
ASOTIN COUNTY

\$4,200,000

State Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Mountain View Habitat

Grant Awarded: \$4,200,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 6,500 acres in southern Asotin County, including portions of the Wenatchee and Cottonwood Creek drainages, tributaries of the Grande Ronde River, and Grande Ronde River shorelines. The land is bordered on the north by a national forest, on the south by Bureau of Land Management lands, and on the east and west by private lands. This purchase will protect creek and river shorelines, cliff and talus habitats, riparian, meadows, springs, curleaf mahogany, interior grassland, and ponderosa pine habitats to benefit steelhead, bull trout, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, wolves, golden eagles, and many other plants and animals. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1613)

For more projects in Asotin County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

BENTON COUNTY

\$3,064,342

Port of Benton

Grant Awarded: \$88,480

Planning the Renovation of Crow Butte Park Marina

The Port of Benton will use this grant to plan, design, and obtain permits for the renovation of the Crow Butte Park Marina. The Port plans to renovate its main boat launch, replace its dock, extend its floating dock, improve parking, and add 24 boat slips, a restroom, and fish cleaning station. The goal is to improve experience for recreational boaters and anglers by making facilities safer, more convenient, and more accessible. The Port will contribute \$30,000 in donations of cash. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1104)

Richland

Grant Awarded: \$100,562

Improving the Horn Rapids ORV Park RV Dump Station

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve the recreational vehicle dump station. The current dump station is undersized and is closed. Because the holding tank fills to capacity so regularly, the cost of pumping out the tank makes its use too expensive. A new dump station would be supported by a pressurized drain field, thus eliminating the cost of pumping out a holding tank. The new dump station also would allow the large number of ORV park recreational vehicle users to have consistent access to a free dump station. Richland will contribute \$5,000 in equipment and labor. The city received only part of the \$242,00 it requested, and may

receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused.. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1115)

Richland

Grant Awarded: \$414,000

Upgrading RV Hook-ups at Horn Rapids ORV Park

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to install up to 100 power and water hook-ups for recreation vehicles in the heaviest used camp area of the ORV park. The pit area near the motocross track is primitive with no water or power, but is the favored camping location because of the convenient location for motorcycle racing users. The addition of power and water would greatly enhance the experience for campers as well as provide another revenue source for park operations. Richland will contribute \$15,000 in equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1114)

Tri-Cities Shooting Association Inc.

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Building a New Shotgun Range Clubhouse

The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will use this grant to build a multi-purpose clubhouse at the shotgun range in the 1,100-acre Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility. The shotgun ranges' annual attendance has more than doubled to nearly 6,000 shooters in the past four years. The current clubhouse is a 600-square-foot shack without running water, restrooms, a constant heat source, and air conditioning. It also can't handle the number of shooters that use the range on a normal day. The new clubhouse will be built adjacent to the existing one, on land owned by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and leased to Benton County Parks and Recreation. The range clubhouse will be used by recreational shooters, military, law enforcement, government, and others for hunters' education, training, and general meetings. The shooting association will contribute \$174,700 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1053)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$494,000

Developing a Boat Launch at Paterson on the Columbia River

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a boat launch at Paterson on the Columbia River. The department will install a boat loading platform and a boat ramp, improve the approach and turn-around road, install a vault toilet, and make improvements for people with disabilities. The Paterson area is one of the most popular stretches of the lower Columbia River for boating. There is an unofficial, undeveloped launch at Paterson that requires trucks and trailers to go 40 yards into the water onto a very shallow gravel bar to launch. The new launch will replace this undeveloped, unsafe access. There is a 25-mile gap in access opportunities on the Columbia River in one of the best reaches for recreational boating. Providing access at Paterson will fill the void of that much-needed access year-round. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1085)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Awarded: \$1,867,300
Protecting Rattlesnake Mountain

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 6,500 acres of ecologically unique shrub steppe habitat on Rattlesnake Mountain. Buying this much land offers a rare opportunity to conserve wildlife corridors and buffer existing conservation lands at Hanford Reach National Monument and the Sunnyside Wildlife Area on the north side of the mountain. This purchase will protect a substantial portion of the south side, preventing development of wind turbines, houses, and vineyards on land Ferruginous hawks call home. The hawks are state listed as threatened with extinction. Fewer than 40 breeding pairs remain in southeastern Washington. The land also is home to other priority species including burrowing owl, long-billed curlew, Townsend's ground squirrel, American badger, black- and white-tailed jackrabbit, sage sparrow, sage thrasher, elk, and mule deer. Conservation and outdoor recreation groups have identified this property as a priority for protection. The project is supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Richland Rod and Gun Club, and the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society. The department received only part of the \$3.5 million it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1150)

CHELAN COUNTY

\$4,398,255

Chelan Grant Awarded: \$500,000
Improving Access to the Water at Don Morse Park

Chelan Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to restore about 2.5 acres and 175 feet of natural beach at Don Morse Park, the first phase of a multi-phase project to restore about a quarter mile of natural beach. The City will provide erosion protection by building a drift sill, restore the swimming beach, create a pea gravel beach that will be more stable and require minimal maintenance, and plant native plantings at the top of the sill to provide habitat for wildlife. The City also will add a crushed rock path from the parking area to the water, build an accessible swim ramp into the water, and add a launch for hand-carried boats. Chelan's population swells from 4,000 to more than 20,000 in summer. Residents and visitors are cut off from much of Lake Chelan by private development and a lack of beaches. The City will contribute \$500,000. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1212)

Chelan Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000
Renovating the Don Morse Park Boat Launch and Marina

The Chelan Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the marina in Don Morse Park on Lake Chelan. The marina turns away boats each summer day and the existing boat launch is too short to ensure year-round use. The marina serves as a gateway to 55 miles of boating on Lake Chelan. The City will replace a failing

breakwater with a new, larger, relocated breakwater and expand the marina by 43 moorage slips. The City also will add new fire, water, and electrical utilities; lengthen the boat launch to allow for year-round use; build a new bulkhead; and use dredged sand from the new breakwater and moorage slips to restore a swimming beach. With the renovation, moorage capacity will increase from 65 boats to 108 boats and the boat launch becomes accessible year-round. This marina is the only public marina in the Wapato basin of Lake Chelan. The City will contribute \$1.2 million. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1091)

Entiat

Grant Awarded: \$200,000

Building a Marina on Lake Entiat

The City of Entiat will use this grant to plan, design, and get permits to build a 40-slip marina on Lake Entiat, a reservoir of the Columbia River. This project is part of a larger waterfront redevelopment effort of the city's in partnership with the Port of Chelan County and the Chelan County Public Utility District. The marina will include a fueling area and pump-out station, and will be the only public marina on the lake. The City will contribute \$100,000 from a local grant. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1064)

Entiat

Grant Awarded: \$400,000

Building the Entiat Waterfront Trail

Entiat will use this grant to redevelop part of about 6 acres along the Columbia River and Lake Entiat. The City will develop a 1-mile waterfront trail; restore habitat along the shoreline; install trail lights, benches, and trash cans; and build a parking area, road, and restroom. The project will establish habitat along this shoreline of statewide significance, provide the public with access and views to the water, and create environmental and historical educational opportunities at viewing areas and with interpretive signs. The trail is part of a larger, planned project that ultimately will connect to form about 6 miles of continuous trail. The City will contribute \$500,000 from local and state grants. The City received only part of the \$500,000 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1113)

Entiat

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Re-developing the Lake Entiat Shoreline

Entiat will use this grant to re-develop about 6 acres along the Columbia River and Lake Entiat. This project will include design, permitting, and construction of 1 mile of trail along the shoreline as well as restoration of habitat along the shoreline. The trail will connect to others to create a network of 6 miles of trails. Crews also will install trail lighting, benches, and trash cans, and build a parking lot, access road, and a restroom. The City will contribute \$500,000 from local and state grants. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1041)

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

Funding a Stewardship Crew

Grant Awarded: \$15,667

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a wilderness stewardship crew and crew leader to help maintain trails in the Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, and the Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas. This crew will do more targeted maintenance work. In the heavily used Enchantment Lakes area, the crew will maintain toilets, repair trail surfaces, and build rock cairns across areas of talus. In Glacier Peak Wilderness, the crew will remove noxious weeds at several infested trail heads. As portals to our nearly weed-free wilderness areas, hand pulling weeds at these sites is critical to the long-term ecological integrity of a vast area. The crew also will deal with a serious infestation of noxious weeds near Eight Mile Lake and at Trout Lake, where weed control has been ongoing for more than a dozen years. The ranger district will contribute \$17,273 in cash and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1199)

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

Maintaining Campsites along the Entiat River

Grant Awarded: \$67,953

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain its campsites for two years. Crews daily will clean restrooms, pick up trash, and pump toilets. They also will repair campground facilities, such as picnic tables, bulletin boards, and sign, as well as clean fire rings and maintain hand water wells. The Entiat Ranger District provides eight campgrounds, more than 100 campsites dispersed throughout the district, and 350 miles of non-highway Forest Service roads. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1051)

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

Maintaining Chelan Uplake Trails

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 195 miles of trail in Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, Sawtooth and Domke Lake Roadless areas, and Lucerne-Holden Village Scenic Corridor. Crews will remove fallen trees, clean drainage structures, and remove loose rock. These trails are open for backpacking and stock packing, day hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and motorcycling. The district also will do more heavy maintenance, such as cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, repair signs, and remove fallen trees from burned areas on 20 miles of the Company Creek, Devore Creek, Horton Butte, 10 Mile Falls, Holden, and Summit Trails. The ranger district will contribute \$66,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1298)

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

Maintaining Devils Gulch ORV Trails

Grant Awarded: \$48,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 61 miles of ORV trails and nine trail heads in the Devils Gulch ORV Trail System for two years. These

facilities are used by motorcyclists, mountain bike riders, hikers, and horseback riders. Maintenance will include removing fallen trees, trimming overgrown brush, repairing trail surfaces, clearing water drainage structures, removing rocks, repairing trail bridges, cleaning toilets, maintaining signs and bulletin boards, and picking up litter. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,016 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1128)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trails Grant Awarded: \$192,500**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund a three-person trail crew along with a seven-person AmeriCorps crew devoted solely to maintaining more than 195 miles of multiple-use trails and 11 trail heads, primarily used by motorcyclists and mountain bikers. Over two years, this grant will maintain more than 390 miles of trail in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts. These trails serve as the heart of an interconnected trail network of more than 220 miles running from Lake Wenatchee to Lake Chelan. The crews will remove fallen trees, maintain water drainage structures to prevent erosion and excess trail damage, correct safety items, trim overgrown brush, clean and repair culverts, and maintain trail signs and bulletin boards. The Forest Service will contribute \$74,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1052)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Trail Head and Campsites Grant Awarded: \$48,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trail heads and campsites in the Wenatchee River Ranger District for two years. Crews will clean the areas, refurbish kiosks, paint toilet facilities and picnic tables, and remove brush and hazardous tress. Many dispersed sites have been neglected by users and are showing signs of abuse and vandalism. The Forest Service will contribute \$48,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1125)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Lake Wenatchee ORV Trails Grant Awarded: \$48,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 59 miles of ORV trail and ten associated trail heads in the Lower Chiwawa, Chikamin, and Nason Ridge ORV areas for two years. These facilities are used primarily by motorcyclists, but also are popular with mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, fix water drainage structures, remove rocks, repair trail bridges, clean toilets, and maintain signs and bulletin boards. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,016 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1129)

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

Maintaining Wilderness and Non-Motorized Trails **Grant Awarded: \$94,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 300 miles of wilderness and adjacent, non-motorized trails in the Wenatchee River Ranger District. This represents about 73 percent of the district's 410 total miles of wilderness and non-motorized trails. Crews will remove fallen trees, cut brush growing over the trail, fix drainage structures and small bridges, and restore trail surfaces. More aggressive maintenance will be done on 20 miles of trail each year and maintenance and weed control will be done at 43 trail heads. The emphasis will be on resource protection and visitor safety, focusing on high use trails and trails where ongoing erosion or encroachment of brush threatens long-term trail stability. Work will occur in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, as well as in the Nason Ridge backcountry area near Stevens Pass. The Forest Service will contribute \$102,376 in a grant, cash, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1122)

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

Providing Rangers for Backcountry Patrols **Grant Awarded: \$41,350**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers and at least one volunteer to patrol high use areas and events within the Wenatchee River Ranger District from May-October. The rangers educate visitors about low impact techniques, enforce the rules, and help develop targeted bulletin board postings and brochures. The grant will cover salary, uniforms and tools, camp-out costs, transportation, and administration. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,480 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1126)

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

Relocating a Heather Lake Trail Head **Grant Awarded: \$79,500**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to relocate the Heather Lake trail head. Heather Lake is a popular hiking destination, noteworthy for excellent fishing. The lower portion of the trail provides access to Lake Creek, known throughout the northwest as a destination for rock-hounds and listed in several gem prospecting guidebooks. The Forest Service will establish a new trail head, a half-mile before the existing trail head. The existing trail head is a narrow cul-de-sac at the end of an old logging spur with ill-defined parking. Four or five parked vehicles can congest the parking area, making it difficult for cars to turn around. The new trail head will have a loop road with parking spaces on the inside of the loop. The road between the existing and future trail heads will be converted to a trail. The Heather Lake trail is a hiker only wilderness trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,000. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1130)

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

Renovating Wilderness and Backcountry Toilets

Grant Awarded: \$14,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to buy 12 portable, modern outhouses for use in the Enchantment Lakes area. The district also will build 20 Wallowa toilet kits, which are partially pre-assembled toilets designed to be carried by backpack or pack animal to remote sites and installed as simple pit toilets. High visitation at places such as Enchantment Lakes, Eight Mile Lake, Coluchuck Lake, Stuart Lake, Lake Valhalla, Spider Meadows, and others, resulted in 128 toilets scattered throughout the wilderness. The district will eliminate toilets from a number of these sites. Many of these are wood toilets more than two decades old, and in need of replacement. The ranger district will contribute \$9,400 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1203)

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

Supporting Patrols in Four Ranger Districts

Grant Awarded: \$162,740

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to support three seasonal off-highway vehicle rangers, two AmeriCorps volunteer backcountry patrollers, other law enforcement officers patrolling forest roads and campsites, and more than 3,700 hours of volunteer time in four ranger districts in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The districts encompass more than 400 miles of motorized trail, more than 200 miles of non-motorized trail, and more than 2,000 miles of forest road. The crews will target high use areas including: Chiwawa/Mad River, Chelan Sawtooth, Devils Backbone, Devils Gulch, the north fork of the Entiat River, Rock Creek, and Shazer Creek areas, providing a consistent weekly presence. The patrols will make more than 18,000 contacts yearly, cover more than 12,000 trail miles, and thousands of forest road miles, each season educating trail users on how to minimize impacts on the environment, cooperate with other trail users, and travel safely. The rangers also will enforce laws relating to outdoor recreation on federal lands, conduct educational clinics, distribute information to commercial outlets, and conduct sound testing. The Forest Service will contribute \$109,200 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1050)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$200,000

Restoring Beebe Springs and Providing Access

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve access to the Columbia River shoreline and enhance habitat. Work will include grading a trail, removing an old orchard road and culvert, extending a loop trail along the Columbia River shoreline, and adding three viewpoints, benches, and interpretive signs. These developments compliment restoration of 3 acres of riparian and wetland habitat along the Columbia River and shrub steppe habitat. This phase of the Beebe Springs project will extend .3 mile up river from previous phases to complete access and habitat restoration on the Columbia River portion of the site. When this phase is complete, more than 1 mile of Columbia River shoreline will have been restored to native habitats encompassing about 60 acres. The department will contribute \$200,000 from a state

grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program.
(10-1626)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$77,450**
Restoring Camas Meadows' Rare Plant Habitat

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore and enhance habitat for two, rare plant species, the Wenatchee mountain checkermallow and Wenatchee larkspur. The Camas Meadows contain the largest populations in the world of both species. The site is critical to the long-term viability of both plants, which require open, seasonally wet habitats. Ditches, livestock grazing, and invasive species have degraded the site. This project will restore hydrology on 18 acres and restore native wet meadow plant communities, including the two rare plants, on 5 acres. Invasive species will be controlled on an additional 11 acres adjacent to the wet meadow. The department also will burn 3 acres to reduce encroaching shrubs and trees and to stimulate growth of both rare plant species. The department will contribute \$6,000 in a federal grant and donated labor. The department received only part of the \$145,500 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1453)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$291,475**
Improving the Lake Chelan Boat Ramps, Docks, and Parking

State Parks will use this grant to reconstruct the parking at the existing boat ramp area at Lake Chelan State Park. Work will include improving the access road and turnaround to improve traffic flow and expanding boat trailer parking. Lake Chelan State Park has 6,000 feet of shoreline, and public use at this park has increased 47 percent since 2005. The park is the primary boat launch site on the south shore of Lake Chelan and the most accessible from all major roads. State Parks received only part of the \$1 million it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1079)

