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## Projects in Chelan County

### Chelan County

**Grant Awarded: \$380,788**

#### Developing the Bear Mountain Trailhead

The Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use this grant to design and build a trailhead with up to fifteen parking spaces, a restroom, a gate, and sign in the Chelan Coulees Preserve, about eight miles west of Chelan. The Bear Mountain trailhead will provide access to 6,300 acres of publicly owned land linking Navarre to Knapp Coulees near Lake Chelan. The 2,100-acre Chelan Coulee Preserve has a six-mile trail for non-motorized uses such as hiking and mountain biking and offers visitors panoramic views of Chelan Butte, Lake Chelan, and the surrounding valleys such as Navarre and Knapp Coulees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1796](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Lake Chelan School District

**Grant Awarded: \$1,124,827**

#### Building a Soccer Field

The Lake Chelan School District will use this grant to develop a soccer field with sod, irrigation, lighting, and parking improvements at the Mountain Goat Futbol Center in Chelan County. The new field will expand and enhance athletic access for the community. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this project is soccer. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2133](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

### Leavenworth Winter Sports Club

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

#### Maintaining Winter Trails in Leavenworth

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will use this grant to maintain backcountry winter trails at Ski Hill, Icicle River Trails, Leavenworth Golf Course, and the Peshastin Mill Site. Crews will perform deferred maintenance on the Icicle River Trails and Ski Hill and ongoing operational maintenance of Nordic trails and single-track trails at all locations. The trails are used for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and fat tire biking. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2371](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

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## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Entiat and Chelan Recreation Sites**

**Grant Awarded: \$175,000**

The Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain thirteen campgrounds, two cabins, three group sites, and about one hundred dispersed sites and help partners manage two lookout towers in Chelan County. From April to October, about sixty thousand visitors use the recreation sites. Crews will remove trash, clean restrooms, remove downed trees, perform water tests, repair facilities, and maintain informational kiosks and signs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2590](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Wilderness and Front Country Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$200,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person trail crew, animal packer, partners, and volunteer groups for two years to maintain some of the more than five hundred miles of multiuse trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair bridges and drainage structures, and restore trail surfaces. As the climate continues to change and wildfires burn larger and more intensely, routine trail maintenance and clearing of trails are getting increasingly more dangerous and challenging. Larger crews are needed to accomplish the highly technical jackstraw and avalanche debris piles. The trails are used for hiking, backpacking, climbing, fishing, trail running, hunting, photography, horseback riding, and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2443](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

## **Conservation Commission Conserving Hinterlands Farms**

**Grant Awarded: \$4,215,000**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 336 acres of highly productive orchard and shrub-steppe habitat in Chelan County, near Manson. The land, owned by Hinterlands Farms, sits on the foothills overlooking Lake Chelan, where it has produced high-quality fruit for decades. The land has a broad diversity of soil types, and includes wetlands and shrub-steppe habitat used by birds and other wildlife. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1811](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Maintaining Recreation Facilities in Eastern Washington**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for staff, equipment, and materials to maintain campgrounds in Chelan, Grant, and Kittitas Counties. Staff will maintain twenty-one toilets, 187 campsites, six day-use areas and trailheads, and dispersed recreation areas on three department-owned blocks of land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2375](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Improving the Lake Wenatchee Boat Launch**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,366,000**

State Parks will use this grant to improve the boat launch on Lake Wenatchee. As the only formal public boat launch on the lake, it's very popular and there often are significant backups at the single-lane ramp. The overflow parking usually is at capacity and lacks designated parking spots. State Parks will build a boat ramp and boarding floats, pave and stripe the overflow parking area, and create a pedestrian path that connects the boat launch area to the day-use restroom. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2697](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Boating Facilities Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Maintaining Lake Wenatchee Snow Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain four Sno-Parks and up to 377 miles of trail in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest during two winters. Work will include plowing access roads, removing snow as it accumulates in parking areas, and establishing and regularly grooming trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2431](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**More projects in Chelan County are under "Projects Crossing Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.**

## Projects in Clallam County

### Port Angeles Extending the Race Street Trail

**Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000**

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to complete one-half-mile of the 2.7-mile Race Street Trail, a multiuse trail that connects the Olympic Discovery Trail to the Olympic National Park Visitor and Back Country Information Center. This is the second phase of the project. The new section bisects Port Angeles in a north-south direction and will provide greater connectivity for non-motorized traffic to Olympic National Park. The trail will provide a dedicated, separated place for biking, walking, and jogging, vastly improving safety for residents and visitors in a time when pedestrian and bicycle deaths are on the rise. The new section will run between Eighth and Second Streets. This section of trail includes two city parks—Civic Field and Erickson Park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2022](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Washington Water Trails Association Maintaining the Cascadia Marine Trail

**Grant Awarded: \$42,500**

The Washington Water Trail Association will use this grant for work parties to maintain sixty-six Cascadia Marine Trail campsites along the shorelines of the United States' portion of the Salish Sea. Work will include improving trail surfaces, removing fallen trees, clearing debris, controlling erosion, and building and repairing signage and kayak racks. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2562](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

## Projects in Clark County

### Clark County Renovating the Orchards Community Park

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The Clark County Department of Public Works will use this grant to renovate Orchard's Community Park, a thirty-three-acre urban park with a mixed forest and open lawn area in Vancouver. The County will replace and expand play areas, create a water spray play area, expand the parking lot, improve accessibility of pathways and connections to neighborhoods, and add a restroom and picnic shelter. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1613](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Washougal  
Continuing Development of Towncenter Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The City of Washougal will use this grant to continue developing Towncenter Park by adding a playground, splash pad, and a plaza with shade structures and seating areas. The park is in the heart of the Washougal's downtown, and it's the City's plan to renovate this underused land and improve access to recreation, outdoor activities, and have a space to host city-sponsored events. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1356](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**More projects in Clark County are under "Projects Crossing Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.**

**Projects in Columbia County**

**Port of Columbia  
Building Campsites at Lyons Ferry Marina**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,300,600**

The Port of Columbia, in partnership with the private concessionaire that operates the Kampgrounds of America at Lyons Ferry Marina, will use this grant to build a restroom and develop ten pull-thru sites with patios for recreational vehicles. Lyons Ferry Marina is near the confluence of the Snake and Palouse Rivers, six miles north of the rural town of Starbuck. The marina is part of a trifecta of recreation sites at this location—Lyons Ferry State Park is just across the Snake River and Palouse Falls State Park is seven miles north of the marina. Camping is not offered at either state park so the marina campground is the only option for food, supplies, fuel, and overnight accommodation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1848](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Installing a Fishing Pier in the WT Wooten Wildlife Area**

