

Preliminary Ranking

Education and Enforcement Category

Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities

2025-2027

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	62.7	24-2517 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	\$250,000	\$251,000	\$501,000
2	61.55	24-2447 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wilderness and Enchantment Areas Education and Enforcement	\$198,707	\$198,843	\$397,550
3	61	24-2518 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	\$250,000	\$251,930	\$501,930
4	60.64	24-2721 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts Education and Enforcement	\$60,000	\$41,000	\$101,000
5	60.36	24-2529 E	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest	Education and Enforcement	\$203,000	\$203,760	\$406,760
6	59.67	24-2671 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	Field Education and Wilderness Patrols	\$188,500	\$193,238	\$381,738
7	59.1	24-2758 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Front Country Patrol	\$250,000	\$250,500	\$500,500
8	58.83	24-2451 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000
9	58.58	24-2456 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Front Country Education and Enforcement	\$90,000	\$60,050	\$150,050
10	58.5	24-2452 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Off-road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	\$100,000	\$26,000	\$126,000

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11	58.42	24-2737 E	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Education Program	\$139,150	\$972,000	\$1,111,150
12	58.08	24-2283 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Hood Canal District Education and Enforcement	\$213,666	\$214,058	\$427,724
13	57.83	24-2504 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cascade District Education and Enforcement Steward	\$200,000	\$205,032	\$405,032
14	57.73	24-2395 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$200,100	\$400,100
15	56.83	24-2378 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement North Zone	\$205,000	\$206,000	\$411,000
16	56.67	24-2765 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Ranger Education and Enforcement	\$30,000	\$6,000	\$36,000
17	56.5	24-2414 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe and Tahoma Education and Enforcement	\$184,154	\$185,008	\$369,162
18	56.27	24-2402 E	Spokane County	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement Program Sites	\$159,175	\$185,412	\$344,587
19	55.92	24-2599 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Wilderness Rangers	\$47,830	\$48,200	\$96,030
20	55.27	24-2576 E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside State Park Education and Enforcement Ranger	\$212,733	\$173,576	\$386,309
21	54.91	24-2705 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	\$125,000	\$38,500	\$163,500
22	54.17	24-2611 E	Chelan County Sheriff's Office	Chelan County Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	\$250,000	\$226,700	\$476,700
23	53.5	24-2245 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	\$248,000	\$147,830	\$395,830
24	52.75	24-2248 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	\$223,168	\$90,200	\$313,368

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25	52.25	24-2670 E	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Gifford Pinchot Backcountry and Wilderness Education	\$249,794	\$112,439	\$362,233
26	46.5	24-2407 E	National Park Service, Mount Rainier National Park	Seasonal Law Enforcement Officer	\$237,794		\$237,794
Total					\$4,665,671	\$4,552,376	\$9,218,047

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		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-10	0-10	0-10	0-5	0-5	
1	24-2517 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	12.90	13.50	9.20	8.60	8.80	4.70	5.00	62.70
2	24-2447 E	Wilderness and Enchantment Areas Education and Enforcement	13.09	13.09	8.91	8.55	8.73	4.18	5.00	61.55
3	24-2518 E	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	12.50	13.25	8.33	8.33	9.33	4.25	5.00	61.00
4	24-2721 E	Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts Education and Enforcement	13.36	13.09	9.09	8.91	8.73	3.45	4.00	60.64
5	24-2529 E	Education and Enforcement	12.55	12.82	8.91	8.36	8.73	4.00	5.00	60.36
6	24-2671 E	Field Education and Wilderness Patrols	12.75	12.75	8.17	8.33	8.83	3.83	5.00	59.67
7	24-2758 E	Front Country Patrol	12.90	13.20	8.60	8.40	6.40	4.60	5.00	59.10
8	24-2451 E	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	13.25	12.75	8.50	8.00	9.00	4.33	3.00	58.83
9	24-2456 E	Front Country Education and Enforcement	12.75	12.75	9.00	8.50	8.17	3.42	4.00	58.58
10	24-2452 E	Off-road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	13.00	13.25	8.67	8.67	8.83	4.08	2.00	58.50
11	24-2737 E	Education Program	12.50	11.75	8.33	7.67	8.83	4.33	5.00	58.42
12	24-2283 E	Hood Canal District Education and Enforcement	12.25	13.00	7.50	7.50	9.17	3.67	5.00	58.08
13	24-2504 E	Cascade District Education and Enforcement Steward	12.50	11.75	7.67	8.00	9.33	3.58	5.00	57.83
14	24-2395 E	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	13.09	12.55	7.82	8.00	7.82	3.45	5.00	57.73
15	24-2378 E	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement North Zone	11.50	11.75	8.00	8.00	8.83	3.75	5.00	56.83
16	24-2765 E	Naches Wilderness Ranger Education and Enforcement	13.50	13.75	8.67	8.33	7.83	3.58	1.00	56.67
17	24-2414 E	Elbe and Tahoma Education and Enforcement	12.25	12.75	8.33	8.33	6.33	3.50	5.00	56.50

