p>Description: Project will replace 25 shore power pedestals in the guest moorage area that currently have various capacities with new pedestals that contain 1 50 amp and 2 30 amp receptacles. The project will also replace the existing distribution panel with a panel with more capacity and all of the circuit wiring. The project will also make some repairs and alterations to the cables from the shore side electrical distribution system to the transformer on the dock that feed the main distribution panel. The marina is located on the east side of the East Passage on Puget Sound.</p>					
19-1516 Development	Breakwater Replacement	Walla Walla Yacht Club	\$48,000	\$144,000	\$192,000
<p>Description: The Walla Walla Yacht Club would like to replace our current breakwater system and install a larger structure that will accommodate larger vessels that transit the Columbia River. The Yacht Club, founded in 1949 on the Walla Walla River, moved to the current location in the early sixties. This nonprofit club has leases with the Army Corps of Engineers to that portion of the Columbia River at Port Kelley, which is on the Washington side of the state boundary. The club has a free launch ramp and marine pump-out, which are open to the public. The launch ramp needs to be upgraded to meet current accessibility standards. The installation of the breakwater will make the marina more stable and secure. In February 2019, a bad storm damaged the existing breakwater causing significant damage to the marina and boats. Four sailing vessels were lost and others damaged along with a number of boathouses.</p>					

Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
19-1510					
Development	Shower Remodel	Port of Friday Harbor	\$161,000	\$116,000	\$277,000
	<p>Description: The Port of Friday Harbor will use this grant to renovate eight shower stalls used primarily by visiting guest boaters. Renovations will include engineering and contracting support, floor and wall tile, seating, plumbing fixtures, lighting, fans, ADA accessible showers and a new electronic payment system. The marina is centrally located in the San Juan Islands. The Port hosts a U.S. Customs Port of Entry, an International Seaplane Base and is immediately adjacent to Washington State Ferries. The Port welcomes on average 15,000 overnight guest boaters per year. Guests of the Port are is vital to the Town of Friday Harbor and residents of San Juan Island. Overall guest moorage revenues make up 17% of the Friday Harbor Marina revenue.</p>				
19-1411					
Development	Marina Improvements	Makah Tribe	\$144,000	\$48,000	\$192,000
	<p>Description: This project will renovate existing infrastructure and transient moorage facilities in the Makah Marina (located along Neah Bay on the Makah Indian Reservation) to enhance the overall experience and safety of recreational boaters who visit. The Makah Marina hosts many recreational boaters who come to sightsee, participate in several recreational fisheries, and for a strategic last stop before heading out on long voyages. The existing infrastructure is old and leaks considerably (we estimate up to 500,000 gallons/month), causing it to be shut off for long periods for conservation purposes. This important resource is then unavailable to recreational boaters and the Makah community. The restrooms are similarly old and in need of renovation to support the large and growing number of visitors. We will also enhance the recreational boating experience by installing an electronic notice board to post boating safety information, fishing regulations and information about local recreational opportunities. These renovations will provide important and reliable amenities for recreational users, contribute to the Makah Tribal Council's priority of water conservation and climate change adaptation, and grow the local economy through increased recreational boating tourism. The improvements help protect the natural resources and habitat of Neah Bay and the Olympic Coast from oil spills by sustaining the infrastructure needs of response vessels hosted in the Makah Marina.</p>				

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 2 Project Proposal for Federal Fiscal Year 2020

Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
19-1544					
Development	Dock Replacement and Transient Moorage Expansion	City of Des Moines	\$450,577	\$150,273	\$600,850
	<p>Description: This development project at the City of Des Moines Marina on Puget Sound will replace the marina's existing "N" dock which has 50 ft. covered slips, 50 ft. open slips & 40 ft. open slips, all of which are permanent moorage, with a new all open moorage dock with the same number and type of slips. After the new dock is in place, plans are to use the slips on the north side of the dock, which is adjacent to the marina's guest moorage area that provides transient moorage for boats larger than 26 feet in length. The north side of the dock would have 4 - 40 ft. slips, 8 - 50 ft. slips and 1 - 32 ft. slip.</p>				
19-1523					
Development	Moorage and Breakwater	Port of Poulsbo	\$1,440,645	\$3,921,298	\$5,361,943
	<p>Description: The Port of Poulsbo will use this grant to create new transient moorage for vessels 26' and larger. The Port will provide transient moorage through replacement of the existing fixed breakwater structure with a new floating breakwater. The new breakwater will be positioned seaward of the existing breakwater with the intent of providing additional space entirely allocated to transient moorage opportunities. The new configuration will improve vessel navigation for larger boats and provide 2080 lineal feet of additional transient moorage for boats 26' and larger. This expansion is viewed as an initial phase in providing expanded transient moorage and the new configuration sets the stage to continue adding transient finger piers inside the breakwater in future phases of the expansion. The Port of Poulsbo is a premier destination for recreational boaters; arguably one of Puget Sound's most popular transient ports.</p>				