**Grant Awarded: \$325,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a fishing pier in Rainbow Lake in the WT Wooten Wildlife Area in southeast Washington. The pier will increase fishing opportunities for senior citizens and disabled anglers. The pier will be added to the fishing pad in the northeast corner of Rainbow Lake. Rainbow Lake recently was made longer and narrower to increase the area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1899](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

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## Projects in Cowlitz County

### Longview

**Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000**

#### Building an Inclusive Playground in Cloney Park

The City of Longview will use this grant to build a fully inclusive playground at Cloney Park. The playground will have smooth surfacing, wide pathways, and diverse sensory experiences. The play equipment includes specifically designed inclusive pieces for swinging, sliding, and spinning. All play elements will offer wheeled access in, on, around, below, or through. The City also will build parking and restrooms and landscape the area. The park will have a nature-based design that draws from local heritage, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, and the lumber industry. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1793](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and is pending receipt of an agreement from the National Park Service.

### Port of Woodland

**Grant Awarded: \$1,257,418**

#### Building the Austin Point Water Recreation Park

The Port of Woodland will use this grant to build the Austin Point Water Recreation Park along the Columbia and Lewis Rivers on more than ninety acres of open space. The Port will build a parking lot, fish cleaning station, restrooms, lighting, paths for river access, and trails around a wetland. Visitors will be able to boat, swim, and fish there once the park is developed. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1758](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Grant Awarded: \$4,491,110**

#### Conserving Hoffstadt Hills and Access to the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,200 acres of a larger 7,500-acre acquisition strategy. The land lies between State Route 504 and the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. It includes cliffs, talus slopes, and forested wetlands. Most of the land is in the 1980 volcanic blast zone and next to the U.S. Forest Service National Volcanic Monument. The first phase of acquisition will focus on the westernmost portion of the area to secure access to the Mudflow and Hoffstadt Units of the wildlife area and to protect the area from residential development. The purchase will protect and enhance elk winter range and provide year-round public access to the wildlife area, which is effectively landlocked by private ownership. Watershed function and tributary habitat also would be enhanced to benefit coho salmon and steelhead trout, which are species listed as at-risk of extinction. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1336](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### Projects in Douglas County

#### **Chelan-Douglas Land Trust Conserving Badger Mountain Critical Habitat**

**Grant Awarded: \$870,000**

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, for more than 3,200 acres on Badger Mountain in Douglas County. The purchase will allow continued farming and ranching, and protect the area as critical habitat for greater sage-grouse, a state endangered species. The land trust is working to connect important properties on Badger Mountain through conservation easements that compensate landowners for voluntarily maintaining their land as ranching and wildlife habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1536](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Projects in Ferry County

#### **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Building the Inchelium Skatepark**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The Colville Tribes will use this grant to build a skatepark in Inchelium. This development will be of a professionally designed and built public concrete skate park to enhance recreation opportunities in a small town with few other youth-focused outdoor recreation options. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2026](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Projects in Garfield County

#### **Pomeroy Lighting the Pomeroy Baseball Field**

**Grant Awarded: \$147,285**

The City of Pomeroy will use this grant to add lighting to the baseball field in the community ball field complex. The lights will allow for more games and practices further into the evenings and give more opportunities to community youth teams. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2029](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) will fully fund the project.



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## Projects in Grays Harbor County

### **Elma School District Creating Community Athletic Fields**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,199,905**

In a collaborative effort between the Elma School District, Elma McCleary Youth Soccer and the City of Elma, we propose a development-focused project aimed at transforming current farm pasture owned by the Elma School District into outdoor athletic facilities. This initiative is dedicated to enhancing the community's access to high-quality outdoor sports venues, specifically targeting underserved populations. By renovating current fields and developing additional spaces, our project intends to create a vibrant, inclusive environment that promotes physical activity and social engagement through soccer. The project's blueprint includes the construction of multiple soccer fields, designed to accommodate a wide range of age groups and competitive levels, from young children in Grays Harbor County to the high school varsity teams. These fields will serve over 600 local athletes, hosting an estimated 238 games per year and directly impacting approximately 3,650 participants. Our development plan encompasses the installation of advanced sod, comprehensive irrigation systems, and effective drainage solutions, along with the addition of safety measures like backstop fencing to ensure a secure playing environment. Moreover, the introduction of covered seating and energy-efficient lighting systems aims to extend facility usability, enabling evening activities and increasing overall community participation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2056](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

### **McCleary Improving Beerbower Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The City of McCleary will use this grant to renovate and further develop Beerbower Park, which is in the center of the downtown district, across from City Hall. The City will replace unsafe playground equipment and expand the playground by twenty feet, adding a rubber tile surface. Other upgrades include restroom plumbing, accessibility improvements, and an electronic sign at the park entrance. Additionally, the City will replace posts and nets for three pickleball courts and a basketball court, add more seating by installing benches and picnic tables, place planters around the park and the pavilion, and replace the drinking fountain with one that includes a bottle fill station. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1864](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).



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**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Redeveloping the White Bridge Boat Ramp**

**Grant Awarded: \$236,700**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the closed boat ramp at its White Bridge Water Access area on the Wynoochee River. The department will remove the ramp, replace the planks and base concrete armoring, and then reinstall the improved ramp. The new design will reduce the ramp slope, significantly reducing the force of the water and erosion. The boat launch is important for fishing and floating on the Wynoochee River and Black Creek. Steelhead fishing on the Wynoochee is one of the most popular types of fishing on the Olympic Peninsula. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1998](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**Projects in Jefferson County**

**Jefferson Land Trust  
Expanding Parking in a Community Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$113,000**

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to expand the parking lot in the 918-acre Chimacum Ridge Community Forest in Jefferson County. Access to the forest is limited because of the small parking lot and lack of trails accessible to people with disabilities and equestrians. The land trust will expand the narrow parking area to accommodate school buses, horse trailers, and vehicles for accessibility needs. The forest overlooks farmland valleys with salmon-bearing streams. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2318](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

**Olympic Peninsula YMCA  
Building a Skate Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$205,657**

The Olympic Peninsula YMCA will use this grant to build a state-of-the-art, concrete skate park in Quilcene. The skate park is designed for action sports including skateboarding, BMX riding, wheelchair motocross, in-line skating, and scootering. Located at the Quilcene Community Center and Campground complex, the skate park will serve as a social hub that fosters skill development and intergenerational interaction. The skate park will offer outdoor athletic activities suitable for a diverse range of ages and will feature elements that will accommodate all mobility and skill levels and honor Quilcene's rich natural beauty and cultural heritage. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2053](#). This project previously was partially funded and this new funding from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program will fully fund the project.