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18	24-2402 E	Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement Program Sites	11.73	11.18	8.18	7.82	8.18	4.18	5.00	56.27
19	24-2599 E	Wilderness Rangers	12.75	12.00	8.83	7.67	6.33	3.33	5.00	55.92
20	24-2576 E	Riverside State Park Education and Enforcement Ranger	12.27	11.45	8.36	8.36	7.09	3.73	4.00	55.27
21	24-2705 E	Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	13.09	11.73	8.00	8.18	8.36	3.55	2.00	54.91
22	24-2611 E	Chelan County Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	13.00	12.00	8.50	8.17	5.33	3.17	4.00	54.17
23	24-2245 E	Capitol Forest Education and Enforcement	12.50	12.00	7.83	7.50	7.00	3.67	3.00	53.50
24	24-2248 E	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	11.75	12.00	8.17	7.83	7.67	3.33	2.00	52.75
25	24-2670 E	Gifford Pinchot Backcountry and Wilderness Education	11.25	12.25	8.00	8.00	6.33	3.42	3.00	52.25
26	24-2407 E	Seasonal Law Enforcement Officer	12.50	12.00	7.50	6.67	6.17	1.67	0.00	46.50

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Grant Requested: \$250,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Hiring Backcountry Rangers for the Wilderness Areas

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund rangers and interns for two years to patrol backcountry destinations in a 500,000-acre zone that includes 177,129 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than four hundred miles of trail and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits used by more than 400,000 hikers, backpackers, climbers, mountain bikers, anglers, hunters, foragers, horseback riders, and others a year. Rangers contact visitors in the field, while monitoring and protecting natural and cultural resources, and backcountry facilities on trails that can receive more than one thousand visitors in a single day. Current funding is inadequate to pay professional rangers to provide law enforcement. The goal is to contact visitors in the field to better protect resources and facilities, reduce vandalism and user conflicts, and increase visitor satisfaction. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2517)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Wilderness Rangers

Grant Requested: \$198,707

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal rangers to patrol high-use areas in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas for two seasons. Rangers will educate visitors, promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities, ensure visitor safety, and enforce regulations. The rangers primarily will patrol the Enchantment permit area because of its high proportion of new-to-nature visitors. Visitation has skyrocketed in the Enchantments and now requires more rangers to keep up with public contacts and resource protection. Visitors include hikers, backpackers, climbers, horseback riders, sightseers, anglers, and those viewing wildlife. The rangers will educate the public about the wilderness, why it is important, and how to preserve the wilderness character. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2447)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers

Grant Requested: \$250,000

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to fund three seasonal rangers, two other rangers, and community volunteers to patrol popular areas for two seasons. The rangers will talk with visitors, promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities, and enforce regulations. Patrols will focus on high-use areas for nonmotorized recreation in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor, Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, Pacific

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Crest Trail, and Pacific Northwest Trail. The area has been popularized in guidebooks and social media and attracts visitors from all over the world. 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](#). (24-2518)

