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\$5.7 Million in Funding Approved for Trail Projects, Projects in 27 Counties Make List

OLYMPIA – Trail projects in 27 counties will receive state funding totaling about \$5.7 million, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The Interagency Committee, which is responsible for distributing the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program grants, approved a list of 71 projects at its March 11 meeting in Olympia. NOVA grants are used to develop and manage recreation opportunities for cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles.

“Washington has so many great places to recreate,” said Laura Johnson, director of the Interagency Committee. “These grants invest money in providing critical maintenance of existing trails and campgrounds and in developing new places to keep up with the demand.”

Projects in the following counties were approved for funding:

Adams	\$61,319	Jefferson	\$43,764	Skagit	\$202,733
Benton	\$200,000	King	\$505,081	Skamania	\$179,097
Chelan	\$914,364	Kitsap	\$25,010	Snohomish	\$204,417
Clallam	\$199,962	Kittitas	\$1,012,630	Spokane	\$37,823
Clark	\$161,697	Lewis	\$97,495	Stevens	\$16,000
Columbia	\$13,774	Mason	\$353,837	Thurston	\$260,720
Ferry	\$8,000	Okanogan	\$140,800	Wahkiakum	\$2,583
Grant	\$158,334	Pend Oreille	\$261,000	Whatcom	\$95,436
Grays Harbor	\$46,321	Pierce	\$104,260	Yakima	\$468,434

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Interagency Committee
NOVA Funding
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This year, the Interagency Committee received 93 applications, requesting more than \$7 million in funding, 20 percent more than available funding. Grant applications were reviewed and ranked in January and February by a 15-member evaluation team comprised of representatives of federal, state and local governments and recreationists, including hikers, anglers, equestrians, bicyclists and off-road vehicle users. The evaluation committee looked at project needs, benefits and technical merits.

Funding comes from fuel taxes and fees paid to the state by those who benefit from this program. A summary of the grant program is available at the Interagency Committee Web site at: <http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/nrtp.htm>.

Grants were given in four categories:

- Education and enforcement awards to encourage responsible recreation behavior and minimize conflicts.
- Nonhighway road grants to serve such recreationists as boaters using canoes and kayaks, campers, sightseers, anglers, hunters, picnickers and people who cut firewood and gather berries and mushrooms.
- Nonmotorized trail grants to create opportunities for cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hiking and mountain bicycling in a backcountry environment.
- Off-road vehicle grants to create opportunities for all-terrain vehicles, four-wheel drive, and off-road motorcycle recreation in both backcountry and competition track environments.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state. Its mission is to provide leadership and funding to help its partners protect and enhance Washington's natural and recreational resources for current and future generations. The agency helps its partners make statewide strategic investments by providing policy development, grant funding, technical assistance, coordination, and advocacy.



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle
Activities Program
March 2005 Funded Projects

Adams County

\$61,319

Making it easier for people to view wildlife at Sprague Lake

Department of Fish & Wildlife

\$61,319

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife will use this grant to make the wildlife viewing at Sprague Lake more accessible to people with disabilities and to guide visitors so they do not harm the wildlife and habitats. Work will include adding a parking space near the restroom, paving a trail from the restroom to parking sites at the trail head and paving 1,000 feet of trail leading to an accessible and covered wildlife viewing platform and interpretive panels. Sprague Lake's wetlands are between the shrub steppe of the channeled scablands and the wheat farming of the Palouse prairies. The wetlands surrounding Sprague Lake are considered the largest in Lincoln and Adams counties, and provide excellent year-round wildlife viewing. The department will contribute an additional \$64,681 in funding and donated labor for this project. This project was the top ranked project of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1843D-FY05)

Benton County

\$200,000

Supporting the operation of the Horn Rapids ORV Park

Richland Parks & Recreation Department

\$200,000

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to support operation and maintenance of the Horn Rapids Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Park for two years. Horn Rapids is open year-round and attracts 28,000 visits a year. The 300-acre park includes two, 4x4 tracks, a motocross track, an all-terrain vehicle track, a sand drag strip, campgrounds, two restrooms, a picnic area and playground equipment. The parks department will contribute an additional \$224,380 in funding, equipment and labor. This project ranked fifth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1867M-FY05)

Chelan County

\$914,364

Educating trail users

Chelan County Sheriff's Office

\$155,010

Education and enforcement staff will greet users of the Wenatchee National Forest, educate them about proper trail use and how to have a minimum impact on the environment and help ensure they meet state and federal regulations, thanks in part to this grant. The grant will help pay for two, 10-month deputies and three seasonal forest employees in this cooperative project between Chelan County and the Wenatchee National Forest. The staff will continue to educate off-road motorized vehicle riders on trails, at special events and at many trail heads throughout the county. This year, the program will expand to include patrols at areas frequented by mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians. The staff also will provide various rider safety courses as well as patrol the thousands of miles of forest trails and roads within Chelan County. The sheriff's office will contribute an additional \$43,236 in funding. This project ranked 13th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1853E-FY05)



Chelan County continued

Improving parking and trail heads at Echo Ridge

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District **\$75,636**

The Forest Service will use this grant to improve the existing parking lot and add new parking lots and trail head facilities at Echo Ridge, a popular destination for cross-county skiers, snowshoers, sledders, hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The Forest Service plans to improve the present 50-space parking lot, build an additional 50-space parking lot and a road connecting these two parking lots. In addition, the Forest Service will build two new six-space parking lots and install two new vault toilets, four trail head signs and two kiosks. The project includes adding parking spaces and toilets accessible to people with disabilities and treating the area for noxious weeds before construction. This area is undergoing much work. Currently, the Forest Service is rebuilding or adding new ski and snowshoe trails and widening a 2-mile-long access road. These improvements expect to double the annual use to at least 12,000 visitors a year, in the next five years. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$80,364 in funding to this project. This project ranked third of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1796D-FY05)