**Port Ludlow Marina  
Replacing Piling at Port Ludlow**

**Grant Awarded: \$88,527**

The Port Ludlow Marina will use this grant to replace fourteen creosote pilings with steel ones, each eighty-five feet long. The guest dock's pilings, installed in 1973, are overtaken by high tides due to rising sea levels, causing damage and operational disruptions. The new pilings will withstand current and projected sea level changes, reducing the risk of closures and disruptions. Upgrading these pilings is crucial to maintain safe and reliable docking for boaters and staff. The marina is a premier destination offering waterfront resort activities, sixty-five guest slips and hosting more than 2,000 guests. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2182](#). This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant program](#).

**Port Townsend  
Building a Golf Park Playground**

**Grant Awarded: \$350,000**

The City of Port Townsend will use this grant to build a playground at a golf course that will be inclusive for children with disabilities. The playground will accommodate multiple ages and have a swing set, climber, covered picnic area, and rubber tile flooring. The playground will be next to the parking lot and near restrooms. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1610](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Projects in King County**

**Covington  
Beginning Development of the Jenkins Creek Trail**

**Grant Awarded: \$169,889**

The City of Covington will use this grant to buy 0.1 mile of trail easement and develop 0.8 mile of trail. This trail will run through city-owned open space and Jenkins Creek Park and connect the sidewalk along State Route 516 to Southeast 264<sup>th</sup> Place. The paved trail will be ten feet wide with two-foot gravel shoulders on either side. The City also will add signs and site furnishings, and restore habitat. The new trail will connect multiple neighborhoods, a school, a shopping center, health facilities, and a park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1353](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

## Grants Awarded August 2025



### **Kent Renovating Uplands Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$3,150,000**

The City of Kent will use this grant to renovate Uplands Park in its downtown. The City will install its first spray park, add a restroom, children's play area, entry plaza, picnic shelter, shade structure, lighting, pathways, connections to the adjacent regional trail, site furnishings, utilities, and irrigation and landscaping. The City received a previous grant for this project of \$500,000 from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 23-1910](#). This grant is from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund [Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership](#).

### **Lake Forest Park Developing Lakefront Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$540,000**

The City of Lake Forest Park will use this grant to develop Lakefront Park, which will be on the northwest shores of Lake Washington, near the city's center and Burke-Gilman Trail. The City lacks public access to the waterfront and has a low ratio of park acres to population. The City will develop the 3.3 acres of lakefront to include a sandy beach, a dock for swimming and kayak use, a grassy area, parking, a plaza, a picnic shelter, bathhouse, playground, and community gathering spaces. The City also will renovate the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve portion of the park to be a more natural forested buffer for the salmon-bearing stream and shoreline there, and install additional viewing platforms and educational signs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1933](#). This grant is from the from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Seattle Renovating Hutchinson Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate Hutchinson Park. The city will completely renovate the playground for ages two and up, resurface sport courts, reconstruct the basketball court, repair the playfield, enhance natural areas, and add accessible pathways and a new entrance. The City will repair the soil conditions and drainage on the fields and convert one softball field into a soccer field. The Friends of Hutchinson Playground have advocated for park renovations for many years and after a shooting in the park in 2020 formed a friends group for the entire park. Since then, the group has collected surveys, organized the community, and met with city staff about its desired improvements. The two goals of this project are to rebuild the park so it is welcoming and supports the outdoor recreation needs of the community and to reduce crime in and around the park by activating it. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1512](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and is pending receipt of an agreement from the National Park Service.

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**Tukwila** **Grant Awarded: \$738,170**  
**Creating a Canoe Launch and Riverside Recreational Amenities**

The Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve access to the Duwamish River at Tukwila Community Center Park. The City will regrade a slope and plant the shoreline to create a place to launch a canoe, install a log seating structure, renovate riverside trails and boardwalks, build a viewing tower overlooking the river, and add covered picnic structures with structural pipe features for communal gathering areas and cold season play elements. The City also will add drainage and fencing. This project's goal is to transform the river-facing side of the community center campus to a place where visitors can interact with the Duwamish River. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1802](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**Tukwila** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**  
**Renovating the Riverton Park Playground**

Tukwila Parks and Recreation will use this grant to renovate the Riverton Park playground. The City will remove old, deteriorated playground equipment and unsafe surfaces and install play equipment designed for different age groups. The City will create dedicated areas for tactile and auditory exploration, install a picnic shelter, and upgrade the walkways. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1800](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest**  
**Improving the Talapus Lake Parking and Trailhead** **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to improve the trailhead and parking at Talapus Lake in King County. The trailhead is used by about twenty thousand visitors between June and October and parking is usually at capacity by 8 a.m. on weekends. The Forest Service will build at least sixty additional parking spaces and add a day-use area to the trailhead. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2739](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$9,675**  
**Cleaning South Puget Sound Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a crew to clean and maintain forty-seven restrooms in the Green Mountain, Tahuya, Hood Canal, Elbe Hills, Tahoma, Tiger Mountain and Raging River State Forests, as well as the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and West Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Areas in the busy South Puget Sound region. Routine

cleaning will reduce long-term maintenance costs and potentially decrease vandalism that frequently occurs in the facilities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2396](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Caring for Pyramid Peak Snowmobile Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$71,595**

State Parks will use this grant to clear snowmobile trails, remove winter storm and trail debris and snow drifts, and plow snow to provide safe and accessible parking for visitors to the 112-mile Pyramid Peak snowmobile trail system. The work will maintain around 2,643 miles of groomed trail for two winters plus keep Sno-Parks and access roads plowed and safe for public use. The trail system lies on the west side of the Cascade Mountains, close to State Route 410, and provides quick access for Seattle and west side residents to ride groomed winter trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2434](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

## **Projects in Kitsap County**

### **Bainbridge Island Land Trust Conserving Land Near Little Manzanita Bay**

**Grant Awarded: \$200,117**

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust will use this grant to buy at least 34 acres to complete 160 acres of conserved habitat extending from Manzanita Park to the Little Manzanita Bay estuary. The land trust will emphasize protecting streams, wetlands, and a large forest to benefit a full suite of wildlife and provide public trails through forests. The area is used by coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, flying squirrels, and pileated woodpeckers. The nearly twenty-five-acre Manzanita Ridge property is one of a few large parcels of undeveloped land remaining on Bainbridge Island. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1978](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Poulsbo Building the Poulsbo Regional Multiuse Athletic Fields**

**Grant Awarded: \$291,357**

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to develop the six-acre, regional, multiuse athletic fields. The City will prepare the site by grading the land and building retaining walls, parking lots, sidewalks, and pathways. The City will build two multiuse, artificial turf sports fields with lighting and fencing, and install team shelters, bleachers, storage shelters, signs, fencing, and backstops.

