

Grants Awarded
Critical Habitat Category

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

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1	44.29	18-1334A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$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	\$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	\$3,000,000
4	38.14	18-1358A	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,100,000		\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
5	37.86	18-1371C	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$977,426	\$2,061,331	\$3,038,757	\$977,426
6	36.57	18-1333A	South Sound Prairies	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
7	32.71	18-1791A	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	Methow Conservancy	\$2,056,622	\$2,056,622	\$4,113,244	\$427,319 ²
8	32.29	18-1336A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,235,000		\$4,235,000	Alternate
9	29.14	18-1340A	Goat Mountain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$155,000		\$155,000	Alternate
10	28.43	18-1357A	Hoffstadt Hills	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	Alternate
					\$21,865,948	\$8,695,753	\$30,561,701	\$12,846,645

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	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit and Support	Multiple Benefits	
1	Cowiche Watershed	17.57	8.86	11.86	3.71	2.29	44.29
2	Spiva Butte Preserve	16.00	7.57	12.29	3.71	1.57	41.14
3	Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon Phase 3	13.71	7.14	12.29	3.43	2.29	38.86
4	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	14.43	7.71	10.14	3.57	2.29	38.14
5	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	13.57	6.71	11.57	3.86	2.14	37.86
6	South Sound Praries	13.57	7.71	10.00	3.57	1.71	36.57
7	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	12.86	7.00	9.14	2.29	1.43	32.71
8	Simcoe	12.86	6.57	8.29	3.00	1.57	32.29
9	Goat Mountain	10.29	5.57	9.00	2.43	1.86	29.14
10	Hoffstadt Hills	9.86	4.86	8.43	3.14	2.14	28.43

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Preserving Cowiche Watershed

Grant Requested: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,480 acres of shrub-steppe, oak-ponderosa pine woodland, and streambank habitat, protecting more than 7 miles of Cowiche Creek for steelhead. The land includes winter range for deer and elk, falls within the migration zone for the largest elk herd in Washington State, and supports nearly 70 species of butterfly, estimated to be the highest diversity of butterfly species in Washington. The oak habitat supports numerous cavity nesting bird species, western gray squirrels, and Lewis's woodpeckers. Outdoor recreation opportunities include hiking, fishing, birding, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing, and outdoor photography. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1334)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust Enhancing Spiva Butte Preserve

Grant Requested: \$341,900

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 1,396 acres of shrub-steppe habitat near Spiva Butte in northern Douglas County. The land includes more than 2 miles of Deep Creek plus 50 acres of wetlands and 10 acres of lake. The project will provide habitat for sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, Washington ground squirrels, mule deer, and other wildlife, as well as opportunities for public access. Species on or near the area include sagebrush lizard, golden eagle, loggerhead shrike, burrowing owl, greater sage-grouse, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, Rocky mountain mule deer, sage thrasher, white-tailed jackrabbit, Washington ground squirrel, silver-bordered butterfly, and others. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$344,900 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1452)

Columbia Land Trust Preserving Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 3,906 acres east of Mount Adams to protect the area's oak woodlands, cliffs, talus, stream, and streambank habitat from development. The land serves as an important connection in a wildlife corridor for mule deer, Columbian black-tailed deer, elk, mountain goats, and big-horned sheep. The project will be open to the public for wildlife watching, hunting, and whitewater sports. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$4.2 million in federal, local, and private grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1277)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Oregon Spotted Frog

Grant Requested: \$1,100,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 138 acres of critical habitat for Oregon spotted frog. This project also protects Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead. The area includes rare oak, Puget Sound prairie, and other sensitive habitat. The department will continue to provide hunting and fishing opportunities on the land. The project will create a

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3,264-acre corridor that connects to a 100,000-acre state forest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1358)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust **Enhancing Cashmere Canyons Preserve**

Grant Requested: \$977,426

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 2,162 acres outside Cashmere to protect wildlife habitat and enhance public access. The new preserve protects Rocky Mountain mule deer and mule deer wintering range. The land trust also will develop a trailhead and trails that connect to an area trail network. The trailhead will include parking, signs, a toilet, and more than 7 miles of single-track trails. The land trust will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1371)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Enhancing South Sound Prairies**

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 900 acres, which includes 175 acres of prairie and oak woodlands habitat and 725 acres of mixed forest, wetland, and streambank. The land includes habitat for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, Mazama pocket gopher, Puget blue butterfly, Willamette Valley upland prairie, Willamette Valley wet prairie, north pacific oak woodland, and temperate Pacific freshwater marsh. The project also provides access to hiking, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1333)

Methow Conservancy **Preserving Twisp Farmland**

Grant Requested: \$2,056,622

The Methow Conservancy will use this grant to buy 2,180 acres to protect shrub-steppe, streambank, and wetland habitat; conserve mule deer and at-risk species; and maintain seasonal wildlife corridors while allowing private landowners to continue to farm the land. Without easement protection, the landowners likely would subdivide and sell their lands for residential development. The Methow Conservancy will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1791)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Preserving the Simcoe Mountains**

Grant Requested: \$4,235,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 5,292 acres in the Simcoe Mountains of Klickitat County. The land includes mixed conifer, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 16 miles of streambank habitat, which includes Columbia River tributaries. The project protects western gray squirrels, mule deer, northern goshawks, and western toads. Jointly managed by the department and the East and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts, this landscape connects grazing and forestry lands from the Columbia River to the Cascade Mountains. The project also will provide opportunities for hiking and

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hunting. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1336)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Goat Mountain

Grant Requested: \$155,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 43.29 acres in Columbia County. The land provides habitat for golden eagles, American badgers, bighorn sheep, and mule deer. This project provides long-term support for these species' habitat as well as opportunities for hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1340)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Preserving Hoffstadt Hills

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use to grant to buy up to 1,300 acres of a 4,100-acre area planned for future conservation. This purchase will conserve and enhance winter range habitat for the Mount Saint Helens elk herd as well as steelhead and coho salmon spawning and resting areas. The land will provide year-round public access to the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area and preserve about 17 miles of stream and surrounding habitat. Within the 1980 Mount Saint Helens blast zone, this area holds significant historical and recreational value for the community and visitors. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1357)

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1	43.63	18-1520A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$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	\$1,238,510
3	41.25	18-1523A	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,681,010		\$2,681,010	\$2,681,010
4	38.63	18-1519A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,259,317		\$1,259,317	\$1,259,317
5	37.38	18-1517A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,017,883		\$3,017,883	\$578,699 ²
6	35.75	18-1522A	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,358,437		\$3,358,437	Alternate
7	34.75	18-1423A	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	Forterra	\$1,343,375	\$1,551,500	\$2,894,875	Alternate
					\$16,317,171	\$1,551,500	\$17,868,671	\$9,176,175