Providing rangers for the Sawtooth backcountry

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District **\$23,128**

This grant will fund a ranger for five months and a part-time ranger for one month to patrol 72 miles of trails used by all types of visitors. The rangers will educate visitors about courteous trail use and how not to harm the environment and provide up-to-date recreation reports. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$3,240 in funding and donated labor. This project ranked 16th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1857E-FY05)

Providing crews to maintain trails in Entiat and Chelan areas

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$108,560**

Trails in Entiat and Chelan ranger districts will receive much needed work, thanks to this grant. The Forest Service will use this grant to pay for a trail crew to maintain more than 195 miles of the most used trails and 11 trail heads during the next two years. These trails serve as the heart of a trail network running from Lake Wenatchee to Lake Chelan. Crews will focus on maintaining water drainage structures to prevent erosion, correcting safety problems, repairing trail surfaces, fixing culverts, maintaining trail signs and bulletin boards and removing fallen trees. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$29,600 in labor and donated labor to this project. This project ranked 12th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1773M-FY05)

Cleaning campgrounds in the Entiat Ranger District

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$30,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to provide routine maintenance of its campgrounds, including daily restroom cleaning, trash pickup, outhouse pumping, bulletin board and sign repair and annual maintenance activities such as cleaning fire rings and repairing picnic tables. About 2.4 million people visit the Wenatchee National Forest every year. The Entiat Ranger District hosts eight campgrounds with more than 100 campsites. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$59,800 to this grant. This project ranked third of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1848M-FY05)



Chelan County continued

Rebuilding the Lower Mad River Trail

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$289,680**

The Forest Service will use this grant to complete reconstruction of the 14.5-mile Lower Mad River Trail, which runs from Pine Flats Campground to Maverick Saddle. The Tye fire burned most of the Lower Mad River trail system in 1994 and now debris is making many sections of the trail unsafe. Work will include moving 4.5 miles of the trail away from floodplains, building 5.5 miles of new trail, improving 9 miles of existing trail by adding drainage and surface improvements and constructing a bridge near Maverick Saddle. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$50,000 to this project. This project ranked 21st of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1845D-FY05)

Making the Silver Falls National Recreation Trail safer

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$21,550**

The Forest Service will use this grant to extend the Silver Falls National Recreation Trail to a new trail head built across the Entiat Valley Road. Work will include taking the trail to a crosswalk that allows people to see traffic more easily. The grant also will pay for a new sign. The location of the trail head caused safety concerns because oncoming traffic was difficult to see. (04-1847D-FY05)

Maintaining trails in the Devils Gulch and Lake Wenatchee areas

\$37,300

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

This project pays for the maintenance for one year of 108 miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, 15 trail heads, and the Goose Creek ORV Campground – all in the Devils Gulch, Lower Chiwawa, Chikamin and Nason Ridge areas. The facilities are used primarily by motorcyclists and mountain bikers. Forest Service crews, youth corps and volunteers will do the maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$9,700 in funding and donated labor. This project ranked 17th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1802M-FY05)

Adding parking at Fish Lake

\$43,500

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to develop a parking area and install an outhouse, fire rings and a bulletin board on the north shore of Fish Lake. At the new parking area, a path to the lake will be developed to allow hand launching of small boats. This project ranked eighth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1820D-FY05)

Moving the Little Wenatchee Trail

\$100,000

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to relocate several sections of the 7-mile Little Wenatchee Trail because it is severely rutted and becomes swampy. Because the trail is in the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, crews will use hand tools for the construction. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$30,000 to this grant. This project tied two other projects at 12th place of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1810D-FY05)



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Chelan County continued

Providing rangers to patrol wilderness and backcountry areas **\$30,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to fund four rangers in the 320,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak wilderness areas as well as extensive backcountry areas such as Icicle Ridge and Nason Ridge. The wilderness rangers will educate visitors about regulations and how to have minimal impact on the environment. They also will design informational publications and trail head posters, contact organized groups, present school programs, clean campsites, maintain backcountry toilets, report trail conditions, pull noxious weeds and work with volunteer groups. Rangers in the frontcountry will keep trail head bulletin board postings up-to-date, check cars for parking passes, contact visitors, assist with educational programs, pick up trash and enforce regulations. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$39,138 in funding. This project ranked 20th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1860E-FY05)

Clallam County **\$199,962**

Hiring wardens to educate the public

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$71,522

The Department of Natural Resources will hire two, eight-month wardens to interact directly with visitors on the northern Olympic peninsula in both Clallam and Jefferson counties. They will build a volunteer-based education program, strengthen networks for enforcement and collect visitor data. The department will contribute an additional \$11,440 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 18th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. A small portion of this grant will be spent in Jefferson County. (04-1858E-FY05)

Providing a trail crew

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$128,440

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a three-person trail maintenance crew to work on 55 miles of the Sadie Creek and Foothills Off-road Vehicle trail systems near Joyce and Port Angeles, respectively. Crews will repair trail surfaces, fix drainage structures and bridges, install signs and culverts and help map trails. The department will contribute an additional \$33,742 in labor and materials. This project ranked 13th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1778M-FY05)



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Clark County

\$161,697

Providing an education program

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$27,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide an off-road vehicle education and enforcement program primarily in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and on the Jones Creek All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Trail and the Bradley Hills ATV Trail. An officer will patrol trails, educate the public about proper trail use, help lost and injured riders, protect resources and facilities and issue citations. The department will contribute an additional \$17,700 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked seventh of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1828E-FY05)

Fixing trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$85,620

This grant will provide for the maintenance of 48 miles of non-motorized trail and seven trail heads in the Yacolt Burn and Siouxon state forests. During the next two years, department staff and volunteers will repair damaged sections of trail by shaping the trail surface, installing and maintaining culverts and drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, maintaining bridges, cleaning restrooms and removing garbage. The department will contribute an additional \$37,817 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked seventh of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1791M-FY05)

Fixing trails in the Yacolt Burn and Elochoman state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$49,077