Wenatchee **Grant Awarded: \$342,620**
Acquiring Saddle Rock

Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 325.12 acres, which includes Saddle Rock, one of the most identifiable land forms in the Wenatchee valley. The City first started discussing acquiring the land for a city park or natural area in 1909. In the 1940s, a local effort to turn Saddle Rock into a state park never came to fruition. In 1963, a citizen committee formed to preserve Saddle Rock as an outlook but was unsuccessful. In 1967, the plans for the park were shelved. In 2007, city staff again started working to purchase the property. Local donors provided matching funds, the City received advance approval from the state to purchase the land, and the property was purchased. This grant will reimburse the city for the purchase. The acquisition will accomplish a 100-year-old community goal by protecting the community landmark in perpetuity. The land will provide a non-motorized trail system, important wildlife habitat, and an environmental education site for school children. The City will contribute \$361,620 in

staff labor and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1082)

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CLALLAM COUNTY

\$343,810

Clallam County

Grant Awarded: \$50,000

Buying Clallam Bay Property for a Park

Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities Division will use this grant to buy 7.45 acres in the community of Clallam Bay. The County owns the adjacent parcel and, with this purchase, would create a place for a future, 8.64-acre park. The waterfront property would provide year-round access to Clallam Bay, on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Water access sites are limited in this area, with the county’s Clallam Bay Spit Park only allowing limited public access because of recent flooding and a washed out bridge. Future development would include paving the entry road and parking area, and installing a vault toilet, picnic tables, and barbeque grills. The County will contribute \$50,000. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1348)

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Grant Awarded: \$52,000

Extending a Railroad Bridge over the Dungeness River

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will use this grant to extend an historic bridge and trestle 100 feet so that it fully spans the Dungeness River’s migration area. Erosion, snow, and floods have damaged the trail bridge. The historic bridge is in the 28-acre Railroad Bridge Park and is a centerpiece of the Olympic Discovery Trail, which connects Port Townsend to the west Olympic peninsula. The trail is used by commuters, runners, bicyclists, and walkers, and is especially popular for families because of its scenic, quiet setting and safety away from traffic. It also is a popular bird and fish watching spot, as the bridge crosses the Dungeness River and multiple side channels. The trail extension will prevent impairment to the west side channel of the river, which provides rearing habitat for four salmon species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act (Puget Sound Chinook, Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum, Puget Sound steelhead, and bull trout). The tribe will contribute \$52,000 in cash donations, staff labor, and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1364)

Port of Port Angeles

Grant Awarded: \$48,743

Planning for the Renovation of the West Boat Launch

The Port of Port Angeles will use this grant to plan, design, and obtain permits for a protected, year-round float system and wave barrier at the West Boat Launch, next to

the Port Angeles Boat Haven. The Port closed the East Boat Launch at the Boat Haven last year because the timber supports of the structure were in poor condition and decided not to renovate it. The West Boat Launch provides access to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Port will contribute \$16,257. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1057)

U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$52,000**
Planning for Calawah All-Terrain Vehicle Trails

The Pacific Ranger District in Forks will use this grant to complete planning for designating all-terrain vehicle trails in the Calawah watershed. The work will include completing the study and analysis so the inventory, mitigation needs, environmental assessment, engineering, and planning can be completed. The Pacific Ranger District is inundated with unauthorized all-terrain vehicle use. More than 36 miles of unofficial all-terrain vehicle routes were identified and evaluated, and now the district would like to convert a portion of the routes into authorized trails to be used primarily by all-terrain vehicles, but open to other user groups as well. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,000 in cash, equipment, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1074)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$141,067**
Maintaining ORV Trails in the Olympic Region

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a two-person crew, materials, supplies, and transportation costs to maintain and repair ORV trails in the department's Olympic Region for 18 months. Work will be done on all 36 miles of the Foothills and Sadie Creek ORV trail systems and on 2 miles of 4x4 trail north of the Sadie Creek trail head. These trails provide the only designated ORV and 4x4 recreation experiences on the northern Olympic Peninsula. The crew will trim overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, fix drainage structures, and maintain bridges and signs. The department will contribute \$61,319 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1013)

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CLARK COUNTY

\$1,633,878

Ridgefield **Grant Awarded: \$153,775**
Expanding Abrams Park

Ridgefield will use this grant to buy 3 acres to expand Abrams Park, the city's largest and most widely used park. Abrams Park is a 38-acre community park that was developed in the 1970s and serves more than 4,000 residents. The park's fields serve

as the primary place for organized baseball and soccer leagues in the city and offer one of the few places for large gatherings. The City had the opportunity to expand the park boundaries and, with advance approval from the Recreation and Conservation Office, bought 3 acres on the northwest corner. This grant will reimburse the city for the cost of the land. The City will contribute \$153,775 in cash. The City received only part of the \$730,134 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1204)

Vancouver

Grant Awarded: \$158,273

Buying Land for the Rose Village Neighborhood Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy .5 acre in the Rose Village neighborhood in Vancouver for a park. The Rose Village area is a densely developed, low-income area, isolated by Interstate 5 to the west, State Route 500 to the north, and a major road to the south. Another major arterial bisects the neighborhood east-west, making it unsafe for children to cross to school. There are no parks to serve this neighborhood; and school facilities are available only after school and do not provide play equipment for small children. The City is negotiating with two willing landowners to buy adjacent lots for the park, which will provide a play area for small children. The City will contribute \$292,300. The City received only part of the \$292,300 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1187)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$753,000

Redeveloping the Langsdorf Landing Boat Launch on the Columbia River

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate an over-used, under developed boat launch on the lower Columbia River. The department will replace the boat ramp, widen the parking area, add to the auxiliary parking area, improve storm drainage, and install fencing, gates, a view platform, and a boarding float. This portion of the Columbia River is one of the most popular with boaters, especially for salmon and sturgeon sport fishing, yet it is difficult to access because of the lack of public boat launches. An improved site will add to the recreational opportunities for anglers, and will provide important economic benefits to Pacific, Wahkiakum, Clark, and Skamania Counties. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1087)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$73,800

Developing the Yacolt Mountain Biking Trail Head

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop two staging areas for a new, one-way mountain bike trail in the Yacolt Burn State Forest. The department will buy the land, design the facility, and build a parking lot at both ends of the trail and a restroom. It also will install information kiosks, signs, and a gate. The Yacolt Burn State Forest has no designated trails specifically designed for downhill mountain biking. The new trail will separate mountain biking and equestrian users, reducing conflicts and improving safety. The department will contribute \$21,440 in labor, materials, and

donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1012)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$160,800
Installing Bridges and Culverts in the Yacolt Burn State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to construct and install two bridges and up to three large culverts in the western Yacolt Burn State Forest as part of the first phase of development of a new motorized trail system. The grant will pay for engineering, purchase and installation of bridges, bridge site preparation, on-site construction of concrete footings, cultural resources and environmental project compliance, and permitting. The department will contribute \$12,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1004)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$57,935
Maintaining Southwest Washington Motorized Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 18 miles of off-road vehicle trail and the two primary trailheads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman area. These trails receive very heavy use because they are the only two off-road vehicle forest riding opportunities near Vancouver and Portland. The department will contribute \$39,000 in equipment, materials, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1075)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$60,500
Maintaining Southwest Washington Non-motorized Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain about 54 miles of non-motorized trail and the three primary trailheads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Siouxon area. These trails receive very heavy use because they are the only free forest recreation opportunities near Vancouver and Portland. The department crews will shape trail surfaces, harden sections of trail by applying crushed rock, install and maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, trim overgrown brush, maintain restrooms and signs, remove litter, and pump toilets. The department will contribute \$42,640 in equipment, materials, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1074)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$151,000
Restoring the Washougal Oaks Natural Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore important wildlife habitat in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area, which contains the largest, high quality, native, oak woodland remaining in western Washington. Oak woodland ecosystems in western Washington have declined and those that remain have been degraded significantly by land conversion, fire suppression, grazing, and invasion by conifers and non-native plants. The oak forest protected in the natural area is in good condition; however, some patches of native oak forest were cleared in the past. The department

will restore 15 acres of horse pasture to native oak habitat by planting Oregon white oaks and other native plants. The department also will remove invasive plants, such as Himalayan blackberry. A second component of this project is to improve fish habitat. Past mining and logging have altered the natural hydrology of Lawton Creek and greatly reduced the amount of tree root wads and other large woody materials in the creek, which are needed for healthy salmon habitat. The department will place Douglas fir trees, which will be thinned during the first phase of this project, in Lawton and Walton Creeks. The department also will build an off-channel pond to improve fish habitat. The department will contribute \$3,500 in donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1646)

Washougal

Grant Awarded: \$64,795

Replacing the Hathaway Boat Launch

Washougal will use this grant to remove the Hathaway boat launch, construct a new launch, and create a more accessible path to the beach for people with disabilities. Hathaway Park, one of Washougal's most visited parks, provides boat access to the Washougal River. The launch has seen no major improvements or repairs since it was built 30 years ago, and it has worn into a potentially unsafe condition. The upper Washougal River is known as an advanced water trail because of its challenging boulders and narrow channels. Hathaway Park provides one of two trailer launches on the river and a gentle river experience for a wide variety of users. The potential loss of this launch eliminates a valuable service for both upstream users who take out here and boats that travel between Hathaway and the downstream access points. The City will contribute \$64,796. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1098)

For more projects in Clark County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

\$30,844

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$30,844

Maintaining Middle Point Ridge Trails

The Walla Walla Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 21 miles of trails in the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, and fix water drainage structures. These trails are used from early spring to late fall by both general recreationists and hunters. This program of regular maintenance will help move the trails toward an acceptable standard of maintenance and reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance projects. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,268 in equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1153)

For more projects in Columbia County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

COWLITZ COUNTY

\$479,000

Castle Rock

Grant Awarded: \$479,000

Completing the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch

The City of Castle Rock will use this grant to complete the facilities at the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch along the Cowlitz River. The City will install a restroom, floats, a host site, security camera, and lighting as well as complete the parking and access road at its newly opened launch. The launch is the only one on the Cowlitz River between Longview and Toledo. The river is the top steelhead river in the state and is now one of the top rivers for salmon fishing. The City will contribute \$160,000 in cash, equipment, labor, local and private grants, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1036)

For more projects in Cowlitz County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

FERRY COUNTY

For projects in Ferry County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

GARFIELD COUNTY

\$40,000

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Maintaining Motorized Trails

Grant Awarded: \$40,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 31 miles of motorized trails and four trailheads and campgrounds in the district. Crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and remove rocks from trail surfaces. The ranger district will contribute \$47,100 in cash, equipment, materials, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1019)

GRANT COUNTY

\$249,000

Grant County

Grant Awarded: \$49,000

Maintaining ORV Areas in Grant County

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain ORV areas by providing four vault toilets and two large dumpsters throughout the ORV season. The grant also provides for maintaining signs that list the park and safety rules, as well as routine fence maintenance. Fencing around the ORV area is needed to provide a clear border between the ORV area and surrounding private land. The Moses Lake Sand Dunes offers overnight camping, and this grant is essential in providing a clean and safe area for the ORV users and overnight campers. Grant County will contribute \$48,600 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1069)

Grant County

Grant Awarded: \$200,000

Providing Deputies for Grant County Patrols

The Grant County Sheriff's Department will use this grant to pay for two, full-time deputies to patrol the off-road vehicle areas in the county as well as educate visitors in the field and at special events, and provide training. The majority of the deputies' time will be spent in the Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes. With the alcohol ban in both Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes, the deputies will continue printing flyers and posting signs to educate the public on the ban and other regulations. The County will contribute \$210,600 in cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1068)

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

\$821,363

Hoquiam

Grant Awarded: \$155,550

Buying Land and Planning for the Hoquiam Waterfront Boat Launch

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to buy 4.5 acres, and design and obtain permits for a new public moorage facility on waterfront property in downtown Hoquiam. The property consists of a minimally developed boat launch, park, and 4 acres of tidelands. Hoquiam, located on the Hoquiam River and Grays Harbor Bay, has become a prime destination for sport fishing and recreational boating. The addition of public moorage would greatly increase the ease and ability of boaters to use the waterways and purchase of the land would increase dramatically the amount of public access to the waterfront in Hoquiam and Grays Harbor County. The City will contribute \$52,200 in cash and labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1103)

Hoquiam

Grant Awarded: \$198,754

Redeveloping Central Play Park

Hoquiam will use this grant to redevelop Art Pocklington Central Play Park, which is the city's most used and highly visible community park. The City will install a new playground, fence, and spray park. The existing wading pool requires lifeguards, which are difficult to find and afford on the city's limited budget. The spray park will be safer, less costly, and allow use on weekends and in the evenings. The City and Hoquiam School District use this park exclusively for summer recreation programs. The City will contribute \$242,922 in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1588)

Montesano

Grant Awarded: \$30,000

Rehabilitating Sylvia Creek Trails

Montesano will use this grant to rehabilitate the 2-mile Sylvia Creek Forestry Interpretive Trail, redesign and install new interpretive stops, and install uniform signs in the greater 20-mile hiking and biking trail system in the Sylvia Creek drainage. Situated in central Grays Harbor County, the 220-acre Lake Sylvia State Park and the surrounding 5,000-acre forested watershed owned by the City offer nearly 20 miles of hiking and biking trails. One of the most heavily used trails is the forestry interpretive trail. The City will contribute \$20,500 in donations of cash, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1366)

U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$27,800

Redeveloping the Colonel Bob Trail

The Pacific Ranger District in Quinalt will use this grant to restore hiker and stock access and provide day use and overnight recreation in the Colonel Bob Wilderness by clearing 1.5 miles of trail. Crews will remove a damaged, 60-foot-long trail bridge, reroute 250 feet of trail, and maintain 2.3 miles of additional trail. The Colonel Bob Trail was damaged by a severe wind storm in 2007 that blew down about 350 acres of old growth forest, damaging 1.5 miles of trail and one trail bridge. The trail was closed to the public. The second component of the project will involve the participation of six, one-week-long volunteer crews that will use crosscut saws and primitive tools to maintain 2.3 miles of trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,115 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1044)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$42,259

Providing Access to the Chehalis River

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide access to the Chehalis River within the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. The department will create a launch for hand-carried boats, a shoreline trail, improved parking, bank fishing sites, and natural area interpretation. Two ramps for hand-carried boat will provide access for canoes, kayaks, and skiffs to both the Chehalis River and Blue Slough. Parking will be improved for both sites and a riverbank interpretive trail will border the river along an existing screen of native trees and shrubs. Access for bank

fishing will be made safer, with erosion protection, at both work sites. The Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve is 2,700 acres and protects the largest high quality surge plain wetland in the state. Sitka spruce dominated wetland forests hang over winding sloughs, and fish, waterfowl, and wildlife thrive here. The department will contribute \$15,000 in donated labor. The department received only part of the \$153,800 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1489)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$367,000
Developing the Elk River Boat launch

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a primitive board launch on the Elk River in the department's Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area.

For more projects in Grays Harbor County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

ISLAND COUNTY

\$1,305,122

Island County Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000
Protecting Barnum Point

Island County will use this grant to buy 49 acres of Barnum Point on Camano Island to conserve important salmon habitat. The purchase of the point is part of a larger project to protect 120 acres of forested shoreline. On Island County, about 80 percent of the shoreline is owned privately, which often means the shoreline has bulkheads, docks, and water quality issues. The property owners of the 49 acres are trying to sell the land, which is zoned for 12 homes. Barnum Point is adjacent to 7,100 acres of protected land and includes a forest, a bluff that supplies sediment to Port Susan Bay for salmon habitat, .5 mile of shoreline, and habitat near the shoreline that is used by all eight species of salmon that spawn in the Skagit and Stillaguamish Rivers. Ultimately, Barnum Point will be managed as a county park. Island County will contribute \$1.2 million from private and state grants. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1438)

Port of South Whidbey Island Grant Awarded: \$229,562
Replacing the Langley Boat Ramp Boarding Floats

The Port of South Whidbey Island will use this grant to remove 11 creosote piles and replace them with steel piles for new, permanent boarding floats at the Phil Simon Memorial Park in Langley harbor. This facility experiences thousands of user days each year, but has no boarding floats. The addition of floats will increase efficiency and operational safety. This project is associated with the expansion of moorage, including

along them also support other important animals, such as the Pacific lampreys, Olympic mudminnows, marbled murrelets, and bald eagles. This purchase is the first phase of a multi-year project to create a system of protected riparian forest habitat from the headwaters of the Clearwater to its confluence with the Queets. The purchase will address the two most significant habitat threats to these river systems: ongoing logging and development. The project protects a complex of riparian habitat, including mature, low-elevation Sitka spruce forest in the valley-bottom floodplain. The Nature Conservancy will contribute \$1.4 million in cash donations. The Nature Conservancy received only part of the \$930,200 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1553)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Replacing the Lower Big Quilcene River Trail Bridges Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to replace two bridges, restoring access for stock and motorcycles to the entire Lower Big Quilcene Trail. The larger of the two bridges, spanning the Big Quilcene, was hit by a tree and is expected to fail soon. The second bridge at Wet Weather Creek has washed out footings and a late summer ford limits use by stock and motorcycle. The two new bridges would restore full access to the lower 6.2 miles of the trail. The ranger district will replace the larger bridge with a prefabricated one, doubling the lifespan of the existing bridge. The ranger district will rebuild the smaller bridge using time and supplies from local trail volunteers. The ranger district will contribute \$42,257 in a federal grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1169)

**Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$2,925,261
Protecting the Dabob Bay Natural Area Shoreline**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 90 acres to protect some of the most ecologically important and highly threatened private shoreline in the 6,287-acre Dabob Bay Natural Area on Puget Sound. The land includes coastal bluffs and shorelines that provide sediment and woody materials to keep the Dabob Bay system functioning. The purchase will protect local water quality and habitat for animals listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, such as orca, marbled murrelet, Hood Canal summer chum salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. Dabob Bay is one of the most intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound, but is threatened by increasing shoreline development within rapidly growing eastern Jefferson County. The department is working with The Nature Conservancy, Northwest Watershed Institute, and Jefferson Land Trust on a multi-phased project to protect an intact coastal estuarine system. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1458)

For more projects in Jefferson County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

KING COUNTY

\$5,917,863

Bellevue **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**

Planning the Renovation of Guest Moorage at Meydenbauer Bay Park Marina

The Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department will use this grant for architectural and engineering design services to provide final construction drawings, cost estimates, and permits for the renovation of 14 guest moorage slips at the Meydenbauer Bay Park Marina. The marina provides 112 slips, 25 of which are unusable because of structural, access, and safety issues. The marina is on Lake Washington, the second largest lake in the state, and is one of three and the only public marina in Bellevue providing moorage. The City will contribute \$100,000. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1171)

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

Improving Covington Community Park with a Sports Field and Trails

Covington will use this grant to improve Covington Community Park by expanding the trail system, adding a multi-purpose sports field, and providing a place for community events. The city does not have a municipal sports field so kids must travel to other city and county fields to play soccer. Community events were one of the top ranked recreation needs, yet Covington does not have a suitable location to hold events. Expanding Covington Community Park will address a long-term dream of citizens who have been working on this project since 2003, when the property was donated to the city. The City will contribute more than \$1 million from state funding, cash, and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1346)

EarthCorps **Grant Awarded: \$45,110**

Providing Wilderness Trail Maintenance

EarthCorps will use this grant to complete more than 3,000 hours of maintenance on the Necklace Valley Trail during two years. This trail is one of the most popular hikes in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area in the Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest, and continues to have increased use because of flood damage to other trails in the area. The trail is extremely steep, severely eroded, and needs a complete reworking of its drainage system to ensure user safety. EarthCorps will field four crews to remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces on a 9-mile section of trail between the trailhead on Foss River Road #68 and Opal Lake. EarthCorps will contribute \$45,440 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1444)

Enumclaw **Grant Awarded: \$300,000**

Improving Enumclaw Field

Enumclaw will use this grant to convert a 60-year-old sports field into a modern, multi-sports field with artificial turf. The field, known as Pete's Pool, was once the King County

Fairgrounds Stadium and is the oldest football field in the state. The City will excavate the existing turf and soil, install a drainage system and artificial turf with football and soccer markings, update the visitor bleachers, replace the goal posts, install soccer goals, and put in accessible pathways to and around the field. The City also will make the parking lot accessible for people with disabilities. The field has poor drainage and turns into a muddy swamp by mid-season. There is no other artificial turf or lighted fields in the Enumclaw School District, which serves an area of more than 25,000 people. Enumclaw Field is the home field for high school and youth football teams. The City will contribute \$600,000 in staff labor, local and private grants, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1410)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Converting Roads to Trails along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to develop 3 miles of multi-use trail following road decommissioning in the south fork of the Snoqualmie River basin, along the south side of Interstate 90 between Olallie State Park and Hansen Creek. The U.S. Forest Service has acquired all necessary land from Weyerhaeuser and has begun decommissioning 50 miles of roads. Development ultimately will yield a 23-mile network of trails, and tie into the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and the future Mount Washington Trail in Olallie State Park. This project is supported by the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club, State Parks and Recreation Commission, and Washington Trails Association, all of whom identified a growing demand for new mountain bike trails in the region and recognized a shortage of trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. The alliance will contribute \$63,000 in a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1712)

King County **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Building a Trail in East Lake Sammamish

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop 1 mile of trail from Northwest Gilman Boulevard in central Issaquah to Southeast 56th Street along an abandoned railroad. The paved trail will be 12 feet wide with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side. The County will add a retaining wall and install landscaping, fences, signs, and traffic controls. This is the second phase of a multi-phase project to complete an 11-mile trail corridor, which runs the length of the east side of Lake Sammamish, connecting the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. This trail is a vital part of a 44-mile, multi-modal, non-motorized trail system extending from Puget Sound in Seattle to the Cascade foothills. This project will replace a gravel path, which is approved for use through 2015. Supporters of this project include Issaquah, Sammamish, Redmond, Cascade Bicycle Club, Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and Transportation Choices Coalition. The County will contribute more than \$1 million from a federal grant and a

voter-approved levy. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1615)

King County

Grant Awarded: \$317,477

Developing Duthie Hill Park's Trailhead

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop a trailhead in Duthie Hill Park, the region's first mountain bike skills park. Crews will construct a 75-vehicle parking lot and staging area and install signs and park furniture. The 120-acre park has parking for only 15 vehicles forcing many visitors to park nearby and bike to the park on busy roadways with narrow shoulders and limited visibility. This project is part of a larger effort by King County and the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance to improve the park. The County will contribute \$317,477. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1321)

King County

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Expanding Cougar Mountain Park

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 55 acres to expand the 3,100-acre Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. The land is in the "Precipice Trail" area, which is in the northeast corner of the park adjacent to Issaquah. Acquiring land in this area has been a long-time priority of King County, Issaquah, and community partners such as the Mountains to Sound Greenway. About 40 acres border Newport Way Northwest, which will be used for a trailhead and parking lot, creating an Issaquah entrance to the park that is walking distance from a regional transit center. Another 15 acres contain existing trails and connect the future trailhead to the park boundary. These and future acquisitions in this area will create a permanent buffer between nearby homes and the park. The County will contribute more than \$1.5 million in conservation futures¹ and a local grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1313)

Mercer Island

Grant Awarded: \$57,100

Renovating Interstate 90 Boat Launch Dock

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to renovate the boat launch dock under the Interstate 90 East Channel Bridge. The City will remove the decking and failing flotation tubs, and install new decking, a float system, and self-rescue ladders on the public portion of the boat launch dock. The dock has reached the end of its useful life, and presents a potential hazard to the public. The decking materials, complicated by the deteriorating floats, work loose as the waves from the lake increase throughout the summer. The boat launch is Mercer Island's only public boat launch along 14 miles of Lake Washington. With its central position between Bellevue and Seattle, events such as Seafair, Lake Washington sockeye salmon fishing season, and the opening day of boating season bring out large numbers of boaters from across the region. The City will

¹ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

contribute \$25,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1151)

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Providing Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance

The Mountains to Sound Greenway will use this grant to maintain 60 miles of trail in the greenway, some of the most heavily used trails in the state. The grant will fund staff, a Washington Conservation Corps crew, materials, and tools. The crew will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, replace signs, and make minor trail structure repairs. The crews will work on the Mount Si and Little Si Trails, the West Tiger #3 Trail, Rattlesnake Ledge, Rattlesnake Mountain Trails, Swamp and Big Tree Trails, Twin Falls Trail, additional trails on Tiger Mountain, and the first 2 miles of some U.S. Forest Service, trails along the south and middle forks of the Snoqualmie River, as well as the remainder of the trails in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area. The wild land trails system in the greenway consists of more than 1,000 miles of trails in the Interstate 90 corridor. The greenway will contribute \$75,000 in staff labor, a local grant, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1562)

Renton Fish & Game Club Inc.

Grant Awarded: \$92,300

Renovating a Clubhouse

The Renton Fish & Game Club will use this grant to renovate the bathrooms, electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, and accessibility to 60-year-old clubhouse and parking. This is the first phase of a multi-phase project. The severely outdated and inadequate bathrooms, electrical, and plumbing are in dire need of renovation. The restrooms are not accessible to people with disabilities and have no heat or hot water. The electrical and plumbing were part of the original clubhouse and both are well past their expected useful life. The clubhouse provides service to more than 800 members and more than 9,000 public visits each year, and hosts a number of large events such as the Washington State Championship for Cowboy Action Shooting and the Washington State Championship for International Defensive Pistol Association, which will bring more than 200 visitors at one time. The gun club will contribute \$96,373 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1174)

Vashon Park District

Grant Awarded: \$400,000

Protecting the Whispering Firs Bog

The Vashon Park District will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements that prevent development on nearly 17 acres, encompassing 95 percent of Whispering Firs bog, and bringing the total protected acres to nearly 19. Housing development along the edge of this sensitive habitat would endanger the health of this sphagnum-dominated wetland, a wetland type listed as a top priority for protection by the State Department of Natural Resources. Whispering Firs bog is along the Vashon highway, and offers visitors opportunities to see birds such as the pileated woodpecker,

a state candidate for listing as at risk of extinction, and migrating song birds. The park district will contribute \$420,000 in donations of cash and property interest. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1050)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$70,000**
Developing the Twin Lakes, Winchester Mountain Trail Head

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to develop the recreation facilities, and a trail system at the Twin Lakes, Winchester Mountain Trail Head. The campground at Twin Lakes was removed in the late 1980s and the site now is a trail head with dispersed camping. The district will re-define camping spots and pathways and close off a wide network of social trails to prevent damage to the environment. The district also will improve the restroom, parking, and signs. The district will fix the trail surface and work on a bridge for the associated Winchester Mountain and High Pass Trails. The project's primary goal is to protect the sub-alpine vegetation, soils, and water quality, and to develop recreation infrastructure and hiking trails for the more than 2,000 non-motorized visitors. This popular forest destination has opportunities for summer hiking, camping, and backpacking. The spectacular setting sits below Winchester Mountain at 5,000 feet elevation with surrounding alpine views. The trail head provides access to the Winchester Mountain Trail and Lookout as well as the High Pass and Silesia Creek Trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in cash equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1145)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to clear trails, trim overgrown brush, and repair drainage structures along 125 miles of trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area and surrounding backcountry. The district will focus on trails in the watersheds of the north, middle, and south forks of the Snoqualmie River, including trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system each year. The ranger district will contribute \$64,805 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1435)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$90,000**
Renovating the Franklin Falls Trail

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to repair the lower and upper end of the Franklin Falls Trail. The district will make the first 1,200 feet of trail easier for families and people with disabilities and will move 500 feet of the lower portion of the trail out of a flood channel of the river. The district also will build four overlooks along the trail and a viewing platform near the falls that will give visitors safe access to the gravel bar below the plunge pool. Franklin Falls Trail is a 1-mile walk through old growth forest from the Denny Creek Campground to Franklin Falls on the south fork of the Snoqualmie River. The hike offers outstanding views of dark pools and whitewater cascades as the river rushes through a deep gorge below the trail. The work is

necessary to repair flood damage and address safety concerns. The Forest Service will contribute \$53,300 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1173)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$132,078**
Supporting Snoqualmie Front Country Patrols

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to support a crew of rangers to patrol the front country area. The grant will help pay for four, seasonal officers and costs for two volunteers from May through September. This will supplement a two-person crew paid for by the Forest Service. This grant will enable the district to have three pairs of officers patrolling the district's 300,000 acres, 50 trail heads, 6 developed sites, 26 outhouses, and literally thousands of dispersed campsites. The district has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break-ins and a host of various infractions. Increased, visible presence for education, enforcement, and assistance has helped curb this activity. The Forest Service will contribute \$192,395 in cash, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1168)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$10,000**
Providing Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two backcountry winter rangers to cover an increasingly busy backcountry at Snoqualmie Pass. Rangers will provide information on sno-parks, contact visitors in the backcountry, and lead interpretive educational snowshoe walks with the goal of educating users about winter safety, avalanche danger assessments, route finding, and winter ecology. One of the rangers also will supervise up to 20 volunteers. Encounters on a busy weekend at Snoqualmie Pass have increased drastically in the past 5-7 years. Common problems are lack of avalanche training and education, oversized groups in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, winter preparedness and safety, and a need for general information. Fatalities and injuries from avalanches and lost winter recreationists have increased the need for more education. The district will contribute \$22,610 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1608)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**
Building a Bridge in the Reiter Foothills Trail System

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a bridge in Reiter Foothills trail system. The bridge will cross the Wallace River upstream of the upper Wallace Falls, and will provide the critical link between the lower and upper sections of the newly planned Reiter Foothills non-motorized trail system. Using this bridge, visitors will be able to hike, mountain bike, and ride horses from Wallace Falls State Park to the Department of Natural Resources' managed lands. This bridge will create new equestrian opportunities in this region. The Reiter Foothills Forest includes about 10,000 acres of sub-alpine terrain between the Skykomish River to the south and the Sultan River basin to the north. The Wild Sky Wilderness Area makes up the eastern

border of the forest. The department will contribute \$12,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1020)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$69,804
Building East Tiger Mountain Trail Connections

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design and build two new trail segments in east Tiger Mountain State Forest. The new trails will total about 3 miles in length and are needed to improve public safety and reduce trail user conflicts. The new segments will eliminate the need to travel 1 mile of forest road, which currently provides a poor recreational opportunity and requires a large number of users to share forest roads with logging trucks and other vehicles. After completion of the trails, users will be able to reach East Tiger Mountain Summit almost completely by trail from the Tiger Mountain Summit Trail Head near Highway 18. Many people use Tiger Mountain daily for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use. The department will contribute \$70,020 in labor, materials, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1034)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$100,000
Developing the Granite Creek Bridge and Trail

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to install one trail bridge and to develop the first phase of the Granite Creek Trail in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. The Granite Creek Road will be decommissioned in summer 2012 and the existing vehicle bridge across Granite Creek will be removed. Crews also will remove a culvert and install water control structures and trail surfaces. Once completed, the trail will provide access for hikers and bicyclists to the scenic Granite Lakes Basin and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area via the Thompson Lake Trail. The grant will pay for the purchase and installation of a new steel stringer bridge, on-site construction of concrete footings, and permitting. Volunteers will build the bridge approaches and improve the trail. The department will contribute \$26,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1134)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$89,300
Developing the Mailbox Peak Trail

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a portion of a trail to the summit of Mailbox Peak, which is in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area in eastern King County. The trail will improve public safety, reduce natural resource damage, and meet increasing public demand. It will provide an alternative to the direct trail to the peak, which was "boot-built" many years ago, is unsuitable for most hikers, and cannot sustain its current high level of use. The existing route is extremely steep and gains 4,000 feet of elevation in less than 2.5 miles. King County Search and Rescue is called weekly during the spring and summer to rescue lost or injured hikers. In addition, increased use is causing severe erosion. The new trail head will serve as an entrance portal for the public lands in the valley surrounding the

middle fork of the Snoqualmie River and construction will be completed in 2011. The department will contribute \$189,500 in staff labor, equipment, a federal grant, and donated labor. The department received only part of the \$325,000 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1072)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$100,000
Maintaining the Snoqualmie Unit's Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain 108 miles of non-motorized trail in its Snoqualmie Unit, which includes Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, and Tiger Mountain and Mid-Fork Snoqualmie State Forests. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair trail bridges, rebuild trail surfaces and drainage structures, clean ditches, and coordinate volunteers. Deferred trail maintenance has resulted in a backlog of projects requiring routine maintenance work, skilled labor, and funds for repairing structures. The Snoqualmie Unit receives an estimated 800,000 visits a year. The department will contribute \$100,050 in labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1031)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$79,000
Planning Recreation in the Raging River State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to complete a preliminary assessment of the newly acquired 10,500-acre Raging River State Forest. This information will provide a basis for future development of recreation opportunities in the forest. This proposal will provide for a cultural resources assessment, environmental documents such as feasibility studies, and reconnaissance, which will include the surveying of existing non-designated trails. There is potential for this forest to provide some of the best, non-motorized, trail-based recreation opportunities near the Puget Sound metropolitan area. Without a formal, organized approach to the management of recreation opportunities here, the threat of unauthorized trail construction will increase. The department will contribute \$10,010 in labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1033)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$89,000
Providing a Specialist for the Mountains to Sound Greenway

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to support an education and enforcement specialist on trails and trail heads in the Mountains to Sound Greenway – Interstate 90 corridor. The specialist will improve public safety and security, educate users, and prevent abuse of public lands in the department's Snoqualmie Unit. The specialist also will focus on recruiting, educating, and managing a volunteer Forest Watch program. The Snoqualmie Unit has five regional trail heads, numerous informal parking and picnicking areas, about 150 miles of trail, and an estimated 800,000 user visits annually. The department will contribute \$89,050 in equipment, labor, and donated

labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program.
(11-1032)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$94,996
Replacing a Trail Bridge in the West Tiger Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace one trail bridge and renovate an interpretive trail loop in the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. The department will buy and install a new steel bridge, construct concrete footings, and replace trail boards and surfacing. Volunteers will build the bridge approaches and improve the trail. The existing bridge has collapsed and the interpretive trail has been closed to the public. The department will contribute \$11,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1120)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$247,870
Replacing Tiger Mountain State Forest Trail Bridges

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace a collapsed trail bridge and install two new trail bridges along a new trail connection within Tiger Mountain State Forest. By installing two new bridges, using an existing trail segment, and building 1.96 miles of new trail, the popular Railroad Trail and Northwest Timber Trail finally will connect. Tiger Mountain offers a great recreational opportunity; many people use the forest daily for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The department will contribute \$62,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1067)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$351,000
Building a Boardwalk in Lake Sammamish State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to develop an interpretive boardwalk along the spine of the Sunset Beach Spit in Lake Sammamish State Park. Crews also will restore nearly an acre of beach and lawn areas, replant a portion of the bank along Issaquah Creek, and install large trees with root wads along the lakeshore near the mouth of Issaquah Creek. Restoration of stream banks at the mouth of Issaquah Creek is a high priority for salmon restoration in the area. Volunteers will assist with restoration planting. State Parks will contribute \$351,052 from a state grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program.
(10-1383)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$540,828
Buying a Trail Easement through the Green River Gorge

