

Education Projects Grants Awarded
Recreational Trails Program
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1	21.0	22-2285 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Wilderness Education Rangers	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$32,000	\$10,000 ²
2	20.6	22-2309 E	Mount Saint Helens Institute	Mount Saint Helens Stewards for Responsible Recreation	\$15,000	\$29,551	\$44,551	\$7,500 ²
2	20.6	22-2371 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Ranger	\$20,000	\$16,500	\$36,500	\$10,000 ²
4	19.8	22-2368 E	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Trailhead Ambassadors: Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$10,000 ²
5	18.6	22-2288 E	Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive	Protect and Educate Trail Users	\$14,759	\$5,100	\$19,859	\$7,380 ²
6	18.3	22-2386 E	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Scouts and Stock On The Trail	\$14,000	\$12,350	\$26,350	\$7,000 ²
7	15.3	22-2352 E	Tall Timber Ranch	Outdoor Ethics for Washington Students	\$20,000	\$10,250	\$30,250	\$10,000 ²
Total					\$123,759	\$90,751	\$214,510	\$61,880

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		Point Range	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	
1	22-2285 E	Wilderness Education Rangers	4.36	4.36	4.36	3.82	4.09	21.00
2	22-2371 E	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Ranger	4.09	4.18	4.55	4.09	3.64	20.55
2	22-2309 E	Mount Saint Helens Stewards for Responsible Recreation	4.09	4.27	4.27	4.09	3.82	20.55
4	22-2368 E	Trailhead Ambassadors: Mountains to Sound Greenway	4.00	3.91	4.18	3.55	4.18	19.82
5	22-2288 E	Protect and Educate Trail Users	4.09	3.82	4.09	3.55	3.00	18.55
6	22-2386 E	Scouts and Stock On The Trail	3.64	3.82	4.00	3.64	3.18	18.27
7	22-2352 E	Outdoor Ethics for Washington Students	3.27	3.09	3.82	2.91	2.18	15.27

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U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Providing Naches Wilderness Education Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to partially fund up to four rangers and volunteers seasonally to patrol high-use areas in the wilderness and backcountry of the district. The rangers will educate visitors and provide enforcement to protect the natural resources and visitor safety. The Naches Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington including Dewey, Twin Sisters, Warm, and Surprise Lakes, which have been popularized in numerous guidebooks. [Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2285)

Mount Saint Helens Institute

Grant Requested: \$15,000

Creating Educational Videos Promoting Responsible Recreation

The Mount St. Helens Institute will use this grant to train its volunteer Mountain Stewards to engage trail users on being prepared, responding to medical and other incidents, and caring for the environment. In addition, the institute's volunteers will create short videos about environmental stewardship, equity in the outdoors, the cultural and research value of the mountain, and resource protection. The goal is to increase visitor awareness and decrease damage to infrastructure and cultural areas. Mount St. Helens is an iconic Washington landscape, part of the state's rich natural and cultural heritage, and a laboratory for understanding geological and ecological processes following the volcano's eruption in 1980. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2309)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Providing Snow Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Wenatchee River and Entiat Ranger Districts will use this grant to fund two snow rangers to patrol Sno Parks, parking areas, and 185 miles of groomed winter trails on 250,000 acres of backcountry area. The Forest Service estimates 500-700 visitors use the trail system on a busy weekend. The snow rangers will educate winter users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, trail etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and other trail users. The snow ranger program provides a consistent presence and personal interaction with trail users, which helps reduce user conflicts and provides safety education on this heavily used snowmobile riding area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (22-2371)

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Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Training Trailhead Ambassadors

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to support its Trailhead Ambassador Program. These ambassadors teach visitors about how to protect public lands in the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area, which is a corridor of natural and recreation lands and communities spanning 1.5 million acres from Seattle to Ellensburg along Interstate 90. Trailhead Ambassadors aim to inspire the next generation of public land stewards and reduce the damage caused by crowds at popular trails and trailheads. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2368)

Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association Providing Spill Kits to Off-Road Vehicle Enthusiasts

Grant Requested: \$14,759

The Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association will use this grant to provide spill kits for trail visitors to use to remove soil contaminated by oil and antifreeze. The kits will be a tool to educate visitors about how to recreate responsibly and protect the environment when driving off-highway vehicles. The kits will be handed out at the association's year-round events and provide trail users with a way to dispose of waste and protect wildlife from harmful fluids. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2288)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Launching the Scouts and Stock on the Trail Program