This grant will provide maintenance of 18 miles of off-road vehicle trail and two trail heads in the Yacolt Burn and Elochoman state forests in Clark and Wahkiakum counties. These trails are popular opportunities near Vancouver and Portland. Trail crews will shape the trail surface, install and maintain culverts and other drainage structures, maintain bridges, remove encroaching brush, clean restrooms, maintain signs, remove garbage and pump toilets. Volunteers, department staff and a Washington Conservation Corps crew will perform the maintenance for one year. The department will contribute an additional \$25,190 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 15th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Wahkiakum County. (04-1782M-FY05)

Columbia County

\$13,774

Repairing 21 miles of Wildcat and Meadow trails

U.S. Forest Service Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District

\$13,774

The Forest Service will use this grant to fix drainage structures and the surface of 21 miles of trails in the Walla Walla and Pomeroy ranger districts. Crews also will remove fallen trees, brush and large rocks from the trails. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$30,335 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. (04-1859M-FY05)



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Ferry County

\$8,000

Mapping roads and installing signs for all-terrain vehicles

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest

\$8,000

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to map roads for use by all-terrain vehicles in Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry counties. Work will include creating an inventory of roads appropriate for use by these vehicles and an inventory of needed signs, developing a map and a communications plan to inform recreationists, and collecting data on where all terrain vehicles currently are ridden illegally. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$44,000 in funding and donated labor and equipment. This project was ranked sixth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Pend Oreille and Stevens counties. (04-1872N-FY05)

Grant County

\$158,334

Funding deputies to provide ORV education

Grant County Sheriff's Department

\$118,934

Grant County will use this grant to pay for two, full-time deputies to provide off-road vehicle (ORV) education to the public. The deputies will focus on the Beverly and Moses Lake sand dunes. The sheriff's department will contribute an additional \$77,438 in funding, labor, equipment and materials. This project ranked fifth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1876E-FY05)

Maintaining Grant County's ORV areas

Grant County Sheriff's Department

\$39,400

The Grant County Sheriff's Department will use this grant to maintain its off-road vehicle (ORV) areas and make some improvements to the amenities. The grant will be used to maintain three outhouses and empty garbage. In addition, portable outhouses will be available during popular weekends. The grant also provides for maintaining informational signs and fencing. The sheriff's department will contribute an additional \$41,184 in donated labor. This project ranked fourth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1874M-FY05)

Grays Harbor County

\$46,321

Educating the public about ORV use

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$8,100

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for half of the time and resources of an officer to patrol off-road vehicle (ORV) trails in Grays Harbor and Thurston counties. The officer will educate riders on safe riding techniques and teach the public about proper trail use. In addition, he will assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities and issue citations. The officer will focus on the Capitol State Forest, which has 167 miles of trails, including 87 miles dedicated to ORV and motorcycle use. The department will contribute an additional \$17,700 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project was the top ranked project of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Thurston County. (04-1827E-FY05)



Grays Harbor County continued

Maintaining Capitol Forest's trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$9,961

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain for one year 80 miles of non-motorized trails and three trail heads in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The forest is a popular destination for equestrians, mountain bikers, hikers and mountain runners. Work will include shaping the trail surface, installing and maintaining culverts and other drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, maintaining bridges, picking up garbage and painting restrooms. The department will contribute an additional \$51,452 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked seventh of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. Part of this grant is listed under Thurston County. (04-1790M-FY05)

Maintaining Capitol Forest's ORV trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$28,260

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain for two years 87 miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, two trail heads and one ORV campground in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. These trails are popular for all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle and mountain bike use. Department staff, volunteers and clubs that use the trails will do the work, which includes shaping the trail surface, installing and maintaining culverts and other drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, maintaining bridges, picking up garbage, repairing fencing and signs, painting restrooms and pumping out toilets. The department will contribute an additional \$62,119 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked third of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Thurston County. (04-1781M-FY05)

Jefferson County

\$43,764

Studying the need for an ORV area

Jefferson County Public Works

\$40,000

The Parks and Recreation Division of the Public Works Department, in partnership with members of local off-road vehicle (ORV) clubs and organizations and land owners, have created a focus group to determine the need and suitable location for an ORV area in east Jefferson County. Currently, there is no designated area for ORVs in east Jefferson County or on the Olympic Peninsula. The feasibility study will examine eight potential ORV areas. The county will contribute an additional \$16,000 in funding, labor and materials and in donated labor, equipment and materials. This project ranked ninth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1837N-FY05)

Hiring wardens to educate the public

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$3,764

The Department of Natural Resources will hire two, eight-month wardens to interact directly with visitors on the northern Olympic peninsula in both Clallam and Jefferson counties. They will build a volunteer-based education program, strengthen networks for enforcement and collect visitor data. The department will contribute an additional \$11,440 in labor, donated labor and materials to this grant. This project ranked 18th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1858E-FY05)



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King County

\$505,081

Providing education in the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$82,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire two, eight-month employees to interact with people visiting state lands in the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor along Interstate 90 in the upper Snoqualmie River Valley. The staff will talk with visitors about trail head safety and security, trail etiquette and how to protect public lands. This will be the first time the department will have an education and enforcement presence in one of the most recreationally impacted areas of the state. The department will contribute an additional \$34,500 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked 17th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1869E-FY05)

Providing trails maintenance crews

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$100,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a Washington Conservation Corps crew for two years to maintain 55 miles of trails in Tiger Mountain and Snoqualmie state forests. Work will include removing downed trees and brush and rebuilding trail surfaces and drainage structures. The department will contribute an additional \$34,000 in labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked eighth of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1839M-FY05)

Developing a mountain bike trail

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

\$100,000

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to design, permit and construct a new trail that will form the western anchor of a multi-agency trail network stretching from the flanks of Mount Washington to beyond the Hansen Creek drainage. The trail begins at the John Wayne Pioneer Trail near Cedar Butte, then follows a route along the north slope of Mount Washington, to an intersection with existing logging roads that form part of the trail route to the summit of Mount Washington. The selected route includes 2.62 miles of new trail and 3.34 miles of road-to-trail conversion, for a total of 5.96 miles. The trail will be open to both mountain bikers and hikers, providing a new, much needed, middle to high elevation trail experience. State Parks will contribute an additional \$250,000 for this project. This project ranked second of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1265D-FY05)