State Parks will use this grant to buy an easement for a 2.2-mile trail in the Green River Gorge Conservation Area. State Parks has been trying to buy land within the gorge between Flaming Geyser and Kanaskat-Palmer State Parks since the conservation area's creation in 1969. There are only a few gaps in ownership on the south side of the river, and this purchase will close the most significant of those gaps. The trail easement

runs along the top of the gorge in the Icy Creek area, just east of State Route 169. It will provide a route for a trail that connects State Parks' land in the Kummer Mines Heritage Area and the Hanging Gardens area. Recently, the owner subdivided the property for development. This project will ensure the trail corridor remains open to the public and houses aren't built on the edge of the gorge. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1723)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$717,000 **Improving Lake Sammamish's Boat Launches**

State Parks will use this grant to improve the 30-year-old boat launches at Lake Sammamish State Park. The park offers the only public boat launch on Lake Sammamish, the state's sixth largest lake. On a busy summer weekend, more than 500 boats are launched from this nine-lane launch. With this grant, State Parks will provide three floats and gangways, a wave attenuator, parking for people with disabilities, and access improvements, as well as storm drainage (rain gardens) treatment improvements. Last year, State Parks replaced two wooden piers. Permits are in-hand and the three additional sets of floats and gangways have been purchased and are ready for installation. Once completed, the five sets of floats will provide access for people with disabilities and remain usable during the fall and spring high water conditions. State Parks will contribute \$66,000 in materials. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1112)

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KITSAP COUNTY

\$3,399,642

Bainbridge Island Park District Grant Awarded: \$211,000 **Buying Land for the Forest to Sky Trail**

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to buy 4 acres to provide the last link in the east-west corridor of the 5.5-mile Forest to Sky Trail. Contemplated since the 1970s, the Forest to Sky Trail crosses Bainbridge Island to link three parks (The Grand Forest, Meigs Park, and Battle Point Park) and two Bainbridge Island Land Trust corridor lands. This purchase will connect two portions of The Grand Forest together and connect to Meigs Park and Manitou Beach. Trail users will see a panoramic view from Manitou Beach to Seattle, as well as forests, ponds, wetlands, meadows, and the Olympic Mountains. The district will contribute \$211,000 in voter bonds and donated land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1568)

Bainbridge Island Park District

Grant Awarded: \$436,450

Conserving Manzanita Bay Shoreline

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to buy and conserve about 8 acres, including about 464 feet of shoreline, on Bainbridge Island near Manzanita Bay Park. The park provides the only public access to Manzanita Bay aside from a single, public road end. Of the island's 53 miles of shoreline, only 3.4 miles or less than 7 percent is in public ownership. The purchase will provide access to the water for the public and preserve salmon habitat. The property has a pebbly beach and tideland area, fruit trees, a lawn, and views across the bay. The tidelands are an abundant source of forage fish, particularly herring important to coho, Chinook, and other priority fish species. Bainbridge Island's Historic Preservation Commission, Open Space Commission, Watershed Council, Suquamish Tribe, and kayak enthusiasts support the project. The district will contribute \$1.1 million in cash and a state grant. The park district received only part of the \$840,061 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1730)

Kitsap County

Grant Awarded: \$177,150

Renovating the Salsbury Point Boat Launch

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate one of the three boat launch ramps at Salsbury Point Park, which is in northern Kitsap County on the eastern shore of the Hood Canal. The 37-year-old boat launch creates a difficult launch for boats on trailers and has reached the end of its useful life. The County will remove the asphalt, correct the ramp elevation, and replace the planks. Salsbury Point serves as the primary access in the county for boaters to Hood Canal, Admiralty Inlet, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the Puget Sound. On the Kitsap peninsula, the nearest saltwater public boat launch is 18 miles south in Seabeck. The County will contribute \$177,150. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1133)

Poulsbo

Grant Awarded: \$460,000

Expanding Poulsbo's Fish Park

Poulsbo will use this grant to buy 12.3 acres along the eastern shore of the Liberty Bay estuary, protecting the entire estuary and providing public access. The land will connect Dogfish Creek, which runs through the property, to the estuary, and will allow the city to extend an interpretive trail through this natural oasis in the middle of Poulsbo. The city also will demolish a home site, restore shoreline habitat, enhance waterfront buffers, and add parking, trails, two viewing platforms, benches, and interpretive signs. Poulsbo will contribute \$487,462 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, land, and materials. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1337)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$305,000**
Improving the Long Lake Boat Launch

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a boat loading float and improve the parking lot at Long Lake access site in Kitsap County. The lake is popular for trout and warm water fishing as well as water-skiing and personal watercraft use. This boat launch is the only public boat ramp on the lake. It has a large, hazardous hole at the end of the boat ramp, is not accessible for people with disabilities, and has no boat loading float. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1090)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$1,810,042**
Protecting 100-year-old Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 103 acres in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area near Bremerton. The land is part of a larger area that contains the highest quality of a rare forest of trees more than 100 years old. More than 98 percent of similar mature forests have been lost since European settlement in the Puget trough ecoregion, which runs the length of Washington between the Cascade Mountains on the east and the Olympic Mountains and Willapa Hills on the west. The larger area contains managed forestlands that are one of the most important landscapes for the conservation of biological diversity in the Puget trough. Stavis Creek, which runs through the property, is one of the best remaining Hood Canal salmon spawning habitats and is a designated recovery area for threatened Hood Canal summer chum. High-quality freshwater wetlands form the headwaters of the creek and have habitat for cavity-nesting ducks. The land also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quail, cougar, and black bear. The objective is to protect the connected forests and wetlands from development, logging, and other commercial uses. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1117)

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KITTITAS COUNTY

\$714,640

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Alpine Lakes Wilderness Trails **Grant Awarded: \$43,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain and repair trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Crews will remove logs and overgrown brush, repair and maintain drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and maintain trail signs. The priorities for project work will continue to be high-use trails including Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest Trails. Work will be done by a combination of Forest Service staff, volunteers, youth corps crews, and contracts. The

Forest Service will contribute \$36,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1039)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum Front Country Trails Grant Awarded: \$80,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire a four- to six-person crew to maintain front country campgrounds and trail heads from spring to fall. Crews will remove trash, clean restrooms, and repair campground and trail head facilities, bulletin boards, and forest signs. The Cle Elum Ranger District has 24 campgrounds, 35 toilets, 3 rental cabins, and 1,022 miles of non-highway Forest Service roads that host more than 375 dispersed camping sites. These sites serve 125,000 visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$80,500 in labor and a federal grant. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1109)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum Non-motorized Trails Grant Awarded: \$65,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the district's 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users. Work will include removing fallen trees, cutting brush and limbs growing over the trail, repairing and maintaining drainage structures, restoring trail surfaces, and maintaining trail signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$51,200 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1040)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum ORV Trails Grant Awarded: \$90,900**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew leader and a two-person team to maintain the motorized trails in the Cle Elum Ranger District. Crews will remove fallen trees, repair trail surfaces, maintain signs, fix water drainage structures, and repair trail bridges. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1043)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum ORV Trails Grant Awarded: \$89,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew leader and a three-person crew to maintain motorized trails north of Interstate 90. Crews will maintain trail heads, remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, and fix water drainage structures, bridges, and trail surfaces. Crews will be dedicated to these areas for eight months each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1048)

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

Maintaining Cle Elum Winter Trails

Grant Awarded: \$48,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team, along with volunteers, to maintain 84 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trail. The team will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, install signs and markers, and maintain small bridges. The trails vary greatly in terms of difficulty and amount of grooming, so maintaining signs, markers, bridges, and vegetation is important to user safety and enjoyment. In 2009, a new ski trail was approved in the Roaring Ridge area, which will form a loop with the existing John Wayne trail. This grant will allow the ranger district to prepare this trail as a full-fledged part of the system. The ranger district will contribute \$88,000 in a state grant, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1431)

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

Maintaining Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$40,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to perform backlog and yearly maintenance on about 400 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails in the district. Crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces. A combination of contractors, youth corps crews, staff crews, and volunteers will do the work. The ranger district will contribute \$35,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1392)

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

Providing a Ranger for Alpine Lakes Wilderness

Grant Awarded: \$29,800

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund one wilderness ranger for two summers to patrol trails, lakeshores, and campsites in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger's primary duty is to educate and demonstrate low impact principles to reduce trail and resource damage. Rangers explain, seek compliance of, and enforce regulations; update trail condition reports for the district information desk; monitor trail degradation for the trail maintenance crew; update posters for wilderness trail heads; contact organized groups; and teach trail etiquette and safe backcountry travel techniques. The Cle Elum Ranger District administers 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The wilderness and adjacent area contain 12 trail heads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 600 wilderness campsites. The area typically receives more than 35,000 visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,200 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1037)

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

Providing a Ranger for Cle Elum Wilderness Education

Grant Awarded: \$9,800

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund one wilderness ranger to help patrol trails, campsites, and lakeshores in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger will teach visitors how to reduce their impact on the environment, how to protect the trail and wilderness, and about district regulations. Rangers also design brochures and

trailhead posters, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety and maintenance needs. The ranger district manages the 86,000-acre Alpine Lakes Wilderness and other areas that, combined, have 12 trailheads, 157 miles of trail including numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, more than 750 wilderness campsites, and more than 27,000 visitors annually. The district will contribute \$9,820 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1707)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Providing Education in Cle Elum ORV Areas** **Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one, full-time, education and enforcement off-road vehicle (ORV) officer, three seasonal officers, and a replacement patrol motorcycle. The Cle Elum District is arguably the most popular off-road riding and wheeling destination in the Pacific Northwest. The district's ORV program has been in existence since 1985 and manages more than 700 miles of non-wilderness, front country trails, 400 miles of which are open to motorized users. The rangers travel in pairs, frequently on motorcycles, Jeep, or mountain bikes. They work weekly with volunteers, associations, and clubs to conduct educational clinics and coordinate projects. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,000 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1092)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Replacing the Pyramid Trail Bridge** **Grant Awarded: \$20,640**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to replace a failed bridge on the Pyramid Trail, allowing this trail segment to be reopened. This bridge is over Quartz Creek in the heart of the Little Naches drainage, and it provides a critical link to several trail systems and camping areas used primarily by motorcyclists, mountain bikers, and hikers. Trail users have been detoured to another crossing at Ponderosa Camp about a half-mile upstream. The detour directs users through areas of wet soil and through the middle of a small, very popular dispersed site creating potential for collisions between campers and trail users. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,800 in cash, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1176)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Rerouting the Hoyt Mine Trail** **Grant Awarded: \$48,500**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to reroute trail segments, build bridges, reconstruct trail surfaces, and rehabilitate the bypassed sections of the old trail. The Hoyt Mine area along Taneum Creek includes three, multiple-use trails: Hoyt Mine, Frost Creek, and Gnat Flat. These three trails form parts of several popular loops, and are a main motorcycle route between the Taneum and Manastash drainages. They also include some very steep pitches and several muddy creek crossings, which make them

increasingly difficult to ride and cause environmental damage. An analysis identified a series of reroutes, bridges, and reconstruction areas that would alleviate these problems by lowering the grade, bridging streams, hardening trail surfaces, and installing drainage. This grant will fund construction of 3.5 miles of new trail, reconstruction of 2 miles of trail, removal of 1.7 miles of old trail, and construction of 4 new bridges. The Forest Service will contribute \$2,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1073)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife \$2,750,000
Conserving the Heart of Cascades

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 7,711 acres on the east slope of the central Cascade Mountains near Yakima. A striking array of habitat and species occur here because of the substantial elevation change, from 2,500 feet to 6,000 feet in height, and the wide range of rain and snow levels. Spotted owls live in the old growth forests, mountain goats climb the upper elevations, coho salmon and steelhead live in the streams, and several species of lizards and snakes reside at the lower elevations. Four watersheds have their headwaters on Bald Mountain and feed both the Naches and Yakima Rivers. The land has a checkerboard of ownership and is within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, next to the Wenas Wildlife Area and State Department of Natural Resources' forestlands. The land also is used extensively for recreation. This purchase is part of a larger effort that already has conserved 2,675 acres and is a critical match for recent federal funding. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1272)

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KLICKITAT COUNTY \$831,357

Columbia Land Trust Grant Awarded: \$685,857
Preserving Trout Lake Valley Farms

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement to prohibit further development of 215.5 acres of the Schmid farm in the Trout Lake valley. The valley is a unique agricultural valley in the shadow of Mount Adams. It is renowned for its beauty, productive farm and forest lands, and abundant wildlife and recreation. The valley farmland is threatened by development of vacation houses. Of the 7,500 acres of land zoned for farmland, more than 300 homes could be built. The Schmid farm produces alfalfa, used to feed its dairy cows. The Schmidts are fourth generation Trout Lake farmers, and one of the first organic dairy farmers in the Pacific Northwest. The landowner will contribute \$685,857 in donated property interest. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1682)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$145,500**
Restoring Trout Lake Meadow

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the hydrology and vegetation of the meadows at Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, with the goal of improving habitat for the Oregon spotted frog, sandhill crane, pale blue-eyed grass, and other wetland species. The Trout Lake wetland system contains the second largest of the four known Washington populations of the Oregon spotted frog, a state sensitive species. Sandhill cranes, a state endangered species, use this site as a staging area and potential nesting area. The department will remove .37 mile of old irrigation ditches in the east meadow area and take out the old road on the western part of the preserve. The department also will control weeds on 25 acres, allowing native species to reestablish in the meadow. The ditches and old road will be planted with native plants. Past diversion of water from the meadow made the area drier, which decreases Oregon spotted frog breeding habitat, limits food for sandhill cranes, and limits pale blue-eyed grass habitat. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1508)

LEWIS COUNTY

\$327,600

Mossyrock **Grant Awarded: \$327,600**
Buying Land for a Mossyrock Area Park

Mossyrock will use this grant to buy 32.25 acres for a community park. The property is historically significant, as it was a trading ground for Native Americans and the first settlers. The property was sold about 3 years ago for a 50-house development, but the developer went bankrupt. This land is ideally suited for a park because it is centrally located to downtown and is close to the school, community center, and city offices. Outside of school areas, there are limited recreation facilities within 40 miles of Mossyrock. This property will allow a wide range of activities for everyone. The Town will contribute \$338,560 from state and private grants and donations of labor and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1095)

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MASON COUNTY

\$1,736,495

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$450,000

Buying and Developing Coulter Creek Park

Mason County will use this grant to buy and develop about 50 acres at the head of North Bay, between Allyn and Victor. The property has about 18 acres of forest and about 32 acres of wetlands, primarily tidelands and mud flats. The County plans to develop a trailhead for the North Bay Trail, a boardwalk, and forested trail to a water viewpoint, as well as provide environmental education, historical interpretation, a community shellfish area, and a small parking area with a restroom. The majority of the property would be left undisturbed. Partners include the Allyn Business Association, Port of Allyn, Squaxin Island Tribe, and Taylor's Shellfish. The County will contribute \$550,000 in cash, staff labor, grants, and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1601)

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$450,000

Conserving the North Bay and Coulter Creek Estuary

Mason County will use this grant to buy 50 acres at the head of North Bay between Allyn and Victor. The land includes about 18 acres of forest, .5 mile of shoreline on Puget Sound and Coulter Creek, and 32 acres of wetlands, tidelands, and mud flats. Coulter Creek and its estuary host a state fish hatchery supporting the recovery of salmon. Future development of the property could include a boardwalk and forested trail to a water viewpoint, environmental education and historical interpretation kiosks, and a small parking area with a restroom. The majority of the property will be left undisturbed. Partners include Overton and Associates, Allyn Business Association, Port of Allyn, Squaxin Island Tribe, and Taylor Shellfish. The County will contribute \$550,000 in cash, staff labor, other grant funding, and donated land. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Acct program. (10-1060)

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$400,000

Expanding Latimers Landing

Mason County will use this grant to develop 2.4 acres of parking for boats and trailers next to Latimers Landing County Park. The county park has room for only seven vehicles and trailers. The new parking will provide room for up to 30 vehicles and trailers. The County also will add new walkways that provide access to picnic and viewing areas overlooking Pickering Passage. Latimers Landing County Park is a popular water access site in south Puget Sound used by anglers, recreational boaters, and visitors. Currently, vehicles and trailers line the narrow county road, causing visitors to have to walk long distances to park their vehicles. The County will contribute \$140,900 in cash, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1047)

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$61,250

Planning the Renovation of the Union Boat Launch

Mason County will use this grant to develop plans, specifications, and obtain permits to renovate the Union boat ramp on Hood Canal. Mason County developed the boat ramp in the 1970s and it has not had any improvements since. The County plans to renovate the launch, add a dock, and improve the parking lot. The County will contribute \$23,750. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1054)