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1	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	16.88	8.25	11.88	4.25	2.38	43.63
2	Steptoe Butte Proposed Natural Area Preserve	16.75	8.25	11.38	4.13	2.25	42.75
3	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	15.75	7.63	11.00	4.25	2.63	41.25
4	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	14.00	7.00	10.88	4.38	2.38	38.63
5	Dabob Bay Natural Area	15.00	7.25	10.25	3.25	1.63	37.38
6	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	14.75	6.13	10.63	2.88	1.38	35.75
7	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	12.38	6.25	10.88	3.50	1.75	34.75

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Expanding Lamas Prairie Natural Area**

Grant Requested: \$3,418,639

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 315 acres in the Lamas Prairie Natural Area. The land includes about 63 acres of riverbank habitat, 21 acres of wetlands, and 231 acres of uplands. The Willamette Valley wet prairie, which includes the Lamas Prairie Natural Area, represents the only example of its size and quality in Washington. Threatened by habitat destruction in one of the state's most rapidly urbanizing counties, the land contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species. The land also supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally listed endangered plant species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1520)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Preserving Steptoe Butte**

Grant Requested: \$1,238,510

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 437 acres at Steptoe Butte near Steptoe Butte State Park in Whitman County. The state will designate the land as a Natural Area Preserve or Natural Resources Conservation Area, conserving the largest known remaining occurrence of Palouse prairie in Washington. This site includes at least three rare plants (including federally threatened Spalding's catchfly and state endangered broad-fruit mariposa-lily), four priority plant communities, and one rare earthworm species. Nearly 100 percent of the area Palouse prairie previously covered now acts as agricultural land. Designation of this Steptoe Butte project site as a natural area will serve an integral role in the long-term conservation of Palouse prairie ecosystems. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1526)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Enhancing Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve**

Grant Requested: \$2,681,010

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy more than 189 acres of oak woodland, prairie, and streambank habitat near its Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. This preserve is one of the largest intact prairie sites left in western Washington and includes the last, best example of mounded prairie in the state. Mima Mounds is recognized nationally for its ecological and geological importance as a national natural landmark. The site supports prairie-dependent butterflies and birds, Oregon branded skipper, western meadowlark, and savannah sparrow. This proposal is part of a regional conservation plan developed by partners, including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Lewis Military Reservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Nature Conservancy to protect remnants of natural communities and restore their structure and function. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1523)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Protecting Kennedy Creek Natural Area

Grant Requested: \$1,259,317

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 138 acres in the Natural Resources Conservation Area along the Kennedy Creek corridor that connects to the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. About 30,000 chum return to spawn in Kennedy Creek every year. The project area provides habitat for coastal cutthroat trout, steelhead, and coho salmon. The project would increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds such as band-tailed pigeon, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, mountain quail, nesting purple martin, common loon, bufflehead, and brown pelican. The area includes Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, considered the region's premier salmon-ecology education trail, which more than 5,000 school-aged children visit each year. The land also provides outdoor recreation opportunities for one of the fastest growing counties in southern Puget Sound. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1519)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Dabob Bay Natural Area

Grant Requested: \$3,017,883

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 164 acres of shoreline and nearby forestland within Dabob Bay Natural Area on Hood Canal. This area includes examples of coastal spits, coastal bluffs, and shorelines that provide sediment and large woody materials. The project includes enhanced protection for the agency's Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve, as well as education and research opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1517)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Protecting the Methow Rapids

Grant Requested: \$3,358,437

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 585 acres in the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve along the Columbia River in Okanogan County. Near U.S. Route 97 with several riverfront parcels, this land is at high risk of residential development. The land includes some of the best and largest remaining intact examples of shrub-steppe habitat in Washington State. According to statewide inventories, more than half of the shrub-steppe habitat in the state has been lost or degraded from historic overgrazing and agricultural and residential development. The project will help to protect these plant communities, enhance the long-term viability of the site for shrub-steppe wildlife, and provide a protected habitat connection to the Columbia River. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1522)

Forterra Protecting Old Growth at Maloney Creek

Grant Requested: \$1,343,375

Forterra will use this grant to buy and conserve about 300 acres of privately owned forestland, including about 50 acres of old growth and more than 1 mile of streambank habitat on Maloney

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Creek. This land supports a regional population of endangered species, including northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and bull trout. This project will prevent habitat damage from logging and road building in the next 3 years. This conservation effort also will prevent loss of wildlife habitat and watershed quality, forest fragmentation, and will help anticipate the effects of climate change. Forterra will contribute more than \$1.5 million in a federal grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1423)

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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
2	98.00	18-1521A	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$767,739		\$767,739	\$767,739
3	95.80	18-1654A	Skookum Valley Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
4	95.70	18-1343A	Grayland Property	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
5	93.20	18-1899C	Saltse Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited Vancouver	\$473,000	\$475,203	\$948,203	\$473,000
6	92.30	18-1373A	Skookum Creek Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$864,260	\$1,098,000	\$1,962,260	\$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	\$583,576 ²
9	86.10	18-1918A	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	Forterra	\$856,187	\$856,188	\$1,712,375	Alternate
10	85.80	18-1327A	Raging River Natural Area	King County	\$850,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,800,000	Alternate
11	85.40	18-1868A	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	North Olympic Land Trust	\$107,233	\$262,536	\$369,769	Alternate

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12	84.30	18-1911C	Clallam Bay Acquisition	North Olympic Land Trust	\$38,770	\$94,920	\$133,690	Alternate
13	80.50	18-1329A	Chehalis Floodplain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	Alternate
14	80.40	18-1478A	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000	Not Funded ³
15	75.20	18-1448A	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	Sammamish	\$581,325	\$591,325	\$1,172,650	Not Funded ³
					\$10,058,444	\$10,423,322	\$20,481,766	\$6,176,175

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2	98.00	18-1521A	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$767,739		\$767,739
3	95.80	18-1654A	Skookum Valley Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
4	95.70	18-1343A	Grayland Property	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000
5	93.20	18-1899C	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited Vancouver	\$473,000	\$475,203	\$948,203
6	92.30	18-1373A	Skookum Creek Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$864,260	\$1,098,000	\$1,962,260
7	89.40	18-1518A	Dewatto Proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area ²	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,531,081		\$3,531,081
8	86.90	18-1529A	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$1,572,330	\$1,847,550	\$3,419,880
9	86.10	18-1918A	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	Forterra	\$856,187	\$856,188	\$1,712,375
10	85.80	18-1327A	Raging River Natural Area	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$850,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,800,000
11	85.40	18-1868A	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	North Olympic Land Trust	\$107,233	\$262,536	\$369,769
12	84.30	18-1911C	Clallam Bay Acquisition	North Olympic Land Trust	\$38,770	\$94,920	\$133,690
13	80.50	18-1329A	Chehalis Floodplain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000
14	80.40	18-1478A	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000
15	75.20	18-1448A	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	Sammamish	\$581,325	\$591,325	\$1,172,650
					\$13,589,525	\$10,423,322	\$24,012,847

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²The Department of Natural Resources has withdrawn this project.