Building a trail bridge

\$100,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to build a 100-foot bridge across the middle fork of the Snoqualmie River near North Bend and Goldmyer Hot Springs. The bridge will provide a safe route for hikers, bikers and equestrians along the Middle Fork Trail system and connected trails leading into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The new bridge will provide year-around access to Middle Fork Trail and Goldmyer Hot Springs, creating a series of loop trails of varying length and difficulty. Northwest Wilderness Programs, a non-profit group administering Goldmyer Hot Springs, will help with the project. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$18,500 in donations, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked fifth of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1849D-FY05)



King County continued

Providing Forest Service patrols **\$62,404**

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to fund four seasonal forest protection officers and travel costs for two senior volunteers this summer. The staff will patrol the district, which covers 300,000 acres and has 50 trail heads, thousands of campsites and 24 outhouses. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$67,854 in funding, labor and donated labor. This project ranked 15th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category.
(04-1870E-FY05)

Creating a backcountry bike patrol program **\$34,261**

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

This grant will fund six backcountry rangers to patrol trails and begin a backcountry bike patrol program this summer in the 300,000-acre district, which includes 111,000 acres in Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak and Clearwater wilderness areas in King and Pierce counties. The backcountry bike patrol program will use rangers and volunteers to patrol more than 200 miles of trails available for mountain biking. Rangers will contact visitors, provide education and enforcement, monitor resource conditions and protect facilities. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$31,915 in funding, labor, donated labor equipment and materials. This project ranked 12th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Pierce County. (04-1808E-FY05)

Maintaining trail heads and campsites **\$25,916**

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District

This grant will provide funding to maintain trail heads and campsites from near Steven's Pass west to the town of Index. Work will include managing plants at trail heads, building and maintaining informational boards, maintaining and replacing toilets, monitor human impacts, educating the public about their impacts on the environment, partnering with area schools and volunteer groups and providing employment to inner-city youths. The trail heads in the project serve 38,294 hikers, backcountry horse riders, anglers and others each year. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$13,892 in donated labor and funding from another grant.
(04-1902M-FY05)

Kitsap County \$25,010

Providing patrols for Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$5,400**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire an officer to patrol off-road vehicle trails and trail heads, educate the public about proper trail use and its correlation to the environment, and give assistance to lost or injured riders. The officer will be in the Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests, which include more than 180 miles of trails, campgrounds, trail heads and primitive roads in Mason and Kitsap counties. The department will contribute an additional \$38,300 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked second of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Mason County. (04-1826E-FY05)



Kitsap County continued

Maintaining trails in Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$19,610

This grant will allow the Department of Natural Resources to provide much needed trail maintenance in the heavily used Tahuya State Forest in Mason County with targeted trail work in Green Mountain State Forest in Kitsap County. The trail crew will maintain about 101 miles of the 170-mile Tahuya trail system and the 13-mile Green Mountain trail system, and maintain four off-road vehicle recreation facilities. The department will contribute an additional \$84,000 in labor, donated labor equipment and materials. This project was the top ranked project of 22 receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Mason County. (04-1856M-FY05)

Kittitas County

\$1,012,630

Planning for a new group camp

\$13,164

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to complete an environmental analysis and planning to develop Camp Kittitas as a group recreation facility. The camp is an old campground that has been out of use for some time. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$2,958 in labor and equipment. (04-1806N-FY05)

Purchasing trail maintenance equipment

\$32,500

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to buy a mini-excavator and trailer to haul it. The equipment is needed for trail maintenance on all-terrain vehicle trails. This project ranked 20th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1852M-FY05)

Maintaining trails near Cle Elum

\$82,000

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain and repair non-motorized trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. Work will include removing logs, brush and encroaching tree limbs, repairing and building drainage structures, restoring trail surfaces and installing signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$42,000 in labor and donated labor. This project ranked 11th of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1792M-FY05)

Providing an ORV trail crew

\$137,331

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

This grant supports a crew leader and a two-person crew who will maintain the motorized trails north of Interstate 90 in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The crews will be dedicated to this area for eight months each year and will remove fallen logs, fix safety problems, maintain and install water drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, correct resource damage caused by inappropriate off-road vehicle (ORV) use and update signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$40,500 in funding, labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 11th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1851M-FY05)



Kittitas County continued

Maintaining ORV trails **\$190,746**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

This grant supports a lead operator and a two-person crew to maintain trails in the Taneum and Manastash areas. The crews will be dedicated to these areas for eight months each year and will remove fallen logs, fix safety problems, maintain and install water drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, correct resource damage caused by inappropriate off-road vehicle (ORV) use and update signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$39,500 in funding, labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 14th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1805M-FY05)

Educating the public on Cle Elum trails **\$152,920**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to pay for six rangers to provide education to trail users, including riders of motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, 4x4s, sport utility vehicles, mountain bikes and horses, as well as hikers. The rangers will patrol the non-wilderness trails, camps and other heavy-use areas. Patrolling about 400 miles of trails, they will contact visitors to provide information about the area's trails and regulations, as well as how to have a low impact on the environment. The also will work with clubs to coordinate volunteer projects and events. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$25,408 in labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked third of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1784E-FY05)

Restoring the Kachess campground **\$100,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Kachess campground is one of the largest Forest Service campgrounds in Washington, and the most heavily used campground in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The campground is in an old-growth forest along the shore of Lake Kachess, in the Interstate 90 corridor. The Forest Service will use this grant to reopen the Thetis camping loop, which contains 22 campsites, a toilet and a ½-mile of the Lake Shore trail. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$20,000 in materials. This project ranked ninth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1766D-FY05)

Maintaining campsites **\$99,446**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain campgrounds in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The district has 24 campgrounds, 35 toilets, 3 rental cabins and 1,022 miles of roads that are host to numerous campsites. Work crews would remove garbage, clean restrooms, repair bulletin boards and signs and perform other annual maintenance needs in campgrounds and at non-motorized trail heads. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$149,722 in labor. This project ranked fifth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1803M-FY05)