This project fulfills a two-decade plan to develop this land with sports fields. The site is within walking distance of two colleges and will accommodate sports tournaments. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1603](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program.

### Projects in Kittitas County

#### **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Cle Elum Trail for Nonmotorized Uses**

**Grant Awarded \$29,418**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a trail crew to maintain 326 miles of trail for nonmotorized uses. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear overgrown brush, restore trail surfaces, repair drainage structures, install signs, reroute small sections of trail, and repair stream approaches. This work is necessary to mitigate hazards, prevent resource damage, and provide for enjoyable user experiences in wilderness and other backcountry settings. The trails are used for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding and packing, mountain biking, and trail running. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2455](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#) will fully fund the project.

#### **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Naches Motorized Trails**

**Grant Awarded \$75,000**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain 75 percent of its more than three hundred miles of motorcycle and 4x4 trails and perform deferred maintenance on 15 percent or fifty miles of trail in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Crews will remove overgrown brush and fallen trees, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The trails annually host forty-five thousand motorcycle, Jeep, and off-road vehicle riders, who enjoy their variety of trails, diverse landscapes, sunny weather, and closeness to urban centers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2706](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

#### **Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Foothills Farm**

**Grant Awarded: \$102,586**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on the 317-acre Foothills Farm in Kittitas County. The area is characterized by the pastoral landscape at the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains as well as its rich soils and valuable wildlife habitat. Preserving high-quality



irrigated farmland like Foothills Farm has a multitude of benefits for the farming family and the agricultural community of Kittitas County who use the unique habitats on the farm. In addition to extensive fields and hedgerows, the farm has multiple wetlands, is bisected by the Palouse to the Cascades Trail, and is bordered by the 3,600-acre Springwood Ranch, which the Trust for Public Lands recently bought. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1885](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Awarded: \$75,000** **Grooming Stampede Pass Trails and Three Sno-Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to maintain three Sno-Parks and eighty-nine miles of trail at Stampede Pass during two winters. Work will include plowing access roads, removing snow as it accumulates, and establishing and regularly grooming trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2433](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Awarded: \$392,642** **Restoring Shrub-Steppe in Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to restore native plant communities on about two thousand acres in the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park. The 7,124-acre park in Kittitas County supports numerous rare plant and wildlife species. Most of the park's shrub-steppe habitat consists of low-growing stiff sagebrush, big sagebrush, and bunchgrasses such as Sandberg's bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, and needle-and-thread. Several species endemic to sage-steppe habitat are present, including one state endangered bird, seven state candidate wildlife species, and seven additional wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need. One state endangered plant and one state threatened plant are known to be in the park. State Parks will remove nonnative species and then seed and plant native shrubs, grasses, and forbs. Existing trails in the park will give the public an opportunity to observe rare native species and habitats. This project will restore areas impacted by grazing and wildfires. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1846](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

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## Projects in Klickitat County

### **Mt. Adams Resource Stewards Expanding the Mount Adams Community Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$3,000,000**

The Mt. Adams Resource Stewards will use this grant to buy 861 acres to more than triple the size of the Mount Adams Community Forest. This second phase acquisition is along Glenwood Highway, eight miles east of unincorporated Glenwood. The goal of the community forest is to protect and manage a working forest that has been the backbone of several rural communities and land-based livelihoods in Klickitat County. The forest is actively managed for logging, wildfire resiliency, recreation, wildlife habitat, and maintenance of the rural character of the region. The proposed addition includes a mix of tree types and ages, including mixed conifer plantations; mature, naturally regenerated Douglas fir and ponderosa second growth; a stand of old-growth trees; and pine-oak woodland. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1993](#). This grant is from the [Community Forests Program](#).

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Cleveland Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve**

**Grant Awarded: \$157,040**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to repair damage in the Cleveland Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve caused by construction of an unauthorized fire line. The department also will restore natural vegetation in lands historically enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and control invasive species. The department will remove a berm that runs for three-quarters of a mile and was built to stop a wildfire, then seed the area with native species, and control weeds. On about eighty acres formerly in the Conservation Reserve Program, the department will collect, grow, and plant native species. The department will control invasive species throughout the 640-acre site, focusing on areas bordering the fire line and in the early stages of invasion. This work will result in the restoration of this shrub-steppe to a more natural state and will support habitat for the two state threatened species onsite. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1764](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving a Luna Gulch Farm**

**Grant Awarded: \$946,522**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 1,326 acres to preserve the agricultural values of this Klickitat County farm forever. Located on the south side of Pleasant Valley, the farm is a fifteen-minute drive to Goldendale and offers expansive views of the Simcoe Mountains to the north and the Cascade Mountains to the west. One mile of Luna Creek, as well

as several tributaries, travel through the property and support a run of Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead trout. The land also includes oak forest and shrub-steppe habitat, and hosts golden eagles and the Townsends big eared bat. The farm is a mixture of crops, forage pasture, and rangeland grazing. To the north is 1,850 acres conserved by the State Conservation Commission. The two properties will combine to create a contiguous block of 3,176 acres of preserved farm and rangeland. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1798](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Ranchland in Swale Canyon**

**Grant Request: \$646,012**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, to protect an 875-acre ranch in Swale Canyon, forever. The ranch provides grazing pasture and grows alfalfa-grass hay for livestock. The land has many different and valuable habitat types including an Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead-bearing stream and white-oak savannahs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1857](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **White Salmon Valley Metropolitan Park District Building a Pool in White Salmon Valley**

**Grant Awarded: \$267,162**

The White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to build a pool and a building with changing rooms, space for staff and lifeguards, and a mechanical room. The pool will have eight, twenty-five-yard lanes and a diving board. The pool will provide a safe place for water and safety education, competitive athletic opportunities, local and affordable recreation, and a sense of community and accessibility for all. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2144](#). This project previously was partially funded and this new funding from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program will fully fund the project.