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Rank	Project Name	Riparian Habitat Benefits	Planning Priority	Site Suitability and Project Design	Threats to the Habitat	Project Support	Public Access Opportunities	Ongoing Stewardship and Management	Multiple Benefits	Matching Share	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area	17.9	17.2	17.9	10.3	13.3	10.9	9.3	5.1	1.0	0.0	102.9
2	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	16.8	16.0	17.3	11.3	12.4	12.8	8.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	98.0
3	Skookum Valley Acquisition	16.9	16.6	16.9	10.8	11.9	10.3	8.8	3.6	0.0	0.0	95.8
4	Grayland Property	16.8	15.6	16.6	9.0	12.3	13.5	8.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	95.7
5	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	14.3	14.4	16.0	8.9	12.4	12.6	8.9	3.7	2.0	0.0	93.2
6	Skookum Creek Acquisition	16.0	16.0	15.4	9.5	11.8	10.0	8.2	3.4	2.0	0.0	92.3
7	Dewatto Proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area ¹	15.6	16.1	16.1	10.2	10.9	9.0	8.7	2.8	0.0	0.0	89.4
8	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	14.3	14.5	17.5	9.6	11.0	9.4	7.9	2.7	0.0	0.0	86.9
9	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	14.4	13.9	14.1	11.1	11.4	9.6	8.8	1.8	1.0	0.0	86.1
10	Raging River Natural Area	13.2	13.4	11.6	10.9	12.4	10.3	8.2	1.8	4.0	0.0	85.8
11	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	14.3	15.6	14.6	8.3	12.7	10.1	6.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	85.4
12	Clallam Bay Acquisition	14.5	14.5	14.9	7.7	12.0	10.9	7.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	84.3
13	Chehalis Floodplain	14.3	12.5	13.9	7.6	10.6	11.2	7.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	80.5
14	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	13.4	12.7	14.6	9.3	10.7	9.1	7.4	2.2	1.0	0.0	80.4
15	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	8.8	13.2	9.8	7.0	12.6	11.3	7.8	2.7	2.0	0.0	75.2

Evaluators score Questions 1-8; RCO staff scores Questions 9-10.

¹The Department of Natural Resources has withdrawn this project.

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The Nature Conservancy Preserving Hoh River Habitat and Recreation

Grant Requested: \$1,487,600

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,080 acres in the Hoh River watershed on the Olympic Peninsula. This project will link riverside habitat along a 30-mile corridor from the Olympic National Park to the National Marine Sanctuary. The Nature Conservancy will manage the land to restore old-growth forest, floodplain, and stream habitat, while preserving access for hunting, fishing, boating, birding, and hiking. The Hoh River basin includes wild populations of coho, Chinook, and sockeye salmon and steelhead, and is important for bull trout recovery. The area also supports Pacific lamprey, marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, bald eagles, Olympic fishers, and Roosevelt elk. The Nature Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.4 million in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1249)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Merrill Lake

Grant Requested: \$767,739

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 71.8 acres at the south end of Merrill Lake, in Cowlitz County. The land includes old growth forest and expands on 2,170 acres of forest, wetland, riverbank, and lakeshore habitat already protected. These lands provide important habitat for deer, elk, waterfowl, migratory songbirds, amphibians, raptors, and bobcats. Other species living there include coastal tailed frog, pileated woodpecker, Vaux's swift, western toad, cascade torrent salamander, and bald eagle. Cherished by community fly-fishing groups, Merrill Lake is one of the few fly-fishing-only lakes in the state. Campers and visitors also visit the lake and the campground and picnic area nearby. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1521)

Squaxin Island Tribe Enhancing Skookum Valley

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy up to 614 acres in the Skookum Valley, depending on landowners' willingness. This project will protect more than 4 miles of Skookum Creek, an additional 4.4 miles of tributaries, as well as wetlands, streambanks, and forests. Wildlife in and around Skookum Creek include coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, steelhead, and elk. The tribe will contribute \$500,000 in a federal grant, a grant from the state salmon recovery program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1654)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Grayland Property

Grant Requested: \$1,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,408 acres outside Westport, near the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area, Twin Harbors State Park, and John's River Wildlife Area. The land includes more than 1,000 acres of wetlands, forests, and grasslands. The land supports habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, elk, deer, marbled murrelets,

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bald eagles, black bears, and river otters. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1343)

Ducks Unlimited **Restoring and Protecting Saltese Flats**

Grant Requested: \$473,000

Ducks Unlimited will use this grant to buy 126 acres in a 1,200-acre historical marsh south of Spokane, a rapidly expanding urban area. Ducks Unlimited will restore wetlands and riverbank habitat by redirecting flows and planting shrubs and trees. Tundra swans, waterfowl, great blue herons, Columbia spotted frogs, and western toads will benefit from habitat enhancements. To support future school field trips and educational research, Ducks Unlimited will develop a trail with interpretive signs and an interpretive center. Ducks Unlimited will contribute \$475,203 in a federal appropriation, a federal grant, cash, and donations of labor, land, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1899)

Whatcom Land Trust **Preserving Skookum Creek**

Grant Requested: \$864,260

Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 780 acres in the Skookum Creek watershed. Skookum Creek includes 2.3 miles of habitat for coho salmon, steelhead, and bull trout and .6 mile of habitat for spring Chinook salmon. Historic logging in the area removed trees that shaded the water and contributed sediment to the creek and its tributaries. Whatcom Land Trust will place large trees in the creek, which help create deep cold-water pools for salmon to rest in as they migrate. The land trust will contribute more than \$1 million in a grant from the state salmon recovery program and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1373)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Preserving Dewatto Conservation Area**

Grant Requested: \$3,531,081

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 246 acres in its proposed Dewatto Natural Resources Conservation Area. The purchase will conserve about 5 miles of Hood Canal shoreline, including Dewatto Bay and Little Dewatto Bay. The area includes lowland forests and estuary and riverbank habitat for wildlife. The conservation area would continue to support several endangered species of salmon, including summer chum, steelhead, and Chinook. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1518)

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group **Enhancing Lower Big Beef Creek**

Grant Requested: \$1,572,330

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to buy about 297 acres of land in the lower Big Beef Creek watershed. The area includes wetlands and forests and is used by Hood Canal summer chum. The enhancement group will contribute more than \$1.8 million in

