

Grants Awarded
Forestland Preservation Category
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Award
1	36.33	20-1228 A	Forterra	Little Skookum Inlet Forest Protection Phase 2	\$320,872	\$395,003	\$715,875	Not Eligible ²
2	34.50	20-1805 A	Okanogan Land Trust	Anderson Forestland	\$86,880	\$106,188	\$193,068	\$86,880
3	33.33	20-1676 A	King County	Camp Sealth Conservation Easement Vashon Island	\$500,000	\$3,085,000	\$3,585,000	\$500,000
4	28.33	20-1585 A	Whatcom County	Moors Forestry Conservation Easement	\$141,775	\$141,775	\$283,550	\$141,775
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¹Project type: A=Acquisition

²Application withdrawn

Preliminary Ranking
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Evaluation Scores

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Rank	Project Number and Type	Project Name	1. Viability of the Site	2. Forestland Stewardship	3. Stewardship Practices	4. Threat of the Land	5. Community Values	6. Community Support	7. Multiple Benefits	8. Match	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-8	0-2	0-8	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-2	
1	20-1228 A	Little Skookum Inlet Forest Protection Phase 2	13.50	6.67	1.50	7.00	3.67	2.00	2.00	0.00	36.33
2	20-1805 A	Anderson Forestland	13.17	7.33	1.50	4.33	3.33	1.67	1.17	2.00	34.50
3	20-1676 A	Camp Sealth Conservation Easement Vashon Island	9.50	6.83	1.33	6.33	3.33	2.00	2.00	2.00	33.33
4	20-1585 A	Moors Forestry Conservation Easement	10.17	5.17	1.17	6.17	2.67	1.67	1.33	0.00	28.33

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Forterra

Grant Requested: \$320,872

Conserving Little Skookum Inlet Forest

Forterra will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 113 acres of forests and streambank habitat, including more than a quarter-mile of shoreline on Little Skookum Inlet. The shoreline and the bed lands of Little Skookum Inlet are highly productive shellfish growing areas and the streams on the land are home to fall chum salmon while the marine shoreline provides habitat for Chinook and coho salmon, and steelhead and cutthroat trout. The agreement will prevent development permanently and will expand buffers along the marine shoreline and fish-bearing streams to 150 feet, permanently protecting the habitat benefits. About 100 acres of upland forest will continue to be available for logging, keeping working forests and jobs in Mason County. Forterra will contribute \$395,003 in a private grant and grants from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program and salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1228)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$86,880

Conserving Anderson Forestland for Sharp-tailed Grouse

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 225 acres of forestland in the Tunk Valley, about 20 miles northeast of Omak. The Anderson forestland is next to more than 1,660 acres that were conserved by the land trust in 2019, and is within 5 miles of two other areas that support some of the most robust sharp-tailed grouse leks in Washington State and are integral parts of one of the largest remaining blocks of contiguous shrub steppe habitat left in north central Washington. Due to the property's importance for mule deer and Canada Lynx movement, sharp-tailed grouse, and other wildlife, the Working for Wildlife partnership initiated by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has identified this property as a priority for conservation. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$106,188 in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1805)

King County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Conserving the Forest in Vashon Island's Camp Sealth

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve

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280 acres of forestland at Camp Sealth. The agreement would prevent future residential development permanently. The 381-acre Camp Sealth contains mature second-growth forest and is operated as a youth summer camp for 500 annual campers. For more than 25 years, Camp Sealth has cut trees, mostly to promote forest health, reduce the spread and threat from laminated root rot, and generate money for camp operations. King County will contribute more than \$3 million in cash and Conservation Futures.¹ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1676)

Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$141,775

Moors Forestry Conservation Easement

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to conserve 36.07 acres of forestland on the Moors property, 8 miles northeast of Bellingham, on Anderson Creek. The purchase will help meet Whatcom County's goal of supporting the rural economic base through natural resource-based industries, such as forestry. Whatcom County will contribute \$141,775 in Conservation Futures.² Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1585)

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