

Forestland Preservation Projects

Grants Awarded

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019 Supplemental Grant Round

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
1	39.40	19-1531A	Kristoferson Farm-Working Forest	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$350,000	\$610,500	\$350,000
2	36.00	19-1533A	Little Skookum Inlet Forest Phase 2	Forterra	\$334,350	\$334,350	Not Funded ²
3	27.80	19-1330A	Squalicum Forestry Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$350,000	\$398,000	\$350,000
3	27.80	19-1541A	Devil's Mountain Forestland Protection	Skagit Land Trust	\$67,970	\$83,210	\$67,970
5	22.40	19-1535A	Kiera-Duffy Forestry Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$250,000	\$274,500	\$47,690 ³
					\$1,352,320	\$1,700,560	\$815,660

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

²Applicant withdrew the project because matching resources are not available.

³Partial funding

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Preliminary Ranking**
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3	27.80	19-1330A	Squalicum Forestry Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$350,000	\$398,000	\$748,000
3	27.80	19-1541A	Devil's Mountain Forestland Protection	Skagit Land Trust	\$67,970	\$83,210	\$151,180
5	22.40	19-1535A	Kiera-Duffy Forestry Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$250,000	\$274,500	\$524,500
					\$1,352,320	\$1,700,560	\$3,052,880

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Preliminary Evaluation Scores
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Rank	Question	1	2		3	4		5	6	Total
	Project Name	Viability of the Site	Forestland Stewardship		Threat to the Land	Community Values		Multiple Benefits	Match	
			<i>Stewardship Practices</i>	<i>Stewardship Practices Bonus</i>		<i>Community Values</i>	<i>Community Values Bonus</i>			
1	Kristoferson Farm-Working Forest	13.40	7.60	1.80	6.80	3.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	39.40
2	Little Skookum Inlet Forest Phase 2	14.20	6.60	1.60	6.20	3.80	2.00	1.60	0.00	36.00
3	Squalicum Forestry Conservation Easement	11.00	5.80	1.20	6.00	3.00	0.00	0.80	0.00	27.80
3	Devil's Mountain Forestland Protection	7.40	5.20	1.40	5.60	3.20	1.40	1.60	2.00	27.80
5	Kiera-Duffy Forestry Conservation Easement	10.80	4.00	0.40	3.60	2.80	0.00	0.80	0.00	22.40

Evaluators score Questions 1-5; RCO staff scores Question 6.

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the Kristoferson Working Forest

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement¹ on about 115 acres of the 231-acre Kristoferson Farm and forest, on Camano Island. The land is a local icon, providing a scenic backdrop along nearly a mile of Northeast Camano Drive, the main road to and from the island. Purchased by Alfred Kristoferson in 1912, the farm is now in the fourth generation of family ownership. To keep the farm financially sound, the Kristofersons have supplemented traditional working forest and agriculture practices with ecotourism, corporate leadership training and team-building, and farm events. The family's Canopy Tours Northwest gives visitors access to the forest in an environmentally friendly way that is compatible with sustainable timber harvest. The fourth generation of Kristofersons are committed to the property and eager to protect it for many generations to come. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$610,500 in conservation futures,² a federal grant, and a grant from the salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (19-1531)

Forterra Protecting the Little Skookum Inlet Forest

Grant Requested: \$334,350

Forterra will use this grant to buy a conservation easement³ on 182 acres of working forests, marine shoreline, and streamside habitat on the southern shore of Little Skookum Inlet in Mason County. The goal is to permanently protect the land from conversion to non-forest uses. The easement will permanently protect the working forest and the environmental benefits. The land has been logged for more than 150 years by Port Blakely Tree Farms, generating multiple rotations of timber and supplying local mills. However, the land has been zoned for rural residential development, and plans have been drawn up for its development. Conversion to a non-forest use would not only impact generations of local forest products, habitat, and cultural resources, but would be detrimental to the productive and commercially lucrative shellfish growing areas in the inlet. Forterra will contribute \$334,350 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (19-1533)

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²Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Ensuring Squalicum Forest Remains a Working Forest

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a conservation easement⁴ on 160 acres near Bellingham. This forest has been managed as a working forest and the landowner wants to ensure the land forever remains available as working land. The forest also contains a significant portion of the headwaters of Squalicum Creek, which is home to several priority species. Whatcom County will contribute \$398,000 in conservation futures.⁵ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (19-1330)

Skagit Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$67,970

Protecting Devil's Mountain Forest

The Skagit Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement⁶ to ensure 43 acres of low elevation forest near Mount Vernon remains a working forest forever. The easement also will protect a wetland and Nookachamps Creek, a tributary to the Skagit River. The land has varied geology, topography, and microclimates, and sustains a diverse array of plants and animals, including bear. It is part of the larger Devil's Mountain forest block, which is partly owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. This area is sandwiched between Mount Vernon to the north, Interstate 5 to the west, and the community of Big Lake to the east, and is converting steadily to residential development. The Skagit Land Trust will contribute \$83,210 in donations of cash and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (19-1541)

Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Kiera-Duffy Forestry Conservation Easement

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a conservation easement⁷ on 115 acres east of Deming. The land was logged in the 1980s and largely has been left to grow as a forest with minimal management. The land is next to state-managed lands and has been used for horseback riding, hiking, and camping. The owners want to continue to manage the land as a working forest and allow these recreational uses. Known as the Kiera-Duffy property, the land contains a portion of Lake Jorgensen and is home to several priority species. Whatcom County

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Forestland Preservation Category Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



will contribute \$274,500 in conservation futures.⁸ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (19-1535)

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