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conservation futures,¹ a federal grant, and a grant from the state salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1529)

Forterra Preserving Lake Kapowsin

Grant Requested: \$856,187

Forterra will use this grant to buy 106.56 acres on the northwest side of Lake Kapowsin, including nearly a half-mile of shoreline. The land includes wetlands, lakeshore, and forests, which has operated as a working forest for 125 years. The area provides habitat for salmon, waterfowl, amphibians, cavity-nesting birds, and other species. The lake provides fishing opportunities for yellow perch, largemouth bass, black crappie, and other species. Forterra will be restoring the area to improve the health of surrounding streams. Forterra will contribute \$856,188 in another grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1918)

King County Preserving Raging River

Grant Requested: \$850,000

King County Water and Land Resources Division will use this grant to buy 31 acres of forest to protect Chinook salmon and steelhead trout habitat in and around Raging River. The purchase will prevent the land from being logged and mined, for which it's currently zoned. King County will contribute more than \$2.9 million in conservation futures.² Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1327)

North Olympic Land Trust Protecting Lower Elwha River

Grant Requested: \$107,233

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 33 acres on the Elwha River. The purchase will conserve a buffer along the Elwha River and prevent development there. The river has habitat for Chinook, sockeye, coho, chum, and pink salmon, as well as bull trout, steelhead, and cutthroat trout. The North Olympic Land Trust will maintain public access via an easement for hiking and sports fishing. The land trust will contribute \$262,536 in cash and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1868)

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North Olympic Land Trust \$38,770 **Preserving Clallam Bay**

North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy 71 acres of important habitat for salmon and steelhead at the mouth of the Clallam River. The site is ideal for fishing and bird watching and supports habitat for coho, chum, and occasional Chinook salmon, and steelhead and cutthroat trout. The land includes a half-mile of the Clallam River, a quarter-mile of estuarine channel in Swamp Creek and tributaries, two fish-bearing forested wetlands, and several short channels. Public access is available via a short walk from the nearby county park. The land trust will contribute \$94,920 in cash and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1911)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Protecting Chehalis Floodplain**

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 88.5 acres in the Chehalis floodplain south of Elma. The purchase will expand the department's Chehalis Wildlife Area and provide opportunities for fishing, waterfowl hunting, big game hunting, and wildlife viewing. It also will provide connections to Vance Creek County Park. Managed to produce hardwood timber, the area includes about 10 acres of freshwater wetlands and a portion of Vance Creek. The land would expand protected habitat for amphibians, Neo-tropical birds, waterfowl, deer, elk, and potentially yellow-billed cuckoo, which surveyors recorded in the area. A slough provides habitat for young salmon, which use Vance Creek when migrating. The department will remove invasive plants and manage the forest to promote old-growth trees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1329)

Great Peninsula Conservancy **Conserving Salmonberry Creek and Wetland**

Grant Requested: \$260,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy about 97 acres of upper Salmonberry Creek in Kitsap County through a combination of voluntary land preservation agreements and land donation. Conserving the land will protect streambank and wetland habitat from development, support Puget Sound salmon recovery, and create wildlife movement corridors in an increasingly urbanized region. The project will preserve 1.18 miles of streambank, including significant stretches of Salmonberry Creek for coho salmon and cutthroat trout. This project will protect about 60 acres of streambank and wetlands used by deer, black bears, river otters, and a variety of migratory birds. The conservancy will contribute \$260,000 in a private grant and a donation of land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1478)

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Sammamish Protecting Zackuse Creek

Grant Requested: \$581,325

The City of Sammamish will use this grant to buy 1.37 acres near Zackuse Creek. The land protects important streambank habitat and fills a missing link in a 47-acre wildlife corridor. The land also provides upstream fish passage and spawning habitat for kokanee, which have experienced a dramatic decline and now spawn in limited numbers in only a few streams that feed into Lake Sammamish. Sammamish will contribute \$591,325 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#).
(18-1448)

Grants Awarded
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
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		\$117,500	\$117,500
2	47.78	18-1777R	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$434,375		\$434,375	\$434,375
4	47.22	18-1893R	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$121,000		\$121,000	\$121,000
5	45.56	18-1664R	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$106,300		\$106,300	\$106,300
6	44.89	18-1669R	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$91,300		\$91,300	\$91,300
7	44.11	18-1221R	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$170,000	\$28,000	\$198,000	\$170,000
8	43.89	18-1900R	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$212,490		\$212,490	\$212,490
9	43.56	18-1903R	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$93,172		\$93,172	\$93,172
10	42.11	18-1774R	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,161		\$296,161	\$296,161
10	42.11	18-1847R	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$92,400		\$92,400	\$92,400

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12	42.00	18-1937R	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$460,000		\$460,000	\$460,000
13	41.67	18-1979R	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,500	\$90,500	\$298,000	\$207,500
14	41.33	18-1987R	Ragged Ridge Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$207,033		\$207,033	\$207,033
15	41.22	18-1830R	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$647,950		\$647,950	\$230,769 ²
16	40.44	18-1924R	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$129,150		\$129,150	Alternate
17	40.00	18-1999R	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$294,300		\$294,300	Alternate
18	38.22	18-1980R	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$229,282		\$229,282	Alternate
19	38.11	18-1753R	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$407,000		\$407,000	Alternate
20	35.00	18-1721R	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000		\$60,000	Alternate
21	34.44	18-1723R	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$116,000		\$116,000	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	Not Funded ³
					\$5,152,913	\$118,500	\$5,271,413	\$3,000,000

¹Project Type: R=Restoration

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²Partial funding

³No legislative authority for funding.

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¹Project type: R=restoration

Evaluation Scores
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Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
		Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Need for Restoration and Enhancement	Project Design	Planning	Public Benefit and Support	
1	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve Prairie and Oak Restoration	13.89	13.56	13.56	3.67	4.00	48.67
2	Camas Meadows Forest and Rare Plant Restoration 2	13.78	13.00	13.44	4.11	3.44	47.78
2	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	14.00	12.33	13.56	4.00	3.89	47.78
4	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	13.56	13.00	13.11	3.67	3.89	47.22
5	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	13.00	12.56	12.33	4.00	3.67	45.56
6	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	13.00	12.44	12.33	3.67	3.44	44.89
7	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	12.67	11.89	11.78	3.44	4.33	44.11
8	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	11.89	12.56	13.44	3.22	2.78	43.89
9	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	11.33	12.78	11.78	3.67	4.00	43.56
10	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	11.33	10.33	13.00	3.78	3.67	42.11
10	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	12.33	13.11	11.78	2.11	2.78	42.11
12	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	11.11	11.22	11.89	3.89	3.89	42.00
13	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	10.78	11.33	12.22	3.56	3.78	41.67
14	Ragged Ridge Restoration	11.00	11.78	12.56	3.11	2.89	41.33
15	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	11.00	12.00	11.22	3.33	3.67	41.22
16	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	10.89	10.11	12.22	3.89	3.33	40.44
17	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	10.22	11.22	11.67	3.11	3.78	40.00
18	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	9.78	11.89	11.33	2.78	2.44	38.22
19	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	10.33	10.22	10.89	3.56	3.11	38.11
20	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	8.56	10.11	10.56	2.78	3.00	35.00
21	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	8.89	10.44	9.89	2.89	2.33	34.44
22	Mount Saint Helens Riparian Restoration and Stabilization	9.22	8.44	9.00	2.78	3.33	32.78