State Map of Boating Infrastructure Grant Projects



APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: June 27, 2019

Title: Public Land Inventory

Prepared By: Brent Hedden

Summary

RCO staff will update board members on the status of the update the Public Land Inventory database and Web map.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- Request for Decision
- Request for Direction
- Briefing

Background

The last update to the Public Land Inventory was completed in 2014, and since that time the inventory has remained a static map. In 2015, the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) completed a review of state recreation and habitat lands and recommended that the state agencies develop a single, easily-accessible source for information about proposed recreation and habitat land acquisitions. To accomplish this recommendation, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) proposed funding to update the Public Lands Inventory and create a feature that would allow agencies to update the information on a regular basis. In the 2017-19 capital budget, RCO was given a special appropriation to complete this work, and in December 2018, RCO awarded a contract to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) to complete the Public Land Inventory Update.

Public Land Inventory Update in Progress

At this time, RCO has received updated parcel information from its partner agencies (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department Natural Resources, and Washington State Parks), and ESRI is currently working with the data to build a comprehensive database and Web map.

Web Application Demonstration

RCO staff will present the Public Land Inventory Web map to the board.

RECREATION CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD

Quick Notes

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS		
Opening and Call to Order		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum B. Review and Approval of Agenda C. Remarks of the Chair 	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>June 2019 Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Moved by: Member Ready</p> <p>Seconded by: Member Deller</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>	<p>No follow-up action requested</p>
1. Consent Agenda		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Board Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2019 B. Time Extensions C. Policy Waiver 	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>Resolution 2019-12</u></p> <p>Moved by: Member Deller</p> <p>Seconded by: Member Shiosaki</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>	<p>No follow-up action requested</p>
2. Director's Report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Director's Report B. Legislative and Budget Update C. Grant Management Report D. Performance Report (<i>written only</i>) E. Fiscal Report (<i>written only</i>) 	<p>Briefing</p>	<p>No follow-up action requested</p>
General Public Comment		
<p>No public comment</p>		
BOARD BUSINESS: DECISION AND BRIEFINGS		
3. Conversions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Kent East Hill/Morrill Meadows Conversion (91-170A, 96-1224D, 97-036A, 02-1175A) B. Seattle Red Barn Ranch Conversion (69-150) 	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>Resolution 2019-13</u></p> <p>Moved by: Member Deller</p> <p>Seconded by: Member Ready</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p>Briefings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. When this conversion returns to the board for final action, the sponsor

<p>C. Clallam County Dungeness Farmland Conversion (06-1849)</p>		<p>should address the suggestion of looking at other options to retain the property for public use (such as through a land trust or Trust for Public Land)</p> <p>C. Bring back with further clarity around nearby projects</p>
<p>BOARD BUSINESS: DIRECTION</p>		
<p>4. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP): Riparian Protection Category Policy Update</p>	<p>Direction</p>	<p>Bring public comment back to the board in October</p>
<p>5. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP): Urban Wildlife Category Policy Update</p>	<p>Direction</p>	<p>Bring public comment back to the board in October</p>
<p>BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS</p>		
<p>6. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Approval of Ranked Lists and Grants</p> <p>A. <u>Education and Enforcement Category</u></p>	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>Resolution 2019-14</u> Moved by: Member Milliern Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p><u>Resolution 2019-15</u></p>	

