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**Projects in Asotin County**

**Grants Awarded: \$4,386,111**

**Asotin**

**Grant Awarded: \$61,611**

**Planning the Restoration of the Asotin Boat Launch**

The City of Asotin will use this grant to design, engineer, and permit the restoration and development of a boat launch along the Snake River. The launch, which has not been used safely in the past 20 years, is the last access point to the Snake River near a city with fueling services and other supplies. Future development includes restoring the boat launch, installing a breakwater, and building new moorage floats, bathrooms, and lighting. The City of Asotin will contribute \$20,537 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-2013)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Grant Awarded: \$324,500**

**Building a New Boat Ramp at Heller Bar**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a new boat ramp and improve the boat launch site at Heller Bar, which is on the Snake River next to the mouth of the Grand Ronde River in southeast Asotin County. Heller Bar is a major launching site for powerboats destined for Hell's Canyon and a primary take-out site for river rafters floating down the Snake, Salmon, and Grande Ronde Rivers. In addition, Heller Bar is used for camping and fishing. During the summer and fall, congestion, conflicts, and safety issues are common on the existing ramp. The department will build a second boat ramp to alleviate congestion, install new signs, and renovate a gravel parking lot. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1751)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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

**Conserving Mountain View Ranch**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 1,900 acres of a 12,000-acre ranch that is home to many plants and animals in Asotin County. The project will conserve land that drains the lower Grand Ronde River and is next to a U.S. Forest Service roadless area to the north and Bureau of Land Management-owned canyon lands to the south. The department already has acquired 6,433 acres in the area. The land to be purchased includes portions of Wenatchee Creek, Cougar Creek, and the Grande Ronde River, as well as a diverse array of land types, such as grasslands; stands of ponderosa pine, aspens, and curleaf mahogany; wetlands; basalt cliffs, and talus slopes. The area is used by many animals, such as bull trout, Chinook

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salmon, Snake River steelhead, Rocky Mountain tailed frogs, golden eagles, Lewis' woodpeckers, flammulated owls, bighorn sheep, gray wolves, and numerous game species. The purchase will conserve the land before it's developed or damaged. This is the fourth of a six-phase project. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1085)

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## **Projects in Benton County** **Grants Awarded: \$2,450,675**

### **Benton County** **Grant Awarded: \$695,377** **Buying Land on Candy Mountain for a Park**

Benton County will use this grant to buy nearly 195 acres on Candy Mountain, south of West Richland, to create a new regional park. Visitors will enjoy native sagebrush landscape and commanding 360-degree views of the surrounding area. The park will be similar to Benton County's Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve, which had nearly 200,000 visits in 2013. By buying the land, Benton County will secure a key trail linkage between Candy and Badger Mountains. The County plans to build a 20-mile trail on the ridge, linking Badger Mountain to Candy Mountain to Red Mountain. This long-distance trail connectivity is a key goal in the county's comprehensive park plan. The purchase also will allow the county to preserve native shrub-steppe habitat and provide the public with access to the summit of Candy Mountain. The land is home to sagebrush-dependent animals such as Townsends ground squirrel and black tailed jackrabbit, which are listed as sensitive species. The project will protect the view by preserving the city-facing side of Candy Mountain. Benton County will contribute \$695,377 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1111)

### **Kennewick** **Grant Awarded: \$360,198** **Completing Hansen Park**

The Kennewick Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to complete Hansen Park, a 25-acre park in the west end of the city. The City will install two picnic shelters, a 1-mile pathway around the park, park furniture, more parking, a restroom, and two gardens – a heritage garden and a community garden. The *2013-18 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* selects Hansen Park development as a top priority because the area doesn't have enough parks. The heritage garden will be a teaching tool used by the school district. Kennewick will contribute \$360,199 in

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cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1361)