Grant Requested: \$14,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to host a series of outdoor and classroom events for scout troops to introduce them to horsemanship and trail stewardship activities such as trail construction and maintenance, civic engagement, outdoor safety, and environmental stewardship. The pilot program will begin in Island County and once fully developed, expand to other Back Country Horsemen chapters across the state. The goal is to recruit the next generation of volunteer trail stewards and enhance relationships between the horsemen and local scouts in a fun, hands-on environment where scouts can learn how to safely interact with horses and mules. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2386)

Tall Timber Ranch Teaching Outdoor Ethics to Students

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The nonprofit Tall Timber Ranch will use this grant to design and provide outdoor ethics education programs to students in first through twelfth grades. Nestled between the White and Napeequa Rivers in the Glacier Peak Wilderness, Tall Timber Ranch welcomed 1,800 people to its camp in 2022. Ranch staff will use the grant to train staff, redevelop its curriculum and materials to promote environmental stewardship, host "Leave No Trace" workshops, and customize

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handouts to the local area and most popular trail uses that the students can take with them when they leave. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2352)

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1	72.25	22-2195M	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$50,000 ²
2	71.58	22-1822M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Restoring and Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails	\$124,564	\$256,562	\$381,126	\$62,282 ²
3	71.25	22-2194M	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$390,000	\$540,000	\$75,000 ²
4	70.67	22-2164M	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$75,000 ²
5	70.58	22-1898M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$578,214	\$728,214	\$75,000 ²
6	70.08	22-1897M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$748,160	\$898,160	\$75,000 ²
7	69.67	22-2145M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$75,000 ²
8	69.58	22-1982M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Reopening At-Risk Trails Statewide	\$127,500	\$255,000	\$382,500	\$63,750 ²
9	69.5	22-2147M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$123,225	\$273,225	\$75,000 ²
10	69.08	22-2114M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Mixed Use Deferred Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$156,865	\$306,865	\$75,000 ²
11	68.83	22-2202M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,001	\$300,001	\$75,000 ²
12	67	22-2262M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$75,000 ²
13	66.67	22-1896M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Youth Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$519,580	\$669,580	\$75,000 ²
14	66.33	22-1892M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Maintaining Endangered Trails	\$150,000	\$301,615	\$451,615	\$75,000 ²
15	66.08	22-2001M	Washington Climbers Coalition	Maintain Washington State's Climbing Access Trails	\$42,560	\$56,100	\$98,660	Alternate
16	64.58	22-2216M	National Park Service	Carbon River and Mowich Entrance Trails	\$150,000	\$184,150	\$334,150	\$75,000 ²
17	64.17	22-2422M	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Moto-Volunteer Statewide	\$121,195	\$417,980	\$539,175	\$121,195

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18	63.83	22-2101M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Trail Maintenance and Grooming	\$25,500	\$59,680	\$85,180	\$12,750 ²
19	62.83	22-2337M	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	Winter Grooming and Trail Maintenance	\$15,000	\$106,040	\$121,040	\$7,500 ²
20	62.33	22-2166M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Hood Canal District Non-Motorized Maintenance	\$40,990	\$47,405	\$88,395	\$20,495 ²
21	62.17	22-1994M	Aberdeen	Stewart's Park Trail Improvements	\$11,060	\$14,241	\$25,301	Not Funded ³
22	61.25	22-2026D	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Theler Wetlands Trail Reconnection	\$150,000	\$785,000	\$935,000	Not Funded ³
23	60.33	22-2367M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	\$111,000	\$92,000	\$203,000	\$55,500 ⁴
24	58.17	22-2282M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$206,280	\$356,280	\$150,000
25	57.92	22-2023D	Seattle	Discovery Park South Beach Trail	\$150,000	\$270,111	\$420,111	Alternate
26	57.75	22-2327D	University Place	Adriana Hess Wetland Boardwalk	\$117,250	\$117,250	\$234,500	Alternate
27	57	22-2284M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$220,000	\$370,000	\$75,000 ²
28	55.42	22-2420M	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Heavy Maintenance Crew Statewide	\$150,000	\$432,400	\$582,400	\$150,000
29	54.83	22-2030D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Hamilton Mountain Trail Reroute at Beacon Rock State Park	\$142,000	\$47,500	\$189,500	Alternate
30	51.83	22-1990M	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Front Country Trails	\$140,000	\$47,950	\$187,950	\$19,183 ²
31	50.83	22-2389M	Whatcom Snowmobile Association	Nooksack Glacier Area Snopark Route Maintenance	\$26,060	\$11,620	\$37,680	\$26,060
32	50.08	22-2044D	Chewelah Valley Land Trust	Gold Hill Community Forest Trailhead and Boardwalk	\$73,203	\$23,497	\$96,700	Alternate

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33	49.92	22-2176M	Mountain Trails Grooming Association	Methow Area Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Grooming	\$122,968	\$32,000	\$154,968	\$17,920 ²
34	49.58	22-2555D	Aberdeen	Stewart's Park Trail Bridge Replacement	\$66,500	\$16,626	\$83,126	Not Funded ³
35	46.92	22-1981M	Yakima Greenway Foundation	Trail Maintenance at Yakima Greenway	\$124,000	\$31,848	\$155,848	Alternate
36	46.42	22-2362M	Columbia Springs	Columbia Springs Access Improvement	\$75,000	\$37,564	\$112,564	Not Funded ³
Total					\$4,156,350	\$7,366,464	\$11,522,814	\$1,731,635

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³Applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

⁴Awarded a 2020 grant: this amount covers remaining funds needed.