Mason County

Grant Awarded: \$275,500

Renovating Infields at Mason County Recreation Area Park

Mason County will use this grant to renovate two infields at the Mason County Recreation Area Park near Shelton. The 30-acre sports complex hosts seven baseball and softball fields, and is used by multiple youth leagues, the Shelton School District, and tournaments. The county will replace the dirt infields with synthetic turf, and the outfields will remain grass. This project will improve field playability and reduce maintenance costs, rainouts, and the amount of water used at the park. The County also will make facilities accessible to people with disabilities by paving park pathways and the access to the bleachers and dugouts. The County will contribute \$275,660 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1064)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$90,000

Improving Water Quality in the Tahuya State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a fully equipped, year-round trail crew that will address water quality issues plaguing the Tahuya State Forest in Mason County. The department will build a 40-foot-long bridge, remove an old two-track bridge, install 24 culverts, and build 120 water bars throughout the 170-mile trail system within the forest. The Tahuya State Forest is open year-round, and receives more than 200,000 visitors a year. The department will contribute \$40,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1029)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$9,745

Providing for Tahuya Education

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide one education specialist to patrol trails and trail heads, educate the public about proper trail use and its correlation to the environment and public safety, give assistance to lost or injured riders, and protect the natural resources. The education specialist will be assisted by the department's region staff and volunteers, including an active Forest Watch and Hosting program. The education specialist will help provide for a safe and responsible recreational experience for off-road vehicle riders in the Tahuya State Forest, which is open year-round and offers 170 miles of multiple-use trails, campgrounds, trail heads, and roads. The department will contribute \$2,631 in donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1530)

For more projects in Mason County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

\$820,050

Okanogan County

Grant Awarded: \$60,000

Building the Okanogan County Sheriff's Range Shoot House

The Okanogan County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to build a warehouse-type building with moveable walls to accommodate a range of trainings. This non-ballistic shoot house will accommodate force-on-force training, defensive tactics, and scenario-based training, as well as public classes, hunter safety education, and gun practice during bad weather using non-ballistic firearms. Work will include installing fencing and making drainage improvements. The County will contribute \$62,680 in cash, equipment, labor, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1167)

Okanogan Valley Land Council

Grant Awarded: \$90,143

Preserving the Ellis Barnes Livestock Company Ranch

The Okanogan Valley Land Council will use this grant to buy a permanent, voluntary land preservation agreement that will prohibit further development of 1,590 acres of the Ellis Barnes Livestock Company's ranch. The agreement will keep valuable rangeland and significant soils intact for agricultural use. The land includes 47 acres of wetlands that provide exceptional waterfowl habitat and other riparian values critical to the arid climate. The ranch abuts Whitestone Lake and is near Spectacle Lake, both open to the public for fishing and boating. The Barnes family began assembling this ranch in 1924 and it was incorporated in 1929, distinguishing it as one of the oldest "incorporated" ranches in Okanogan County. This family owned cow-calf operation is one of a handful still operating in the north end of the Okanogan Valley and contributes significantly to the local agricultural economy. The council will contribute \$849,200 in staff labor, a federal grant, and donated labor. The council received only part of the \$849,200 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1275)

Twisp

Grant Awarded: \$75,107

Securing Land for the Twisp Community Trail

Twisp will use this grant to buy right-of-way across six pieces of property for a trail that will connect to the town's park. Visitors along much of the route will have views of the Methow and Twisp Rivers from low bank areas and dike trails. This is the first phase of a larger town trail plan and ensures public access and neighborhood connections to more than 1 mile of Twisp and Methow River shoreline. The Twisp Community Trail will connect neighborhoods south of the town park and west of Highway 20 to the park by a

safe pathway. Currently, children have to walk on the road because there are no sidewalks. The Town will contribute \$80,757 in donations of labor and property interest. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1378)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Methow Valley Campgrounds Grant Awarded: \$100,000**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to help maintain its 24 campgrounds. Crews will maintain campground roads, control noxious weeds, remove hazardous trees, operate water systems, and repair picnic tables, fire grates, and bulletin boards. They also will provide information to visitors, collect fees, provide security patrols, clean outhouses, mow, collect garbage, and clean and maintain campsites. The district will recruit six to eight volunteer hosts – one in each of the busiest campgrounds from June through September – to help with some of this work. People travel from all over the world to the Methow Valley to camp, hike, bike, horseback ride, hunt, ride off-road vehicles, and view wildlife. The Forest Service will contribute \$149,920 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1105)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining the Methow Valley Fire Trail Grant Awarded: \$60,000**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to maintain drainage structures, remove loose rock and fallen trees, and trim back overgrown brush on trails affected by wildfires from 2001 to 2006. Several large wildfires have burned a large area of the district's trail system. The number of trees coming down over these trails is taking crews away from normal maintenance activities, with some trails requiring clearing three or four times in the summer. Plants have accelerated growth because of a lack of shade. The soil has been destroyed, particularly in the severely burned areas, resulting in exposed rocks, that are difficult for hikers and horses to navigate. This will be a two-year project and will involve Forest Service staff, Northwest Youth Corps, as well as local mountain bike and Backcountry Horseman volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$24,360 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1042)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Replacing a Stock Bridge on Robinson Creek Grant Awarded: \$30,000**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to replace a damaged log stock bridge with a new footlog bridge, and re-establish the stock ford and approach trails. The bridge is in the Pasayten Wilderness Area on the Robinson Creek Trail. The district will remove the handrails, sawn timber, and curb logs, and then use explosives to safely remove the stringers. A 40-foot-long footlog bridge, which is a single-log bridge with handrails will be built at the same location for hikers. Downstream, crews will use explosives to remove the old, original concrete abutments. About 800 feet of abandoned trail on both sides of the ford will need to be opened and trail surface restored. The

Forest Service will contribute \$2,800 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1065)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Replacing Two Hidden Lakes Trail Bridges** **Grant Awarded: \$85,000**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to replace two trail bridges over Drake and Diamond Creeks on the Hidden Lakes Trail. Hidden Lakes is a popular destination and has the longest use season in the Pasayten Wilderness. Crews will use hand tools only to replace the 28-year-old bridges. Both bridges have approach spans, requiring the construction of two adjoining bridges at each site. The grant will fund the trail crew, stock packer, hardware, and travel costs. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,520 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1140)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Restoring Pasayten Drive Trail and Bridge** **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to restore 1.3 miles of trail and a bridge on the Pasayten Drive Trail. The trail serves motorcyclists, horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers in the Sawtooth backcountry. The beginning of the trail crosses Foggy Dew Creek, an unsafe crossing for wheeled vehicles and hikers. The Coulee Riders motorbike group has been volunteering in the Sawtooth backcountry since 1981 and will partner with the Forest Service on this project, as will volunteers with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and Methow Valley Backcountry Horseman. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,780 in materials and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1146)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$244,800**
Restoring the Sinlahekin Ecosystem through Fire

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area ecosystem by thinning and burning the ponderosa pine forest. Fire, a key ecological process, has been eliminated for nearly 100 years. Fire and fire byproducts support a mosaic of plant communities, in various stages of growth, across the landscape, and wildlife dependent on these habitats. The department will reduce the historically uncharacteristic accumulation of brush and trees by thinning, pruning, piling, and burning the bushes and trees, and doing controlled burns. This project is expected to improve conditions for many wildlife species, particularly flammulated owls, pygmy nuthatches, white-headed woodpeckers, and mule deer. The project will also reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improve forest health, and provide jobs. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1629)

PACIFIC COUNTY

\$4,130,000

Port of Willapa Harbor

Grant Awarded: \$130,000

Planning for the Redevelopment of the Tokeland Marina

The Port of Willapa Harbor will use this grant to complete the planning, design, environmental assessment, and permitting for improvements at the Tokeland Marina. The marina on Willapa Bay in Pacific County, serves a robust and growing salmon and crab sport fishery, as well as the local commercial and tribal fishing fleet. Willapa Bay has the potential for expanded boating; however, marine infrastructure is limited. The Tokeland Marina has a boat launch, moorage floats, fish buying pier, public fishing dock, and parking. The restrooms are portable; the moorage is leased annually, which forces most boaters to launch daily; and the marina requires regular dredging. The community and fishing devotees joined the Port, Pacific County, Shoalwater Bay Tribe, and Tokeland Chamber to develop a plan for the marina that includes adding guest moorage, restrooms, a picnic area, breakwater repairs, and parking upgrades. The Port will contribute \$50,000 in cash and labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1094)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$50,000

Studying a New Location for the Tunerville Campground

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to evaluate the feasibility and cost of relocating the Tunerville campground in Pacific County. The campground is used by horse riders, but there is concerns that it might not be the best location for that activity. The department is concerned about damage from user built trails, the need to develop a formal trail system, and the need for a larger campground. The department will look for a new location and develop a site plan and a preliminary facility design. The department will contribute \$6,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1011)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Buying Land to Protect Long Beach

Grant Awarded: \$2,250,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy 30.4 acres including nearly .2 mile of ocean waterfront in the Seaview Dunes area on the Long Beach peninsula. Long Beach has 26 miles of public beach. The Seaview Dunes portion was zoned for development as single-family and multi-family homes. State Parks wants to buy them as they become available to retain the visual integrity and habitat of the dunes and beach. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1306)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Extending Cape Disappointment's Multi-Use Trail

Grant Awarded: \$1,600,000

State Parks will use this grant to construct a .5-mile trail that will link North Head Lighthouse with the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail. The lighthouse is the most visited

area of Cape Disappointment State Park. It also is a key site on the discovery trail, which runs from Ilwaco's waterfront, to the state park at Beards Hollow, and to Long Beach. State Parks' portion of the trail connects at a county road and this grant will allow the agency to build a new connector that is separate from the county road and will link with the future Bell's View Trail. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1308)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$100,000
Extending Leadbetter Point Wildlife Trail

State Parks will use this grant to build a nearly half-mile trail extension to link park trails at Leadbetter State Park, creating a larger network that will provide access to Hines Marsh. State Parks will build a boardwalk, a viewing platform accessible to people with disabilities, and interpretive signs. The extension trail will run through a forest, parallel to the marsh. It will have a sand surface and a boardwalk to cross wetlands. The 1,300-acre park has shoreline on the Pacific Ocean, Willapa Bay, and Hines Marsh. The marsh is one of the largest, inter-dunal wetlands in North America. The proximity of upland forest to wetlands provides unique bird and wildlife habitat viewing, most notably white swans. State Parks will contribute \$37,443 in donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1116)

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

\$100,000

Newport Grant Awarded: \$100,000
Constructing a Spray Park

Newport will use this grant to build a 3,500-square-foot spray park in the city's main park. The city has no swimming pools or outdoor water activities and the nearest spray park is nearly an hour's drive away. By building a spray park, the City will be providing a fun and safe place for children and the community to enjoy a free water feature. The City will contribute \$100,000 in cash, staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1236)

PIERCE COUNTY

\$6,498,829

Anderson Island Park and Recreation District Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000
Protecting Jacob's Point on Anderson Island

The Anderson Island Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 82 acres on Jacob's Point on Anderson Island in south Puget Sound. The land is on a peninsula separating East Oro Bay from Oro Bay and includes about .6 mile of pristine beach. The

site, which includes tidelands, wetlands, and forests, will be open to the public and include 1.5 miles of trail, picnic areas, and access to the beach for non-motorized boats. The shoreline of Jacob's Point supports a diverse array of fish, birds, and mammals. Oro Bay is one of the closest pocket estuaries to the Nisqually River and provides significant rearing potential for Chinook salmon. The park district will contribute nearly \$1.3 million in conservation futures² and a state grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1317)

DuPont

Grant Awarded: \$21,669

Building the DuPont PowderWorks Skatepark

DuPont will use this grant to construct part of a 6,000-square-foot skate park that will accommodate a variety of skating types and skill levels. The modular components will be constructed in PowderWorks Park on a level cement pad and will include simulated street features such as hand rails, ramps, steps, and grinding rails. The local skateboarding community helped design the skate park. The City will contribute \$97,057 in cash, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. The City received only part of the \$97,057 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1672)

Eatonville

Grant Awarded: \$700,000

Building the Bud Blancher Trail

Eatonville will use this grant to build a 2.3-mile, non-motorized, multi-use trail between Eatonville and the University of Washington's Pack Forest. The 10-foot-wide trail will begin at the Eatonville School District playfields near the town center and end at Pack Forest, providing access to the hundreds of miles of trails within the forest. The town's long-term goals would extend the trail to Rim Rocks County Park, the planned Nisqually Mashel State Park, the Cascade Foothills Trail, and the Yelm Tenino Trail. The Bud Blancher Trail was identified as the backbone of a local trails system and momentum for the proposed trail has been growing. Eatonville received about \$500,000 in donations from the Bud Blancher Estate, the Rails to Trails Conservancy, and Peter and Christine Koch. When constructed, this trail would be the first paved, multi-use trail in south Pierce County. The Town will contribute \$702,546 in cash and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1037)

Mount Tahoma Trails Association

Grant Awarded: \$63,000

Grooming and Maintaining Tahoma Trails

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to groom 30 miles of skiing and snowshoeing trail, and to clear brush and trees from 50 miles of trail. These trails link three backcountry huts for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and are used in the summer for hiking and mountain biking. An estimated 8,000 people use the trails each season. The association also will use the grant to maintain snow machines

² Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

and install signs along the trail. The trail system has been in operation for 20 years and has grown every year, with more than 100,000 cumulative trail users. The local Ashford business community supports the association, along with a volunteer force producing more than 6,000 volunteer hours each year. The association will contribute \$126,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1336)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Grant Awarded: \$381,832

Buying Knight Forest to Expand a Local Park

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 18.79 acres, known as the Knight Forest, next to the Harbor Family Park on the Gig Harbor peninsula. The forest will add trails and natural areas to the Harbor Family Park site, which will have ball fields and other recreation elements. The surrounding area is the most densely populated area of the peninsula outside of Gig Harbor, with public and private elementary schools nearby. The owners are selling the property and have obtained a logging permit. The district will contribute \$381,833 in donations of cash and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1268)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Grant Awarded: \$1,267,875

Buying the DeMolay Property for a Park

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 3.56 acres, including about a quarter mile of shoreline, for a park, and to protect valuable habitat. The DeMolay property is a pristine sand spit on the north east tip of Fox Island, just west of Gig Harbor. The purchase will protect a treasured piece of waterfront from development while providing access to the water for the public. Protection of the natural area is another benefit of this acquisition. The property is for sale and likely would be developed for homes. The district will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash and donated land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1271)

Pierce County

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Building the Playground by the Sound

Pierce County Public Works and Utilities will use this grant to develop a 12,000-square-foot playground near University Place. When developed, it will be one of the largest in the community. Built for children aged 2-12, the playground will feature swings, tunnels, nets, bridges, slides, monkey bars, and a climbing wall. The Playground by the Sound will be in the north meadow of Pierce County's Chambers Creek Properties on Puget Sound and will tie into the existing trail system. University Place partnered with local schools and community groups to look for opportunities to create parks. A committee approached the county with the idea for this playground. Hundreds of local school children and families helped design the playground to incorporate maritime and avian wildlife structures, which will capture the region's unique spirit and history. These same families plus many others are volunteering to raise money and build the playground. The County will contribute \$202,083 in staff labor, materials, state and private grants,

and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1209)

Pierce County **Grant Awarded: \$125,700**
Providing New Playground Equipment at Frontier Park

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services and the fifth-grade class of Kapowsin Elementary will use this grant to replace the heavily used play equipment at Frontier Park in Graham. The old play equipment was removed in 2009 when it failed a safety inspection. The community is raising money for the new equipment and its installation. The County will prepare the site, pave, and install signs. The new play equipment will include ramps, single and double slides, climbers, talk tubes, a tunnel, overhead ladders, crisscross webs, sky wheels, swings, and more. The County will contribute \$125,700 in cash and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1609)

Sumner **Grant Awarded: \$978,999**
Building a Section of the Urban to Mountain Trail

Sumner will use this grant to build .37 mile of trail on the north end of Sumner's Urban to Mountain Trail. The trail follows the White River on the west edge of Sumner Meadows Golf Links, crosses the river on a pedestrian bridge, and continues to the site of a future city park. Sumner's Urban to Mountain Trail, including this section, is the missing link for 38 continuous miles of trail from Seattle's Interurban Trail to the Foothills Trail leading to Mount Rainier. The City will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash and federal and private grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1660)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Developing Franklin Park

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to upgrade the 20-acre Franklin Park. The district will build a sprayground to replace a 58-year-old wading pool, and construct a surrounding plaza and picnic shelter to support community events. The district also will add walking paths throughout the park to meet new standards for outdoor accessibility, install a rain garden drainage system, expand the community garden, install park furnishings and landscaping, and upgrade parking and street access. The park is in the Hilltop community, which is one of the most economically challenged, socially diverse areas in Tacoma. The district will contribute \$536,039 in voter-approved bonds. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1288)

University Place **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Buying the Leach Creek Property for a Park

University Place will use this grant to help buy nearly 15 acres for a park. There are no other parks or public open spaces within the area, which serves about 11,590 residents. The park, which will have baseball fields, a picnic shelter with tables, children's play

equipment, benches, and walking paths, also will be home to a trailhead for the proposed Leach Creek Trail. The City will contribute \$750,000 in conservation futures.³ The City received only part of the \$750,000 it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1157)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Grant Awarded: \$75,000
Maintaining the Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The ranger district will employ a seasonal trail crew and a patrol and facility maintenance crew, buy a small tractor and loader machine to haul rocks and materials, and continue heavy maintenance. The ranger district also will pump toilets, rent dumpsters, and sample water supplies. The ranger district will contribute \$76,000 in staff labor, materials, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1156)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Grant Awarded: \$84,000
Providing Law Enforcement at Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Area