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Kittitas County continued

Planning to reroute a motorized trail **\$17,880**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

Several motorized trails throughout the Cle Elum Ranger District include stretches that are not holding up because they are either too steep and erosive, too wet and boggy or next to a stream. The Forest Service will use this grant to analyze the trail sections with the target of moving them. The analysis will include plant and cultural resource surveys, a biological evaluation, and consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$4,850 in equipment and labor. (04-1817N-FY05)

Moving and rebuilding the North Fork Taneum Trail **\$96,300**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District

The Upper North Fork Taneum Trail, along with a small portion of the South Cle Elum Ridge Trail, includes several steep eroding sections, as well as several mud holes and fords that are delivering silt into nearby creeks. This grant will allow the Forest Service to move sections of the trail and build five new bridges to correct the problems. This project ranked 18th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1787D-FY05)

Maintaining Naches motorized trails **\$53,293**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The 250 miles of motorized trails in the Naches Ranger District receive extensive use from a wide array of recreationists. Due to steep slopes, poor soils and heavy use, annual maintenance is essential. The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a six-person crew and a crew leader and purchase equipment for work in Kittitas and Yakima counties. The crews will remove fallen trees and encroaching brush, correct erosion and safety problems and fix trail surfaces and signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$20,400 in donated labor. This project ranked 10th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Yakima County. (04-1809M-FY05)

Providing ORV education in the Naches Ranger District **\$37,050**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The Naches Ranger District offers a wide variety of off-road vehicle (ORV) opportunities on 300,000 acres of national forests in Kittitas and Yakima counties. The Forest Service will use this grant to employ five rangers to educate visitors about ORV rules, trail etiquette and how not to harm the environment as well as provide maps and information and assist with accidents. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$17,850 in labor and donated labor. This project ranked 11th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Yakima County. (04-1818E-FY05)



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Lewis County

\$97,495

Providing rangers to educate the public **\$11,927**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to provide two trail rangers and equipment for a year in Lewis and Skamania counties. The rangers will patrol 187 miles of multiple-use trails during the summer to educate trail users on how not to harm the environment, how to ride safely and how to comply with forest rules. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$9,140 in equipment and labor. This project ranked ninth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Skamania County. (04-1774E-FY05)

Maintaining trails in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest **\$35,418**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two two trail crew members who will help maintain more than 160 miles of trails each year for two years in Lewis and Skamania counties. Work will include removing fallen trees and brush; repairing safety hazards; and maintaining drainage structures, trail surfaces and signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$35,261 in equipment, labor and donated labor. This project ranked eighth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Skamania County. (04-1777M-FY05)

Maintaining wilderness trails **\$50,150**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 230 miles of trail each of two years in wilderness areas in Lewis and Skamania counties. The forest contains seven wilderness areas accounting for 179,547 acres and containing more than 300 miles of trails. Work will include removing fallen trees, maintaining drainage structures and signs, removing rocks, improving trail surfaces on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail near Elk Pass, repairing a bridge on the Divide Camp Trail and replacing a turnpike on the Jug Lake Trail. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$62,912 in equipment, labor and donated labor. This project ranked ninth of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. Part of this grant is listed under Skamania County. (04-1795M-FY05)

Mason County

\$353,837

Providing an off-road education and enforcement program

Mason County Sheriff's Department

\$54,000

The sheriff's department will use this grant for its Mason County Education and Enforcement Program, which is designed to educate the public about safety and land use conservation with off-road vehicle use. Department employees will cover thousands of miles of roads and 300 miles of trails, virtually year round, with an emphasis on contacting the public during weekends and organized events. The sheriff's department will contribute an additional \$21,008 in equipment and labor. This project ranked eighth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1873E-FY05)



Mason County continued

Providing patrols for the Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$48,600

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire an officer to patrol off-road vehicle trails and trail heads, educate the public about proper trail use and its correlation to the environment, and give assistance to lost or injured riders. The officer will be in the Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests, which include more than 180 miles of trails, campgrounds, trail heads and primitive roads in Mason and Kitsap counties. The department will contribute an additional \$38,300 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked second of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. A small portion of this grant will be spent in Kitsap County. (04-1826E-FY05)

Maintaining trails in the Tahuya and Green Mountain state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$176,490

This grant will allow the Department of Natural Resources to provide much needed trail maintenance in the heavily used Tahuya State Forest in Mason County with targeted trail work in Green Mountain State Forest in Kitsap County. The trail crew will maintain about 101 miles of the 170-mile Tahuya trail system and the 13-mile Green Mountain trail system, and maintain four off-road vehicle recreation facilities. The department will contribute an additional \$84,000 in labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. This project was the topped ranked project of 22 receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. A small portion of this grant will be spent in Kitsap County. (04-1856M-FY05)

Paying for crews to maintain campgrounds

Department of Natural Resources

\$49,737

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a three-person Washington Conservation Corps crew to maintain 11 campgrounds and two day-use sites in three popular forests -- Capitol State Forest, Tahuya State Forest and the Hood Canal Block -- in Thurston and Mason counties. Work will include cleaning and painting restrooms, repairing fencing and picnic tables, cleaning fire pits and manure troughs, emptying garbage cans, clearing brush, fixing signs and performing general site repair. These facilities serve about 14,000 visitors a year. The department will contribute an additional \$44,735 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked second of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. Part of this grant is listed under Thurston County. (04-1841M-FY05)

Okanogan County

\$140,800

Building a new trail

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

\$100,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop 1 mile of trail, as well as amenities accessible to people with disabilities, including a toilet, parking, fishing dock and a wildlife blind. The trail, which runs from Connors Lake to Forde Lake, is in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. A large part of the trail is between Loomis and Conconully. The department will contribute an additional \$30,000. (04-1882D-FY05)



