

**Education and Enforcement Projects Grants Awarded
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities
2023-2025**

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	62	22-2233E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Front Country Patrol	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$150,000
2	61.43	22-2111E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	\$200,000	\$200,848	\$400,848	\$200,000
3	60.29	22-2222E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	\$200,000	\$201,000	\$401,000	\$200,000
4	60.07	22-2040E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wilderness Education Enchantments Emphasis	\$197,596	\$198,554	\$396,150	\$197,596
4	60.07	22-2228E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$136,000	\$336,000	\$200,000
6	59.5	22-2117E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	\$197,500	\$139,500	\$337,000	\$197,500
7	58.21	22-2187E	Spokane County	Education and Enforcement Program	\$157,400	\$169,271	\$326,671	\$157,400
8	57.79	22-2184E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement South Zone	\$191,208	\$197,000	\$388,208	\$191,208
9	57.71	22-2286E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	\$200,000	\$305,000	\$505,000	\$200,000
10	57.43	22-2104E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Hood Canal District Education and Enforcement	\$164,901	\$167,645	\$332,546	\$164,901
11	57.07	22-2209E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe and Tahoma Education and Enforcement	\$149,039	\$149,804	\$298,843	\$149,039
12	56.57	22-2134E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Cle Elum Ranger District	Front Country Education and Enforcement	\$113,700	\$77,000	\$190,700	\$113,700
13	56.5	22-2082E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Cle Elum Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000	\$150,000
14	56	22-2087E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	\$185,500	\$47,000	\$232,500	\$185,500

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15	55.93	22-2077E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$200,000
16	55.71	22-2141E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside Education and Enforcement Ranger	\$183,160	\$192,106	\$375,266	\$146,463 ²
17	55.5	22-2304E	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Wilderness Education	\$162,800	\$165,133	\$327,933	Alternate
18	55	22-2165E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	\$70,000	\$72,000	\$142,000	Alternate
19	54.79	22-2130E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	North Zone Climbing Rangers	\$171,040	\$171,456	\$342,496	Alternate
20	53.71	22-2107E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement North Zone	\$200,000	\$88,000	\$288,000	Alternate
21	53.14	22-1945E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	\$187,000	\$80,200	\$267,200	Alternate
22	52.86	22-2169E	U.S Forest Service, Colville National Forest	Off-Road Vehicle Forest Ranger Program	\$200,000	\$176,000	\$376,000	Alternate
23	52.57	22-2034E	Grant County	Grant County Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$395,110	\$595,110	Alternate
24	52.21	22-1989E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Southeast Region Education and Enforcement	\$176,700	\$142,200	\$318,900	Alternate
25	45.14	22-2144E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Backcountry and Climbing Rangers	\$75,000	\$78,000	\$153,000	Alternate
Total					\$4,282,544	\$3,964,827	\$8,247,371	\$2,803,307

