

**Preliminary Ranking**  
**Forestland Preservation Category**  
 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
 2023-2025

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	35.6	22-1765 A	Forterra	Whistling Pines Family Forest	\$500,000	\$2,462,490	\$2,962,490
2	31.4	22-1622 A	Forterra	Polson Heritage Forest	\$500,000	\$561,000	\$1,061,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,023,490</b>	<b>\$4,023,490</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: A=Acquisition

**Evaluation Scores**

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Rank	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	1. Viability of the Site	2. Forestland Stewardship	3. Stewardship Practices	4. Threat to 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	22-1765 A	Whistling Pines Family Forest	14.20	7.20	1.80	5.80	2.60	0.60	1.40	2.00	35.60
2	22-1622 A	Polson Heritage Forest	10.80	5.20	1.80	6.20	3.40	2.00	2.00	0.00	31.40

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## Forestland Preservation Category Project Summaries (In Rank Order)

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### **Forterra Northwest Conserving the Whistling Pines Family Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

Forterra will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>1</sup> on 960 acres of working timberland known as the Whistling Pines Family Forest, east of Cle Elum. The land is next to the Teanaway Community Forest, a state-owned, 50,272-acre forest and recreation area. The east Cle Elum Ridge area provides critical habitat and travel corridors for wildlife including mule deer, black bear, elk, gray wolf, spotted owl, and cougar. The Hermanson Family Timber and Land LLC will continue to log the land but the easement will extinguish 48 development rights, ensuring a forested buffer between the Teanaway Community Forest and development. While there will be limited public access, community benefit will be achieved through fire-resistant forest management, habitat and wildlife conservation, and jobs from continued logging. Forterra will contribute more than \$2.4 million in a federal grant, a state appropriation, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#). (22-1765)

### **Forterra Northwest Polson Heritage Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

Forterra will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>2</sup> on 80.2 acres of forestland known as the Polson Heritage Forest, in Grays Harbor County. The land has second-growth trees, a wetland, a small pond, and streams. If not protected, the land faces increasing threats of rural residential development. Forterra is partnering with the Polson Museum and Girl Scouts of Western Washington to showcase the local, cultural, and historical resources of the region and site. The Polson Museum is a respected local nonprofit leader in historical and educational programming, including a mobile sawmill. These kinds of tourism and educational opportunities will support community programming and generate long-term revenue to complement and enhance forest management. The Girl Scout camp infrastructure, including a lodge, A-frame cabins, and open-air sleeping bunks, will be used recreationally. Conservation of the forest will preserve the forest legacy that characterizes the region. Forterra will contribute \$561,000 in donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#). (22-1622)

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<sup>1</sup>This is a voluntary agreement to sell the right to develop the land and permanently prevent future development and subdivision by placing a restriction on the property title.

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