## **Port of Benton**

**Grant Awarded: \$167,200**

### **Installing a Playground at Crow Butte Park**

The Port of Benton will use this grant to buy and install playground equipment in Crow Butte Park, a 275-acre destination park on the Columbia River in southwestern Benton County. The new playground will feature a nature-inspired, inclusive play area with individual and group swings, a spinner, two slides, a wiggle ladder, climbing panel, freestanding play panels, a zip line, and a large rock for climbing. In addition, the Port will designate three new parking spaces for people with disabilities and lay a concrete pathway complete with guardrails and solar lights from the new playground to the restrooms, swimming area, parking, and campground. A retaining wall will be built on one side of the play area, providing access for people with disabilities to the deck of the largest play feature. The park has no play equipment, although surveys show that more than two-thirds of park users bring children to the park. The combination of new pathway and playground will promote park connectivity and walking for all ages, along with active play for children. The Port of Benton will contribute \$182,047 in staff labor and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1173)

## **Prosser**

**Grant Awarded: \$87,800**

### **Replacing Prosser City Park Restrooms**

The City of Prosser will use this grant to build new restrooms, and demolish the old, in Prosser's City Park. The City also will improve access routes from the picnic shelters, playground, 7th Street, and Sommers Avenue. A storm water infiltration trench will be installed, existing utility lines will be routed underground to the building, two security lights will be installed, and minor changes will be made to sewer and water lines to accommodate connections to the new building. One new parking place for people with disabilities will be designated on 7th Street with a smooth access route to the restroom. Prosser will contribute \$87,800 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1415)

**Richland**  
**Building the John Dam Plaza Amphitheater**

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

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a covered stage and amphitheater at John Dam Plaza, which is in the city's downtown business district and has served as the town square for community gatherings since the 1940s. The City will replace the flat grassy area and small raised knoll that has served as a stage for events by building a 1,200-square-foot covered stage along with a bowl-shaped grassed seating area for 2,000 spectators. The City will install power to the stage and around the perimeter of the amphitheater for vendors participating in events there. This new covered stage with the increased power source will provide a greatly needed venue for hosting plays, concerts, fund-raising events, rallies, speeches, award ceremonies, recitals, movies, and many more special events. Richland will contribute \$300,000 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program [http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact\\_sheets/WWRP\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact_sheets/WWRP_fact_sheet.pdf), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1449)

**Richland**  
**Building Sports Fields Hanford Legacy Park**

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

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build five multi-purpose fields and parking for nearly 300 vehicles on 25 acres in Hanford Legacy Park. The sports fields will be built to accommodate various sports including soccer, lacrosse, and football. The new fields will be the second phase of construction at the nearly 118-acre Hanford Legacy Park. In 2009, the City developed four baseball fields. Richland will contribute \$575,685 in cash and donated materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1428)

**Richland**  
**Improving Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex**

**Grant Awarded: \$243,500**

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve the Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex in Richland. The City will remove a 30-year-old, modular office building and install a new one, along with four new ticket booths and entry gates. The City also will modify the parking lot and install fencing at the park entrance. The office's electrical system is substandard, the roof leaks, mold is in the walls, and the building is not accessible to people with disabilities. The new building will be accessible and have two public restrooms and a public meeting room. The park sees more than 22,700 visitors a year. With only one ticket booth, there are massive delays at the main entrance gate. The park entrance renovation addresses the high

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number of users, delays caused by recreational vehicles and trailers turning around, and other potential safety concerns. Richland will contribute \$62,800 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2136)

## **Richland Maintaining Horn Rapids Motorsport Complex**

**Grant Awarded: \$96,600**

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with HRMC Inc., will use this grant to maintain the 300-acre Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex, in Benton County, during the next 2 years. The grant also will be used to buy a backhoe for park maintenance. About 15 miles of underground utilities throughout the complex are more than 30 years old and in need of replacement. Trees are growing into the irrigation pipes, requiring immediate attention. The proposed maintenance will improve efficiency, benefit visitors, and decrease costs for the City. With donated labor, the city commits more than 3,000 hours to maintain the all-terrain vehicle track, four-wheel drive track, MX track, sand drag area, recreational vehicle campground, and all landscaped areas throughout the complex. The goal is to improve the user experience, provide a tool for preventative maintenance, decrease down time for repairs, and add obstacles to the motocross and all-terrain vehicle tracks. The park serves more than 51,000 visitors annually, including motorcycles, all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles through competition and general day use. The park draws people from all western states and Canada because of the weather and nearly year-round access. Richland will contribute \$108,400 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2124)