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### **Projects in Lewis County**

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## Projects in Mason County

### Washington State Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Hood Canal Area Trails

**Grant Awarded: \$905**

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 land in Kitsap and Mason Counties. The grant helps pay the salaries of three staff, supports volunteers and events, and funds trail and facility maintenance. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2284](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

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## Projects in Okanogan County

### Mountain Trails Grooming Association Grooming Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails

**Grant Awarded: \$40,000**

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. These trails provide access for backcountry and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, walking, and snowmobiling. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2313](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Methow Wildlife Area's Cougar Lake

**Grant Awarded: \$427,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore Cougar Creek and water control structures at Cougar Lake that were heavily damaged by landslides after the 2014 Carlton Complex Fire. Cougar Creek is a tributary of the Methow River near Winthrop. Multiple culverts (pipes or other structures that carry streams under roads) upstream in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest failed, resulting in water and sediment rushing downstream and destroying the historic Cougar Creek diversion and Cougar Lake dam. The department will develop engineered plans and carrying out work to restore Cougar Creek to a natural functioning stream channel, repair the Cougar Creek diversion, and remove sediment and repair

the dam. The creek is used by Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead and bull trout. The work will restore a historic recreational fishing site that was built more than eighty-five years ago. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2015](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area**

**Grant Request: \$358,183**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to complete phase one restoration of about thirty-four acres and one mile of stream in six prioritized areas in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area in Okanogan County. The areas are degraded due to floods, incised channels, wildfires, and invasive plants. Restoration is necessary to support habitat for at least forty Species of Greatest Conservation Need, sixty priority habitat and species, and three major biological corridors. Priority species include western gray squirrels, bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, wolves, grizzly bear, cougar, Canada lynx, wolverines, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, monarch butterflies, Chinook and sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout. To improve the areas, the department will install structures that mimic beaver dams, implement prescribed burns, control invasive plants, and plant native grasses, forbs, and shrubs to promote habitat diversity and suppress weeds. Lastly, the department will improve the fencing to protect wetlands and new plants. This project is part of an ongoing effort by multiple public agencies and nonprofits to restore large-scale, fire-dependent forest, shrub-steppe, shoreline, and migratory systems in the Okanogan River watershed. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1345](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

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### **Projects in Pacific County**

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Redeveloping Loomis Lake Accessibility**

**Grant Awarded: \$325,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the Loomis Lake Water Access area. The department will replace a boarding float that was destroyed in a 2002 storm, and add a kayak-assist launch, a restroom, and a gravel pathway between the restroom and launch areas. The water access area was developed in 1992. This location is valuable to the local community and anglers from afar, with few lake boating options in the county. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1968](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

## Projects in Pend Oreille County

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## Projects in Pierce County

### **Buckley Building Miller Community Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000**

The City of Buckley will use two grants to transform the Miller property into a 3.5-acre community park. Located in the heart of Buckley, Miller Park will feature one large, fenced tennis court that can convert to four pickleball courts, a large area for a grass volleyball court, a restroom, paved paths, a playground, picnic shelters, and landscaped open green areas with views of Mount Rainier. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2106](#) and [project 24-1961](#). These grants are from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program and the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Mt. Rainier Futbol Club Building Pickleball Courts**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,200,000**

The proposed project at 7109-7111 Barkubein Rd, Buckley, WA, seeks to develop a covered pickleball facility as part of a public-private partnership between the City of Bonney Lake, Mount Rainier Athletic Club, and the Puyallup and Muckleshoot Tribes. This initiative aims to promote community health, equity, and cultural preservation. The project is the development of a covered pickleball facility. This 10-12 court facility will be the beginning of a planned multi-sport complex which will include an educational trail connecting to the Foothills Trail, highlighting the region's history and heritage. Pickleball's accessibility and social benefits make it an ideal option for diverse demographics. The covered pickleball facility is expected to positively impact community health by providing opportunities for physical activity and social interaction. Grant funds will support studies, design, engineering, and construction costs for the covered pickleball facility. In conclusion, this project represents a multifaceted approach to community development that celebrates health, equity, and cultural connection. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2114](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

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## **National Park Service, Mount Rainier National Park Reconnecting Trails to Mowich Lake**

**Grant Awarded: \$200,000**

Mount Rainier National Park will use this grant to restore about 3.6 miles of trail by reconnecting the West Boundary Trail to the Grindstone Trail, and reconnecting the upper and lower Grindstone Trail. The reconnections will provide hiking access from the Paul Peak trailhead to Mowich Lake. Park staff also will build overflow parking. The work will create loop trails of ten, twenty-two, and thirty miles in length. The trails were covered and disconnected in the 1950s, when a road was built to take visitors to Mowich Lake. In recent years, the decision was made to put the West Boundary and Grindstone Trails back on the inventory and to maintain them once again. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2711](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

## **Orting Building Courts in Charter Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$910,855**

The City of Orting will use this grant to develop pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts at Charter Park, located in Pierce County, along with a circulation walking path connecting to the funded amenities, fencing, site furnishings, an entrance sign, and landscaping. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this grant is court-based sports. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2092](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

## **Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Conserving Land Near Gig Harbor**

**Grant Awarded: \$858,125**

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy about thirty-nine acres near Gig Harbor in unincorporated Pierce County. Purchase of the land, known as the Trail property, will expand the amount of public land on the city's urban growth boundary, safeguarding one of the last sizable tracks of undeveloped land in the larger Gig Harbor region and critical refuge for wildlife in this increasingly urbanized area. The land contains a diverse and mature forest, stream and wetland habitat used by salmon and trout, and habitat for bear, river otter, deer, coyote, racoon, and variety of migratory bird species. Conserving the land will increase the opportunities for hiking and nature viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1868](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

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**Peninsula Metropolitan Park District  
Developing Peninsula Gardens Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to redevelop a 10.6-acre former plant nursery as the new community Peninsula Gardens Park. While master plan development is underway, the park district expects the park to include two playgrounds (for the children two to twelve years old), pickleball courts, other sport courts, a picnic lawn and shelters, a dog park and/or community garden area, restrooms, and trails. The Wollochet Drive Park includes 2.8 acres of forest, which will be preserved and developed with walking trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1896](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Pierce County  
Conserving Land Near Pacific Lutheran University**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000**

Pierce County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for ten acres of remnant prairie habitat on the south campus of Pacific Lutheran University, in Parkland. The land contains soils that support Puget Sound prairie habitat, which is a priority habitat and important to many state and federal threatened and endangered species. Additionally, the land provides a respite green space in a highly urbanized area, supports educational opportunities for the university and local schools, and continues to support tribal activities, teaching, and learning opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1909](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Pierce County  
Building Ball Fields in Sprinker Recreation Center**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,200,000**

Pierce County Parks will use this grant to complete Phase 2A of the Sprinker Recreation Center outdoor renovation. This phase includes the development of two synthetic baseball/softball high school regulation size fields with one multipurpose overlay across the outfields, with two dugouts, field netting, and scoreboards on each field. These improvements will broaden the complex use year-round for multiple user groups and sports. This project will double the synthetic ball fields at Sprinker from 2 to 4 and multi-purpose fields from 1 to 2, expanding the season of play and types of youth sports supported at the Complex, which serves a local (within 5 miles) and regional audience across Pierce County. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2101](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.