B. <u>Nonhighway Road Category</u>	<p>Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p>	
C. <u>Nonmotorized Category</u>	<p><u>Resolution 2019-16</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Herzog Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p>	
D. <u>Off-road Vehicle Category</u>	<p><u>Resolution 2019-17</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Ready Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by Jeffery Bohman</p>	
7. Recreational Trails Program (RTP): Approval of Ranked Lists and Grants	Decision	<i>No follow-up action requested</i>
E. <u>Education</u>	<p><u>Resolution 2019-18</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p>	
F. <u>General</u>	<p><u>Resolution 2019-19</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Ready Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by Yvonne Kraus</p>	
8. Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium:	Decision	
A. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	<p><u>Resolution 2019-20</u> Moved by: Member Ready Seconded by: Member Herzog Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p>	
B. Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	<p><u>Resolution 2019-21</u> Moved by: Member Milliern Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by Glenn Carlson</p>	
	<u>Resolution 2019-22</u>	

C. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program	<p>Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by Patty Charnas</p>	
D. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	<p><u>Resolution 2019-23</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Ready Decision: Approved</p> <p>No public comment</p>	
E. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	<p><u>Resolution 2019-24</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by Arvilla Ohlde</p>	
F. Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program	<p><u>Resolution 2019-25</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Ready Decision: Approved</p> <p>Public comment provided by James Munly, Philip Helean and Jerry Storkout.</p>	

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

9. Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Projects	Briefing	No follow-up action requested
10. Public Land Inventory	Briefing	No follow-up action requested

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Next Meeting:

October 2, 2019, Board Travel Meeting – Cle Elum City Hall, 109 Yakima Avenue, Cle Elum, WA
 October 3, 2019, Board Tour – Cle Elum, WA

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: June 27, 2019

Place: Natural Resources Building, Olympia Campus, First Floor, Room 172, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members:

Ted Willhite, Chair Seattle	Kathryn Gardow Seattle
Mike Deller Mukilteo	Brock Milliern Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Michael Shiosaki Seattle	Peter Herzog Designee, Washington State Parks
Danica Ready Winthrop	Joe Stohr Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife

This summary is to 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 meeting.

Opening and Call to Order

Chair Willhite began the meeting at 9:00 am with a greeting to the board, staff, and members of the public in attendance and those joining online. Staff called roll and a quorum was determined. Chair Willhite reminded attendees that TVW was recording and a live feed was available online.

Motion: Move to Approve the June 27, 2019, meeting agenda.
Moved by: Member Ready
Seconded by: Member Deller
Decision: Approved

Item 1: Consent Agenda

The board considered the following agenda items:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2019
- B. Time Extensions:
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- C. Policy Waiver:
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Scatter Creek Addition (16-1352)

Resolution 2019-12

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: Approved

Item 2: Director's Report

Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director, shared a few updates with the board:

- Introduced new staff and highlighted internal staff changes.
 - Nikki Gaddis has moved to employment at Evergreen State College;
 - Julia Marshburn accepted a position as RCO's Records Coordinator;
 - Jim Lochner was hired as RCO's new Fiscal Analyst.
- No Child Left Inside (NCLI) grant applications evaluated. Applicants submitted 173 proposals asking for more than \$8 million, with only \$1.5 allocated to the program. This shows the large need for more funding support from the legislature.
- RCO launched the new custom agreement, which is the next step to becoming a completely paperless agency.
- Bremerton held a grand re-opening ceremony for Manette Park.
- Forestland outreach update – RCO hired a contractor to help create awareness and encourage submittal of forestland and farmland applications for the supplemental grant round.
- RCO selected to speak about what makes our agency psychologically safe. Staff presented to Governor Jay Inslee at a Results Washington meeting.

Legislative Update:

Wendy Brown, RCO Policy Director, gave an update to the board:

- Pollinator bill – SSB5552, affecting Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant categories, was passed by the Legislature. RCO is already incorporating the new mandate into the Habitat Conservation Account categories, which are currently under review.
- RCO and State Parks asked for two changes to the operating budget in regards to the No Child Left Inside grant program: an increase in the fund allocation and the removal of the veteran preference in the evaluation criteria. The legislature removed the criteria, but held the final allocation at \$1.5 million.
- WWRP was funded at \$85 million, which is on par with last biennium.
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) was funded to cover all projects at \$6.6 million.
- Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) was funded at \$12 million.
- Boating Facilities Program (BFP), Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA), and Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program (FARR) allocations came in at projected available revenue.
- The Legislature created a Community Forest pilot program.