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$160,000** **Restoring the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 88 acres of imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak woodland habitat in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The department will control invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation, use site preparation techniques including prescribed fire and hydrologic rehabilitation, and replant the area. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve was established in 2007 to protect the last remaining example in the state of Willamette Valley wet prairie as well as habitat for eight rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. These habitats are threatened by encroachment of invasive trees, shrubs, and grasses, alteration of the fire regime, and modifications of hydrology. The preserve is home to Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, western gray squirrel, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1862)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$117,500** **Restoring the Camas Meadows Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore 220 acres of forest and wet meadow habitats through thinning, prescribed burning, invasive plant control, and planting of native vegetation in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan County. The work will enhance habitat for the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow, which is listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, three rare plant species, and a variety of forest wildlife. The preserve contains the world's largest population of the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow and is critical to the species' long-term survival. The preserve also supports more than 1,000 acres of dry forest habitat used by diverse populations of songbirds and raptors, as well as shoreline areas and forest openings, which provide habitat for the rare plant species. Past forest management and fire suppression have resulted in a dense forest with altered species composition, which degrades habitat quality for wildlife, impacts rare plant habitat, and puts the forest at risk for a high-intensity wildfire. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1894)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$434,375** **Restoring South Sound Prairies**

The Department of Natural Resources, along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, will use this grant to restore rare grassland and oak woodland habitat at five of the most important prairie-oak conservation sites in the south Puget Sound region: Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, West Rocky Prairie, Rocky Prairie, and Bald Hill. These sites support numerous rare and declining prairie-associated wildlife species but have been degraded by invasive species, altered fire regimes, and other issues. The state agencies will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare restoration areas for seeding by burning them and controlling invasive plants, and seed and replant the treated areas. Key invasive species, including Scot's broom and tall oatgrass, will be

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targeted for control on additional areas within the sites. The work will enhance habitat for the Oregon spotted frog in the West Rocky Prairie area. The two agencies are partnering on this project because they have identical restoration needs and can save time and money by avoiding redundancies in staffing, contracting, and seed source development. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1777)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$121,000** **Restoring San Juan Islands' Prairie and Grassland Bald Habitat**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore and enhance grassland balds and prairie habitat in the Cypress Island Natural Area and the Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area, both in the San Juan Island archipelago. Cypress Island Natural Area contains some of the highest quality grassland bald habitats in the north Puget Sound region; however encroachment by trees and invasive species threaten to degrade them. The department will remove encroaching trees, control other invasive plants, and restore treated areas with native grassland seeding and planting. The Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area contains patches of native prairie amid a largely degraded grassland that was historically prairie. The conservation area site supports part of the only known population of the Island marble butterfly, as well as a population of the sand-verbena moth, which is rare in the state. The department will control invasive plants and replant areas with native grassland species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1893)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$106,300** **Restoring the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, in northwest Klickitat County, 24 miles north of White Salmon. The department will control weeds, remove nonnative pasture grasses, and help native plants establish on 10 acres of wetlands. The restoration work will improve breeding and foraging habitat for Oregon spotted frogs and sandhill cranes. The department also will thin and removing trees on another 50 acres of forest to enhance habitat for northern spotted owls, western gray squirrels, and Pulsifer's monkeyflowers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1664)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$91,300** **Restoring Columbia Hills Grassland**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 30 acres of rare plant habitat in Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve and Columbia Hills State Park, on the eastern edge of the Columbia Gorge, near Goldendale. The Columbia Hills area has diverse plant communities including grassland, vernal pools, wet meadows, and oak forests, and several rare plants found only in Klickitat County. In addition, numerous wildlife and birds rely on these areas for breeding and foraging. An increase in nonnative grasses such as cheatgrass, bulbous bluegrass, and rush skeletonweed, threaten the native communities. The department will treat nonnative species in

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select areas and restore the native plant communities on 25 acres. In addition, the department project will control invasive plants and plant oak trees on 5 acres destroyed by wildfire, around Crawford Oaks Trailhead. The department also will install two interpretative signs along Stacker Butte road in the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve to highlight the ecological and geological significance of this area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1669)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Damon Point

Grant Requested: \$170,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to complete a second phase of restoration at Damon Point, an extraordinary sand spit peninsula that runs from south of Ocean Shores for several miles towards Westport, in Grays Harbor County. The department's goal is to restore high quality coastal dune habitat for rare and endangered bird species and a diversity of other species that use the site. The coastal grassland and forb meadows have supported snowy plover and streaked horned lark in the past, but restoration is needed to fully restore the habitat. In addition, the department will designate trails for the public that avoid key habitats and install signs with educational information to prevent intrusion into sensitive areas. The department will contribute \$28,000 in a state appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1221)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring a Field for Sharp-Tailed Grouse

Grant Requested: \$212,490

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a 177.5-acre field in the Big Bend Wildlife Area of northeast Douglas County. The department will remove non-native grass from this former agricultural field and replant it with native grasses and forbs, including plants of cultural value for tribes. The Big Bend Wildlife Area was purchased to benefit Columbian sharp-tailed grouse as well as a host of wildlife that rely on shrub-steppe habitat. This field is near seasonal pot-hole lakes and lekking grounds making it a priority for restoration. Without restoration, the site will not be productive grouse breeding habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1900)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Quilomene Wildlife Area

Grant Requested: \$93,172

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore degraded shrub-steppe habitat in the Green Gate area of the Quilomene Wildlife Area, 12 miles east of Ellensburg. The department will return about 12 miles of unauthorized vehicle trails to a more natural state, replant and protect 14 acres of shrub steppe, and install signs about the restoration activities for users. The area is critical overwintering and breeding habitat for many species that rely on shrub-steppe habitat and is a critical habitat link for sage grouse in Douglas and Kittitas Counties. This area is a documented breeding area for golden eagles, and is used by Townsend's ground squirrels, Columbia spotted frogs, sage thrashers, Merriam's shrews, Colockum elk and