¹Project type: E=Education

²Partial Funding

Education and Enforcement Projects Evaluation Scores
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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Need	2. Need Satisfaction	3. In-Field Contacts	4. Targeting Current NOVA Users	5. Project Support	6. Non-Government Contributions	7. Matching Shares	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-10	0-10	0-10	0-5	0-5	
1	22-2233 E	Front Country Patrol	14.36	13.50	8.29	8.57	8.86	3.43	5.00	62.00
2	22-2111 E	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	12.43	13.29	8.57	8.29	9.43	4.43	5.00	61.43
3	22-2222 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	13.07	12.43	8.71	7.71	8.86	4.50	5.00	60.29
4	22-2040 E	Wilderness Education Enchantments Emphasis	12.64	12.86	8.57	8.29	9.00	3.71	5.00	60.07
4	22-2228 E	Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	13.07	13.50	8.71	8.57	8.29	3.93	4.00	60.07
6	22-2117 E	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	14.14	13.07	8.29	8.00	8.29	3.71	4.00	59.50
7	22-2187 E	Education and Enforcement Program	12.21	11.79	8.14	8.00	9.14	3.93	5.00	58.21
8	22-2184 E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement South Zone	13.50	12.21	7.57	8.14	8.43	2.93	5.00	57.79
9	22-2286 E	Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	13.29	12.86	8.29	8.14	6.57	3.57	5.00	57.71
10	22-2104 E	Hood Canal District Education and Enforcement	13.07	12.64	7.00	7.43	8.86	3.43	5.00	57.43
11	22-2209 E	Elbe and Tahoma Education and Enforcement	12.64	12.21	7.00	7.86	8.43	3.93	5.00	57.07
12	22-2134 E	Front Country Education and Enforcement	12.64	12.43	7.71	8.57	8.43	2.79	4.00	56.57
13	22-2082 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	13.07	12.64	7.43	7.43	9.14	3.79	3.00	56.50
14	22-2087 E	Cle Elum Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	13.50	12.64	8.29	7.57	8.86	3.14	2.00	56.00
15	22-2077 E	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	13.29	11.36	7.29	7.71	8.29	4.00	4.00	55.93
16	22-2141 E	Riverside Education and Enforcement Ranger	12.00	12.00	7.14	7.86	7.86	3.86	5.00	55.71
17	22-2304 E	Wilderness Education	12.21	11.57	7.86	7.86	7.86	3.14	5.00	55.50
18	22-2165 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	12.64	12.43	8.29	7.71	5.57	3.36	5.00	55.00
19	22-2130 E	North Zone Climbing Rangers	10.07	11.79	7.71	7.00	9.14	4.07	5.00	54.79
20	22-2107 E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement North Zone	12.00	12.00	7.57	7.29	8.57	3.29	3.00	53.71
21	22-1945 E	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	12.00	11.79	8.00	7.57	7.86	2.93	3.00	53.14
22	22-2169 E	Off-Road Vehicle Forest Ranger Program	12.21	12.00	7.43	7.57	6.29	3.36	4.00	52.86
23	22-2034 E	Grant County Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	11.79	11.14	7.43	7.14	7.14	2.93	5.00	52.57
24	22-1989 E	Southeast Region Education and Enforcement	12.43	11.57	6.86	7.29	8.14	1.93	4.00	52.21
25	22-2144 E	Backcountry and Climbing Rangers	9.64	10.07	6.29	6.00	5.29	2.86	5.00	45.14

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Providing Front Country Patrols **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to help support 10 seasonal officers and volunteers to deliver a robust education program that includes lookout tower staffing and educational patrols during the summer and winter for 2 years. The employees and volunteers are expected to make well more than 25,000 visitor contacts, with an emphasis on educating novice visitors about environmental stewardship. The district typically hosts more than 1 million users annually and steadily declining budgets and retiring employees have decreased its ability to respond to recreation needs in these high-use areas along Interstate 90 and State Route 410. The district encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible to a broad range of visitors including campers, hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles riders, recreational target shooters, and hunters. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2233)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers **Grant Requested: \$200,000**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for five seasonal rangers and support volunteers to provide education and enforcement in high-use recreation areas for two field seasons. Staff and volunteers educate visitors about how to recreate with little to no environmental impact and they will enforce regulations. Patrols will focus on popular recreation areas on the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness areas, Pacific Crest Trail, and Pacific Northwest Trail. This area receives more than 190,000 visitor use days annually. Recreationists include hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, photographers, wildlife viewers, backcountry skiers, stock users, hunters, and anglers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2111)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Providing an Alpine Lakes Wilderness Patrol **Grant Requested: \$200,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns to patrol trails on the Snoqualmie Ranger District for 2 years. Rangers will educate visitors and enforce regulations while hiking and biking to backcountry destinations in the 300,000-acre district, which includes 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than 400 miles of trail and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits that provide a wide spectrum of recreation opportunities including hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, foraging, and horseback riding for more than 300,000 users each year. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2222)