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		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-10	0-15	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-10	0-10.0	-1-0.0	
1	22-2195 M	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	13.00	13.50		13.00		4.67	4.50	4.42	9.17	10.00	0.00	72.25
2	22-1822 M	Restoring and Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails	13.25	13.50		12.50		4.58	4.33	4.25	9.17	10.00	0.00	71.58
3	22-2194 M	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	13.25	13.25		12.25		4.67	4.42	4.42	9.00	10.00	0.00	71.25
4	22-2164 M	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	13.25	13.25		13.00		4.67	4.08	3.92	8.50	10.00	0.00	70.67
5	22-1898 M	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	13.00	12.75		12.50		4.67	4.25	4.58	8.83	10.00	0.00	70.58
6	22-1897 M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.50	12.75		12.75		4.67	4.08	4.50	8.83	10.00	0.00	70.08
7	22-2145 M	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	12.75	12.75		12.75		4.42	4.17	4.00	8.83	10.00	0.00	69.67
8	22-1982 M	Reopening At-Risk Trails Statewide	12.50	12.50		13.25		4.67	4.00	4.50	8.17	10.00	0.00	69.58
9	22-2147 M	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	12.75	13.25		12.50		4.67	3.83	4.00	8.50	10.00	0.00	69.50
10	22-2114 M	Mixed Use Deferred Trail Maintenance	12.50	12.25		12.75		4.67	3.83	3.92	9.17	10.00	0.00	69.08

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11	22-2202 M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	13.00	12.75		11.75		4.58	3.92	4.00	8.83	10.00	0.00	68.83
12	22-2262 M	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Maintenance	12.50	12.00		12.00		4.25	3.75	3.83	8.67	10.00	0.00	67.00
13	22-1896 M	Statewide Youth Trail Maintenance	10.75	12.25		11.50		4.67	4.33	4.50	8.67	10.00	0.00	66.67
14	22-1892 M	Maintaining Endangered Trails	12.00	13.50		11.50		4.50	4.00	4.17	6.67	10.00	0.00	66.33
15	22-2001 M	Maintain Washington State's Climbing Access Trails	12.25	11.50		13.00		3.92	4.00	3.75	7.67	10.00	0.00	66.08
16	22-2216 M	Carbon River and Mowich Entrance Trails	11.00	11.75		11.75		4.08	3.83	3.67	8.50	10.00	0.00	64.58
17	22-2422 M	Moto-Volunteer Statewide	11.75	11.75		11.50		4.25	4.08	4.00	6.83	10.00	0.00	64.17
18	22-2101 M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Trail Maintenance and Grooming	11.00	11.75		11.00		4.33	3.83	3.75	8.17	10.00	0.00	63.83
19	22-2337 M	Winter Grooming and Trail Maintenance	11.25	12.00		10.50		4.17	4.33	4.42	6.17	10.00	0.00	62.83
20	22-2166 M	Hood Canal District Non-Motorized Maintenance	10.25	11.25		11.75		4.33	3.33	3.25	8.17	10.00	0.00	62.33
21	22-1994 M	Stewart's Park Trail Improvements	10.50	11.75		11.00		4.00	3.75	3.67	7.50	10.00	0.00	62.17

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22	22-2026 D	Theler Wetlands Trail Reconnection	10.00	11.75	7.50		3.83	3.50	3.58	3.58	7.50	10.00	0.00	61.25
23	22-2367 M	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	11.00	11.25		10.75		4.25	3.58	3.50	6.00	10.00	0.00	60.33
24	22-2282 M	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	12.50	12.75		12.75		4.50	3.92	3.58	8.17	0.00	0.00	58.17
25	22-2023 D	Discovery Park South Beach Trail	11.75	13.25	8.67		4.17	4.42	3.50	3.67	8.50	0.00	0.00	57.92
26	22-2327 D	Adriana Hess Wetland Boardwalk	8.50	10.25	7.83		3.75	3.42	3.42	3.42	7.17	10.00	0.00	57.75
27	22-2284 M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	12.75	12.75		12.50		4.50	3.83	3.50	7.17	0.00	0.00	57.00
28	22-2420 M	Heavy Maintenance Crew Statewide	11.75	11.00		11.75		4.17	4.00	4.08	6.67	2.00	0.00	55.42
29	22-2030 D	Hamilton Mountain Trail Reroute at Beacon Rock State Park	11.75	12.00	8.00		4.00	3.42	3.33	2.83	7.50	2.00	0.00	54.83
30	22-1990 M	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Front Country Trails	10.25	10.75		11.00		4.50	3.25	3.25	6.83	2.00	0.00	51.83

