

Preliminary Ranking
Forestland Preservation Category
 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
 2025-2027

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	35.11	24-1886 A	Whatcom County	Canyon Creek Forest	\$500,000	\$1,139,000	\$1,639,000
2	33.22	24-1983 A	Whatcom County	Maple Falls Forest	\$454,500	\$454,500	\$909,000
Total					\$954,500	\$1,593,500	\$2,548,000

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

Evaluation Scores

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

2025-2026

Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Viability of the Site	2. Forestland Stewardship	3. Stewardship Practices	4. Threat to the Land	5. Community Values	6. Community Support	7. Multiple Benefits	8. Match	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-8	0-2	0-8	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-2	
1	24-1886 A	Canyon Creek Forest	12.11	6.33	1.78	6.00	3.44	2.00	1.44	2.00	35.11
2	24-1983 A	Maple Falls Forest	11.56	6.22	1.78	6.33	3.56	2.00	1.78	0.00	33.22

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Forestland Preservation Category Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Whatcom County Conserving Canyon Creek Forest

Grant Request: \$500,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 610 acres of forestland, twenty miles east of Bellingham on Canyon Creek. The purchase will extinguish thirty development rights and ensure the land remains available for a working forest in Whatcom County. The owners would like to use the land to educate the forest industry and community about forest management and forest health. Protection of this land also contributes to Whatcom County's goal of supporting natural resource-based industries, such as forestry, in rural areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1886)

Whatcom County Conserving the Maple Falls Forest

Grant Request: \$454,500

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 280 acres of the Maple Falls Forest, twenty-five miles east of Bellingham. The acquisition will extinguish fourteen development rights and ensure the land remains available for a working forest in Whatcom County. The landowner wishes to continue working in the forest and to educate people about the forest industry and forest management and health. Protection of the forest also contributes to Whatcom County's goal of supporting natural resource-based industries, such as forestry, in rural areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1983)