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Wilderness Rangers **Grant Requested: \$197,596**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal wilderness rangers to patrol high-use areas in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness Areas for two field seasons. Rangers teach visitors how to recreate while creating little to no environmental impact and enforce regulations. The patrols will focus on the Enchantments permit area because of its popularity with relatively new wilderness visitors. The wilderness areas offer hiking, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, and fishing. By focusing rangers in high use areas on weekends and holidays, they will reach large numbers of visitors, especially the less experienced recreationists. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2040)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Patrols for the Central Zone Backcountry **Grant Requested: \$200,000**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two full-time seasonal rangers and support four AmeriCorps volunteer rangers to patrol about 300 miles of multiuse trails, including 7 campgrounds and 29 trailheads. The rangers will patrol in the Entiat, Wenatchee River, Chelan, and Methow Valley Ranger Districts in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The rangers will patrol on weekends and high-use times to teach visitors how to recreate responsibly and have good riding behavior on multiuse trails. Many of the trails are in highly erosive pumice soil or fragile meadows, and the rangers will teach off-road vehicle riders, horse rides, mountain bikers, and hikers how best to use the trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2228)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$197,500** **Providing Patrols in Capitol State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time and one half-time warden to patrol the 110,000-acre Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The forest hosts 176 miles of trail, 4 campgrounds, 6 trailheads, and more than 610 miles of forest roads. The recreation wardens will concentrate on enforcing off-road vehicle use compliance and correcting safety issues. Additionally, the wardens will support Forest Watch volunteers who help educate visitors about safety and proper forest use and who help manage events. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2117)

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Spokane County

Grant Requested: \$157,400

Providing Education and Enforcement in Spokane County

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to pay for two full-time seasonal park aids. Along with other staff, the park aids will provide service to more than 11,000 acres, including urban, suburban, and rural wilderness park settings throughout the county. These sites support more than 350 miles of trails and include two lakes, river access points, a campground, and two off-road vehicle parks with an expected 1.3 million visitations annually. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2187)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Patrolling Snohomish County Recreation Areas**

Grant Requested: \$191,208

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one recreation warden to patrol some of the most popular department-owed areas in Snohomish County: Reiter Foothills Forest, Forest Glade, Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, and Sultan Basin. The warden will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns while educating visitors about appropriate use and environmental stewardship principles. Combined, these areas provide several hundred miles of road, about 75 miles of trail, 7 campgrounds, multiple dispersed campsites, and trailheads on more than 50,000 acres. These areas support a wide diversity of outdoor opportunities, including: off-road vehicle riding, hiking, backpacking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, foraging, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, sightseeing, and snow activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2184)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Educating Off-Highway Vehicle Riders**

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for five rangers to educate off-highway vehicle riders about responsible use of campsites, staging areas, and more than 250 miles of trail in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The rangers will be in field talking to visitors on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through late October for 2 years. The grant also will pay for supplies, such as signs, safety gear, motorcycle tires, and motorcycle and jeep maintenance. The Naches district trail system provides an estimated 10 percent of all trail opportunities for motorized uses in Washington. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2286)

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Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Requested: \$164,901 **Providing Education and Enforcement on Hood Canal**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time recreation warden and additional police services to patrol 85 miles of trail, 5 campgrounds, 7 trailheads, and a multitude of dispersed and seasonal day-use areas in the Tahuya, Green Mountain, and Hood Canal State Forests, the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, and other areas in Kitsap and Mason Counties. The staff will focus on enforcing off-road vehicle use compliance and correcting safety issues. The warden also will support Forest Watch and camp host volunteers in educating visitors about rules, regulations, and good stewardship principals, and will help manage trail events in the forests. Funding also will be used to buy equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2104)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Requested: \$149,039 **Providing Education and Enforcement in Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one warden, who will provide public information, education, and enforcement year-round in the 22,140-acre Elbe Hills and 32,600-acre Tahoma State Forests. Funding also will be used to print, buy, and distribute informational materials. These efforts will focus on off-road vehicle users, equestrians, hikers, hunters, campers, target shooters, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers. The warden will educate and enforce trail use, camping, campfire, and target shooting rules as well as address issues around Discover Pass use, vandalism, hunting, resource gathering, dumping, and Sno Park use. Both state forests have seen increased use, vandalism, dumping, illegal travel, and user conflict in the past 4 years. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2209)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Providing Cle Elum Front Country Rangers Grant Requested: \$113,700**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund four rangers and support two volunteers to patrol high-use recreation areas, major trailheads, and campgrounds in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The rangers and volunteers will focus on educating visitors about proper sanitation, campsite selection, fee compliance, and environmental stewardship. A consistent field presence in these areas has proven to reduce environmental degradation, limit conflicts, and foster greater environmental stewardship. In addition, the rangers and volunteers will promote the "Respect the River" program, which educates users about how to minimize damage to streambanks and the importance of protecting bull trout and other water habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2134)