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to help fund law enforcement patrols at Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle area. The objective is to coordinate patrols among Forest Service law enforcement officers and other agency officers when most unregulated and illegal activity occurs. Forest Service seasonal rangers have limited law enforcement training and cannot make contacts related to alcohol, drugs, firearms, and other serious offenses. Users have said increasing patrols in the evenings and on weekends has deterred illegal activity and resulted in a much safer experience for all visitors. The grant will pay for overtime for current law enforcement officers to patrol these extra hours. The Forest Service will contribute \$57,500 in equipment, labor, and donated equipment. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1162)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Grant Awarded: \$267,500
Renovating the Evans Creek ORV Facilities

This Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to renovate the Evans Creek ORV facilities. The Forest Service will add parking, a vault toilet, kiosk, group camp, and picnic shelter, as well as double the number of campsites, and reconstruct access roads and trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$300,000 in labor, a federal grant, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1163)

³ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$95,570**
Designing Elbe 4X4 Campground and Trail Head

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a plan for a campground and a trailhead to serve Elbe Hills 4x4 trail system users. The new campground area will increase safety by getting truck and trailer parking off the shoulders of the already narrow forest roads. The campground will be located away from sensitive wetlands and will include RV and trailer spaces as well as clustered group facilities. The trailhead also will be designed to accommodate ORV trailers and a staging area. Elbe Hills is a popular ORV area and this planning project will bring the department one step closer to making the campground area and new trailhead facility ready for construction and development. The Department will contribute \$11,730 in labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1030)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$77,000**
Maintaining Elbe Hills' Non-motorized Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy materials, equipment, and labor to maintain Elbe Hills' non-motorized recreation trails, which are used primarily by horse riders. The department will buy a mechanized toter to help crews transport trail equipment and tools. Staff will work with volunteers to design better self-sustaining trails – using rock in place of high maintenance wooden structures and treated materials when wooden structures cannot be avoided. The department also will replace tables and fire pits. The department will contribute \$77,680 in labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1025)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$98,312**
Maintaining Elbe Hills ORV Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide equipment, materials, and labor to maintain the Elbe Hills ORV Trail System, which includes 13.5 miles of 4x4 trail, a campground, and a trail head. This grant also will provide a mini-excavator and trail hardening materials. The equipment will allow staff and volunteers to implement a maintenance plan and respond quickly when storms damage the trail. Elbe ORV trails offer year-round access. Only through preventive maintenance and rapid response to problem areas will Elbe continue to remain open throughout the year. The department will contribute \$66,208 in labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1024)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$587,372**
Expanding Nisqually State Park

State Parks will use this grant to buy about 70 acres within the long-term boundary of Nisqually State Park. The land provides the only road and trail access to a large portion of the park. State Parks received only part of the \$900,000 it requested, and may

receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1244)

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SAN JUAN COUNTY

\$47,525

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$47,525 **Replacing a Sewage Pump-Out on Stuart Island**

State Parks will use this grant to replace a 20-year-old, floating, pump-out station at Stuart Island State Park in the San Juan Islands. This pump-out is in danger of failing. The goal is to continue to intercept marine sewage and keep it out of Puget Sound and in proper treatment facilities. A 2001 study of boating sewage facilities showed a statewide need for 814 units, but fewer than 200 are installed today. State Parks will contribute \$142,575 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1166)

SKAGIT COUNTY

\$3,599,387

Anacortes Grant Awarded: \$23,000 **Maintaining Forest Trails**

The Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to maintain all 52 miles of trail in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. The 2,800-acre forest combines old growth groves, sensitive wildlife habitat, and recreational trails on Fidalgo Island. The forest provide an "island" backcountry experience that is enjoyed by thousands of recreationists. About 24,000 Fidalgo residents have a trailhead within 15 minutes of their home. Well-maintained trails reduce user conflict and keep people on the trails and out of sensitive areas. The City will contribute \$32,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1396)

Port of Anacortes Grant Awarded: \$1,447,532 **Increasing Cap Sante Boat Haven Guest Moorage**

The Port of Anacortes will use this grant to replace two guest moorage docks, which are more than 40 years old, at Cap Sante Boat Haven. The new docks will have 54 guest moorage slips. The Port will replace the wood docks and piles with concrete floats and steel piles and upgrade the power supply. Cap Sante Boat Haven has 30 guest moorage slips and receives more than 11,000 requests a year for guest moorage. Boat Haven is at a major Pacific Northwest destination, the gateway to the San Juan Islands

in the Puget Sound. During boating season, Boat Haven has converted its permanent slips to temporary guest moorage slips to accommodate demand. The Port will contribute \$1.4 million. This grant is from the Boating Infrastructure Grant program. (10-1538)

Mount Vernon

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Building a Shoreline Boardwalk

Mount Vernon will use this grant to replace a parking lot with a 24-foot-wide, decorative concrete walkway along the Skagit River. This phase of the Mount Vernon River Walk will allow the city to face its most beautiful natural asset – the great Skagit River – the third largest river on the West Coast. The trail will extend .3 mile south from the Division Bridge to Mount Vernon's city center. The boardwalk will offer expansive views of the Skagit River and historic downtown. Interpretive signs related to the river will be placed along the trail. This phase of the Mount Vernon Skagit River Walk Trail is the next section in the city's most significant trail system. This project has strong community involvement and support amongst citizens, public officials, and key city leaders, including Senator Patty Murray and the Governor's Office, which have financially supported the project. Mount Vernon will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1590)

Mount Vernon

Grant Awarded: \$781,200

Building the Skagit Riverwalk Trail

Mount Vernon will use this grant to build a .34-mile riverfront trail in the city's historic downtown. The pedestrian trail will have a 24-foot-wide, decorative concrete walkway with expansive views of the Skagit River and downtown. This trail, the city's most significant, will increase access to the shoreline and opportunities for public recreation. It is being built on the city's main parking lot. This project has strong community involvement and support among citizens, public officials, and key city leaders. Senator Patty Murray and the Governor's Office financially have supported the project. The City will contribute \$781,200 in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1591)

Mount Vernon

Grant Awarded: \$37,000

Making Little Mountain Archery Range Safer

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 7 acres to buffer the archery course in Little Mountain Park, a 480-acre park on the south side of Mount Vernon. The archery range is one of many activities in the park, which is a regional draw for its expansive views of Skagit Valley, miles of mountain bike and hiking trails through a forest, and a premier ropes course. Park visitors have wandered onto the archery range despite signs and fencing, and others have begun trespassing on adjacent private property to get around the archery fence to the parking area. The acquisition will include a logical and dedicated route around the archery range so that visitors will be less likely to cross through fences or trespass on private property when

traveling between the parking lot and the rest of the park. The acquisition will increase safety and control of access to the range. The City will contribute \$19,000. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1164)

Swinomish Tribe

Grant Awarded: \$280,000

Expanding and Restoring Swadabs Waterfront Park

The Swinomish Tribe will use this grant to expand and develop the 4.5-acre Swadabs Waterfront Park by adding parking, restrooms, a picnic shelter, an interpretive trail, a launch for kayaks and canoes, native landscaping, and an environmental learning and play area. The waterfront park is along the Swinomish Channel, across from La Conner's waterfront. The park development is integrated with a restoration project being completed nearby, and together, they will restore 4.6 acres of salt marsh along Swinomish Channel. The tribe will contribute \$280,150 from a state grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1580)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$37,222

Assessing the Harry Osborne Equestrian Trail System Conditions

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to inventory the trails and conduct environmental assessments in the Harry Osborne State Forest. The department hopes to collect detailed information on the condition of the trails and trail structures, impacts to the environment, and other elements important to the management of this trail system. Inventory activities will include compiling a comprehensive set of environmental overlays (habitat, soils, slope, water, geologic, etc.), a detailed list of characteristics and quantifiable elements to be evaluated, and training for staff and volunteers who will collect data for existing routes. This project is needed to help the department better understand the maintenance needs of this important equestrian trail system. Data collected will be used to describe route conditions, identify maintenance needs, prioritizing work and future funding efforts, and identify future trail development and maintenance needs. Support for the project comes from chapters of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, and others. The department will contribute \$16,121 in labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1003)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$115,000

Hiring a Trail Warden in the Northwest Region

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one trail warden to provide year-round education and enforcement on state-managed trust lands in northwest Washington. The warden will work in the Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle area, Harry Osborne Equestrian Trails, and Blanchard Mountain. These areas have more than 90 miles of trail and more than 165,000 visitors a year. The warden will educate visitors about rules intended for both public safety and reducing impacts on the environment and infrastructure. The department will contribute \$68,800 in equipment,

labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1015)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$99,720**
Maintaining Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a full-time recreation maintenance manager and a small work crew, materials, and equipment to maintain 57 miles of non-motorized trail, three non-motorized trail heads, and two backcountry campgrounds in its Northwest Region, near Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The crew will focus on providing routine and preventative maintenance, working with volunteers, and addressing maintenance backlogs. Support for this project comes from a diverse user base including the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, free flight groups, mountain bike groups, and others. Working together these groups donate more than 5,000 hours a year towards the department's maintenance efforts. The department will contribute \$100,392 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1001)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$23,713**
Maintaining the Samish Overlook

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain the Samish Overlook, which gets 40,000 visitors a year. The grant will pay for staff, materials, and equipment to check on the site at least 80 times a year. The staff will focus on providing routine maintenance and working with volunteers. Support for the project comes from a diverse user base including the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, free flight groups, mountain bike groups, and others. Working together, these groups donate thousands of hours each year for maintenance. The department will contribute \$18,660 in equipment, labor, materials and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1002)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$180,000**
Maintaining Walker Valley ORV Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain and operate the 36-mile, 8,000-acre Walker Valley ORV trail system for two years. The grant will fund an on-site trail manager, eight months of a trail crew, and materials. The trail crew will focus on fixing erosion along the trail system to improve water quality. The department will contribute \$74,000 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1016)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Operating and Maintaining the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain and operate the 36-mile, 8,000-acre Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle (ORV) trail system for a year. The

department will hire an on-site trail manager and use volunteers and Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain trails and trailheads. The trails get heavy, year-round use, which has increased because of recent closures of other ORV sites in the area. The crews will work to maintain the existing trails for user safety, to protect the water quality and natural environment, and to prevent damage to trail infrastructure. The department will contribute \$56,800 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1076)

For more projects in Skagit County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

SKAMANIA COUNTY

For projects in Skamania County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

\$1,419,962

Mukilteo

Grant Awarded: \$220,000

Finishing the Big Gulch Trail

Mukilteo will use this grant to build a .64-mile nature trail in Big Gulch. Development will include a 3- to 4-foot-wide, soft surface, natural trail, boardwalks, education signs, a viewpoint, and entry structures. The trail will accommodate walkers, hikers, and bicyclists. This trail segment is the last remaining undeveloped link of a 2-mile recreational trail system within Big Gulch and connects to a regional bicycle system on State Route 525 and 112th Street that feeds into the countywide, interurban trail system. The trail also provides important local connections to neighborhoods, 92nd Street Park and trails, the city library and fire station, and schools. The City will contribute \$301,505. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1038)

Mukilteo

Grant Awarded: \$175,000

Repairing the Mukilteo Boat Launch

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to replace the failed southern floating docks at Mukilteo Lighthouse Park. The park’s boat launch consists of two docks that serve four boat launch lanes. Each dock consists of seven floats, which are held in place by concrete pilings. The south dock is about 15 years old and is close to failure. The City also will repave the parking lot, which is crumbling under heavy use. In 2010, the City sold about 3,500 boat launch permits and if the southern docks fail, only one dock will

remain to serve boaters. The City will contribute \$75,140. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1127)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$75,000**
Repairing the West Cady Ridge Trail Puncheon

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to replace or convert to a turnpike 240 feet of old and rotting puncheon on the West Cady Ridge Trail within the Wild Sky Wilderness. The old puncheon is in eight segments between 1/2 mile and 2 miles. This heavy use stock and hiker trail receives more than 2,000 visitors a year and is the backbone of the North Fork Skykomish Trail complex. The trail is popular with hikers, equestrians, hunters, and berry pickers. The trail is 8 miles long and connects to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The existing puncheon was constructed in 1983 and is reaching the end of its useful life--curb rails are gone, decking boards are beginning to break, and some stringers are listing. The puncheon poses a safety hazard to stock in particular. Work would be accomplished with volunteers from Backcountry Horsemen of Washington and Washington Trails Association, Northwest Youth Corps, contractors, and Forest Service staff. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1148)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$325,000**
Developing the Reiter Foothills Trail System

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a non-motorized trail system in northwest portion of Reiter Foothills Forest, extending from Reiter Road north and connecting to Wallace Falls State Park. The department will build trails for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use, and install a major trail bridge and signs. Construction of these trails will improve public safety, reduce natural resource damage, and meet increasing public demand for the area. Less than 30 miles from Everett, the Reiter Foothills Forest includes about 10,000 acres of sub-alpine terrain between the Skykomish River to the south and the Sultan River basin to the north. The Wild Sky Wilderness Area makes up the eastern border of the forest, and forest and houses are along the western edge. The department will contribute \$20,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1070)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$532,862**
Developing the Reiter Foothills Motorized Trail System

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to acquire leases for 11 acres for trail head parking areas and ORV challenge areas, and to develop the first phase of a motorized trail in the Reiter Foothills Forest. The department will build up to 10 miles of trail (single track, all terrain vehicle, and 4X4 technical challenge) and some parking. Reiter Foothills Forest includes about 10,000 acres of sub-alpine terrain in Snohomish County between the Skykomish River to the south and the Sultan River basin to the north. The forest is less than 30 miles from Everett. The new motorized trail system is planned for the southeast portion of the forest. Reiter Foothills Forest has a long history of ORV use; however, there have never been any designated trails or trail heads in the

forest. As use increased over time, environmental damage occurred in the forest. The department will contribute \$22,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1019)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$92,100
Improving the Wallace Falls Trail

State Parks will use this grant to improve part of Wallace Falls Trail. Crews will replace and repair the two main overlooks between the middle and upper falls, repair the trail surface, install new benches, prune trees to protect the view, and develop a short spur trail and overlook for a new view of the falls. Wallace Falls State Park is a popular year-round hiking destination serving about 150,000 visitors annually. With the steep terrain, water crossings, and high use, many of the wood rails and overlooks are failing and even jeopardizing the trail bed itself. Once completed, the renovated overlooks will offer an improved experience for visitors and protect an important resource. State Parks will contribute \$10,800 in labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1113)

For more projects in Snohomish County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

SPOKANE COUNTY

\$3,959,564

Cheney Grant Awarded: \$500,000
Developing Betz Park Baseball and Softball Fields

Cheney will use this grant to develop baseball and softball fields on 5 out of 50 acres of undeveloped property that it purchased 13 years ago. Development will include parking, a restroom, Little League-sized baseball field, a youth and adult softball field, and a smaller field designed for both T-ball and the challenger division for youth with physical disabilities. The City will contribute \$500,000 in cash and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1237)

Spokane Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000
Purchasing the YMCA Site to Open Views of the Spokane River Falls

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy .8 acre in the heart of the city’s Riverfront Park to open views of the majestic river falls. On the land sits a 46-year-old YMCA building, which the city plans to demolish. The Spokane parks department purchased the land in 2009 with advance approval from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and this grant will reimburse the city for its purchase. More than 2.5 million people visit the park annually. This location on the Spokane falls has been a gathering place for humans since time immemorial. Spokane will contribute nearly

\$4.4 million in cash and conservation futures⁴. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1497)

Spokane County

Grant Awarded: \$1,633,198

Buying Antoine Peak

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy 338.75 acres, including the 3,375-foot-tall Antoine Peak, completing the last phase of a 1,061-acre conservation project. Antoine Peak forms a prominent backdrop to Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Newman Lake. The County wants to protect this critical habitat for wildlife and the million dollar views it offers, and open the area for wildlife watching. It is rare, if not unique, for a natural area of this size and diversity to be within 1 mile of an urban growth boundary. The land offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, equestrian use, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running, and cross-country skiing. Part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mount Spokane State Park and up into the Selkirk Mountains, it is used year-round by elk, moose, black bear, deer, and many other animals. A pond and many streams transect the property and help recharge the Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for more than 500,000 people. More than eight federal or state species with special status use the area. The County will contribute more than \$1.6 million in conservation futures⁵. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1264)

Spokane County

Grant Awarded: \$36,860

Rehabilitating the Loop Trail at Liberty Lake Park

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to rehabilitate the popular 7-mile Liberty Lake Loop Trail. The County will build a bridge and expand a .5-mile reroute trail to bypass permanently flooded beaver wetlands. The County will restore the old crossing by planting wetland and native plants and will install a museum quality kiosk that educates visitors about the beaver's ecological role and benefits. The County also will fix a dangerous segment of the loop trail that provides access to Liberty Creek Falls, a star attraction to the park. The County will blast rock to create an easier pathway to the falls loop. Liberty Lake Regional Park provides a unique backcountry wilderness experience 20 miles from downtown Spokane and Coeur D'Alene, serving more than 600,000 residents. The County will contribute \$30,920 in donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1265)