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31	22-2389 M	Nooksack Glacier Area Snopark Route Maintenance	9.25	11.25		11.00		4.00	3.08	3.08	5.17	4.00	0.00	50.83
32	22-2044 D	Gold Hill Community Forest Trailhead and Boardwalk	10.75	11.75	7.67		3.50	4.00	3.33	3.25	5.83	0.00	0.00	50.08
33	22-2176 M	Methow Area Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Grooming	10.00	11.25		11.50		4.00	3.33	3.33	6.50	0.00	0.00	49.92
34	22-2555 D	Stewart's Park Trail Bridge Replacement	10.00	11.75	7.33		3.67	4.00	3.17	3.00	6.67	0.00	0.00	49.58
35	22-1981 M	Trail Maintenance at Yakima Greenway	9.75	10.50		10.75		3.75	3.25	3.25	5.67	0.00	0.00	46.92
36	22-2362 M	Columbia Springs Access Improvement	8.50	10.00		9.75		3.50	2.75	2.58	5.33	4.00	0.00	46.42

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1	22-2195 M	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	13.00	13.50		13.00		4.67	4.50	4.42	9.17	10.00	0.00	72.25
2	22-1822 M	Restoring and Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails	13.25	13.50		12.50		4.58	4.33	4.25	9.17	10.00	0.00	71.58
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13	22-1896 M	Statewide Youth Trail Maintenance	10.75	12.25		11.50		4.67	4.33	4.50	8.67	10.00	0.00	66.67
14	22-1892 M	Maintaining Endangered Trails	12.00	13.50		11.50		4.50	4.00	4.17	6.67	10.00	0.00	66.33
15	22-2001 M	Maintain Washington State's Climbing Access Trails	12.25	11.50		13.00		3.92	4.00	3.75	7.67	10.00	0.00	66.08
16	22-2216 M	Carbon River and Mowich Entrance Trails	11.00	11.75		11.75		4.08	3.83	3.67	8.50	10.00	0.00	64.58
17	22-2422 M	Moto-Volunteer Statewide	11.75	11.75		11.50		4.25	4.08	4.00	6.83	10.00	0.00	64.17
18	22-2101 M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Trail Maintenance and Grooming	11.00	11.75		11.00		4.33	3.83	3.75	8.17	10.00	0.00	63.83
19	22-2337 M	Winter Grooming and Trail Maintenance	11.25	12.00		10.50		4.17	4.33	4.42	6.17	10.00	0.00	62.83
20	22-2166 M	Hood Canal District Non-Motorized Maintenance	10.25	11.25		11.75		4.33	3.33	3.25	8.17	10.00	0.00	62.33

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21	22-1994 M	Stewart's Park Trail Improvements	10.50	11.75		11.00		4.00	3.75	3.67	7.50	10.00	0.00	62.17
22	22-2026 D	Theler Wetlands Trail Reconnection	10.00	11.75	7.50		3.83	3.50	3.58	3.58	7.50	10.00	0.00	61.25
23	22-2367 M	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	11.00	11.25		10.75		4.25	3.58	3.50	6.00	10.00	0.00	60.33
24	22-2282 M	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	12.50	12.75		12.75		4.50	3.92	3.58	8.17	0.00	0.00	58.17
25	22-2023 D	Discovery Park South Beach Trail	11.75	13.25	8.67		4.17	4.42	3.50	3.67	8.50	0.00	0.00	57.92
26	22-2327 D	Adriana Hess Wetland Boardwalk	8.50	10.25	7.83		3.75	3.42	3.42	3.42	7.17	10.00	0.00	57.75
27	22-2284 M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	12.75	12.75		12.50		4.50	3.83	3.50	7.17	0.00	0.00	57.00
28	22-2420 M	Heavy Maintenance Crew Statewide	11.75	11.00		11.75		4.17	4.00	4.08	6.67	2.00	0.00	55.42
29	22-2030 D	Hamilton Mountain Trail Reroute at Beacon Hill State Park	11.75	12.00	8.00		4.00	3.42	3.33	2.83	7.50	2.00	0.00	54.83