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

Providing Patrols for Entiat Chelan Ranger District

Grant Requested: \$60,000

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use this grant to pay for staff and volunteers and support partner organizations in patrolling multiuse trails and trailheads in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger District in Chelan County. The rangers will patrol about 455 miles of trail, thirteen campgrounds, and twenty-nine trailheads. The rangers will promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities and good riding practices. Much of the area has highly erosive pumice soil or fragile meadows. Rangers will contact visitors to prevent damage to these environments. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2721)

U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest

Providing Education and Enforcement

Grant Requested: \$203,000

The Olympic National Forest will use this grant to fund four seasonal staff for two years for education and safety patrols in the Hood Canal Ranger District and Pacific Ranger District. Patrols will cover all trailheads, campgrounds, dispersed campsites, and backcountry areas. The trails are for nonmotorized use, especially hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Staff will educate visitors about responsible recreation practices and enforce regulations and fee collection. Staff also will buy and distribute educational pamphlets and design and install educational signs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2529)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Providing Field Education and Wilderness Patrols

Grant Requested: \$188,500

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to fund staff for two summers who will educate visitors in wilderness areas about trail etiquette and Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities, enforce regulations, and complete visitor use projects. Additionally, these rangers will recruit, train, and manage volunteers who perform educational and enforcement contacts. About 275,000 people annually recreate on 390 miles of trail crossing about 560,000 acres, including 290,000 acres in the Glacier Peak, Boulder River, and Henry M. Jackson Wilderness areas. Visitors are hiking, mountaineering, snowshoeing, fishing, horseback riding, and foraging. Current funding is inadequate and this project will increase the district's

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ability to reach visitors in the field and begin building a long-term, sustainable volunteer program that encourages involvement in protecting forest resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2671)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Providing Front Country Patrols

Grant Requested: \$250,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to help pay for front country environmental education and community outreach programs. The grant will support forest protection officers, educators, information specialists, and a volunteer program in the summers and winters of two years. Steadily declining budgets and retiring employees have decreased the Service's ability to respond to recreation needs. More than one million people visit the district's fifty trailheads, six developed campgrounds, and hundreds of popular dispersed camping sites annually. The district encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible to a broad range of recreation visitors including campers, hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicle riders, recreational target shooters, and hunters. The district plans to conduct nearly twenty-eight thousand visitor contacts through this project, with an emphasis on novice visitors who may desire to do the right thing to protect natural resources, but simply lack proper knowledge and skills. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2758)

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

Funding Alpine Lakes Wilderness Patrols

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to help fund two rangers and up to four volunteer interns to provide education and enforcement patrols on trails and camp destinations in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The staff will educate wilderness visitors about how to protect the wilderness and trail resources. The district's portion of Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most popular areas in Washington for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, horse packing, hunting, fishing, mountaineering, and climbing. The wilderness and adjacent areas contain sixteen trailheads, two hundred miles of trail, multiple high-country routes, more than sixty lake destinations, and more than nine hundred wilderness campsites. Due to rapid population increases, the area now receives more than eighty thousand annual visits. The staff will promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2451)

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

Providing Front Country Patrols

Grant Requested: \$90,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a full-time seasonal ranger and three interns to patrol popular, dispersed recreation areas, major trailheads, and developed

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campgrounds in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest for two years. Staff will focus on educating visitors about proper sanitation, campsite selection, paying fees, and environmental stewardship. Consistent staff presence reduces environmental degradation, limits user conflicts, and fosters greater environmental stewardship. Along with education and enforcement patrols, staff will promote the "Respect the River" program to mitigate damage to the shoreline, bull trout, and other animals that live in the river from the impacts of extensive public use. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2456)

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

Providing Education and Enforcement

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund one full-time officer and support its large volunteer program for two years. The staff and volunteers provide education and enforcement on nearly four hundred miles of trail, at seven campgrounds, and at more than thirty multiuse trailheads in Kittitas County. The trail system is one of the most heavily used in the state, serving thousands of users each weekend. The staff and volunteers help protect natural resources, provide information, and teach safe motorized travel principles. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2452)