## **Projects in Chelan County**

**Grants Awarded: \$3,676,778**

## **Cashmere Revitalizing Cashmere's Riverside Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$249,925**

The City of Cashmere will use this grant to complete renovation of its downtown Riverside Park. The City has spent the past 5 years fixing the park and this grant will allow work on the last 2 acres of the 7.32-acre park. The City will install an in-ground, concrete skate park; restrooms; paved parking lot; an educational and natural learning playground structure; picnic areas; open lawn; and pathways. Riverside Park is next to the Wenatchee River. Once completed, the park will provide great walking, fishing, kayaking, rafting, picnicking, skateboarding, soccer, softball, and playground structures. Cashmere will contribute \$249,925 in cash and donations of cash,

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equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1280)

## **Entiat** **Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000** **Building the Entiat Marina**

The City of Entiat will use this grant to build the Entiat Marina, making it the first and only full-service, public marina on Lake Entiat, in Chelan County. The marina will be on the Rocky Reach Reservoir of the Columbia River. The City will build a restroom and parking lot, install piers and gangways, add a sewage pump-out, build slips for day-use and overnight moorage, and stabilize the shoreline. The Entiat Marina is the second phase of the City's waterfront development project. The City intends to open the marina by May 2017. The City of Entiat will contribute \$3.4 million in a state appropriation, cash, and a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1236)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest** **Building Biking, Hiking Trails in Central Washington** **Grant Awarded: \$40,620**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to build 2.7 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trail, near Leavenworth. The ranger district also will add a trailhead restroom and new signs. This grant ties together work from previous projects to meet the ever-growing demand for additional mountain bike and hiking trails in central Washington. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,380 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2069)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest** **Developing a New Trail System** **Grant Awarded: \$96,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to develop a trail system for non-motorized use about 2 miles west of Wenatchee, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. The ranger district will build a trailhead and about 18 miles of new and renovated trail, and will install a kiosk, gates, and signs. This is the first of a multi-phase project that once completed will have 30 miles of trail for non-motorized uses, two trailheads, restrooms, and a mountain bike skills area. The Forest Service will contribute \$107,721 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road](#)

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[Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits.  
(14-2070)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Educating Visitors in the Methow Valley**

**Grant Awarded: \$34,416**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one seasonal ranger and several volunteers to provide education and enforcement in high-use, non-motorized recreation areas for two summers in Chelan County. The ranger and volunteers will talk with visitors about the principles of forest stewardship and enforce regulations. They will focus on popular areas along State Highway 20 such as Maple Pass, Rainy Lake, Cutthroat Pass, Blue Lake, Devil's Dome Loop, the Harts Pass area and adjacent trails, the Pacific Crest Trail, and a portion of the Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail. The area has been noted in numerous guidebooks and publications and attracts regional and local hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, backcountry skiers, pack and saddle stock users, hunters, and anglers. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,440 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits.  
(14-2121)

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

**Grant Awarded: \$56,371**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers and four full-time volunteers to patrol the district's wilderness and backcountry areas in Chelan County. Rangers will enforce and promote principles of good stewardship, resource protection, and visitor safety. The grant will pay for salaries, uniforms, tools, transportation, and other costs. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in Washington. Areas such as Eightmile Lake, Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Colchuck Lake, and Ingalls Lake all have been highlighted in numerous guidebooks and media articles. The Forest Service will contribute \$57,509 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits.  
(14-2083)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Climbing Rangers near Leavenworth**

**Grant Awarded: \$47,847**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal climbing rangers to educate visitors at popular climbing areas near Leavenworth in Chelan County. Rangers will