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30	22-1990 M	Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument Front Country Trails	10.25	10.75		11.00		4.50	3.25	3.25	6.83	2.00	0.00	51.83
31	22-2389 M	Nooksack Glacier Area Snopark Route Maintenance	9.25	11.25		11.00		4.00	3.08	3.08	5.17	4.00	0.00	50.83
32	22-2044 D	Gold Hill Community Forest Trailhead and Boardwalk	10.75	11.75	7.67		3.50	4.00	3.33	3.25	5.83	0.00	0.00	50.08
33	22-2176 M	Methow Area Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Grooming	10.00	11.25		11.50		4.00	3.33	3.33	6.50	0.00	0.00	49.92
34	22-2555 D	Stewart's Park Trail Bridge Replacement	10.00	11.75	7.33		3.67	4.00	3.17	3.00	6.67	0.00	0.00	49.58
35	22-1981 M	Trail Maintenance at Yakima Greenway	9.75	10.50		10.75		3.75	3.25	3.25	5.67	0.00	0.00	46.92
36	22-2362 M	Columbia Springs Access Improvement	8.50	10.00		9.75		3.50	2.75	2.58	5.33	4.00	0.00	46.42

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Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Maintaining Eastern Washington Trails

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide nearly 9,000 hours of volunteer labor to maintain more than 200 miles of trails for nonmotorized uses and more than 120 miles for motorized uses at recreation sites throughout eastern Washington important to mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, motorcycles, and others. The volunteers will respond to emergency repairs needed because of fires and storms. The crews also help prepare trails for early season openings and catch up on maintenance backlogs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2195)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Restoring and Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails

Grant Requested: \$124,564

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to provide volunteer labor to rehabilitate about 550 miles of trail in the Olympic Peninsula. This region gets more than 300 inches of rain annually and vegetation on the Peninsula is extremely fast growing, which can create unsafe trails, (such as those with dangerous tread, unwanted erosion, failing foot logs, damaged drainage structures, missing signs, unclear corridors, and downed trees). Crews will clear fallen trees and brush, improve stream crossings, fix trail surfaces, and rebuild failing drainage structures. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1822)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Maintaining Western Washington Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide 15,556 hours of volunteer labor to maintain more than 300 miles of trails for non-motorized uses and more than 50 miles for motorized uses at recreation sites throughout western Washington important to mountain bikers but that also serve hikers, equestrians, and motorized uses. The volunteers will respond to emergency repairs needed because of fires and storms, help prepare trails for early season openings, and help ready more than 20 miles of new trails set to open this year. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2194)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Caring for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire trail crews to maintain more than 100 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and its feeder trails. The crews will perform annual and deferred maintenance on trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The trail traverses five national forests, two national parks, and numerous federal, state,

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and local management areas from the Salmo Priest Wilderness on the Washington-Idaho border to the Pacific Coast on the Olympic Peninsula. The association's crews are especially adept at servicing hard-to-reach places like the Pasayten Wilderness and north Cascade Mountains. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2164)

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Backcountry Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to provide 4,500 volunteers performing more than 28,000 hours of maintenance on 315 miles of backcountry trails. Through multi day work parties, the crews will remove overgrown brush and downed trees, repair trail surfaces, build retaining walls, and reroute small sections of trail. Two million hikers and backpackers use backcountry trails in Washington annually, making backcountry trails an essential part of the state's trail system. However, these trails do not receive enough maintenance to keep up with visitor demand and the damage caused by extreme winters and fires. Without immediate maintenance, many of these trails are at risk of being lost. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1898)

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Front Country Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to provide 4,500 volunteers to perform nearly 39,000 hours of maintenance on 152 miles of backpacking, hiking, and equestrian trails, most of which are near the major urban areas of Puget Sound, Vancouver, and Spokane. Crews will remove overgrown brush and downed trees and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures. These front country trails are suffering from overuse, which has created significant trail maintenance backlogs on Washington's most popular trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1897)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Caring for Lower Lake Chelan Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 296 miles of trails in the lower Lake Chelan valley, which hosts more than 2 million visitors a year. Crews will remove overgrown brush and fallen logs, fix drainage structures and bridges, and reconstruct trail surfaces. In addition, crews will groom winter trails for snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and fat tire bikers. The trails are used for hiking, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and motorized trail activities. The work will improve access for very diverse trail users in all seasons and maintain high-quality trail experiences on unique trails such as Echo Ridge Nordic Trails and multiuse trails in the Sawtooth Backcountry and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2145)

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Back Country Horsemen of Washington Reopening At-Risk Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$127,500