Northwest Motorcycle Association

Grant Requested: \$139,150

Providing a Motorcycle Education Program

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to support its educational program for two years. The association will offer workshops to build the skills of motorcyclists, educate riders about how to minimize their impact on the environment, and teach trail etiquette. The association also will offer trail maintenance workshops and chainsaw training classes for federal certification. Riders who complete the program can become trail ambassadors. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2737)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$213,666

Funding Patrols in Kitsap and Mason Counties

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a recreation warden and additional department police services to patrol two hundred miles of trail, five campgrounds, seven trailheads, and day-use areas. Staff will work in the Tahuya, Green Mountain, and Hood Canal State Forests, the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, and other land, mostly in Kitsap and Mason Counties. Staff will focus on off-road vehicle use compliance and fixing safety concerns for all trail users. Staff also will support Forest Watch and Camp Host volunteers who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. Additionally, staff will help manage organized trail events in the forests and buy equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2283)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Funding an Education and Enforcement Steward

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one trail steward to patrol the most popular recreation areas in Snohomish County: Reiter Foothills Forest, Forest Glade, Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, and Sultan basin. The steward 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 seventy-five miles of trail, seven campgrounds, multiple dispersed campsites, and trailheads on more than fifty thousand acres. These areas provide a wide range of outdoor opportunities, including all-terrain vehicle riding, hiking, backpacking, camping, climbing, horse riding, fishing, gathering, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, sightseeing, and snow activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2504)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Funding Staff in the Snoqualmie Corridor

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time specialist to patrol about two hundred miles of trail, twelve trailheads, and several day-use sites in the Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Corridor, in eastern King County. The department also will buy small tools, minor equipment, and educational materials. This grant also will fund several seasonal employees to work in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, and seasonal outreach interns to work in partnership with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust's Trailhead Ambassador program to provide information to visitors in the Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2395)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Education and Enforcement in the Northwest Region

Grant Requested: \$205,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide a full-time, year-round recreation warden to work across three major recreation areas in northern Puget Sound: Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area, Blanchard Mountain non-motorized recreation area, and Harry Osborne equestrian area. The areas total more than seventy-three thousand acres and host more than ninety miles of trail. The warden will focus on user safety, education and enforcement, and the development of education materials. Additionally, the warden will supervise volunteers to educate visitors about the recreation rules and caring for the natural resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2378)

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

Providing Naches Wilderness Rangers

Grant Requested: \$30,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to partially fund up to four seasonal education rangers and up to four part-time volunteers to patrol areas in the wilderness and backcountry for two years. The rangers will promote wilderness stewardship, The rangers will promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities, resource protection, and visitor safety. The Naches Ranger District encompasses popular hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations, including areas such as Dewey Lakes, Twin Sisters Lakes, Warm Lake, Union Creek, and Surprise Lake—all of which have been highlighted in many publications. The Chinook Pass Trailhead sees up to one hundred visitors on a busy weekend day, many of which embark on hikes into the backcountry, and are often unprepared for the conditions they encounter. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2765)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$184,154

Funding Staff to Patrol Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one education and enforcement warden, who will provide information, education, and enforcement year-round in Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests. Combined the forests offer seventy-two miles of trail, nine trailheads, four campgrounds, and three ski-huts on 54,740 acres. The grant also will be used to print, buy, and distribute informational materials. The forests are used by off-road vehicle riders, horse riders, hikers, hunters, campers, target shooters, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers. The warden will focus on trail use, camping and campfire rules, target shooting rules, 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 four years. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2414)

Spokane County

Grant Requested: \$159,175

Expanding the Spokane County Education and Enforcement Program

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to fund two seasonal full-time park aids and buy two e-bikes, supplies, equipment, and materials. The aides will work with the county's park ranger to patrol more than eleven thousand acres, more than 350 miles of trail, lakes, river access, a campground, and two off-road vehicle parks. These areas receive an estimated 1.3 million visits annually. The positions will enable the County to increase educational outreach and ensure safer, more enjoyable outdoor experiences across its recreational sites. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2402)

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U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Providing Wilderness Rangers