Grant Management Report:

Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, provided an update on the work her staff completed since the last reporting period:

- RCO launched the supplemental grant round for the Farmland Preservation and Forestland Preservation categories of WWRP. RCO has a healthy list of projects with 19 applications requesting over \$7 million.
- The National Park Service announced that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Legacy panel selected to evaluate 2017 applications will begin its work in July 2019. RCO has three projects on the Legacy list. One project is being considered for funding through Legacy and through LWCF stateside grants. If approved, it is eligible for receipt of only one grant.

Fiscal Report: Written Only

Performance Report: Written Only

Item 3: Conversions:

A. Kent East Hill/Morrill Meadows Conversion (91-170A, 96-1224D, 97-036A, 02-1175A)

Myra Barker, RCO Compliance Specialist, presented a conversion for the city of Kent. The conversion, subject to the board's approval, is approximately 3.54 acres of land located at East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park. The conversion is due to the city conveying property rights to the YMCA of Seattle and development of an indoor facility.

The board was provided a briefing on this conversion at the January 31-February 1, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Barker outlined the area of conversion and replacement properties, as well as gave an overview of applicable conversion policy for this proposal.

Brian Levenhugen, Kent Parks Department's Deputy Director, was there to answer questions from the board. He stated there is a large demand for a public pool in Kent for its 130,000 residents. YMCA's funding came together before the city discovered that this property was funded by RCO and is subject to compliance in perpetuity.

The board discussed and ultimately a motion was made to approve the request:

Resolution 2019-13

Moved by: Member Deller

Seconded by: Member Ready

Decision: **Approved**

B. Seattle Red Barn Ranch Conversion (69-150A)

Myra Barker, RCO Compliance Specialist, briefed the board on a conversion of approximately 40 acres by the city of Seattle. The Red Barn Ranch, located near Auburn, was purchased with state bonds and an open space grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 1970. Louis Webster, Seattle Parks and Recreation Senior Real Property Agent, and Max Jacobs, Manager were available to answer questions from the board. Mr. Jacobs stated Seattle Parks and Recreation avoids selling property at all costs, but this property is isolated and extremely difficult to manage. It is an unsafe and problematic site for the city. The board agreed it was a cumbersome site but hoped that a land trust or nonprofit could purchase the property from the city. The board liked the preferred parcel choice as it matched the intent of the original Red Barn Ranch acquisition, providing a park in an underserved urban area. This item will return for a decision in October 2019.

C. Clallam County Dungeness Farmland Conversion (06-1849A)

Myra Barker, RCO Compliance Specialist, and **Kim Sellers**, RCO Grants Manager, briefed the board on a conversion of approximately 18 acres of property (a portion of the Clallam County Dungeness Farm) acquired with a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), Farmland Preservation category. This property will be removed from agricultural use to accommodate a levy setback. Replacement property rights must meet the eligibility criteria for the WWRP Farmland category. The county wishes to reduce flooding in the area and restore ecological balance with an estuary/floodplain area. The board discussed the proposal. Michele Canale, Project Facilitator from North Olympic Land Trust, Cathy Lear Habitat Biologist from Clallam County, Helle Andersen, Clallam County Coordinator, Hanai Hals, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Natural Resources Department Director, and Randy Johnson, the Tribe's Habitat

Program Manager, were there to answer questions from the board. This item will return for a decision in October 2019.

Break: 11:00 – 11:15

Item 4: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP): Riparian Protection Category Policy Update

Ben Donatelle, RCO Policy Specialist, presented the draft recommended changes to the project evaluation criteria in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Riparian Protection category. The proposed changes aim to increase efficiency of the project evaluation process and reduce redundancy between unique criteria. Mr. Donatelle also addressed the concern the board raised at the April meeting to ensure this category does not become too focused on salmonids. The workgroup wishes to maintain a watershed wide approach while reducing redundant and simplistic binary answers to questions. They also focused on incorporating the inclusion and protection of pollinators, as required by recently passed legislation. The Riparian Protection category is the only category that funds restoration in WWRP, other than the State Land Restoration category. The proposed program changes will go out for public comment in July. Mr. Donatelle will brief the board on the public comment in October and request adoption of final policy changes.