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to repair trails in five national forest severely damaged by fires, flooding, tree disease, and windstorms. The group will organize at least six regional work parties each year to clear trails blocked with logs and debris. Back Country Horsemen use stock to pack tools and supplies far into the backcountry to maintain trails, which, once blocked, typically remain blocked for many years and face permanent closure. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1982)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 350 miles of trails for non-motorized activities in the upper Lake Chelan basin and the Entiat portion of the Glacier Peak Wilderness over two seasons. Crews will remove fallen trees, clear brush, repair trail surfaces and bridges, and replace and repair trail signs and drain structures. The work will improve trail access and user safety, retain access on burned trails, and protect natural resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2147)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Trails in the Methow Valley

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 166 miles of summer trails in Okanogan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. Crews will remove downed trees and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures. The work will focus on portions of the Lake Chelan Sawtooth and Pasayten Wilderness areas and the North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor. The trail system is a significant draw for recreationists and benefits the rural communities' businesses, supporting up to 30 percent of the jobs in one county. The trail system is used by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2114)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining the Alpine Lakes Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Crews will clear overgrown brush and downed trees and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures. The work will be done during two years on trails for non-motorized use in the watersheds of the North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, which include trails along Interstate 90. More than 300,000 visitors use these trails each year. High visitor use, steep grades, dense forests, and winter storms create

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ongoing maintenance needs. The work will reduce safety hazards, erosion, and vegetation loss, and preserve trail structures and enhance public access to Seattle's prized "backdoor wilderness." Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2202)

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails

The Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails for two years in the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area. The 1.5 million-acre greenway stretches from Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains to central Washington and includes 1,000 miles of some of the most popular trails in the state. Crews will clear downed trees and overgrown brush, replace signs, and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures in the Issaquah Alps (Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains), destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, along the Pacific Crest Trail, in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2262)

Washington Trails Association

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Providing Youth Crews to Maintain Urban Trails

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to provide 27,916 hours of youth (ages ten through twenty-five) labor to maintain 88 miles of trails over two years. The association believes that hikers will protect the places they love to hike, which means the future of Washington's trails depends on encouraging the next generation to get outside and give back. The youth crews will tackle the state's most pressing trail maintenance issues on hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails. The crews will clear overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, and improve drainage. The project will consist of daylong work parties on urban or front-country trails, which typically are near major cities like Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane, and Vancouver and weeklong, youth volunteer vacations in more remote backcountry areas across the state. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1896)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Maintaining Endangered Trails

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to clear and maintain 355 miles of trails on public lands across the state. Crews will remove downed trees, clear overgrown brush, and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures. Addressing trail hazards will be the highest priority to ensure safe access for all users. The horsemen volunteers will provide pack support to partner groups. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1892)

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Washington Climbers Coalition Maintaining Rock-Climbing Trails

Grant Requested: \$42,560

The Washington Climbers Coalition will use this grant to fund youth trail crews to maintain established rock-climbing trails near Index, North Bend, Spokane, and Yakima. Trails at climbing areas often are created by users, then adopted by land managers as accepted routes. This results in trails that follow a fall line and are prone to erosion, which has increased as the sport has become more popular. Resources dedicated to maintaining rock-climbing areas have not kept up with the sport's popularity, resulting in a network of trails that are outside traditional maintenance objectives. The youth crew will help stabilize approach trails by fixing drainage, trail surfaces, retaining walls, and stone staircase. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2001)

National Park Service Maintaining Mount Rainier National Park Entrance Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Mount Rainier National Park will use this grant to maintain the Rainforest Loop Trail, the Paul Peak Trail, and 4.5 miles of the West Boundary Trail, which weaves in and out of the national park and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, connecting the Carbon River and Mowich Lake Entrances of the park. Crews will clear overgrown vegetation, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, and replace components of boardwalks and bridges. The goal is to return these trails to good condition for the thousands of hikers that visit Mount Rainier each year. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2216)

Northwest Motorcycle Association Maintaining Trails for Motorized Uses Statewide

Grant Requested: \$121,195

The Northwest Motorcycle Association Motorized will use this grant to provide volunteers to maintain trails for motorized uses. The crews will remove overgrown brush and fallen trees and repair trail surfaces. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2422)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Maintaining Mount Baker Trails

Grant Requested: \$25,500

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to groom and maintain 15 miles of ski trails and 5 miles of snowshoe trails in the Salmon Ridge trail system near the Mount Baker Ski area off State Route 542. Work will include mowing and vegetation control in the summer, packing snow and setting ski tracks once or twice a week in the winter, removing overgrown brush, installing signs, and cleaning drainage systems to prevent trail erosion. The Salmon Ridge trail

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system is the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski trail in northwest Washington. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2101)