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**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Funding Patrols for Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests**

**Grant Awarded: \$184,154**

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, equestrians, 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 project 24-2414](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Maintaining the Elbe Hills State Forest's Equestrian Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$197,475**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an employee who will plan and maintain the Nicholson Horse Trail system, which has forty miles of horse and hiking trails, seven day-use areas, three trailheads, and one campground in the Elbe Hills State Forest. The staff and crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair bridges and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, maintain signs and kiosks, paint structures, and maintain campsites. The Nicholson Horse Trail system provides multiple interconnected loop trails with equestrian service facilities that give users day and overnight opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2412](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**YMCA  
Beginning Construction of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000**

The YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties will use this grant to build two synthetic turf, multiuse fields in the Gig Harbor Sports Complex off Harbor Hill Drive. The YMCA also will improve a community access trail and install irrigated landscaping, field lighting, fencing, a driveway, a storage shed, 102 parking stalls, and aluminum benches. The fields will support soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby, and other sports. The fields will double the community's lit turf sports field options and address long waitlists for field reservations. This is the first phase of a larger, three-phase project to develop a six-field sports complex. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1726](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program.

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### Projects in Skagit County

#### **Skagit Land Trust Conserving the Samish River Wetlands**

**Grant Awarded: \$247,500**

The Skagit Land Trust will use this grant to buy about twenty-six acres of important riverine and wetland habitat in Skagit County. The land includes one-third mile of the upper Samish River, north of Sedro-Woolley. The land contains critical habitat for the Oregon spotted frog, which is a species listed by the State as endangered and by the federal government as threatened with extinction. The land also supports a variety of salmon species including Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead trout, as well as coho and chum salmon and resident coastal cutthroat trout. The purchase will permanently protect 22.5 acres of nationally declining palustrine forested and scrub-shrub wetlands and 3.5 acres of lowland streambank forest for the benefit of these species. Once purchased, the land will be open for low-impact public use. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1924](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

#### **Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Blanchard and Harry Osborne Forests**

**Grant Awarded: \$200,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a trail steward to coordinate and maintain fifty-eight miles of trails, four trailheads, and three campgrounds for nonmotorized uses in Blanchard State Forest and the Harry Osborne Forest. Crews will recontour and harden trails, maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, remove litter, and maintain parking areas, restrooms, and signs. By providing timely, routine, and preventative maintenance, this project allows the department to protect natural resources, increase the life expectancy of facilities, and provide safe recreation opportunities. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2374](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

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

**Grant Awarded: \$99,334**

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 nonmotorized 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 project 24-2378](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**More projects in Skagit County are under "Projects Crossing Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.**

### Projects in Skamania County

#### **Underwood Park and Recreation District Renovating Sports Courts**

**Grant Awarded: \$154,000**

The Underwood Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to improve the sport courts and baseball field at Underwood Park. The district will resurface both sport courts with dual lines for multisport opportunities and replace baskets and nets. The baseball field will receive new fencing for the backstop, dugouts, bleachers, and bases. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2060](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

#### **U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Maintaining Trails in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$188,920**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to hire a three-person crew for two years to maintain up to three hundred miles of wilderness and other trails for nonmotorized activities. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and restore trail surfaces. The crew will focus on the Goat Rocks and Mount Adams Wildernesses, the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, trails near campgrounds and other facilities, and the Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument. The primary goal is to balance resource protection while providing quality hiking, biking, and equestrian opportunities. Funding trail crews allows the Forest Service to respond to emergencies, prevent trail closures, educate visitors, reduce user conflicts, and work with volunteer groups. Gifford Pinchot is home to some of the most scenic trails, with stunning views of Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. The Pacific Crest Trail runs through Mount Adams, Goat Rocks, and William O Douglas Wildernesses. The Goat Rocks section is often revered as one of the most scenic sections of this 2,750-mile trail. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2747](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

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## Projects in Snohomish County

### **Darrington School District Installing Field Lighting**

**Grant Awarded: \$834,228**

The Darrington School District will use this grant to upgrade field lighting at the Darrington High School multi-purpose field, which is used primarily for football and baseball. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of project 24-2046](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

### **Lake Stevens Developing Part of Eagle Ridge Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$350,845**

The City of Lake Stevens will use this grant to develop a portion of the 27.9-acre Eagle Ridge Park, two miles from downtown. The City will install an amphitheater and outdoor classroom, a nature-themed playground, restrooms, parking, walkways, lighting, landscaping, and interpretive learning. The City will preserve wetland that supports eagle breeding nests. The park is home to protected areas including eagle habitats, areas along waterways, mature forests, and wetlands. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1980](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Mountlake Terrace Improving Lighting at Evergreen Playfield 4**

**Grant Awarded: \$326,500**

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to add lighting to Evergreen Playfield 4 in the Evergreen Playfield Complex. The City will install five metal poles with energy-efficient LED (light-emitting diode) lights in addition to two pole-top lights on adjacent field poles. Lighting the field will allow for diamond sports and will finish lighting the full length of the playfield. The field is used mostly for youth baseball, softball, and soccer. Visit RCO’s online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1748](#). This grant is from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) program.

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Building the Spencer Island Boardwalk**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,500,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a boardwalk along Union Slough, in the Snohomish River estuary. The levee that rings the department’s Spencer Island Unit has

provided a popular trail for birdwatching, outdoor recreation, and environmental education for the past thirty years. A restoration project there will lower and breach the levee. The new boardwalk will maintain public access on this heavily used site and improve the visitor experience with a leveled and widened trail along the slough. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1685](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### Projects in Spokane County

#### **Spokane** **Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000** **Beginning Development of the Meadowglen Neighborhood Park**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to begin building a neighborhood park and trailhead in the rapidly developing North Indian Trail neighborhood in northwest Spokane. More than 2,800 of the households there lack walkable access to a public park, making the neighborhood's park walkability score the worst in the city. The City will develop Meadowglen Park with a playground, restrooms, a parking lot and trailhead, pickleball courts, paved pathways and nature trails, and lawn areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1898](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and is pending receipt of an agreement from the National Park Service.