Item 5: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP): Urban Wildlife Category Policy Update

Ben Donatelle, RCO Policy Specialist, presented the draft recommendations for changes to the evaluation criteria and funding policies in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Urban Wildlife Habitat category. The proposed changes included revisions to the project evaluation criteria, funding allocation formula, and project location policies. Mr. Donatelle introduced the concept of urban clusters, citing Chelan, WA as a community who would benefit from this new population measure. Urban clusters are derived by US Census Bureau and interpreted by the Office of Financial Management to track annual population density. The numbers are updated every year. Urban clusters are now seen as a more accurate representation of where urbanization is happening over the traditional measurement of Growth Management Areas. Member Shiosaki wondered why restoration was not an eligible expense for this category. He suggested that to get local agencies interested in applying in this category, restoration would have to be an eligible expense. Staff noted that this would require a statutory change.

Public Comment:

Pene Speaks, citizen and member of the workgroup, commented on the proposed changes. The workgroup was mostly in consensus. She wanted to know how sponsors are going to address climate change – does their project include climate adaptation plans? Ms. Speaks would like stronger climate change wording. Member Milliern asked

Mr. Donatelle to include all of the "eligibility" options for public review and comment presented preferred actions and alternative actions to measure what the public's preferential choice would be.

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:00

Item 6: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Approval of Ranked Lists and Grants

Jesse Sims, RCO Grants Manager, and **Marguerite Austin**, Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, presented a summary of the NOVA Program and the grant proposals submitted for consideration. The board considered public testimony following presentation of each category. Staff recommended board approval of the ranked lists and grant awards for the following categories:

A. Education and Enforcement Category

There were 30 project proposals, requesting \$3.6 million. The U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District submitted the top ranked project, Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol (18-2381E).

[Resolution 2019-14](#)

Moved by: Member Milliern
Seconded by: Member Gardow
Decision: [Approved](#)

B. Nonhighway Road Category

There were 25 project proposals, requesting \$2.9 million. The U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District submitted the top ranked project, Naches Developed and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations (18-2490M).

[Resolution 2019-15](#)

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: [Approved](#)

C. Nonmotorized Category

There were 36 project proposals requesting nearly \$4.4 million. Washington Department of Natural Resources submitted the top ranked project, Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities and Trails Maintenance and Operations (18-2328M).

[Resolution 2019-16](#)

Moved by: Member Shiosaki
Seconded by: Member Herzog
Decision: [Approved](#)

D. Off-road Vehicle Category

There were 30 project proposals requesting \$5.4 million. The U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District, submitted the top ranked project, Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations (18-2398).

Staff then provided a summary of the Do Not Fund Recommendation for Clallam County's Forks Off-Road Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (18-2417C). NOVA Advisory Committee members were concerned about the county's plan to develop a motorized trail that would access a forest service road that allows street legal vehicles only. Staff presented the board with the recommendation for approving the ranked list and grant awards, and provided options for the Clallam County project in Resolution 2019-17. If the board selected Option 1, the project would not be eligible for funding. Selecting Option 2, meant the board did not agree with the NOVA Advisory Committee and would reinstate the project as an alternate, meaning it would be eligible for funding if unused grant funds became available.

Public Comment:

Jeffery Bohman, Peninsula Trails Coalition, board president shared his profound dismay at the "do not fund" recommendation. He said there was substantial support for this project, especially from the user community. To rank it low and then to identify it as a "do not fund" recommendation was disappointing. He supported adoption of option 2.

The board discussed the options, with members expressing concern about whether the project was ready to proceed, impacts to the forest service road, and potential enforcement or safety issues. Following the discussion, the board approved the resolution with option 2.