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Rangers for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund three rangers and support two volunteer interns to patrol the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about how to protect the wilderness and trails. The popular Alpine Lakes Wilderness and adjacent areas host 16 trailheads, 200 miles of trail, multiple high-country routes, more than 60 lakes, and more than 900 campsites. Due to rapid population increases, the area now receives greater than 80,000 annual visits. The area is used for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, horse packing, hunting, fishing, mountaineering, and climbing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2082)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Off-Road Vehicle Patrols Grant Requested: \$185,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one full-time ranger, two seasonal rangers, support for volunteers, and two electric mountain bikes for 2 years to patrol nearly 400 miles of off-highway vehicle trails in Kittitas County. The rangers work with volunteers to patrol the front country trail system, 7 campgrounds, and more than 30 trailheads. Located just 80 miles west of the state's most densely populated areas, the multiuse trail system is one of the most heavily used in Washington. The rangers and their partners provide information and assistance and teach safe motorized travel principles. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2087)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Requested: \$200,000 Educating Visitors to the Snoqualmie Corridor

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time education and enforcement specialist to patrol about 150 miles of trail, 5 trailheads, and several day-use sites in the Interstate 90-Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. Funding will cover the purchase of small tools, minor equipment, and educational materials. This grant also will fund a seasonal specialist to work in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and seasonal outreach interns to work with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust's Trailhead Ambassador program, which provides information to visitors to state and federal recreational sites in the Snoqualmie corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2077)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$183,160 Providing a Riverside State Park Patrol

State Parks will use this grant to pay for one full-time ranger to patrol Riverside State Park, Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail, and their trailheads for 2 years. These areas are open

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year-round and see more than 3 million visits a year. The ranger will promote public safety, focusing on trailheads and areas near the city interface, which have more crime. The ranger will educate users about park rules and regulations, trail etiquette, wildlife, and environmental stewardship, and will patrol park events, of which there are about 100 annually. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2141)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Proving Gifford Pinchot Wilderness Patrols

Grant Requested: \$162,800

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to fund three backcountry wilderness rangers who will provide education and enforcement. The rangers will patrol more than 200,000 acres of wilderness along more than 290 miles of trail. They also will patrol backcountry areas with hundreds of miles of off-highway roads and trails. Wilderness rangers will focus on addressing issues involving visitor safety, user conflicts, and ecological sustainability. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2304)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness

Grant Requested: \$70,000

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund 4 backcountry rangers, 1 intern, and up to 10 volunteers for 2 years. The rangers will focus on educating visitors and enforcing rules while backpacking in the 200,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness areas. The Wilderness areas can receive up to 700 visitors in single day during peak season. Visitors come to use the more than 150 miles of trail and popular off-trail destinations to lakes, rivers, summits, old-growth forests, and meadows. Visitors participate in a range of activities including backpacking, hiking, climbing, mountaineering, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, and foraging. Rangers contact visitors to reduce user conflicts, vandalism, trash dumping, and resource damage. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2165)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Funding Climbing Rangers