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Okanogan County continued

Planning for new ORV trails in the Okanogan National Forest

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest **\$25,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to plan for a system of off-road vehicle (ORV) routes across the Methow Valley and Tonasket ranger districts. The planning effort would include identifying existing roads, trails and routes for 4x4s, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, identifying new connections between those routes and identifying other needs, such as trail heads and staging areas. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$14,500 in funding and donated labor and equipment. This project was ranked seventh of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1758N-FY05)

Adding a ranger traveling by horse in the Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District **\$15,800**

The Forest Service will use this grant to pay for a ranger to travel by horse and provide information on wilderness practices to visitors in the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness. The wilderness is 146,000 acres and contains 196 miles of trails. Well-known for its high mountain lakes, the area is popular with equestrians, hikers, backpackers and commercial outfitters. Declining budgets have meant that no wilderness horse ranger has been assigned solely to the area for years and increased use has led to impacts on lakes, plants and trails. The new ranger will patrol the area from late June through October's hunting season. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$8,755 in funding and equipment. This project ranked 14th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1846E-FY05)

Pend Oreille County \$261,000

Rebuilding Batey-Bould motorcycle trail **\$145,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to repair or move 16 sections of the Batey-Bould motorcycle trail, a popular trail that has many sections designed for advanced riders. Work will include moving sections of trail from wet locations to drier locations, resurfacing abandoned portions of the trail and rebuilding three bridges. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$53,000 in funding and donated labor. This project was ranked 19th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. (04-1821M-FY05)

Creating lookout towers for rent **\$100,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest, Sullivan Lake Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to develop lookout towers as a place for visitors to stay overnight. When completed, the one-room towers will have windows in all directions and furniture to accommodate overnight stays. The Salmo Mountain, Sullivan Mountain and Timber Mountain lookout towers are near the town of Lone. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$14,000 in funding, donated labor and money from another grant. This project was ranked sixth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1823D-FY05)



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Pend Oreille County continued

Mapping roads and installing signs for all-terrain vehicles

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest

\$16,000

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to map roads for use by all-terrain vehicles in Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry counties. Work will include creating an inventory of roads appropriate for use by these vehicles and an inventory of needed signs, developing a map and a communications plan to inform recreationists, and collecting data on where all terrain vehicles currently are ridden illegally. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$44,000 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project was ranked sixth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Stevens and Ferry counties. (04-1872N-FY05)

Pierce County

\$104,260

Maintaining the Evans Creek ORV area

\$70,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two people for two years to provide maintenance and operation of the Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle (ORV) area and coordinate volunteer efforts to maintain campgrounds and trail systems. The grant also will pay for supplies, signs, equipment rental, vehicle use, communications and water monitoring. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$39,970 in materials, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project was ranked second of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category.

(04-1768M-FY05)

Creating a backcountry bike patrol program

\$34,260

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District

This grant will fund six backcountry rangers to patrol trails and begin a backcountry bike patrol program this summer in the 300,000-acre district, which includes 111,000 acres in Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak and Clearwater wilderness areas in King and Pierce counties. The backcountry bike patrol program will use rangers and volunteers to patrol more than 200 miles of trails available for mountain biking. Rangers will contact visitors, provide education and enforcement, monitor resource conditions and protect facilities. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$31,915 in funding, labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. This project ranked 12th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under King County. (04-1808E-FY05)



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Skagit County

\$202,733

Paying officers to patrol forest lands

Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department

\$8,400

The Anacortes Community Forest Lands combine old growth groves, sensitive wildlife habitat and 50 miles of recreational trails in a unique maritime environment. Located on Fidalgo Island, the 2,800 acres of forests provide an outdoor experience that is enjoyed by thousands of people year-round. The department will use this grant to pay Anacortes police officers overtime to patrol the forests with trail staff during the summer. The department will contribute an additional \$6,127 in labor. This project ranked 10th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1811E-FY05)

Maintaining trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$99,908

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain about 80 miles of non-motorized trails. Work will include removing brush and fallen trees, repairing trail surfaces and drainage structures and maintaining signs and bridges. The department will contribute an additional \$44,900 in labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. This project tied for 12th place of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1840M-FY05)

Hiring an officer to patrol ORV trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$27,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire an officer to patrol off-road vehicle (ORV) trails in Walker Valley in Skagit County and the Reiter Trail in Snohomish County. This area includes 36 miles of motorized trails. The officer will educate the public about proper trail use, assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities and issue citations. The department will contribute an additional \$29,500 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked sixth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. A portion of this grant is under the listing for Snohomish County. (04-1822E-FY05)

Hiring maintenance crews

Department of Natural Resources

\$27,461

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund crews for two years to maintain the Samish Overlook, the W.C. Dearinger Campground and Reflection Ponds in the Upper Sultan Basin Natural Resource Conservation Area. Additionally this grant provides funding for portable toilets at the Samish Overlook, which provides rare access and a unique opportunity for hang gliders and paragliders. Work will include cleaning toilets, firepits, picnic tables and benches; removing garbage; removing dangerous trees; maintaining signs; mowing and trimming vegetation; and repairing parking lots. The department will contribute an additional \$6,467 in equipment, labor, donated labor and materials. This project was ranked fourth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. Part of this grant is listed under Snohomish County. (04-1855M-FY05)



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Skagit County continued

Maintaining campgrounds and trail heads

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$39,964**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staffing and materials for two years to maintain six non-motorized trail heads and 10 backcountry campgrounds in Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Work includes cleaning and maintaining backcountry toilets, firepits and signs; repairing benches and parking areas; removing garbage and manure; mowing and trimming vegetation and removing hazardous trees; and maintaining signs. The department will contribute an additional \$44,169 in labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. Part of this grant is listed under Snohomish and Whatcom counties. (04-1842M-FY05)

Skamania County **\$179,097**

Adding new trails, campsites and equestrian facilities at Beacon Rock State Park

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$98,318**

At 5,000 acres, Beacon Rock State Park is one of the largest Washington state parks. Located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the park has more than 20 miles of trails open to hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. Beacon Rock State Park receives about 500,000 visitors a year, the majority of whom use one or more of the park trails. This grant will allow State Parks to add 3 miles of trails and four backcountry camping sites, and make trail head improvements that include overnight equestrian camping facilities. The trail improvements will connect existing dead-end trails in the park. The commission will contribute an additional \$187,500 in funding and donated labor. This project ranked fourth of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1264D-FY05)