#### **Spokane County** **Grant Awarded: \$19,879** **Engaging Youth in Trail Maintenance**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation, and Golf Department will use this grant to hire youth to restore up to seven miles of trail of the Liberty Creek-Edith Hansen Loop in Liberty Lake Regional Park, twenty miles from downtown Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. The youth crew will spend six weeks in the summer removing overgrown brush and fallen logs, restoring trail surfaces, and repairing drainage structures and bridges to create safer and more accessible trails and mitigate fire risk. Crews also will repair the historic Hughes Cabin, the park's only backcountry camping destination. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2524](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

#### **Spokane County** **Grant Awarded: \$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 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 project 24-2402](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

### **Spokane Valley HUB**

**Grant Awarded: \$689,423**

#### **Helping Build a Synthetic Turf Field at Liberty Lake**

The Spokane Valley HUB will use this grant to design, prepare the site, and buy synthetic turf for a multiuse field in the Liberty Lake community. Spokane County lacks accessible synthetic turf fields, with only two available for public use despite a population of more than 500,000. The new field will provide year-round opportunities for field sports such as soccer, lacrosse, football, rugby, ultimate Frisbee, and t-ball. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1893](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Youth Athletic Facilities](#) will fully fund the project.

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

#### **Restoring the Pincroft Natural Area Preserve**

**Grant Awarded: \$80,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore parts of the ponderosa pine forest communities and other adjacent bunchgrass-shrub communities in the Pincroft Natural Area Preserve, near Spokane. The preserve is the largest remaining ponderosa pine-grassland ecological system that once was prevalent throughout the Spokane Valley. The department will thin high-density stands of young trees and control invasive plants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1680](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

#### **Expanding Riverside State Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,003,773**

State Parks will use this grant to expand the Little Spokane River Natural Area and Riverside State Park by buying more than six hundred acres of the former Glen Tana property and connecting it to neighboring preserved conversation and recreation lands. Situated just outside the urban growth boundary for Spokane County, the Glen Tana land contains upland and shoreline habitat and species, and provides opportunities for recreation in a high-demand area. Once completed, Glen Tana will help extend a contiguous wildlife and recreation corridor along the western edge of Spokane. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1779](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) will fully fund the project.

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**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Providing a Riverside State Park Ranger**

**Grant Awarded: \$140,739**

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, attends 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 project 24-2576](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**More projects in Spokane County are under "Projects Crossing Multiple Counties" at the end of this document.**

### **Projects in Stevens County**

**Chewelah**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

**Building the Chewelah Adventure Park**

The City of Chewelah will use this grant to build the Chewelah Adventure Park, which will include amenities for skateboarding, a climbing wall, and a multisport court. The park will replace the closed skateboard park that was made up of mostly homemade ramps on a cement slab. The plywood ramps deteriorated and were removed for safety in 2022. Chewelah has experienced other recreation loss with the demolition of the municipal swimming pool in 2018. The Chewelah Adventure Park will provide an inclusive outdoor recreational facility with multiple recreation opportunities for a variety of ages, interests, and abilities. A portion of the site is proposed to be covered for year-round use. All surfaces and furniture will be accessible to people with disabilities. Interactive play elements focused on music and sensory experiences are planned to provide engaging and stimulating play. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1995](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

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## Projects in Thurston County

### **Olympia** **Developing the Yelm Highway Community Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000**

The City of Olympia will use this grant to begin developing the 72.8-acre Yelm Highway Community Park. The City will install a synthetic, lit rectangular field, playground, two full-size basketball courts, a soccer mini-pitch, two electronic interactive sport courts, twelve pickleball courts, walking paths, a restroom, picnic shelters, a dog park and a 162-stall parking area. The rectangular field will lay the groundwork for the future addition of four more rectangular fields. This will be Olympia's first dedicated soccer field in its park system. For decades, soccer players have requested dedicated, quality fields in Olympia. Additionally, players of other rectangular field sports are on the rise, such as lacrosse, rugby, football, and ultimate frisbee, and need field space. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1405](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and is pending receipt of an agreement from the National Park Service.

### **Tenino** **Developing Trails in City Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The City of Tenino will use this grant to develop a trail for hiking, biking, and horseback riding in Tenino City Park. The loop trail will be in the sixty-acre woodlands recently bought from the Norseman Timber Company. Despite the rural nature of south Thurston County, there are few public spaces for hiking. The City also will improve parking to be more efficient and to accommodate equestrian use, renovate the old restrooms at the East End Trailhead, and install trail maps and signs. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1888](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Thurston County** **Improving Burfoot Trail System**

**Grant Awarded: \$200,000**

The Thurston County Public Works Department will use this grant to repair footbridges and stairways in Burfoot Park, a sixty-acre regional park that offers breathtaking views of Puget Sound and the Budd Inlet. The park's infrastructure is aging and deteriorating due to extensive use and exposure to wet weather, creating safety issues. Funds will be used to repair failing structures and preserve safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2438](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Award: \$3,637,824**  
**Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 391 acres of undeveloped wetlands, shoreline, and mature forest habitats in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Olympia. The conservation area is on the National Register of Historic Places as a rural historic landscape for its rich human history involving tribes and early settlers to southern Puget Sound, as well as the logging and shellfish industries. It is visited frequently by students and protects a regionally significant haven for wildlife, hosting shorebirds and songbirds, harbor seals, river otters, bald eagles, a heron rookery, a colony of double-crested cormorants, native Olympia oysters, and one of the largest maternity bat colonies in the state. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1554](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$198,900**  
**Maintaining Capitol Forest Trails for Nonmotorized Activities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an equipment operator to work with volunteers and maintain eighty-two miles of multiuse trail for nonmotorized activities, trailheads, and facilities in Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The staff and volunteers will cut overgrown brush, repair bridges and drainage structures, reshape eroded sections of trail, restore trail surfaces, and maintain signs and kiosks, restrooms, and parking areas. In the past five years, Capitol Forest saw an average of 755,500 visitors a year, demonstrating the need for continual facility and trail maintenance. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2246](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$328,250**  
**Restoring the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 130 acres of forest and shoreline in the one-thousand-acre Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, north of Olympia. The restoration work will include removing invasive plants and planting native species. Situated in the Henderson Inlet watershed, the conservation area protects shorelines, estuaries, freshwater wetlands and streams, a small lake, and habitat for wildlife, including bats, migratory waterfowl, and neotropical migratory birds. The work will contribute to the overall management and ecological resiliency of the conservation area, improving water quality in North Lake and restoring forested shoreline along Henderson Inlet. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1470](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

## Projects in Whatcom County

### **Nooksack Valley School District**

**Grant Awarded: \$386,055**

#### **Converting a Nooksack Valley High School Field to Artificial Turf**

The Nooksack Valley School District will use this grant to convert a grass field to an artificial turf field for use by multiple sports such as soccer, football, lacrosse, and field hockey. The school district encompasses the three small towns of Everson, Nooksack, and Sumas. The field will provide these underserved communities with more access to athletic experiences, providing all ages with a safe facility for quality practice and competition, ultimately supporting academic and personal growth. In addition to hosting an all-district, fifth grade track competition, community youth sports, physical education classes, a middle school track event, and families using the space to practice, the high school field also will serve as a gathering place for community events. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 25-2040](#). This project previously was partially funded and this new funding from [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program will fully fund the project.