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Naches mule deer herds. This area is popular for big game and upland bird hunting, biking, horseback riding, hiking, pleasure driving, shed hunting, and bird watching. The restoration actions will protect and restore draws of mature sagebrush, streams, emergent wetlands, and fragile shrub-steppe habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1903)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$296,161**

Thinning and Burning the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge Forest

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin and sometimes burn 1,499 acres in the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge forest, in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, northwest of Yakima. Past logging removed many of the large trees, leaving smaller, shade-tolerant trees. The restoration will increase the forest's ability to survive insects, drought, and wildfire by increasing the trees' health and varying the habitat types across the landscape. The work will ensure that the forests provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and become quality habitat to species such as mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and northern spotted owls. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1774)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$92,400**

Restoring Scotch Creek to Improve Grouse Habitat

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a half-mile of Scotch Creek, in the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, in Okanogan County, to improve habitat for sharp-tailed grouse. The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse is listed as a species threatened with extinction by the State, and exists in only seven isolated and small populations in Washington, with the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area being one of those places. The grouse eat water birch in the winter and the department wants to establish birch along the creek. The department will install beaver dam analogs to raise the water table and allow the creek to meander and collect sediment into the creek's incised channel. The overall goal is to make this segment of the creek healthier, to increase capacity of the creek and wetland to store water for drought protection, and improve water quality, habitat, and habitat-forming processes. In the second year of the grant, the department will plant the creekbanks. Raising the water table will allow streambank plants and trees to survive. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1847)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$460,000**

Burning and Thinning the Sherman Creek Forest

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to prepare a plan and burn about 1,000 acres in the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area, in Ferry County. The department also will remove some of the trees to thin the forest, when weather prevents the fire implementation. The department has thinned more than 4,000 acres of the forest since 2008, with the intention of burning another 3,300 with prescribed fire. To date 800 acres have been burned. The burning

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and thinning will restore and protect ecological processes and improve forest health for white-headed woodpeckers, pygmy nuthatches, pileated woodpeckers, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, and other wildlife. The work also will enhance recreational opportunities like hunting and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1937)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$207,500** **Restoring the Teanaway River and Meadows in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a section of the recently-acquired 215-acre Teanaway Valley Unit of the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area, in Kittitas County. The department will remove a culvert that is blocking steelhead and spring Chinook. A culvert is a large pipe or structure, which carries streams under roads. The department also will increase floodplain connection along two tributaries by installing weirs, replant the floodplain and riverbanks, and remove weeds and plant native bunchgrasses in the grassland and meadows to restore them. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$90,500 in donations of materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1979)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Requested: \$207,033** **Restoring Ragged Ridge**

State Parks will use this grant to complete restoration of a meadow in the southeast corner of Mount Spokane State Park. The 624-acre Ragged Ridge Natural Area Preserve supports a mixture of mature forests and open meadows, and contains a mountain ridge. The meadow has been damaged by off-road vehicles and invasive and non-native species. State Parks will halt prohibited all-terrain vehicle use, replant eroded areas, remove trees invading the meadows, suppress non-native plants introduced by off-road vehicles, and educate the public about stewardship of the natural area preserve. This grant will complete restoration efforts that have been ongoing for more than 30 years. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1987)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$647,950** **Enhancing the Wenas Creek**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve wildlife habitat by restoring the floodplain function of north Wenas Creek and thinning trees from the adjacent slopes of Cleman Mountain. The department will remove the undersized Mellotte bridge and return the road that runs across the floodplain to a more natural state. The department then will install a new bridge a half-mile downstream, where the creek is confined and the bridge can be more efficiently sited. Moving the bridge and removing the road will restore floodplain function. The department also will remove trees on 1,000 acres of the mountain slope, and place up to 500 trees in the creek to create habitat for steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and other fish. Trees in the creek create places for

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fish to rest and hide from predators. They also slow the river, which reduces erosion and the amount of sediment in the river. A slower river allows small gravels to settle to the river bottom for spawning areas. Finally, they change the flow of the river, creating riffles and deep cold pools, giving fish more varied habitat. The 70,000-acre Cleman Mountain unit of the Wenas Wildlife Area is heavily used by recreationists, including hunters, bird watchers, off-road vehicle riders, and others. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1830)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Puget Trough Lowland Forests

Grant Requested: \$129,150

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to thin forests and remove invasive plants in two department-managed natural areas and one wildlife area managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in Jefferson and Mason Counties. The department will remove trees in a young, artificially regenerated forest stands, then plant under-represented trees and shrubs. The work will restore the structure and composition of lowland forest communities to allow for the development of more natural forest conditions and accelerated development of important habitat features such as large trees, downed wood, and snags. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1924)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Restoring the Native Landscape in Saint Edward State Park

Grant Requested: \$294,300

State Parks will use this grant to control invasive plants, block unofficial trails, and restore damaged areas in the 326-acre Saint Edward State Park, on the northeastern shore of Lake Washington in King County. The park includes 306 acres of mature second-growth forest, streams, and undeveloped lake shoreline. Once common, these park features are increasingly rare in the surrounding big cities of Bellevue and Seattle. The park's location makes it highly valuable for its habitat, recreational, and educational uses, with more than a half million visitors annually. However, the spread of non-native invasive plants and the development of unofficial trails have degraded the plant and animal communities in the park. The restoration work will control invading plants that are degrading the native habitats and threatening sustainability, process, and function of the forest, lake shore, and streams. The work also will restore damaged areas to reduce habitat fragmentation and degradation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1999)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Shrub-Steppe Burned in Wildfires

Grant Requested: \$229,282

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 200 acres of shrub-steppe habitat in the Wells and Chelan Wildlife Areas, in Douglas and Okanogan Counties. The department will remove weeds, then seed the areas and plant native grasses and shrubs to reestablish grass and shrub communities in the Central Ferry Canyon, Indian Dan Canyon, and Pateros Units, which were damaged in severe wildfires. The fires wiped out the upland shrub