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educate climbers on minimizing natural resource damage, assess the amount of use, determine sign and educational needs, develop handouts and a climber information Web page, and establish partnerships with climbing organizations and volunteer groups. The climbing areas surrounding Leavenworth are nationally known destinations for climbing, drawing tens of thousands of climber visits each year. Very high use in concentrated climbing areas has damaged sensitive and rare plants, disturbed sensitive wildlife, and resulted in crowding and improper disposal of human waste. The damage threatens access to these areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$48,833 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2084)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers Grant Awarded: \$13,329**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 5 sno-parks and 250 miles of groomed winter trails on about 250,000 acres of backcountry in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions and etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized trails. The Snow Ranger Program provides a consistent field presence and direct interaction with all types of winter trail users, which helps reduce user conflicts and provides safety education in this heavily-used winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,906 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2042)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Chelan County Backcountry Trails Grant Awarded: \$194,500**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a five-person crew, along with volunteers from the Northwest Youth Corps, to maintain 195 miles of multiple-use, backcountry trails in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, clear overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and repair signs. The 195 miles of multiple-use trails in the Entiat and Chelan Ranger Districts are the heart of the popular, interconnected 225-mile multiple-use trail system that spans from Lake Wenatchee, across the Entiat and Chelan mountains, to Lake Chelan. This multiple-use trail system primarily is set in a roadless area, allowing all types of trail users to experience the high mountain country of the Pacific Northwest. Primary users are motorcyclists and mountain bikers. High elevations in the area can cause the trails and surrounding environment to be susceptible to erosion, making annual

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maintenance and trail surface restoration extremely important. The Forest Service will contribute \$60,800 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2032)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Multi-Use Trails in Chelan County** **Grant Awarded: \$136,323**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain 120 miles of multi-use motorized trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, and fix drainage structures and signs. In addition, the ranger district will use the grant to buy two motorcycles and other minor equipment and supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$139,077 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2081)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Non-Motorized Wilderness Trails** **Grant Awarded: \$99,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for crews to maintain 410 miles of wilderness and adjacent non-motorized trails in Chelan County. The crews will clear the trails of fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. Crews will rehabilitate about 15 miles of trail. The crews will focus on trails where erosion or overgrown trees and bushes threaten trail stability. Work will occur in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, and in the Nason Ridge backcountry area near Stevens Pass. The Forest Service will contribute \$101,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2080)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Chelan County Campgrounds** **Grant Awarded: \$65,000**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain seven campgrounds, a rental cabin, and front country information facilities in the Entiat Ranger District, in Chelan County. The Entiat Ranger District provides a family recreation experience along the Entiat River with 7 full-service campgrounds and nearly 100 informal campsites. The crew will remove garbage clean restrooms, test well water, and repair bulletin boards, signs, and other facilities in

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campgrounds and informal camping areas. The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest receives about 2.4 million recreation users a year. There are about 350 miles of Forest Service roads that require routine maintenance each year as well. The Forest Service will contribute \$72,000 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits.

(14-2074)

**Grant Awarded: \$64,800**

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Entiat Snowmobile Trails**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 140 miles of snowmobile trail. Forest Service crews will remove blow-down trees, clear culverts, repair minor trail wash-outs, and install or remove more than 250 trail signs and route safety markers, building new signs as needed. The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts groom more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly in the winter. The trail system has more than 36,000 visitors annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$159,200 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2077)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Recreation Areas in Chelan County**

**Grant Awarded: \$65,000**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a seasonal crew to maintain trailheads, informal recreation sites, and campgrounds in Chelan County. The ranger district has more than 1 million visits annually and is responsible for maintaining 26 campgrounds, 56 trailheads, and more than 250 informal recreation sites. Crews will remove garbage, clean restrooms, maintain kiosks and bulletin boards, remove dangerous trees, and repair amenities. This grant enables the ranger district to increase field staff, support the local economy, protect natural resources, and provide a safe place for outdoor recreation. The Forest Service will contribute \$67,653 from a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits.

(14-2072)

## **Wenatchee Buying and Building a Dog Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$523,000**

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy nearly 5 acres of riverfront property in south Wenatchee and develop the first public off-leash dog area in north central Washington. The City

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also will develop the land with a large grassy area with shade trees for activities and picnicking. The land will provide the only park along the Columbia River in south Wenatchee. The acquisition helps satisfy more than a dozen goals, objectives, and needs contained in the City's parks and recreation comprehensive plan. A long-term maintenance agreement with a local dog park organization, FIDO, has been prepared for the off-leash area. Wenatchee will contribute \$531,923 in cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of cash and land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1131)