### **U.S. Forest Service Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District Providing Wilderness Rangers**

**Grant Awarded: \$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 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 project 24-2599](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

### **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Refurbishing the Shadow of the Sentinels Trailhead**

**Grant Awarded: \$39,900**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to improve the trailhead for the Shadow of the Sentinels Trail on the southern end of Baker Lake, fifteen miles from State Route 20. The ranger district will repave the asphalt, repair sections of rotting boardwalk, replace rusting and fading interpretive panels, and refurbish gravel pathways. The trail is the only trail accessible to people with disabilities in the Baker Lake basin and is popular among people with disabilities, families with young children, and elderly people. The half-mile loop trail has thirteen interpretive

signs describing the natural succession of the forest. After multiple decades of weather, wear, and wind-thrown trees, the trail and interpretive signs have worn down and are showing signs of age. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2597](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest**  
**Building a Trail Next to Horseshoe Cove Campground**      **Grant Awarded: \$63,400**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to build up to a half-mile of trail next to the Horseshoe Cove Campground. The new trail will connect a planned expansion of the campground to surrounding campgrounds and infrastructure. The trail will be accessible to people with disabilities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2598](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**      **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**  
**Maintaining Mount Baker Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to maintain six Sno-Parks and groom 146 miles of snowmobile trails in and around Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, for two winters. The goal is to maintain safe and usable parking areas and trails for snowmobilers and other winter recreationists. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2430](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

**Whatcom County**      **Grant Awarded: \$884,434**  
**Buying Land for a County Trailhead**

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to be reimbursed for buying 39.5 acres, referred to as Carrasco, four miles southeast of Acme, in 2023. The land will be used for a trail and trailhead for non-motorized uses. The land will link to other county parks, including Nessel Farm and the South Fork Park regional park complex as well as existing and proposed trails on lands owned by the State and the Whatcom Land Trust. The Carrasco property was under threat of private sale before the County bought it. The purchase will allow the County to open the historic Nessel Farm to the public. The farmstead has not been open because of lack of access. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1946](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

## Projects in Whitman County

### Pullman

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

#### **Beginning Development of Veterans Memorial Park**

The City of Pullman will use this grant to begin developing Veterans Memorial Park on 2.8 acres next to the City Cemetery. The City aims to create a solemn yet vibrant outdoor space to pay tribute to those who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The project's design will give veterans and their loved ones a place of peace to reflect and observe, and a place of historical education about U.S. military service. The City will build a walkway lined with donor pavers from an entry arbor, past a sculpture, through a rows of trees in alternating colors that form the likeness of an American flag from above, to end at a plaza with monuments, built-in lectern, flags, and room for two hundred seats. Basalt columns inscribed with veteran names will form a memorial wall at the plaza. The park will have walking paths and reflective spaces for contemplation, educational exhibits, and space for patriotic celebrations and observances. The City also will restore the Palouse native prairie. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1865](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

## Projects in Yakima County

### Tieton

**Grant Awarded: \$369,320**

#### **Improving Koempel Park for People with Disabilities**

The City of Tieton will use this grant to improve Koempel Park including adding lighting to sports fields, pathways accessible to people with disabilities from parking areas to the fields, fencing, and seating. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2145](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

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

#### **Naches Wilderness Ranger Education and Enforcement**

**Grant Awarded: \$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

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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 project 24-2765](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Program](#).

### **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Naches Wilderness Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 360 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails for non-motorized activities in Yakima County. The crew will haul out logs, clear trails of debris, replace degraded trail structures, and improve trail surfaces. The ranger district also will buy small tools and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2702](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

### **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Caring for Naches Wilderness Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

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 over two years. 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 project 24-2714](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).

### **Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Yakima County Rangeland**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,048,582**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 1,563 acres to preserve the agricultural conservation values forever. The land is in the Moxee watershed of Yakima County, a valley with a rich agricultural history. The land has been used to raise cows. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-1892](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#).

### **Zillah Building Sports Fields and Courts in Adams Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$341,000**

The City of Zillah will use this grant to add youth sports facilities to Adams Park. Project elements include adding two multi-use youth sports fields with lighting, and two pickleball

courts, with supporting infrastructure. The primary outdoor recreation opportunity provided by this project is sports facilities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2068](#). This grant is from the [Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities](#) program.

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### Projects Crossing Multiple Counties

Chelan, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Stevens, and Yakima Counties

#### **Northwest Motorcycle Association**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

#### **Completing Heavy Maintenance on Motorcycle Trails Statewide**

The Northwest Motorcycle Association will use this grant to support crews to complete heavy maintenance projects on about eighteen hundred miles of multiuse, motorized, single-track trails on public lands across Washington State. The association will focus on water management, restoration of trail surfaces, and repairs of structures such as bridges, turnpikes, and puncheons. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2731](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.

Chelan, Clark, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Okanogan, and Yakima Counties

#### **Wenatchee Valley TREAD**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

#### **Maintaining Backcountry Trails in National Forests**

Wenatchee Valley TREAD will use this grant to engage staff and volunteers in maintenance of backcountry trails in the Gifford Pinchot and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests. Crews will clear trails blocked with logs and debris and repair trail surfaces on four, four-day work events throughout the field season. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2357](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#).



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Pend Oreille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grooming Selkirk Snowmobile Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at seven Sno-Parks and groom eighty-seven hundred miles of snowmobile trails in the Colville National Forest and on Mount Spokane. Work will include plowing snow at parking lots and access roads, clearing trails of debris, and moving fallen trees. The goal is to maintain safe and usable parking areas and trails for snowmobilers and other winter recreationists. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of project 24-2432](#). This project was partially funded in June and this new funding from the [Recreational Trails Program](#) will fully fund the project.