Mount Tahoma Trails Association **Grant Requested: \$15,000**

Grooming and Maintaining Ashford Area Trails

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 29 miles of backcountry trails surrounding Ashford. The trails are used mostly for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter and hiking and mountain biking in summer. The area has four backcountry huts providing overnight accommodations for skiers, snowshoers, and hikers. Work will include grooming, removing downed trees, and repairing trail signs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2337)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$40,990**

Maintaining Hood Canal Area Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain trails for nonmotorized recreation in the Tahuya, Green Mountain, and Hood Canal State Forests, the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, and other dispersed properties in Kitsap and Mason Counties. The grant will fund part of the salaries of three staff, support volunteers and events, and fund trail and facility maintenance. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2166)

Aberdeen **Grant Requested: \$11,060**

Improving Stewart's Park Trail

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to repair wood structures on the 1-mile-long Stewart's Park Trail. This dirt trail system loops around and through Stewart Creek. City staff will repair 16 bridges, boardwalks, and stairways by replacing beams, pilings, boards, and rails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1994)

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group **Grant Requested: \$150,000**

Reconnecting the Theler Wetlands Trail

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to build a quarter-mile boardwalk through newly rehabilitated salt marsh to reconnect two sections of the Theler Wetlands Trail. The 3.2-mile trail is on Hood Canal and the Union River estuary, near Belfair, and offers visitors a chance to view wildlife. The trail has been disconnected since 2012 when a high tide washed out part of it. The closed sections sit on two dikes, which are being breached to restore natural processes in the estuary. The new boardwalk will connect the Theler Wetlands Trail with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife trails when the restoration project is completed. Hikers now must detour onto Roessel Road to reach the department's

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trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2026)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Maintaining Snowmobile Trails

Grant Requested: \$111,000

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain up to 200 miles of trail. Crews will remove fallen trees, clear overgrown brush, clean drainage structures, repair minor washouts, and install and maintain more than 250 trail signs. Work will focus on cutting back overgrown brush to provide easier access for snow groomers in the winter. The Lake Wenatchee snowmobile trail system is one of the most popular and diverse in the state, with 24 percent of all riders selecting it as the "area most often ridden." The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts groom their trails weekly during the winter and host more than 45,000 visitors annually. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2367)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Maintaining Naches Motorized Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain 75 percent of its more than 300 miles of motorcycle and 4x4 trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The district also will complete larger maintenance projects on about 100 miles of trail in two years. Crews will remove overgrown brush and fallen trees, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The trails annually host 45,000 motorcycle, jeep, and off-road vehicle riders, who enjoy its variety of trails, diverse landscapes, sunny weather, and closeness to urban centers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2282)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Rerouting Discovery Park's South Beach Trail

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to reroute South Beach Trail in the northwest corner of Discovery Park. The trail has aged and fallen into disrepair largely due to the effects of time, slope instability, and erosion. The trail offers visitors the experience of exploring an established coastal forest above an eroding feeder bluff with views through the trees to a lighthouse, Puget Sound, Mount Rainier, and the Olympic Mountains. The new trail will improve safety and accessibility and offer a variety of views of Puget Sound. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2023)

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University Place **Grant Requested: \$117,250** **Building a Boardwalk in the Adriana Hess Wetland Park**

The City of University Place will use this grant to build a boardwalk across the Adriana Hess wetland, connecting the Adriana Hess Wetland Park to Paradise Pond Park. The City also will build small segments of trail to connect the new boardwalk to trails in each park, a viewing platform, seating, and educational kiosks. The Adriana Hess Wetland is a unique natural wildlife setting in the heart of the city. This 25-acre wetland is bookended by two parks, one of which houses the Tahoma Audubon Society, which runs educational programs for 7,300 visitors a year. The two parks have more than 1.6 miles of combined trails, but the wetland prevents connecting these trails. This project will allow for the expansion of the educational programs offered at the Adriana Hess Park, opening access to an additional 20 acres of natural areas for these programs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2327)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Caring for Naches Wilderness Trails**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain 360 miles of wilderness and other trails for nonmotorized use in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Yakima County. The wilderness areas offer scenic hiking and horseback riding through old-growth forests and alpine meadows with stunning vistas of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear brush, replace and repair water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2284)

Northwest Motorcycle Association **Grant Requested: \$150,000** **Completing Heavy Maintenance on Motorcycle Trails Statewide**

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to support a crew to complete heavy maintenance projects for two years on 40 miles of off-road motorcycling trails across the state. There are about 1,500 miles of singletrack trail on public lands, which also are used for cross-country running, mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding. The trails have been used heavily for decades and the recent increase in outdoor recreationists has accelerated trail degradation. Estimates put 27 percent of the trails in a degraded condition. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2420)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Requested: \$142,000** **Rerouting a Beacon Rock State Park Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to reroute the Hamilton Mountain Trail in Beacon Hill State Park. Crews will build a half-mile trail to replace an unsafe trail, build a connecting trail to link the