## **Wenatchee**

**Grant Awarded: \$510,000**

### **Conserving Access to the Wenatchee Foothills through the Sage Hills Gateway**

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy nearly 139 acres, protecting centrally located access to the Wenatchee Foothills and a critical north-south connection to its trail system. The popular trail system is near cities and offers spectacular views of the Wenatchee Valley and Columbia River, abundant spring wildflowers, and easy access. Historically, the land owner has allowed hiking, mountain biking, and winter mule deer on the land but these uses are in jeopardy because the land is being considered for housing development. If developed, trail access from the south would be cut off and wildlife habitat would be destroyed. The land contains shrub-steppe habitat that supports a diverse community of wildlife including mule deer, migratory songbirds, and raptors. Through an extensive public outreach effort conducted over several years, the Sage Hills Gateway was identified as a priority for acquisition by the community. It is contained in the *Wenatchee Foothills Community Strategy*, *Wenatchee Foothills Trails Plan*, and parks and recreation comprehensive plan. The City is working with the Trust for Public Lands, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, and the landowner, to buy the land. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$513,000 in staff labor and donations of labor and land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1130)

## **Wenatchee**

**Grant Awarded: \$480,648**

### **Improving the Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area**

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to provide parking, restrooms, and an outdoor classroom at the Saddle Rock Gateway and Outdoor Education Area at Saddle Rock, in Chelan County. The City will expand the limited street-end parking that is often overflowing and causes neighborhood issues, as well as develop a trail accessible to people with disabilities and install educational stations and shade structures. Finally, the City will plant native and drought-tolerant landscaping. Saddle Rock is a year-round outdoor recreation and education destination in the

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Wenatchee Valley. From snowshoeing to horseback riding and hiking, the area is used by thousands of residents and visitors each year. Saddle Rock also is the site of the Wenatchee School District's award winning, Shrub Steppen' Up Program in which every fifth-grade student visits the site and learns about the natural environment. Parking and support facilities at the site are inadequate for the use it receives. The Wenatchee School District, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Dry Gulch Preserve, Alcoa Foundation, and community support this project. The community is donating more than \$450,000 as match for the project. Wenatchee will contribute \$480,648 in staff labor and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1135)

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## **Projects in Clallam County** **Grants Awarded: \$1,323,569**

### **Clallam County** **Grant Awarded: \$460,000** **Restoring the Spruce Railroad and McFee Tunnel**

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to reconstruct a half-mile of the historic Spruce Railroad Trail, restore the 96-year-old McFee Tunnel, and expand the trailhead on the north shore of Lake Crescent. In 1918, the U.S. Army's Spruce Production Division built 36 miles of railroad west of Port Angeles, including two railroad tunnels, which were used to deliver spruce for World War I airplanes. The McFee Tunnel was closed by blasting in the 1960s. The blocked tunnel, steep trail, rocky and muddy trail surfaces, and poor drainage prevent touring bicyclists from using the trail, forcing them to take a dangerous route on U.S. Highway 101 on the south side of the lake. The County will restore the tunnel and trail so it can be used by people with disabilities as well as by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The work will create a safe, traffic separated, non-motorized trail on the north shore of Lake Crescent that will connect to 60 miles of trail east of the project site and 20 miles west of the site. Clallam County will contribute \$460,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1124)

### **Port of Port Angeles** **Grant Awarded: \$371,969** **Improving a Port Angeles Boat Launch**

The Port of Port Angeles will use this grant to replace the concrete ramp, guide piles, and gangways at the Port Angeles Boat Haven boat launch, in Port Angeles on the northern Olympic

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Peninsula. The existing ramp provides access to the many recreational opportunities found in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and has served the public well since the early 1970s. The strong salmon runs of the past few years and changes in the halibut season makes this a popular boat launch. The Port of Port Angeles will contribute \$148,540. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1498)