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communities and increased the amount of cheatgrass and noxious weeds. The areas are in targeted recovery zones for Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and greater sage grouse. The work also will benefit mule deer and other priority species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1980)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$407,000** **Restoring Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain on the Yakima River**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore the floodplain at the department's Ponds 4 and 5 property in the Wapato reach of the lower Yakima River. This is one of a suite of proposed projects to address river flow, constriction, and habitat issues in the lower Yakima River being shepherded by the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan. The work will address a failing levee that has broader safety implications to the adjacent Interstate 82. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1753)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$60,000** **Restoring Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 73 acres of shrub-steppe habitat along Crab Creek, in the Gloyd Seeps Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The goal is to create dense nesting cover for birds and waterfowl. The department will remove unwanted grasses and noxious weeds then seed the area with a mix of native grasses and wildflowers. The area is a very popular destination for hunting, hiking, camping, and bird watching. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1721)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$116,000** **Removing Russian Olive Trees in the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove 85 acres of Russian olive trees in the Gloyd Seeps Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, in Grant County. Recent estimates show that Russian olive trees occupy more than 8,000 acres of the wildlife area, where they have reduced habitat quality for popular game birds such as pheasant and quail. The department will target small stands and trees on the edge of areas with native trees and plants to limit the spread of the Russian olive trees. Work will address 35 of the remaining 70 infested acres in the south end of the Gloyd Seeps Unit and 50 acres in the Desert Unit. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1723)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$500,000** **Stabilizing the North Fork Toutle River in the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to stabilize the North Fork Toutle River and prevent erosion to benefit salmon and elk. The department will install log walls in the river to move the main river channel away from eroding banks and will place small logjams in the river to slow the river and create a more stable river channel. Logjams create places for salmon

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to rest and hide from predators. They also slow the river, which reduces erosion and the amount of sediment in the river. A slower river allows small gravels to settle to the river bottom for spawning areas. Finally, logjams change the flow of the river, creating riffles and deep cold pools, giving fish more varied habitat. The department also will plant trees along the riverbank to stabilize the banks and prevent erosion. The new riverbank plantings will help shade the water, cooling it for salmon. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects salmon eat and places for salmon to rest and hide from predators. Finally, the roots of the plants help keep the soil from entering the water and burying spawning gravel. The work will be done along 3 miles of the North Fork Toutle River, in the Mudflow Unit of the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. The goal of the project is to stabilize the river channel by reducing channel migration and erosion. The work will protect riverbank and upland habitat used by wintering elk and improve river habitat for salmon species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1793)

Grants Awarded Urban Wildlife Habitat Category

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	66.86	18-1524A	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$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	Alternate
3	58.86	18-1308A	Mica Peak North Acquisition	Spokane County	\$1,210,442	\$1,310,242	\$2,520,684	\$1,210,442
4	56.71	18-1608A	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$843,000	\$843,000	\$1,686,000	\$843,000
5	56.57	18-1282A	The Wild Heart of Spokane	Dishman Hills Conservancy	\$803,700	\$803,700	\$1,607,400	\$803,700
6	56.00	18-1662A	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$2,448,994	\$2,449,000	\$4,897,994	Alternate
7	52.29	18-1698A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,565,000	\$2,065,000	Alternate
8	50.86	18-1961A	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition	Kitsap County	\$595,000	\$851,700	\$1,446,700	Alternate
9	50.14	18-1931A	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$1,737,310	\$1,737,310	\$3,474,620	Alternate
10	47.86	18-1461A	East Hylebos Watershed Conservation Acquisition	Federal Way	\$2,165,500	\$6,726,270	\$8,891,770	Alternate
11	43.14	18-1714A	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$621,750	\$622,250	\$1,244,000	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.
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Evaluation Scores
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Rank	Project Name	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
		Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Educational Opportunities	Public Use	Resource Uses and Management Practices	Growth Management Act	Population Proximity		
1	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area		16.29	8.00	13.14	8.86	3.43	7.71	2.43	0.00	7.00	66.86
2	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve		15.86	7.86	12.14	7.29	3.14	5.86	2.86	0.00	5.00	60.00
3	Mica Peak North Acquisition		15.43	6.86	12.00	7.57	3.14	7.86	3.00	-1.00	4.00	58.86
4	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition		14.71	7.00	10.00	7.71	3.71	6.29	2.29	0.00	5.00	56.71
5	The Wild Heart of Spokane		13.14	6.71	10.14	7.43	4.00	7.43	2.71	0.00	5.00	56.57
6	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7		12.14	5.86	10.57	6.86	3.29	6.86	2.43	0.00	8.00	56.00
7	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition		12.57	7.43	9.86	7.29	3.29	6.71	2.14	-1.00	4.00	52.29
8	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition		10.43	5.00	9.43	6.43	3.29	6.29	2.00	0.00	8.00	50.86
9	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve		11.71	5.57	9.57	6.43	2.86	6.86	2.14	0.00	5.00	50.14
10	East Hylebos Satershed Conservation Acquisition		8.86	4.57	7.71	6.14	3.14	6.86	1.57	0.00	9.00	47.86
11	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition		10.43	5.00	8.86	5.57	2.00	5.86	2.43	0.00	3.00	43.14

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Question 8-9.

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Buying a Mountain Top**

Grant Requested: \$4,768,585

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 569 acres, including the top of South Bessemer Mountain, to expand the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. The land is considered the largest and highest quality private land remaining in the conservation area. The department wants to conserve the land to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, natural resources, and wildlife habitat connections, and to provide low-impact public use. The property is highly threatened by mining and residential development. It is key land in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, which is a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90. Distinctive features of the land include talus, lakes, streams, wetlands, old-growth and mature forests, cliffs, and landscape connections for wildlife. The conservation area is used by amphibians, fish, cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, black bears, coyotes, and elk. Red-tailed hawks, osprey, barred owls, pygmy owls, and pileated woodpeckers also have been observed in the area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1524)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Expanding the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area to Protect Forests**

Grant Requested: \$1,831,729

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 158 acres in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area in Kitsap County to protect forests along Boyce Creek and the west forks of Harding and Seabeck Creeks. The creeks are used as spawning and rearing habitat by chum and coho salmon. The purchase will conserve rare forest communities in one of the most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Sound area. The conservation area provides high quality and rare wildlife habitat, supports wildlife near urban areas, and protects Puget Sound near-shore, forests, and critical wetlands. The land also will allow for low-impact public use, providing stunning views of the Olympic Mountains and Hood Canal. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1525)

Spokane County **Buying Land in the Mica Peak Conservation Area**

Grant Requested: \$1,210,442

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy 901 acres of high quality habitat that will link Mica Peak Conservation Area with Liberty Lake Regional Park, creating 5,300 acres of contiguous public, protected habitat for moose, elk, pileated woodpeckers, and other species with special status less than 5 miles from the cities of Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley. The project also will preserve rare old-growth trees, including Ponderosa pine, western hemlock, grand fir, and other species native to the Inland Northwest. The purchase will preserve a critical public trail connection between the well-established trail system in Liberty Lake Regional Park and the developing trail system in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. Lastly, this project protects Quinnamose Creek, which is the primary tributary to the Saltese Flats wetland complex, a critical stop for migrating birds and a significant aquifer recharge source for the region's sole aquifer. Spokane County will contribute more than