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Spokane County

Grant Awarded: \$140,206

Supporting the Spokane County Parks Education and Enforcement Program

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to pay for 80 percent of an education and enforcement officer. The county's education and enforcement program patrols more than 7,000 acres, which see about 500,000 visitors annually. The staff will spend more than 3,000 hours contacting users in the field and volunteers will provide more than 700 hours focusing on non-motorized trails and parking lots. The department will develop trail head maps, trail signs, boundary markers, a Web site, and a volunteer curriculum. It also will purchase a trailer for an all terrain vehicle, a computer, two tri-band radios, and winter tracks for two all-terrain vehicles. The county will contribute \$109,186 in conservation futures⁶, labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1071)

Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

Expanding a Nordic Trail

The Spokane Nordic Ski Education Foundation will use this grant to build .75-mile of new trail, Trail 260, which will connect two major trails and move snowmobilers from the Linder Ridge Road down to Condo Road. These two roads are designated trails for winter recreation. Trail 260 will start near a snowmobile lot and travel below Linder Ridge Road to reach Condo Road. The trail will divert snowmobilers and other users from the Linder Ridge Road, as well as provide Nordic skiers a trail connection from Selkirk Lodge and a skier parking lot to the rest of the ski area. Currently, there is no level place for skiers to get from Selkirk Lodge onto a level trail. The foundation will contribute \$88,634 in donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1693)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$352,000

Improving Newman Lake Boat Access

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install two new boat ramp lanes at the Newman Lake access site in Spokane County. The department also will remove the scour hole and berm, install a boat loading dock and gangway that will accommodate people with disabilities, reduce the crown on top of the ramp to make it easier to launch a boat, grade and gravel the parking area, and repair pavement. Newman Lake is the largest lake in Spokane County and hosts one of the area's best and most diverse warm water fisheries. Located less than 30 minutes east of Spokane, Newman Lake receives heavy, year-round use from anglers, water-skiers, wildlife watchers, and other recreationists. Installed in 1987, the ramp has deteriorated and users run the risk of damaging their trailers when launching boats or other watercraft. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1083)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$58,000
Building an Equestrian Campground

State Parks will use this grant to build a 10-unit campground for horse riders at Riverside State Park. Within the greater Spokane region, there is a demand for equestrian camping but there are no overnight campgrounds. Riverside State Park has more than 65 miles of equestrian trails, but no overnight accommodations. In addition to building the campground, State Parks will make additional improvements, including an equestrian mounting ramp that will be accessible to people with disabilities, a vault toilet, and a corral for horses. State Parks will contribute \$15,300 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1099)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$181,300
Expanding Riverside Youth Riding and ORV Areas

State Parks will use this grant to create a youth riding area that provides a designated site for beginning or young ORV users to learn how to handle their equipment in a controlled and safe environment, away from the fast pace of the main ORV riding area. The area will include a picnic shelter, a vault toilet, and parking. The main ORV area also will be expanded by about 20 acres and boundary fencing installed. The proposed fencing will maintain a 75-foot equestrian corridor along the southern border and provide a safety barrier for both the equestrian and ORV user. State Parks will contribute \$45,900 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1067)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$38,000
Increasing Staffing at Riverside ORV Park

State Parks will use this grant to fund a seasonal park aide to help maintain facilities, protect resources, control noxious weeds, and provide customer service to users of Riverside Off Road Vehicle Park. The park is a 600-acre, fenced area that is open for all types of off-road vehicle use. The terrain is diverse and includes large open sandy areas, steep inclines, flats, and forested areas with trails that provide opportunities for riders of all skill levels. It is the only off-road vehicle park in the Washington State Park system and hosts 90,000 visitors a year. Historically, this area was staffed with two rangers and a seasonal park aide. Current staffing is down to one ranger with a shared seasonal park aide. This grant would provide staff for routine maintenance needs such as opening and closing gates, cleaning restrooms, controlling noxious weeds, maintaining fences, picking up garbage and litter, mowing, and maintaining equipment and facilities. This would free park rangers to increase enforcement and education efforts and would provide on-site staff for emergencies. State Parks will contribute \$9,500 in equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1102)

For more projects in Spokane County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

STEVENS COUNTY

\$26,500

Fort Colville Gun Club

Grant Awarded: \$26,500

Building a New Pistol Range

The Fort Colville Gun Club will use this grant to build a new pistol range at the Fort Colville Gun Club. This will entail converting an out building into an outdoor pistol range by developing shooting stations under the building overhang; installing an exhaust system, electrical fixtures, and sound deadening materials; building berms, containment walls, and baffles; and landscaping with wood chips and a new entrance sign. The gun club will contribute \$14,120 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1143)

For more projects in Stevens County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

THURSTON COUNTY

\$3,022,751

Lacey

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Buying Land for Pleasant Glade Community Park

The Lacey Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 67.09 acres for the future Pleasant Glade Community Park, which is in an area with no developed community parks. The City wants to buy land in the Woodland Creek corridor to add to the 313 acres currently owned by the city or protected. The purchase also will help improve water quality in the Henderson Inlet watershed and preserve the wildlife corridor along the creek. The land is up for sale and could be developed with more than 300 houses. The City will contribute more than \$1.3 million in cash, conservation futures⁷, donated land, and staff labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1690)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$1,065,801
Expanding the Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve to Protect Prairie, Woodlands

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy part of 150 acres of oak woodland, prairie, and riparian habitat next to the Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. Prairie and oak woodland habitats are among the most threatened in Washington, with only 3 percent of the historic prairie-oak landscape still intact. This preserve is one of the largest intact prairie sites left in western Washington and includes the last, best example of mounded prairie in the state. It also is recognized nationally for its ecological

⁷ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

and geological importance, as a national natural landmark. The prairie and oak habitats on the site support populations of a number of prairie-dependent butterflies and birds, including the valley silverspot, Oregon branded skipper, western meadowlark, and savannah sparrow. Mima Mounds is also a high priority location for re-introduction of other imperiled prairie species such as the Mardon skipper butterfly and golden paintbrush. This proposal is part of a regional conservation plan developed by partners, including the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Lewis Military Reservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Nature Conservancy to protect remnants of these natural communities and restore their structure and function. The department received only part of the \$1.5 million it requested, and may receive additional funds if money from other projects is unused. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1465)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$96,000
Maintaining Capitol State Forest Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide labor and materials to maintain 85 miles of non-motorized trail and 3 trail heads in the Capitol State Forest. These trails and facilities are used by equine enthusiasts, mountain bike riders, hikers and trail runners. Crews will shape trail surfaces, lay crushed rock on small sections of trail to harden the trail surface, install and maintain drainage structures, remove overgrown brush encroaching on the trail, and inspect and maintain bridges and signs. Trail head maintenance will include picking up litter and maintaining and repairing restrooms, fences, corrals, manure bins, and sign boards. Due to the high amount of use and clay soils, the non-motorized trails in the forest need an intensive, proactive maintenance program to ensure a safe experience for visitors. Additionally, many miles of these trails cross salmon-bearing streams, making routine trail maintenance critical to protect natural resources. Work will be done by department staff, prison crews, volunteers, and clubs. The department will contribute \$96,050 in, equipment, labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1006)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$500,000
Restoring and Protecting the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy nearly 20 acres of shoreline and adjacent uplands and to remove creosoted material from a pier at the mouth of Chapman Bay. This work is part of a larger effort to protect a large complex of shoreline habitats and plants and animals through the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area in Henderson Inlet in southern Puget Sound. The Legislature designated the conservation area in 1987 to protect the area and to provide opportunities for public use and environmental education. The site includes the former Weyerhaeuser South Bay Log Dump that operated from the 1920s until the 1980s. The department will contribute \$500,000 from a state grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (10-1116)

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring South Sound Prairies**

Grant Awarded: \$360,950

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to continue restoration of five areas in southern Puget Sound by removing invasive plants and replanting. Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie are home to many rare plants, animals, and plant communities of concern to the Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources. The five sites contain more than 60 percent of the remaining, native-dominated prairie outside of Joint Base Lewis McChord in southern Puget Sound. The department will eradicate invasive plant species, using controlled fire and herbicide. The two agencies are partnering with The Nature Conservancy and Joint Base Lewis McChord to increase the seed production capacity. This cooperative project will save the agencies time and money by avoiding redundancies in staffing, contracting, and seed source development. The department will contribute \$20,000 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1440)

For more projects in Thurston County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY

\$498,000

**Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Building Bradley ORV Trail Bridges**

Grant Awarded: \$70,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build and install two bridges in the Elochoman area on the Bradley Trail. Two failing ORV bridges need to be replaced. This grant will pay for engineering support, the purchase and installation of new bridges, preparation of the bridge site, on-site construction of concrete footings, and permitting. This project will ensure the safety of trail users and will protect natural resources such as salmon bearing stream habitat. The department will contribute \$8,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1272)

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Oneida Boat Launch**

Grant Awarded: \$428,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Oneida boat launch on Deep River in Grays Bay in Wahkiakum County. The department will build a new boat loading float, vault toilet, and parking, and complete ramp repairs. This project will improve the existing site and provide reliable access to the lower Columbia River for hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers, and other recreational boaters. This boat launch is an extremely important for waterfowl hunters and anglers on the lower Columbia River with more than 9,000 user days. It is particularly important to the sturgeon anglers and

is the main access point for this reach of the lower Columbia River. Currently, the launch is a single boat launch with a much degraded dock and an open field for parking area. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1107)

For more projects in Wahkiakum County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY

\$96,000

Walla Walla Gun Club

Grant Awarded: \$96,000

Developing the Walla Walla Gun Club Shooting Range

The Walla Walla Gun Club will use this grant to buy a long-term lease on land and develop a shooting range for the Walla Walla Gun Club. The development will include building a rifle range and a pistol range, roads, parking, pathways, and signs. The gun club will operate its current trap and skeet range, while building the rifle and pistol ranges at a new location. The club plans to vacate its existing range by 2013. The gun club will contribute \$98,242 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1046)

For more projects in Walla Walla County, see “Projects in Multiple Counties” section at the end of this document.

WHATCOM COUNTY

\$1,315,451

Lynden Shotgun Club

Grant Awarded: \$18,915

Replacing Worn out Trap and Skeet Machines at the Lynden Shotgun Club

The Lynden Shotgun Club will use this grant to replace 50-year-old skeet machines on four of six skeet fields. The machines break down frequently, break targets, and do not throw targets accurately. The club also will add a new trap machine capable of throwing single or doubles trap targets resulting in three reliable, automated trap fields. Poor equipment jeopardizes membership, public use, and registered competitions, including continued hosting of the Washington State Skeet Championships. Two donors have agreed to pay for two machines for two skeet fields if this grant is received. The gun club will contribute \$18,915 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program. (11-1123)

Port of Bellingham

Grant Awarded: \$499,818

Renovating Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to renovate the four-lane boat launch at Squalicum Harbor. The Port will replace the two floats, remove the treated piling, install lighting to improve visibility on the floats and approach area, improve the boat rinse-down area by installing a new water supply, and repair the approach and parking lot. The launch was built in 1985 and is reaching the end of its useful life. The Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch is in the middle of Whatcom County and sees more than 7,500 launches a year. The closest saltwater access ramp is 5 miles south at Fairhaven. The Port will contribute \$166,607. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program.

(11-1093)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

Providing a Coordinator for Mountain Stewards

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund a volunteer coordinator to support the Mountain Stewards Program. The program trains volunteer to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, minimizing impact on the environment, forest regulations, and general park information at three of the busiest trail systems in the district – those in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area, and around the Heather Meadows area. Volunteers have made more than 14,700 visitor contacts in the past eight seasons. The ranger district will contribute \$13,060 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1381)

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$485,000

Renovating the Lake Samish Access Site

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace a failing boat ramp with a new accessible boarding ramp on Samish Lake, and add a restroom and parking for people with disabilities. The only boat launch on Samish Lake, this site has the highest use of all department lake ramps within four counties. Lake Samish provides year-round fishing for trout and warm water fish. Heavily used by recreational boaters and water-skiers, the existing boat ramp was built in 1974 and almost is unusable. The shoreline next to the damaged ramp is used by boaters for launching. If this project is not funded, more degradation of the shoreline will result. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1086)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$61,718

Maintaining Northwest Region Hiking Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain about 60 miles of non-motorized trail, two backcountry campgrounds, and three trailheads in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest. Crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, clean restrooms, and maintain grounds and other campground amenities such as signs, picnic tables, and fire rings. The department will contribute

\$62,286 in staff labor, materials, equipment, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1077)

Whatcom County

Grant Awarded: \$240,000

Replacing the Lighthouse Marine Park Dock

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the aging boat launch at Lighthouse Marine Park in Point Roberts. The County will install a new dock and fishing platform, replace the wooden pilings with steel pilings, restore the concrete ramp, and make other upland improvements. When completed, the boat launch will improve safety and access for everyone, including people with disabilities, and will contain environmentally sound construction materials. Lighthouse Marine Park is a main access point to the Strait of Georgia, and offers the only public boat launch on the point. The Point Roberts community has grown to more than 2,000 full-time residents and businesses that increasingly rely on the tourism afforded by Lighthouse Marine Park and its boat launch. The County will contribute \$80,000 in cash and labor. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1144)

For more projects in Whatcom County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

WHITMAN COUNTY

\$96,000

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$96,000

Planning the Malden-Tekoa Segment of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail

State Parks will use this grant to develop site plans and secure local permits for the development of trail heads on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail at Malden, Rosalia, and Tekoa. The 200-mile trail is a popular, abandoned railroad that is the spine of a statewide trail system. State Parks will inventory 34 miles of trail, inspect trestles and culverts crossing streams and roads, identify temporary trail routes around major obstacles, obtain comments from adjacent property owners and potential trail users, and prepare construction cost estimates and a construction phasing plan. State Parks is partnering with the community volunteers, the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders, and regional trail users in this planning project. This segment of the trail is midway between Spokane and Pullman. State Parks will contribute \$64,000 in donations of cash. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1101)

YAKIMA COUNTY

\$2,663,449

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

Grant Awarded: \$74,400

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a maintenance crew supervisor and crew, transportation, and supplies for two years to clear all 250 miles of trail in the district each year. The crews also will complete maintenance tasks, such as removing brush, repairing drainage structures, and fixing trail surfaces, on half the trails each year. The district has 140 miles of motorcycle trail and 110 miles of four-wheel drive trail, which are used by an estimated 100,000 people annually. Heavy trail use, coupled with steep slopes, poor soils, and numerous stream and wetland crossings requires maintenance to keep the trails safe, enjoyable, and within standards. The ranger district will contribute \$163,580 in cash, equipment, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1576)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining the Naches Wilderness Trails**

Grant Awarded: \$98,640

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund 50 days of a crew supervisor and 70 days of four crew members, transportation, and supplies for two years to clear 75 percent (285 miles) of trail in the Naches Wilderness each year and do more extensive maintenance on about 40 percent (152 miles) of trail. The Naches District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest manages about 380 miles of backcountry trails used by more than 30,000 stock and foot travelers annually. Trail maintenance will occur in the portions of the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and the Goat Rocks Wilderness Areas. All work within the wilderness will be done using hand tools only. The Forest Service will contribute \$101,240 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, a grant, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1161)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Recreation Areas in the Naches**

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew of three employees for three summer months over two years, along with a small amount for materials, to complete non-routine improvement projects. The crew will replace old and deteriorated toilets, tables, fire rings, bulletin boards, and signs. The district's recreation sites typically are filled on summer weekends and serve an estimated 63,000 visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$105,000 in cash, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1160)

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

Maintaining the Naches Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$73,700

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew supervisor and five-person crew, transportation, and supplies for two years to maintain 380 miles of non-motorized, backcountry trails within the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas. The crews will clear about 75 percent of the trails each year. They also will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces on about 50 percent of the trails over two years. More than 30,000 hikers and stock users use the trails annually. The ranger district will contribute \$90,948 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1577)

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

Providing a Ranger for Off-road Vehicle Education

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund one, off-road vehicle education ranger for the summer. The district manages more than 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails for an estimated 70,000 people annually, and provides 10 percent of all the motorized trail opportunities in Washington. The ranger will specialize in motorized education and make field contacts at campsites, staging areas, and on the trails. The district is seeing an increase in new users unfamiliar with the district's rules because they are coming to the Naches area from other parts of the state where off-road riding has been shut down. The district will contribute \$34,942 in cash, materials, and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1578)

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

Rebuilding the Copper City Four-wheel Drive Trail

Grant Awarded: \$24,300

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to complete reconstruction of the historic Copper City 4WD Trail #654 in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This 2.3-mile trail is the only four-wheel drive trail in the Bumping River watershed. The district will fix drainage problems and develop and install regulatory and interpretive signs about the old mining road. The rebuilt trail will allow the district to protect the environment, preserve historic features, and enhance interpretation of a 1930s mining center. The Hombres, a Pacific Northwest 4WD Association chapter, will provide volunteers. The ranger district will contribute \$20,755 in staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1579)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$275,271

Building the Middle Fork Ahtanum Trail and Trailhead

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 2-4 miles of a non-motorized trail and a trailhead in the Ahtanum State Forest, which is 25 miles west of Yakima. The department also will develop a parking area, build a restroom, install signs and kiosks, and landscape. The development is the result of a community planning effort that identified the middle fork Ahtanum area as a logical place for a year-round, non-motorized trail system. The area is unique because its relatively low elevation, low

amount of rain and snow, and closeness to a paved road means it will have year-round use. The department will contribute \$23,800 in donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1427)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$1,887,138
Expanding the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 1,120 acres for inclusion in the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area. The land contains habitat for sandhill cranes, Mardon skipper butterflies, and six rare plant populations. This is one of only four nesting, foraging, and fledging habitats in Washington for the state endangered sandhill crane, and provides a vital link between similar habitat on Yakama Nation lands and in the Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The area used by the cranes includes a remote wetland and dry meadow complex that provides an undisturbed nesting location. The purchase will protect the various habitats, provide opportunities for restoration that will improve habitat on lands already in the conservation area, and add rare plant populations to the site. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1472)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$120,000
Maintaining the Ahtanum State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a seasonal, two-person crew to maintain six recreational sites in the Ahtanum State Forest, which is 25 miles west of Yakima, and two campgrounds in southern Yakima County. The department owns about 77,000 acres in the state forest and recreational demands are increasing rapidly in this area, as are the associated impacts. There are few other similar recreational opportunities in the area. The department will contribute \$63,000 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1021)

For more projects in Yakima County, see "Projects in Multiple Counties" section at the end of this document.