## **Port Angeles**

**Grant Awarded: \$226,500**

### **Replacing Lighting at Civic Field**

The City of Port Angeles will use grant to replace the 36-year-old field lighting at its multi-purpose stadium, Civic Field. The City's Light Division has done an outstanding job keeping the lights running for years but, because of age and lack of available parts, some part of the lights had to be removed or have fallen off on their own. Parts are no longer available for the floodlights. It is just a matter of time before the entire lighting system fails and evening games and day games during bad weather will no longer be an option. The current lighting system also does not meet the minimum safety standard. This project is a high priority for the city and the Port Angeles School District, both of which have set aside money for it, and it's listed in both parks comprehensive plan and the city's capital facilities plan. Port Angeles will contribute \$210,000, including money from the school district. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1367)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$123,220**

### **Conserving South Lake Ozette Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 465 acres of forest near the south end of Lake Ozette, 12 miles northwest of Forks, in Clallam County. The land boasts old-growth forests, natural second-growth forest, and forest plantations. There is little state or federal protection for such high quality Sitka spruce forest communities mixed with old-growth western red cedar-western hemlock forests. The land also is home to plants such as salal with Alaska huckleberry, deerfern, and swordfern. The land will provide opportunities for environmental education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1247)

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## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Olympic Peninsula Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$141,880**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a two-person crew to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads on the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems, both in the Port Angeles area on the northern portion of the Olympic Peninsula. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$61,128 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1812)

## **Projects in Clark County**

**Grants Awarded: \$3,771,438**

### **Port of Camas-Washougal Building the Washougal Waterfront Trail**

**Grant Awarded: \$1, 700,000**

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use three grants to develop a 2.4-acre water access site and a half-mile trail along the Columbia River on the south side of the Lewis and Clark Highway 14 and the 2nd Street intersection. The water access site is on the last piece of publicly-owned waterfront in Washougal along the Columbia River. The site will include a parking lot with a rounded staging area for kayakers and canoeists, a large lawn and shelter for picnicking, a viewing plaza, energy-efficient restrooms, and historical and educational kiosks and signs. The Port also will build a 12-foot-wide, concrete half-mile trail; three soft-surface trails to the shoreline; and a trailhead on the east end with parking, a small plaza, and a kiosk. The project will increase access to the Lower Columbia River Water Trail and address a core community value to preserve the remaining developable waterfront in Washougal for community use. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). These grants are from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program and the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds, and the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1278, 14-1347, and 14-1349)

**Ridgefield**

**Grant Awarded: \$225,300**

**Buying Land for the New Refuge Road Neighborhood Park**

The City of Ridgefield will use this grant to buy 20.6 acres for a new neighborhood park, named Refuge Road Park. As the third fastest growing city in Washington, Ridgefield's population has increased 27 percent since 2010 and this purchase will provide a park in a rapidly developing area. The land will be Ridgefield's first neighborhood park large enough to support a range of recreational uses and eventually will include a picnic shelter, restroom, playground, community gardens, trails, and interpretive displays. About 11 acres of the park includes steep slopes and will stay as natural habitat. The park offers a spectacular view of Mount Saint Helens – the only city-owned property with such a view – and will serve as a gateway to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Ridgefield will contribute \$225,301. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1444)

**U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$89,100**

**Maintaining Motorized Trails in Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay two seasonal employees and one seasonal crew to maintain about 230 miles of trail and trailheads for motorized uses for 2 years in Clark County. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest includes forests, meadows, and stunning vistas of Mount Adams, Mount Rainier, and Mount Saint Helens. It is estimated that at least 7,000 off-road vehicle users ride annually in this national forest, a number that is increasing steadily. Regular trail maintenance decreases environmental damage, minimizes conflicts between user groups, and extends the life of the trails. The grant will pay for two seasonal employees for two years to maintain trails in the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, which encompasses the majority of the national forest's motorized trails. The employees will clean and maintain six campgrounds primarily used by motorized recreationists. Another crew will maintain trails in the Mount Adams Ranger District. To help maintain these areas, volunteers will contribute about 2,000 hours of labor during the 2 years. The Forest Service will contribute \$96,218 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1954)

**Vancouver**

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

**Building a Columbia River Waterfront Park**

The City of Vancouver will use three grants to develop the second phase of a 7.3-acre waterfront park on the Columbia River in downtown Vancouver, west of the Interstate 5 bridge. The City