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\$1.3 million in conservation futures¹ and donations of labor and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1308)

Capitol Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$843,000

Conserving Silver Creek Prairie Habitat

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy about 220 acres of undeveloped streambank, wetland, and forest in Tenino. The land contains 1.5 miles of Deschutes River shoreline and .6 mile of Silver Creek shoreline, both providing important habitat to salmon species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Silver Creek provides scarce off-channel fish habitat and is a critical source of cold water for the Deschutes River, which suffers from water that is too warm. Most of the land is comprised of prairie soils, and there is oak-prairie habitat along the northern edge. Elk visit the land year-round. The land trust hopes to protect this important wildlife habitat and will add a small parking area and trail for public access to part of the land. Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$843,000 in a local grant and a grant from the salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1608)

Dishman Hills Conservancy

Grant Requested: \$803,700

Buying Land on Dishman Hills

The Dishman Hills Conservancy will use this grant to buy 257 acres for wildlife and recreation, next to the Dishman Hills Conservation Area, about 3 miles from Spokane's city limits. Dishman Hills is the wild heart of Spokane because it is surrounded by development. Conserving the land is important to maintain a corridor for wildlife movement and a diversity of plants. The forest is home to deer, moose, elk, cougars, black bears, pileated woodpeckers, flammulated owls, northern goshawk, Vaux's swift, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. The area also is used for hiking, mountain biking, climbing, and nature study. Dishman Hills Conservancy will contribute \$803,700 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1282)

Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$2,448,994

Buying Land for the Gazzam Nature Preserve

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust will use this grant to buy more than 61 acres of privately held forest to expand the Gazzam Nature Preserve area, creating 545 acres of protected and contiguous forest, wetland, lake, and shoreline habitats. These lands host the highest quality habitat on the island for sustaining common species such woodpeckers, Douglas squirrel, and northern flying squirrel as well as providing habitat for now-rare species such as northern saw-whet owls, northern pygmy owls, and ruffed grouse. The forest will be allowed to develop into true old-growth conditions, which are absent from Bainbridge Island. The area is a birding hot spot and is used for outdoor education. Upon purchase, there is an opportunity to add 2.2 miles of public trails to an existing 6-mile trail network. Bainbridge Island Land Trust will contribute

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more than \$2.4 million in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1662)

Monroe

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Conserving an East Monroe Heritage Site

The City of Monroe will use this grant to buy 43 acres of undeveloped land along the Skykomish River, off U.S. Route 2, for wildlife viewing and environmental interpretation. The land is a diverse compilation of bluffs, salmon-bearing oxbow channel, and wetlands, which provide critical places for fish to rest during high flows. There is a natural connection to the Skykomish River and 90-acre Al Borlin Park to the southwest. The landowner has asked to rezone the land to general commercial and is planning to clear the land and fill it with 6,000 truckloads of material. Monroe will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash, conservation futures,² and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1698)

Kitsap County

Grant Requested: \$595,000

Expanding Illahee Preserve Heritage Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 16.7 acres, currently threatened with development, to add to the 572-acre Illahee Preserve Heritage Park. The land is near Bremerton, in the most densely populated area of the county, and in the preserve's envelope of targeted properties. The County will buy an approved development called Timbers Edge II, a voluntary land preservation agreement for a trail corridor connecting two sections of the preserve, and a planned commercial development called AllSecure Storage. With these purchases, the County hopes to conserve the last remaining forest, headwater wetlands, and streambanks in the area. The Illahee Preserve is a mature forest with shoreline habitat including deeply incised canyons that is so pristine and wild it has been called "the lost continent." Conserving the land will save threatened wildlife habitat and a system of non-motorized trails, serviced by a trailhead and picnic shelter. Kitsap County will contribute \$851,700 in a donation of property interest and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1961)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$1,737,310

Creating the Strawberry Point Nature Preserve

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy and permanently protect up to 267 acres of critical wildlife habitat on northeast Whidbey Island, just east of the city of Oak Harbor, Island County's only significant urban area. The land is characterized by a mosaic of habitats that includes freshwater wetlands, mixed forests, scrub shrub, open fields, and lake shoreline that is used by numerous native wildlife species, including those with special status. The land trust will create a wildlife preserve with a public nature trail. In addition to protecting

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the land, this project safeguards ecological processes and watershed functions that impact the nearby near-shore and marine habitat identified as a high priority for salmon recovery. This is a rare opportunity to protect a large, contiguous area for habitat. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.7 million in conservation futures,³ a private grant, and donations of cash, land, and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1931)

Federal Way

Grant Requested: \$2,165,500

Conserving the East Hylebos Watershed on the Former Weyerhaeuser Campus

The City of Federal Way will use this grant to buy up to 53 acres of the historic former Weyerhaeuser Campus. The 425-acre campus features second-growth forest, wetlands, East Hylebos Creek, and nearly three-quarter mile of North Lake shoreline, one of the longest undeveloped shorelines in urban south King County. The City will buy forest, wetland, and North Lake shoreline, in the headwaters of East Hylebos Creek. The forest provides significant surface water retention and natural filtration benefits, and offers unique wildlife habitat in an urban environment. The land to be purchased is next to a state boat launch and includes historic Weyerhaeuser innovations: a grove of the world's first cloned trees and the "Glue House," a demonstration residence constructed in 1971 originally using only adhesive as a fastener. Saving this property from development will preserve habitat and the quality of storm water entering North Lake, which feeds East Hylebos Creek and eventually Hylebos Creek. Federal Way will contribute more than \$6.7 million in a state appropriation, cash, conservation futures,⁴ a state grant, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1461)

Whatcom Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$621,750

Conserving the Anderson Creek Headwaters

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 355 acres of forest and creek bank, on Stewart Mountain in Whatcom County. The land is about 4 miles from Bellingham, the county's largest city. Rapid growth is pushing development further into outlying areas and dramatically impacting wildlife habitat. The land contains the headwaters of Carpenter Creek, which feeds directly into Lake Whatcom, the source of drinking water for about half of the county residents. The land also is bordered by Anderson Creek, which is between the north Cascade Mountains and the Chuckanut Mountains, and is an important wildlife corridor for fish and large mammals moving through developed areas to high quality habitat areas. Anderson Creek is used by coho salmon, bull trout, steelhead, and cutthroat trout, as well as gray wolves, all of which are listed as priority species by state Department of Fish and Wildlife. The land trust's goal is to conserve a large swath of Stewart Mountain, which is an important midpoint refuge along the county's only officially designated wildlife corridor—the Cascades to Chuckanuts corridor. Whatcom Land Trust

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will contribute \$622,250 in donations of cash and taxes from a Local Improvement District. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1714)