Resolution 2019-17, Option 2

Moved by: Member Deller

Seconded by: Member Ready

Decision: Approved

Yay: Stohr, Deller, Ready, Shiosaki, Willhite

Nay: Herzog and Gardow

Abstained: Milliern

Item 7: Recreational Trails Program (RTP): Approval of Ranked Lists and Grants

Brian Carpenter, RCO Grants Manager, and **Marguerite Austin**, Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, provided a summary of the Recreational Trails Program. Although board grants are considered once a biennium, RTP is a federal grant program and funds are allocated each federal fiscal year. Mr. Carpenter described a key challenge for this year, the new federal rule that restricts use of RTP dollars for Education Category projects to one federal fiscal year. Mr. Carpenter then presented the following categories:

A. Education

There were 12 project proposals requesting \$221,230. The U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District submitted the top ranked project, Snoqualmie District Volunteer Coordinator (18-2379E). Staff plans to work with each applicant to ensure expenditure of grant funds during the federal fiscal year. Staff recommended first year funding for projects. Staff will use the board-adopted ranked list to award federal fiscal year 2019 and 2020 grants.

Resolution 2019-18

Moved by: Member Shiosaki

Seconded by: Member Milliern

Decision: Approved

B. General

There were 52 project proposals requesting \$5.5 million. For the first time, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance submitted the top rank project, Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance (18-2587M). To expedited expenditure of funds for all maintenance projects, staff recommend first year (federal fiscal year 2019) funding for all maintenance projects. Staff will use the board-adopted ranked list to award second year (federal fiscal year 2020) funding.

Public Comment:

Yvonne Kraus, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance's (EMBA) Executive Director, wanted to thank RCO and the board for all of their work. EMBA started thirty years ago, and to be top ranked thirty years later is an incredible opportunity.

Resolution 2019-19

Moved by: Member Deller

Seconded by: Member Ready

Decision: Approved

Item 8: Approve Grants for the 2019-21 Biennium

Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, presented a brief overview of each of the remaining grant programs. She shared the purpose of the program, the source of funds, and the amount included in the State Capital Budget for each program and category. Ms. Austin then submitted staff's recommendation for final approval of ranked lists and grant awards. Following each program presentation, the board accepted public testimony before awarding grants. The following summarizes the presentations for six board programs.

A. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

The Legislature approved \$6.6 million for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requested final approval for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements. The board approved the final ranked list and funding for all 15 projects.

Resolution 2019-20

Moved by: Member Ready
Seconded by: Member Herzog
Decision: Approved

B. Boating Facilities Program (BFP)

The Legislature approved nearly \$17.9 million in gas tax dollars for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP). Funds for this program are divided equally between state and local agency projects. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requested final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements. The board awarded grants that fully fund the 30 proposals submitted this year.

Public Comment:

Glenn Carlson, Commissioner from the Port of Grapeview, thanked the board for their work.

Resolution 2019-21

Moved by: Member Milliern
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: Approved

C. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program

The Legislature approved \$735,000 for the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program. Projects totaling \$712,000 were submitted this biennium. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requested final funding approval for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements. With Klickitat County's withdrawal of their proposal, the board approved full funding for the remaining nine projects.

Public Comment:

Patty Charnas, Director of the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, commented that she was pleased that their project has become an important strategic investment. This project will significantly help neighborhood compatibility issues and maintains broad community support.

Resolution 2019-22

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: Approved

D. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The board approved the preliminary ranked lists of projects for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund in October 2018. The Legislature, as part of the state capital budget for the 2019-21 biennium, adopted a budget and approved spending authority for the program. Recreation and Conservation Office staff asked the board to (1) approve the final ranked lists of projects, and (2) delegate authority to the Director to award grants to projects meeting statutory and policy requirements, contingent on Congressional approval of funds. There were 18 project proposals, with a majority of them being development requests. Staff will provide an update on the Director's funding decisions at an upcoming meeting.

Resolution 2019-23

Moved by: Member Shiosaki
Seconded by: Member Ready
Decision: Approved

E. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)

The WWRP program was established in 1989 to purchase important land for wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation before they are lost to development. The Legislature approved \$85 million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). RCO staff described the funding structure for the 12 categories and requested approval of the final ranked list and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements. The funding tables showed the recommended grant awards, eligible alternates, projects that did not receive Legislative authority for funding, and projects not recommended for funding because they were either withdrawn or did not meet the board's eligibility criteria. Staff recommended and the board approved grant awards for nearly 100 projects.