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will build a fishing pier, viewpoints and overlooks, pathways, picnic sites, and a festival lawn and gathering areas, as well as install benches and interpretive signs that highlight the river's cultural significance and aquatic resources. The project will provide new opportunities for public access to the water and a half-mile of shoreline on the region's largest river. It will achieve the city's vision to reconnect downtown Vancouver to the Columbia River, creating new public access that has been blocked for more than 100 years. The city and development partners are investing more than \$5.5 million in the first phase of improvements, which include shoreline restoration, pedestrian and bike access, and construction of a half-mile extension of the city's Columbia River Renaissance Trail, which extends through this site. The larger project will transform a former industrial site into the city's signature waterfront park. Vancouver will contribute \$1.1 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds, and from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1470 and 14-1471)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Building a Trail Bridge in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$84,292**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a trail bridge for non-motorized uses in the west side of the Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. The bridge will replace a failed bridge and reopen a popular part of a trail that was rerouted. The department will contribute \$21,750 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1810)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$373,800**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build off-road vehicle trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest, about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. The grant will pay for staff time, architecture and engineering services, materials, equipment rental, and crew time to build trails for four-wheel and all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles. The department will contribute \$93,700 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1809)

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**  
**Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and crew to maintain trails and trailheads for non-motorized use in Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Siouxon block, in southwest Washington. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, re-route small sections of trail, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, signs, and other structures. The department will contribute \$100,200 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1807)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$120,000**  
**Restoring the Lacamas Prairie Oak and Wet Prairie**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 79 acres of imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak woodland habitat in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve was created in 2012 to protect the last remaining example of Willamette Valley wet prairie in the state as well as habitat for five rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. These habitats are threatened by encroachment of invasive trees, shrubs, and grasses; alteration of the fire regime; and modifications of hydrology. This project will address these threats and improve conditions by controlling invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation, using site preparation techniques including fire, rehabilitating the hydrology, and restoring native wet prairie and oak woodland vegetation. Accomplishing these restoration objectives will protect and enhance habitat for rare species known to occur on the site, including Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1485)

**Washougal** **Grant Awarded: \$78,946**  
**Developing Hartwood Park's Red Barn Playground**

The City of Washougal will use this grant to develop a new playground in Hartwood Park. The City will install picnic tables and a barnyard-themed playground that will complement existing farm animal pieces that the city got with private funding. The City also will install parking and pathways. With separate funding, the City will install retaining walls between the existing big red barn, used for park maintenance, and the playground to reduce erosion and to double as seating for park visitors. Nestled to the west of the red barn, the existing play elements provide

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just a tidbit of farm-themed play. Visitors have requested a more complex and challenging playground to capture youngsters' attention. Washougal will contribute \$78,947. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program [http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact\\_sheets/WWRP\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact_sheets/WWRP_fact_sheet.pdf), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1072)

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## Projects in Columbia County

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## Projects in Cowlitz County

**Grants Awarded: \$1,774,385**

### Cowlitz Game and Anglers Expanding the Cowlitz Range Shooting Structures

**Grant Awarded: \$68,985**

The Cowlitz Game & Anglers, will use this grant to build a shed for shooting rifles and pistols and reconfigure another shed to accommodate rifles. The Cowlitz Public Shooting Range, which is on Toutle Park Road in Castle Rock, is the only public shooting range in the county. Its current facilities often are full and cannot meet the need for the number of users expected in the future. The club will build a covered, 100-yard shed that will accommodate 20 pistol and 6 small bore rifle shooting stations, and reconfigure the existing 300-yard shooting shed from one used for pistol and rifle shooting to one that can accommodate 20 big bore rifles. Cowlitz Game and Anglers will contribute \$68,985 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-2126)

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Wildlife Habitat near Merrill Lake

**Grant Awarded: \$1,060,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 549 acres in Cowlitz County between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River, including shorelines along the Kalama River, Merrill Lake, and Dry Creek. The land, which is 5 miles north of Cougar and east of Woodland, has many unique features including lava beds with tree casts, high volume springs feeding the Kalama River, small old-growth stands, waterfalls, and high quality native plant communities. This site