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Hamilton Mountain Trail to the Hardy Creek Trail, and close and naturalize unsafe portions of a trail and user-built trails. The reroute will eliminate 12 switchbacks with very steep and rocky grades that continually are damaged by erosion. Connecting the two trails creates a publicly requested lower loop for less advanced hikers. Closing user-built trail will prevent trampling of vulnerable balds, which are rocky, open areas covered with fragile mosses, herbs, and rare plants that people often use for resting and picnicking. Information signs will be installed to educate trail users on the importance of staying on trails, hazards, and protecting the sensitive communities of plants in the area. The project will reduce maintenance and environmental damage and improve safety. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2030)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest **Grant Requested: \$140,000** **Maintaining Mount Saint Helens Front Country Trails**

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to maintain trails in the Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument. Crews will repair trail surfaces, install and maintain retaining structures and signs, remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, and maintain drainage structures. More than 200,000 people annually visit the monument, which is one of the most iconic and memorable locations in Washington State. In 1982 Congress created the 110,000-acre monument to protect and preserve this unique backcountry landscape. The monument's trail network is critical to providing hikers, recreationists, educators, and scientists access to Mount St. Helens' unique landscape, while limiting the impacts of off-trail activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1990)

Whatcom Snowmobile Association **Grant Requested: \$26,060** **Preparing Snowmobile Trails in North Fork Nooksack Glacier Area**

The Whatcom Snowmobile Association will use this grant to prepare two U.S. Forest Service road systems for snowmobile use. The association will remove overgrown brush, rocks, and wood debris; install signs; and clean out water drainage structures in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Glacier Creek and Canyon Creek basins. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2389)

Chewelah Valley Land Trust **Grant Requested: \$73,203** **Building a Trailhead and Boardwalk in Gold Hill Community Forest**

The Chewelah Valley Land Trust will use this grant to build a trailhead and connect two trail segments in Gold Hill Community Forest, 55 miles north of Spokane. The land trust will install a wooden boardwalk with interpretative signs to protect wetlands and link two trail segments. The land trust also will develop a bathroom and visitor kiosk and shelter, install security lights and safety bollards, enhance the trailhead, and expand the parking lot. The 400-acre forest along

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U.S. Route 395 lies next to the Colville National Forest, private land, and farmland and is used for mountain biking, hiking, running, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Existing forest roads and skid tracks have created usable trails, yet much work is required to connect trails and develop trailheads and basic infrastructure. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2044)

Mountain Trails Grooming Assn Grooming Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails

Grant Requested: \$122,968

The Mountain Trails Grooming Association will use this grant to maintain and groom snowmobile trails in the Methow Valley. The association will cut overgrown brush, install signs, and groom more than 177 miles of mountain trails. The Methow Valley is a destination for thousands of outdoor winter enthusiasts and economic analysis show visitors spend more than \$18 million annually on trail-related recreation in the area. These trails provide access by snowmobile trails for backcountry and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, walking, and snowmobiling. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2176)

Aberdeen Replacing Stewart's Park Trail Bridge

Grant Requested: \$66,500

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to replace a bridge in Stewart's Park. Stewart Park is 38 acres of heavily forested property that includes a 0.8-mile long loop trail. The bridge spans Stewart Creek but has deteriorated and is unsafe. Visitors can walk the trail to the bridge then must turn around and cannot complete the loop. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2555)

Yakima Greenway Foundation Restoring the Yakima Greenway after Fire

Grant Requested: \$124,000

The Yakima Greenway Foundation will use this grant to maintain two miles of trail that were destroyed by fire in 2020. Greenway crews will remove overgrown brush and fallen trees, fix trail surfaces, and enhance access to the Yakima River. The work will be done east of the Greenway-paved trail, Sara Hubbard Park, and the Greenway Visitors Center. This segment of trail is used for hiking, walking, biking, snowshoeing, and other nonmotorized activities. The area is protected wetlands and the trails provide wildlife viewing platforms where visitors may see eagles, waterfowl, and other animals. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1981)

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Columbia Springs Columbia Springs Access Improvement

Grant Requested: \$75,000

Columbia Springs, an environmental education center, will use this grant to maintain the trails in its nearly 100-acre site. This nonprofit would manage vegetation, maintain the trails, and update infrastructure. Located at the site of the historic Vancouver Trout Hatchery, trails weave through a variety of habitats including forests, wetlands, and lakes. The center offers events, programs, and workshops to teach people about stewardship and environmental science. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-2362)