STATEWIDE PROJECTS

\$1,085,000

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington Grant Awarded: \$10,000
Teaching Minimum Impact Recreation

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to pay for materials and expenses of volunteers who teach the "Ethics of Leave No Trace," a program designed to teach recreationists how to minimize their impact on the environment. The grant will cover travel, lodging, and meals for volunteers as well as the costs to print materials and replace worn out equipment. The grant also will pay to produce educational DVDs

that teach the seven principles of educational program. The Backcountry Horsemen supplied more than 64,000 hours of labor on trails and more than 2,000 hours on teaching the Leave No Trace program in 2008. The Backcountry Horsemen will contribute \$2,500 in donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1039)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$900,000
Protecting State Parks by Buying Inholdings and Adjacent Properties

State Parks will use this grant to buy private property that is within or adjacent to park boundaries. From time-to-time, State Parks learns of desirable properties adjacent to or actually within the boundaries of a park. Some of these properties are small and consequently may not compete well during a competitive grant process. Others must be purchased quickly. In the past, grants have been used to buy property to remove undesirable neighbors (tavern) from a park, to obtain legal access to a park, to acquire desirable property listed with a real estate agent, and to buy land with high natural resources value. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (10-1242)

Washington Trails Association Grant Awarded: \$75,000
Funding Backcountry Trail Teams

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to fund at least 45 volunteer trail teams to maintain more than 100 miles of backcountry trails open to hiker and equestrian use. The teams will work in locations throughout the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, and from the northernmost reaches of the Salmo-Priest Wilderness to Bird Creek Meadows near Mount Adams on Yakama Nation land. The teams will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces. The association's backcountry trail teams will work on trails that are further than a single day trip. The association will contribute \$237,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1373)

Washington Trails Association Grant Awarded: \$25,000
Funding Youth Trail Maintenance Teams

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to support five, front-country youth projects working in national forests and state and national parks. The youth teams will work on trails in locations such as Jug Lake Trail near Packwood, Cape Disappointment State Park, Beacon Rock State Park, and White River Campground in Mount Rainier National Park. Many of these agencies do not have dedicated trail maintenance crews and rely on volunteers to keep their trail systems operational. By completing basic trail maintenance tasks, youth learn trail maintenance skills as well as address significant trail maintenance needs of the agencies. These young adults also learn valuable skills, such as self-reliance and self-confidence, by completing challenging projects. The association will contribute \$50,300 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1510)

Washington Trails Association

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

Providing Front Country Trail Maintenance

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to support volunteer trail maintenance on more than 100 trails across the state. The association will host 250 "front country" work parties, totaling more than 25,000 volunteer hours, on trails throughout the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and in eastern Washington. The association will target popular day hike routes, accessible from the major cities of Puget Sound and southwest Washington. Volunteers will remove brush and fallen trees, maintain drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and perform other maintenance tasks. Most of these trails will see two to four days of routine annual maintenance. The association will contribute \$375,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1193)

PROJECTS IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES

\$2,121,062

Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Stevens, Spokane, Walla Walla Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$30,876

Grooming Snowmobile Trails in the Okanogan Highlands

State Parks will use this grant to help groom about 746 miles of snowmobile trails in the Okanogan Highlands Province, which range from Mount Spokane to the Blue Mountains in southeast Washington. These trails are accessed from 13 different sno-parks at some of the most remote areas of the state. Matching funding comes from snowmobile registration fees and a percentage of the state fuel tax attributed to snowmobile use. During the past few years, revenues have not kept pace with rising costs, and this grant will help fill the funding gap. Grooming typically is provided from December 1 to March 31 each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. State Parks will contribute \$123,499. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1328)

Clallam and Jefferson Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association

Grant Awarded: \$71,140

Providing Olympic Youth Crews

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to support youth crews to maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, part of which runs across the northern end of the Olympic Peninsula, through Jefferson and Clallam Counties. Crews will work in the following areas: 1) from Snow Creek and Mount Zion, through Gold Creek, the upper Dungeness River, and the Buckhorn Wilderness, to the national park boundary; 2) the Hi-Divide and Low Divide areas on the upper Solduc River and the upper and lower Bogachiel River in the park. The trail work gives the agencies much needed help, and allows the youth to get away from the electronic

world, learn about nature, and ultimately become better stewards of the environment. The association will contribute \$69,000 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1564)

Clark and Skamania Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$99,500 **Maintaining Yacolt Burn State Forest Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain about 55 miles of non-motorized trail and six trail heads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and Siouxon area for two years. Crews will repair damaged sections of trail by reshaping the trail surface, hardening small sections of trail by laying crushed rock, installing and maintaining drainage structures, cutting back encroaching brush, and maintaining bridges. They also will maintain restrooms and signs, pick up litter and make general repairs. This project will be accomplished by DNR staff, Larch Correctional Crews, and volunteer labor. The department will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1010)

Clark, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$132,500 **Supporting an Education Program in the Yacolt Burn State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to support the education and enforcement efforts in Yacolt Burn State Forest by providing a full-time specialist, signs, supplies, and transportation costs for department staff and volunteers. Staff and volunteers educate recreational visitors about rules and principals of good stewardship, and identify and address potential health, safety, and resource damage. The department will focus on users of its 59 miles of trail, 3 campgrounds, and 4 trail heads. The specialist will serve as the link between the department and its neighbors, visitors, and volunteers. The department will contribute \$67,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1008)

Clark and Wahkiakum Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$145,400 **Maintaining Yacolt Burn State Forest and Elochoman ORV Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 18 miles of ORV trail and the two trail heads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman area for two years. These trails are used heavily because they are the only two, free, ORV forest riding areas near Vancouver and Portland. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, fix water drainage structures, repair trail bridges, clean toilets, pick up litter, and maintain signs and bulletin boards. The work will be done by volunteers, department staff, and prison inmates. The department will

contribute \$51,600 in labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1009)

Chelan and King Counties

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

Hiring a Recreation Internship Crew

Grant Awarded: \$87,590

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a Student Conservation Association crew to help maintain campgrounds, trail heads, trails, and dispersed recreation sites in the Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, and the Henry Jackson Wilderness areas. Work will include facility maintenance, noxious weed control, and campsite and trail maintenance. This grant will fund five interns and one crew supervisor for two seasons, including transportation, volunteer housing, and food stipends. Interns will be exposed to all aspects of recreation maintenance in both front country and backcountry settings, working with existing district staff. The emphasis will be on completing backlog maintenance projects in high-use areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,496 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1131)

Cowlitz, Lewis, and Skamania Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$83,462

Maintaining Motorized Trails

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a two-person trail crew to help maintain more than 190 miles of trail for two years, trail heads, and six campgrounds used primarily by motorized users. The crew will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair safety hazards, maintain trail surfaces and water drainage structures, and clean campsites and toilets. Regular maintenance decreases damage to the environment, minimizes conflicts between user groups, and extends the life of the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$93,453 in cash, equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1135)

Grays Harbor and Thurston Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$168,000

Maintaining Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 87 miles of ORV trail, two trail heads, one novice area, and an ORV campground in the Capitol State Forest. High use, clay soils, and crossings of salmon-bearing streams means the motorized trails in the forest require ongoing, intensive maintenance to ensure a safe, fun experience for visitors and protection of the environment. Crews will shape the trail surface, harden small sections of trail by laying crushed rock or concrete grid blocks, maintain drainage structures, remove overgrown brush, and inspect bridges. Work will

be done by department staff, Washington Conservation Corps and prison crews, volunteers, and clubs. The department will contribute \$112,100 in equipment, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1005)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$142,000
Providing Education and Enforcement in Thurston County's Capitol Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a full-time education and enforcement specialist to patrol 172 miles of trail, 7 campgrounds, 5 trail heads, and 500 miles of forest roads in the 110,000-acre Capitol Forest. The department estimates that more than 800,000 people visit the forest each year. Forested areas can be denuded and fish bearing streams damaged if off-road vehicle use is not supervised. The department's enforcement and education program plays a major part in guiding users to respect the environment, forestry operations, and other recreationists. The grant will pay for labor, signs, supplies, and transportation costs to assist the specialist and volunteers in their efforts to educate recreational visitors about rules, policies, and principals of good stewardship. The program will identify and address health, safety, and resource damage issues and provide an in-field enforcement presence. The department will contribute \$94,700 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1007)

Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Grant Awarded: \$70,864
Funding the North Cascade Youth Crews

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to fund a crew leader and a five-person youth crew to maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. This 220-mile segment of the trail includes lands managed by the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the State Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. For the past 10 years, these agencies have relied on the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, non-profits, volunteers, and youth crews, to maintain trails because of dwindling budgets. The association will contribute \$67,500 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1539)

King and Kittitas Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Alpine Lakes Wilderness Trails Grant Awarded: \$43,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area trails. The district will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and install trail signs. The district will focus on high-use trails such as Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest Trails. Work will be done by staff, volunteers from the Washington Trail Association and

the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, as well as individuals, youth corps crews, and contractors. The ranger district will contribute \$36,000 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1502)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum Hiking Trails Grant Awarded: \$33,584**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the district's 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users. The project will maintain the public's access to and use of trails as well as continue to protect adjacent resources. The district will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and install trail signs. Funds also will be used to purchase materials, supplies, and tools for the project. The ranger district will contribute \$27,741 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1501)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Cle Elum Off-road Vehicle Trails Grant Awarded: \$68,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew leader and a two-person team to maintain the motorized trails in the district. Crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The team will work with volunteers to complete the work. The district will contribute \$38,021 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1541)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Providing a Ranger for Off-road Vehicle Education Grant Awarded: \$10,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to support the off-road vehicle education and volunteer programs by funding one full-time education ranger. The ranger district manages more than 400 miles of off-road trails. Its program involves many major off-road clubs and associations in the northwest, with education volunteers serving nearly 3,000 hours last year. The district has doubled its workforce on weekends through resourceful hiring and by dividing two positions into four part-time positions. This hiring approach has enabled the forest service to cover the entire district each weekend. The ranger district will contribute \$15,000 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1519)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Providing Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrols Grant Awarded: \$9,658**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two education and safety snow rangers to patrol the 21 sno-parks and staging areas, 500 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and about 300,000 acres of backcountry area open to snowmobiling in the district. In addition, these rangers will attend club gatherings, council meetings, and events. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respect for wilderness and other non-motorized areas, and trail etiquette. Past experience has

shown consistent field presence and one-on-one interaction reduces user conflicts, thereby preserving snowmobile riding opportunities in this heavily used region. The district will contribute \$22,697 in a state grant and donated and staff labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1430)

King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Grant Awarded: \$9,658 **Hiring a Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program Coordinator**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a seasonal volunteer program coordinator. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Volunteer rangers contact visitors and provide information and assistance, promoting safety in the backcountry and protection of the environment. They assist in the maintenance of trails, campsites, toilets, signs, and bulletin boards. Volunteers also help with community outreach programs including walks, talks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays, interpretive programs, and environmental education efforts. This project will fund the salary and travel costs for the volunteer coordinator and supplies for the Volunteer Ranger Program for one year. More than 100,000 visitors use trails in the district each year. For the past 10 years, 30 to 50 volunteers have donated between 3,000 and 5,000 hours each season. The district will contribute \$36,835 in federal funding, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1433)

King and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Grant Awarded: \$75,000 **Maintaining Skykomish Trails**

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund trail crews, youth corps, contractors, and coordination of volunteer groups to maintain 144 miles of trail in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. These trails include hiker and stock trails. The crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, fix trail surfaces, repair slides, and remove boulders. The trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness Areas and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area, and includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Iron Goat Trail within the Stevens Pass Historic District. The system receives more than 50,000 visitors a year and features old growth forests, subalpine lakes and meadows, mountain views, and wild creeks and rivers. The ranger district will contribute \$70,000 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1490)

Kitsap and Mason Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$199,960
Maintaining the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests' Trails and Facilities

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a fully equipped, four-to five-person, year-round trail crew to maintain 100 miles of the 170-mile Tahuya State Forest trail system in Mason County, the 13-mile Green Mountain State Forest trail system in Kitsap County, and eight ORV facilities. The trail crew will focus on the more heavily traveled, two-track, ORV and 4X4 multiple-use trail networks and associated campgrounds, trail heads, and day-use access facilities. Annually, the two forests receive more than 250,000 user visits. The department will contribute \$136,110 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1026)

Kittitas and Mason Counties

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$191,890
Providing Education and Enforcement in the Tahuya, Green Mountain Forests

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to continue an established education and enforcement program, with two fully trained specialists, in the west side of the South Puget Sound Region. The specialists will patrol multiple-use trails and trail heads, educate the public about proper trail use and public safety, give assistance to lost or injured riders, and protect state facilities in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, both of which are open year-round and offer 213 miles of multiple-use trail, campgrounds, trail heads, and miles of road. The department will contribute \$82,399 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1027)

Kittitas and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Maintaining Naches Motorized Trails Grant Awarded: \$109,500

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a seven-person crew, trail crew leader, and transportation for this crew for two years to maintain 250 miles of trail in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The crew will clear the trail, trim overgrown brush, and fix drainage structures. The trail system receives extensive use from more than 108,000 visitors a year. Heavy trail use, coupled with steep slopes, poor soils, and numerous stream and wetland crossings, requires continual and consistent maintenance to keep the trail system safe, enjoyable, and within standards. The Forest Service will contribute \$111,760 in equipment, materials, two federal grants, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1159)

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

Providing Off-Highway Road Rangers

Grant Awarded: \$101,980

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for three education and enforcement rangers for 100 days each, for two years, during the summer and transportation costs for one vehicle. District staff manages more than 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel-drive trails for an estimated 70,000 annual motorized visitors. The rangers will specialize in motorized education and make field contacts at campsites, staging areas, and on the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$104,835 in cash, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1158)

Mason and Pierce Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$127,000

Adding Mooring Buoys in South Puget Sound State Parks

State Parks will use this grant to install 50 helical anchoring mooring buoys at Penrose Point State Park, Hope Island State Park, Harstine Island State Park, McMicken Island State Park, and the Haley property. The parks are in south Puget Sound on Carr Inlet, Case Inlet, and Squaxin Passage--areas with safe harbors appropriate for these types of buoys. Additional buoys will improve the boater's experience and expand an existing system. State Parks actually operates the largest state-managed mooring program in the nation with 271 marine mooring buoys in nine counties. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program. (11-1117)

Skagit and Snohomish Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$50,000

Maintaining the Darrington Backcountry

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to help fund four seasonal positions over two years to perform heavy backcountry trail and recreation site maintenance along 70 miles of trail in the Boulder River, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, the Lake 22 Research Natural Area, and surrounding backcountry, including the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Crews will maintain trails, campsites, day-use sites, fire rings, and pit toilets. These locations are accessed by trails that offer overnight and multiple-day trips into the backcountry of the Cascade Mountains. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (11-1156)

Skagit and Whatcom Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$50,000

Maintaining Mount Baker Area Trails

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 90 miles of hiker and stock trail for two years. These trails provide a range of trips into the north Cascade

Mountains backcountry for the estimated 100,000 annual visitors. The district will focus on trails near Bellingham, Seattle, Everett, Burlington, and Mount Vernon. Heavy use of the trails in a short, snow-free season, combined with a wet climate, fast growing brush, and storms has damaged the trails. Crews will remove fallen trees and cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces. Completing this work will reduce the district's deferred trail maintenance by 35 percent. The district will use staff trail crews, contractors, and a variety of volunteer and youth service organizations including Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Northwest Youth Corp, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Sierra Club, and Mountaineers. The ranger district will contribute \$90,000 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1655)

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest
Providing a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger**

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund a second climbing ranger. The district has only one ranger in its climbing program, and it's unsafe for that ranger to work alone in many areas. Two rangers would be able to work as a rope team on the mountain, and get to camps, routes, and the summit to interact with climbers. The rangers would contact the public and educate them on minimizing their impact on the environment, including proper waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices. Thousand of climbers attempt the Mount Baker summit each season. The climb is physically challenging and all the routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficient at route finding, and have proper equipment before attempting the summit. The district will contribute \$14,210 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the Recreational Trails Program. (10-1382)