Grant Requested: \$171,040

The Methow Valley and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts will use this grant to fund four climbing rangers and two climbing stewards to contact visitors at high-use climbing areas such as Washington Pass, Goat Wall, Mazama Crags, Stuart Range, Icicle Creek, and Tumwater Canyon. They will educate users on environmentally and socially responsible climbing practices, identify and manage environmental impacts and educational needs, build relationships with climbing organizations, collect visitor use and resource data, and enforce regulations. These climbing areas are used by indoor climbers transitioning from gym to outdoor climbing, novice users undertaking their first multi-pitch climb, as well as more experienced climbers taking on

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alpine routes of significant difficulty. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2130)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Requested: \$200,000 **Providing a Northwest Region Warden**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time, year-round recreation warden to provide education and enforcement services across three major recreation landscapes in the northern Puget Sound area totaling more than 73,000 acres and more than 90 miles of trail. The warden will patrol the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area, Blanchard Mountain non-motorized recreation area, and Harry Osborne equestrian area. Additionally, the warden will coordinate and supervise volunteers to educate visitors about the recreation rules and goals of environmental stewardship. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2107)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Requested: \$187,000 **Providing a Southwest Region Warden**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time recreation warden to provide education and enforcement services on 770 miles of road, 126 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 6 day-use areas on more than 480,000 acres in southwest Washington forests. The grant also will be used to buy educational materials and electronic equipment intended to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The warden will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; providing public outreach; and engaging user groups, such as recreation groups, target shooting groups, and volunteer groups, to help pick up trash in the forests. In addition, the warden will support Forest Watch volunteers to educate visitors about rules, regulations, and principals of good stewardship. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1945)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colville National Forest Grant Requested: \$200,000 **Supporting the Off-Highway Vehicle Forest Ranger Program**

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to pay for five full-time, off-highway vehicle rangers to patrol 1,203 miles of open routes, five campgrounds, 10 trailheads, and about 375 dispersed campsites. The rangers educate visitors on off-highway vehicle regulations, responsible trail riding, and resource protection. The rangers also work with other groups to improve loop routes and build relationships within the off-highway vehicle community. The goals of this project are to provide a safe and sustainable off-highway vehicle network and enhance recreation opportunities through education, route development, and restoration of

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damaged areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2169)

Grant County

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Providing Deputies to Patrol Sand Dunes

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two full-time deputies to perform education and enforcement services on about 8,500 acres at Washington's two most popular off-road vehicle areas: the Moses Lake Sand Dunes off Interstate 90, south of Moses Lake, and the Beverly Sand Dunes off State Route 243 near Mattawa. The Moses Lake Sand Dunes host more than 500,000 visitors a year and the Beverly Sand Dunes host more than 150,000. The deputies will educate visitors through the media, special events, brochures, online, and signs. The dunes are used by off-road riders, equestrians, campers, hikers, anglers, snowmobilers, boaters, beachcombers, and waterfowl hunters. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2034)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Providing Patrols in Kittitas and Yakima Counties

Grant Requested: \$176,700

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a recreation warden to patrol more than 310,000 acres, including 497 miles of road, 52 miles of trail, 12 campgrounds, 7 trailheads, and 2 camping areas in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The warden will talk with visitors, patrol user group events and volunteer work parties, and train Forest Watch volunteers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1989)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Providing Backcountry and Climbing Rangers

Grant Requested: \$75,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire two climbing rangers to educate climbers and hikers at the popular climbing routes on Mount Baker and backcountry rangers to patrol high-use sites, such as Park Butte, Chain Lakes, and Yellow Aster Buttes. Thousands of climbers attempt to summit Mount Baker during the busy summer season. The rangers will educate visitors about rules, environmental stewardship, and safety. Backcountry rangers also will coordinate the Mountain Stewards program, which provides volunteers in heavy-use areas to educate visitors. The overall goals of the project are to provide a high-quality visitor experience in some of Washington's most scenic and heavily used backcountry areas and to protect the natural resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2144)