Public Comment:

Arvilla Ohlde commented on behalf of herself, and Phyllis and Greg Gaynor, from the Bremerton Sportsmen Club spoke in support of a project on the State Lands Development list. Ms. Ohlde commented that the Lake Tahuya Access Site (18-1610D), was purchased 80 years ago and she greatly appreciates that it is now going to be developed as one of the greatest fishing lakes in Kitsap County.

Resolution 2019-24

Moved by: Member Shiosaki
Seconded by: Member Milliern
Decision: Approved

F. Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

The Legislature approved \$12 million for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requested approval of the final ranked lists and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

Although a few projects were left off the Legislature's list, and one project did not meet all of the eligibility requirements, the remaining projects were recommended for funding.

Public Comment:

James J. Munly, Leavenworth Winter Sports Club, spoke about the nonprofit ski area in Leavenworth. It is a big project for their community and for the kids of the area. He ended his comments by thanking the board for its work.

Spokane Youth Sports Association's (SYSA) Zakheim Youth Sports Complex Project (18-1451D) raised some significant written negative public comment. The board's briefing materials included letters and email correspondence from citizens interested in this project. Philip Helean, Spokane Youth Sports Association's Executive Director, spoke last October at the board meeting. He spoke of the need for athletic fields within the community and the support from the community and school district. Ten-thousand kids a year go through their sports program. Jerry Storkout, Civil Engineer and Land Development Consultant, stated it had been a real honor to work with SYSA. They have gone through the SEPA permitting process. They are still working towards getting final permissions to begin construction.

Resolution 2019-25

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Ready
Decision: Approved

Break from 3:30 – 3:45

Item 9: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Projects

Karl Jacobs, RCO Senior Grants Manager, presented the BIG program. RCO accepted grant applications for federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program funding. The June 2019 meeting provided an opportunity for review of the proposals in an open public meeting of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. Tier 1 projects are adjudicated within RCO; Tier 2 projects are evaluated by a national committee that includes staff from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Since the beginning of the program, Washington State has received 15 federal grants for Tier 1 projects and 13 federal grants (out of 19 applications submitted) for the Tier 2 national competition. This represents a 68% success rate. Mr. Jacobs presented the five applications received this year. They will be submitted to the USFWS for fund consideration this fall.

Item 10: Public Land Inventory

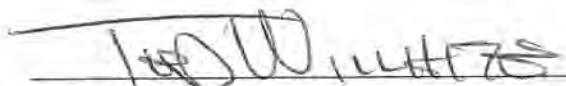
Brent Hedden, RCO Performance Analyst, presented the work being done to update the public land inventory. The last update to the Public Land Inventory was completed in 2014, and since that time, the inventory has remained a static map. In 2015, the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) completed a review of state recreation

and habitat lands and recommended that the state agencies develop a single, easily accessible source for information about proposed recreation and habitat land acquisitions. To accomplish this recommendation, RCO proposed funding to update the Public Lands Inventory and create a feature that would allow agencies to update the information on a regular basis. In the 2017-19 capital budget, RCO was given a special appropriation to complete this work, and in December 2018, RCO awarded a contract to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) to complete the Public Land Inventory Update. RCO has received all the parcel data from WDFW, State Parks, DNR and Federal and Local jurisdictions, and a dataset from Department of Ecology. ESRI has delivered the first draft of the map. RCO hopes to have the Public Land Inventory published by September 30, 2019. Ideally, each agency can enter data from its own database. ESRI is working to incorporate the different databases so its users can update it. Mr. Hedden will send the tool to the board when it goes live in September.

Closing:

The board cancelled the budget call in August. Chair Willhite adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is a travel meeting, scheduled for October 2-3, 2019 – Cle-Elum, WA.