Providing rangers to educate the public **\$11,927**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to provide two trail rangers and equipment for a year in Lewis and Skamania counties. The rangers will patrol 187 miles of multiple-use trails during the summer to educate visitors on how not to harm the environment, how to ride safely and how to comply with forest rules. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$9,140 in equipment and labor. This project ranked ninth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Lewis County. (04-1774E-FY05)

Maintaining trails in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest **\$35,418**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two two trail crew members who will help maintain more than 160 miles of trails each year for two years in Lewis and Skamania counties. Work will include removing fallen trees and brush; repairing safety hazards; and maintaining drainage structures, trail surfaces and signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$35,261 in equipment, labor and donated labor. This project ranked eighth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Lewis County. (04-1777M-FY05)



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Skamania County continued

Maintaining wilderness trails **\$33,434**

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 230 miles of trails each of two years in wilderness areas in Lewis and Skamania counties. The forest contains seven wilderness areas accounting for 179,547 acres and containing more than 300 miles of trails. Work will include removing fallen trees, maintaining drainage structures and signs, removing rocks, improving trail surfaces on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail near Elk Pass, repairing a bridge on the Divide Camp Trail and replacing a turnpike on the Jug Lake Trail. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$62,912 in equipment, labor and donated labor. This project ranked 10th of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. Part of this grant is listed under Lewis County. (04-1795M-FY05)

Snohomish County \$204,417

Repairing flood damage on the Darrington Trail **\$100,000**

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Darrington Ranger District

In October 2003, the Darrington Ranger District was hit by a devastating flood that caused about \$4 million of damage, mostly in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. All trail bridges below Glacier Peak were washed downstream, including major crossings of the Suiattle River, Milk Creek and the Whitechuck River. This grant will allow the Forest Service to continue repair work started this past year. Work this year will concentrate on restoring washed-out bridges as well as repairing damaged sections of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The Darrington Ranger District has been working with the Backcountry Horsemen, Washington Trails Association, Everett Mountaineers, Boeing Alpine Society, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Student Conservation Association, and NW Youth Corps on flood and trail maintenance projects. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$50,000 in funding, labor and donated labor. This project was the top ranked project of 14 receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1865D-FY05)

Hiring an officer to patrol ORV trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$27,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire an officer to patrol off-road vehicle (ORV) trails in Walker Valley in Skagit County and the Reiter Trail in Snohomish County. This area includes 36 miles of motorized trails. The officer will educate the public about proper trail use, assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities and issue citations. The department will contribute an additional \$29,500 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project ranked sixth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. A Part of this grant is listed under Skagit County. (04-1822E-FY05)



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Snohomish County continued

Hiring maintenance crews

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$27,462

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to partially fund crews for two years to maintain the Samish Overlook, the W.C. Dearinger Campground and Reflection Ponds in the Upper Sultan Basin Natural Resource Conservation Area. Additionally this grant provides funding for portable toilets at the Samish Overlook, which provides rare access and a unique opportunity for hang gliders and paragliders. Work will include cleaning toilets, firepits, picnic tables and benches; removing garbage; removing dangerous trees; maintaining signs; mowing and trimming vegetation; and repairing parking lots. The department will contribute an additional \$6,467 in equipment, labor, donated labor and materials. This project was ranked fourth of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. Part of this grant is listed under Skagit County. (04-1855M-FY05)

Maintaining campgrounds and trail heads

Department of Natural Resources

\$49,955

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staffing and materials for two years to maintain six non-motorized trail heads and 10 backcountry campgrounds in Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Work includes cleaning and maintaining backcountry toilets, firepits and signs; repairing benches and parking areas; removing garbage and manure; mowing and trimming vegetation and removing hazardous trees; and maintaining signs. The department will contribute an additional \$44,169 in labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. This project ranked 16th of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. Part of this grant is listed under Skagit and Whatcom counties. (04-1842M-FY05)

Spokane County

\$37,823

Providing an education and enforcement program for Liberty Lake ORV Park

Spokane County Parks & Recreation Department

\$37,823

The Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop an education and enforcement program for the Liberty Lake Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Park, which hosts 4,500 riders a season. This grant will fund part of a park ranger position to address riders requests for trail and educational signs, boundary markers, park maps and an enforcement presence encouraging safe, responsible and legal ORV activities. The grant also will pay for equipment including part of an all-terrain vehicle, digital camera, educational signs and park trail maps. Additionally the grant will fund 437 hours of sheriff deputy patrols during peak riding season. The county matched the grant with an additional \$23,762 in equipment, donated equipment, labor, and 500 hours of volunteer patrols in the park by both the Spokane County Sheriff's Oriented Policing Effort and its Mounted Patrol. This project ranked 19th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1783E-FY05)



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Stevens County

\$16,000

Mapping roads and installing signs for all-terrain vehicles

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest

\$16,000

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to map roads for use by all-terrain vehicles in Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry counties. Work will include creating an inventory of roads appropriate for use by these vehicles and an inventory of needed signs, developing a map and a communications plan to inform recreationists, and collecting data on where all terrain vehicles currently are ridden illegally. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$44,000 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project was ranked sixth of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Ferry and Pend Oreille counties. (04-1872N-FY05)

Thurston County

\$260,720

Replacing the Sherman Creek bridge

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$55,800

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to remove a 55-foot log bridge over Sherman Creek in the Capitol State Forest. The wooden bridge, installed in the late 1980s, is decaying and quickly becoming a safety hazard. A new 65-foot bridge will be installed, linking the northern and southern halves of the trail system. The department will contribute an additional \$6,880 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 10th of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. (04-1798D-FY05)

