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State Outdoor Recreation Committee Seeks Trail Program Advisors

OLYMPIA–The state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) is looking for four volunteers to fill vacancies on its 15-member National Recreational Trails Program advisory committee.

The trails committee advises IAC on program policies, project funding and statewide planning. Generally, members are asked to attend one weekday meeting a year and spend 10-20 hours evaluating projects for funding. When the budget allows, per diem is provided.

The openings are:

- Citizen-at-large: Two positions are open for people with an exceptional understanding of trails or closely related issues. One appointment is through December 2008, the other through December 2009.

- Motorized trail recreation: One position is open and the committee would prefer someone with All-terrain Vehicle and motorcycle experience. The appointment is through December 2008.

- Nonmotorized trail recreation: One position is open for equestrian candidates. The appointment is through December 2008.

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“The ideal candidate has a statewide perspective, is recognized for trail experience, has a good grasp of trail issues, has the resources to fully participate, and helps IAC attain a committee that represents the state’s diversity,” said Greg Lovelady, IAC’s manager of applied planning. “We especially want people who can show the support of those in the category represented.”

The National Recreational Trails Program has been an important source of grant funding in Washington since 1994 and, in recent years, has provided more than $1 million annually for trails. Through the years, the advisory committee has provided guidance for funding 250 projects.

To apply, send a completed application to IAC no later than Jan. 28. Applications are available online at http://www.iac.wa.gov/Documents/IAC/Grants/NRTP/member_application.doc or by contacting Lovelady at 360-902-3008 or GregL@iac.wa.gov.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state.

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