Approved by:



Theodore Willhite, Chair



Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-12
July 27, 2019 - Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following July 27, 2019 Consent Agenda items are approved:

Resolution 2019-12

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Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Approved Date: 6-27-19

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2019-13
Conversion Request: Kent East Hill/Morrill Meadows Park
RCO #91-170A, 96-1224D, 97-036A, 02-1175A

WHEREAS, that the City of Kent used grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks category (WWRP-LP) to acquire and develop the parks; and

WHEREAS, the city has converted a portion of the property acquired and developed for construction of a YMCA of Greater Seattle facility thereby creating a conversion; and

WHEREAS, that as a result of this conversion, portions of the property and project area no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, that the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property and project area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement properties are adjacent to existing city parks, have an appraised value that is greater than the conversion area, and has greater acreage than the conversion site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement project area for the converted development is near an existing city park, and will provide reasonable recreational usefulness as the converted development, and

WHEREAS, the replacement properties and project area provide equivalent opportunities of those displaced by the conversion; are supported in the city's parks plan by improving opportunities for connecting people with nature through play, education, trails, and gatherings; thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, that the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion and replacement, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the conversion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board the Board authorizes the Director to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Ready

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-14
NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, thirty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Education and Enforcement Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Member Milliern

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-15
NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty-five Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonhighway Road category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twenty-five 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Nonhighway Road Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-16
NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 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 Nonmotorized category projects were evaluated by twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Nonmotorized Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Herzog

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-17
NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, thirty Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Off-Road Vehicle category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all thirty 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 twelve members of the NOVA Advisory Committee 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 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

Option 1:

WHEREAS, the board concurs with the NOVA Advisory Committee's Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Clallam County, Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #[18-2417D](#)), as outlined in this memorandum, and

Option 2:

WHEREAS, the board does not concur with the NOVA Advisory Committee's Do Not Fund Recommendation for the Clallam County, Forks Off-Highway Vehicle Calawah River Bridge and Trail (RCO #[18-2417D](#)), as outlined in this memorandum, and reinstates the project as an eligible alternate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Funding Recommendation for the Off-Road Vehicle Category, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Ready

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-18
Recreational Trails Program Education Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twelve Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Education category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all twelve projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Federal Highways Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these Education category projects were evaluated by nine members of the RTP Advisory Committee 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, 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;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the final ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Education Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to RCO's Director to distribute federal fiscal year 2020 funds to this list of projects, pending federal spending authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Milliern

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-19
Recreational Trails Program General Category
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifty-two Recreational Trails Program, General category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifty-two projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Federal Highways Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

WHEREAS, these General category projects were evaluated by nine members of the RTP Advisory Committee 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, 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;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the final ranked list and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the General Category, 2019-21*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to RCO's Director to distribute federal fiscal year 2020 funds to this list of projects, pending federal spending authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorize the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Ready

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-20
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-6H; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting policies in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to maintain fully functioning ecosystems and to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation and approval of these projects occurred 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21* indicates the projects that have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and program policies; and

WHEREAS, funding these projects would further the board's goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget which includes an appropriation of \$6.6 million for ALEA for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list and award grants to the projects in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; and

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

Resolution moved by: Member Ready

Resolution seconded by: Member Herzog

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-23
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Approval of the Final Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, eighteen grant proposals for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire and develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting policies in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the review, evaluation, and approval of these grant proposals occurred in an open public meeting as part of Washington State's open project selection process, 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, the projects in *Table 1 –Land and Water Conservation Fund, Final Ranked Lists of Projects, 2019-21* have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Financial Assistance Manual, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 15, Land and Water Conservation Fund*; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for its Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Land and Water Conservation Funds for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list of projects as depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Final Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board delegates authority to the director to award federal fiscal years 2019 and 2020 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 project implementation upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Ready

Adopted/*Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

Date: 6-27-19

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2019-24
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2019-5H; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Farm and Forest Account protect important agricultural and timber lands through perpetual conservation easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goals to provide partners with funding to protect and enhance working farm and forest lands and to maximize the useful life of Board-funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) acquire lands for protection, management, and public enjoyment of wildlife species, (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) preserve riparian corridors that provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species, thereby supporting the board's strategic goal to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance habitats that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect game, non-game, and listed species, and maintain fully function ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for outdoor recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation and approval of these projects occurred 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2019-21* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal; and

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2019-25
Youth Athletic Facilities**

Approval of Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for 2019-21 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Legislature approved projects contained in the Substitute House Bill 1102, Youth Athletic Facilities Project List; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the board has discussed and reviewed these projects in an open public meeting, as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match; and

WHEREAS, all remaining projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in administrative rule and Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$12 million for the YAF Program for the 2019-21 biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2019-21*; and

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

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Ready

Adopted/~~Deeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 6-27-19