Grant Requested: \$47,830

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund temporary seasonal wilderness rangers and buy tools, trail signs, waste management, gear for glacier travel, and training. The district encompasses more than 189,000 acres of Wilderness Area and Mount Baker, a mountain which annually draws thousands of climbers. The rangers patrol high-elevation trails, camps, and routes on Mount Baker to educate climbers on wilderness ethics, resource protection techniques, and safety issues, and to maintain trail and backcountry facilities. The rangers also provide information to supervisors on public use, trail and climbing conditions, and special-use permittees. Educational encounters and maintenance work help the district manage the impacts on the mountain from recreational use and promote user responsibility and stewardship of public lands. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2599)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$212,733

Providing a Riverside State Park Ranger

State Parks will use this grant to fund a ranger for two years to patrol Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail, Little Spokane River Natural Area and water trail, and Riverside State Park's trailheads and trails. In early 2026, Riverside State Park will expand by more than one thousand acres as the Glen Tana property and its additional waterfront comes online. The ranger educates visitors on boater safety on the Little Spokane River, manages the Loaner Lifejacket Program, patrols trailheads, helps with volunteers, aids the interpretive program, provides a presence at many special events, and educates users about park rules and regulations, trail etiquette, and Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2576)

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

Providing Rangers in the Naches Ranger District

Grant Requested: \$125,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to help fund four rangers and their transportation costs and supplies. The rangers will patrol more than 250 miles of trail, campsites, and staging areas in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The goal is to educate motorized visitors about responsible use of the trails, protection of the resources, and safety. The Naches district trail system provides an estimated 10 percent of all motorized trail opportunities in Washington. Its centralized location makes it one of the most highly used areas in the state. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2705)

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Chelan County Sheriff's Office Providing Off-Road Vehicle Deputies

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Chelan County will use this grant to fund two full-time deputy sheriffs to educate off-road vehicle users, enforce laws, and mitigate environmental impacts on the county's three hundred miles of designated off-road vehicle trails. The Sheriff's Office ended its off-road vehicle program about fifteen years ago, which has led to increasing misuse of trails, littering, and illegal activities. This project represents a proactive step toward safeguarding Chelan County's natural beauty and promoting responsible recreation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2611)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Patrols for Capitol State Forest

Grant Requested: \$248,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one full-time and one half-time recreation warden to patrol Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The 110,000-acre forest has 176 miles of trail, four campgrounds, eight trailheads, and more than 610 miles of forest roads. The wardens will concentrate on public education, off-road vehicle use compliance, and correction of safety issues. They also will support Forest Watch volunteers who educate visitors about safety and proper forest use. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2245)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Funding a Ranger in the Pacific Cascade Region

Grant Requested: \$223,168

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time recreation warden to patrol the Pacific Cascade Region, which includes Yacolt Burn State Forest and other land in southwest Washington. The warden will work across 460,000 acres including 770 miles of road, 126 miles of trail, eight campgrounds, eleven trailheads, and six day-use areas. The department also will buy educational materials and electronic equipment to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The warden will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns. The warden will provide public information, engage user groups and volunteer groups, and support Forest Watch volunteers who educate visitors about rules, regulations, and principles of good stewardship. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2248)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supporting Backcountry and Wilderness Education

Grant Requested: \$249,794

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest will use this grant to fund a backcountry and wilderness ranger program consisting of six rangers who would patrol seven wilderness areas, one

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backcountry area, and mountaineering climbing routes. These areas provide hiking, camping, and mountaineering opportunities. The rangers will promote Leave-No-Trace techniques for reducing damage from outdoor activities to about 100,000 visitors annually as well as provide enforcement for camping and climbing permit systems. Rangers also will maintain signs, create multimedia products, and provide light trail work, such as removing downed trees, to support visitor access and safety. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2670)

National Park Service Funding a Seasonal Law Enforcement Officer

Grant Requested: \$237,794

Mount Rainier National Park will use this grant to help fund seasonal law enforcement officers, to educate visitors and enforce laws that protect the fragile ecological system of Mount Rainier. Most visitors want to do the right thing to reduce their impact on the land but lack experience or know-how. The officers will help with the influx of one million visitors in April to September by patrolling the nearly 120 miles of road, the campgrounds, and trails within two miles of the road. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2407)