Educating the public about ORV use

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$18,900

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for half of the time and resources of an officer to patrol off-road vehicle (ORV) trails in Grays Harbor and Thurston counties. The officer will educate riders on safe riding techniques and proper trail use. In addition, he will assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities and issue citations. The officer will focus on the Capitol State Forest, which has 167 miles of trails, including 87 miles dedicated to ORV and motorcycle use. The department will contribute an additional \$17,700 in funding, labor, donated labor and equipment. This project was the top ranked project of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Grays Harbor County. (04-1827E-FY05)

Maintaining Capitol Forest's trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$23,242

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain for one year 80 miles of non-motorized trails and three trail heads in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. The forest is a popular destination for equestrians, mountain bikers, hikers and mountain runners. Work will include shaping the trail surface, installing and maintaining culverts and other drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, maintaining bridges, picking up garbage and painting restrooms. The department will contribute an additional \$51,452 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked sixth of 14 projects receiving funding in the non-motorized category. Part of this grant is listed under Grays Harbor County. (04-1790M-FY05)



Thurston County continued

Maintaining Capitol Forest's ORV trails

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$113,040

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain for two years 87 miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, two trail heads and one ORV campground in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. These trails are popular for all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle and mountain bike use. Department staff, volunteers and clubs that use the trails will do the work, which includes shaping the trail surface, installing and maintaining culverts and other drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, maintaining bridges, picking up garbage, repairing fencing and signs, painting restrooms and pumping out toilets. The department will contribute an additional \$62,119 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked third of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Grays Harbor County. (04-1781M-FY05)

Paying for crews to maintain campgrounds

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$49,738

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a three-person Washington Conservation Corps crew to maintain 11 campgrounds and two day-use sites in three popular forests -- Capitol State Forest, Tahuya State Forest and the Hood Canal Block -- in Thurston and Mason counties. Work will include cleaning and painting restrooms, repairing fencing and picnic tables, cleaning fire pits and manure troughs, emptying garbage cans, clearing brush, fixing signs and performing general site repair. These facilities serve about 14,000 visitors a year. The department will contribute an additional \$44,735 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked second of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. Part of this grant is listed under Mason County. (04-1841M-FY05)

Wahkiakum County

\$2,583

Fixing trails in the Yacolt Burn and Elochoman state forests

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$2,583

This grant will provide maintenance of 18 miles of off-road vehicle trails and two trail heads in the Yacolt Burn and Elochoman state forests in Clark and Wahkiakum counties. These trails are popular opportunities near Vancouver and Portland. Trail crews will shape the trail surface, install and maintain culverts and other drainage structures, maintain bridges, remove encroaching brush, clean restrooms, maintain signs, remove garbage and pump toilets. Volunteers, department staff and a Washington Conservation Corps crew will perform the maintenance for one year. The department will contribute an additional \$25,190 in labor, donated labor and materials. This project ranked 15th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Clark County. (04-1782M-FY05)



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Whatcom County

\$95,436

Providing field rangers for Mount Baker

\$85,445

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to pay for rangers to patrol campsites and trails this summer. During patrols, the rangers will contact visitors and educate them on protection of the natural resources, recreation opportunities, safety concerns and federal rules. Partners include North Cascades Institute, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Boy Scouts and LNT organization. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$86,291 in labor, donated labor, materials and equipment. (04-1775E-FY05)

Maintaining campgrounds and trail heads

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$9,991

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staffing and materials for two years to maintain six, non-motorized trail heads and 10 backcountry campgrounds in Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Work includes cleaning and maintaining backcountry toilets, firepits and signs; repairing benches and parking areas; removing garbage and manure; mowing and trimming vegetation and removing hazardous trees; and maintaining signs. The department will contribute an additional \$44,169 in labor, donated labor, equipment and materials. Part of this grant is listed under Snohomish and Skagit counties. (04-1842M-FY05)

Yakima County

\$468,434

Rebuilding the Dog Lake Campground

\$77,450

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

Dog Lake Campground is on White Pass at the crest of the Cascade Mountains, where flat land suitable for camping and parking is at a premium. Outdated facilities are in various states of disintegration. This grant will allow the Forest Service to provide designated campsites and trail head parking, and an area with tables, fire rings and new outhouses. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$49,350 in funding and materials. This project was ranked seventh of 14 receiving funding in the non-highway road category. (04-1812D-FY05)

Rebuilding White Pass trail heads

\$79,200

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The Forest Service will use this grant to provide parking at three trail heads at the crest of White Pass that access the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$21,150 in funding, labor, donated labor and materials. (04-1819D-FY05)



Yakima County continued

Providing patrols

Yakima County Sheriff's Office

\$100,985

Yakima County's Education and Enforcement program will provide two, full-time deputies for 10 months to educate visitors about their environmental responsibilities and personal safety, to assist with coordination of events and to patrol the county's recreational areas. The sheriff's office will contribute an additional \$56,893 in funding, equipment and donated labor and cash. This project ranked fourth of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. (04-1762E-FY05)

Maintaining Naches motorized trails

\$124,350

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The 250 miles of motorized trail in the Naches Ranger District receive extensive use from a wide array of recreationists. Due to steep slopes, poor soils and heavy use, annual maintenance is essential. The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a six-person crew and a crew leader and purchase equipment for work in Kittitas and Yakima counties. The crews will remove fallen trees and encroaching brush, correct erosion and safety problems and fix trail surfaces and signs. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$20,400 in donated labor. This project ranked 10th of 22 projects receiving funding in the off-road vehicle category. Part of this grant is listed under Kittitas County. (04-1809M-FY05)

Providing ORV education in the Naches Ranger District

\$86,449

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District

The Naches Ranger District offers a wide variety of off-road vehicle (ORV) opportunities on 300,000 acres of national forests in Kittitas and Yakima counties. The Forest Service will use this grant to employ five rangers to educate visitors about ORV rules, trail etiquette and how not to harm the environment as well as provide maps and information and assist with accidents. The Forest Service will contribute an additional \$17,850 in labor and donated labor. This project ranked 11th of 21 projects receiving funding in the education and enforcement category. Part of this grant is listed under Kittitas County. (04-1818E-FY05)