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has large old-growth cedar or fir trees and includes land at a 40-foot waterfall on the Kalama River. The department wants to buy the land to provide public access, particularly along the shorelines of the lake and river, and to conserve wildlife habitat for a diverse suite of animals including steelhead, coho and Chinook salmon, elk, marten, western toad, spotted owls, and osprey. The land connects with Gifford Pinchot National Forest to the north and Washington Department of Natural Resources' Natural Resources Conservation Area to the south. Merrill Lake is managed as a fishing lake for catch and release trout. The land is threatened by logging and development into recreational lots or resorts. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1095)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **Grant Awarded: \$474,000** **Renovating the Martin Access Site to Lewis and Columbia Rivers**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace a boat ramp and upgrade the Martin access boat launch, near Woodland. The boat launch provides access to the lower Lewis River and the Columbia River. The department will demolish the old boat ramp and install a new one. It also will install a new entrance sign, informational kiosk, and gate; pave a parking spot and add a restroom for people with disabilities; and fix parking lot drainage. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1777)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$171,400** **Providing Patrols of the Yacolt Burn State Forest in Southwest Washington**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one full-time recreation warden to patrol the Yacolt Burn State Forest and other forest areas in southwest Washington. This warden will patrol 83 miles of trail, 8 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, and 3 day-use areas on more than 250,000 acres. The recreation warden will identify potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; provide public outreach; engage user groups; provide an additional enforcement presence; and support volunteers who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will be used to buy education materials and electronic equipment intended to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The department will contribute \$115,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1805)

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## Projects in Douglas County

**Grants Awarded: \$2,821,250**

### Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Grant Awarded: \$2,821,250**

#### Conserving the Grand Coulee Ranch for Grouse Habitat

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 8,200 acres of a planned 20,500-acre purchase of shrub-steppe habitat used by Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in Douglas County. The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse are the rarest of six subspecies of sharp-tailed grouse, a close relative of prairie-chickens, and were the most abundant and important game bird in eastern Washington during the 1800s. Their numbers declined dramatically when the places they lived were turned into farms. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission declared sharp-tailed grouse as threatened with extinction in 1998. The land to be purchased contains one of the largest, active, leks (dancing grounds where males conduct courtship displays) in the state and connects grouse in Douglas, Okanogan, and Lincoln counties. Located on the south shore of the Columbia River, the land boasts a diversity of habitats and is used by a variety of priority species including greater sage-grouse, sage thrasher, golden eagle, and mule deer. The size, location, quality, and diversity of habitats on the land enable the department to provide some of the things grouse need, such as winter and breeding habitat. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1087)

## Projects in Ferry County

**Grants Awarded: \$1,496,824**

### Ferry County

**Grant Awarded: \$98,000**

#### Improving the Ferry County Rail Trail

Ferry County will use this grant to develop 5.4 miles of the 25-mile-long Ferry County Rail Trail, a former railroad grade that has been converted into a non-motorized trail. The County will develop 2.28 miles of trail along the west side of Curlew Lake and 3.14 miles through the town of Curlew. The County will place compacted crushed rock on the trail surface to create an accessible surface for all non-motorized use. This project will expand Ferry County's trail system and allow for uses including biking, walking, and winter activities such as cross-country skiing. The trail offers a safe trail away from traffic and links the Golden Tiger Pathway and the city of Republic with Curlew Lake and the towns of Malo and Curlew to the north. Ferry County will contribute \$99,000 in a federal grant and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1677)

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**Okanogan Land Trust**  
**Protecting the Strandberg Farm and Ranchland**

**Grant Awarded: \$599,524**

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement<sup>1</sup> that will conserve permanently 866 acres of the Strandberg family farm, which is next to or near Highway 21 immediately north of Malo in Ferry County. The farm includes irrigated farmland, high quality grazing land, a forest, and a section of fish-bearing Saint Peters Creek. The farm supports one of the most successful hay farm and cattle ranching operations in Ferry County. The agreement will enable the Strandbergs to transition the farm to the next generation. In addition to protecting prime agricultural land, the project links large tracts of public land, expanding the area available for cattle ranching and wildlife travel. Due to the farm's closeness to the town of Malo and its location along Highway 21, it is prime for industrial or residential development. The land trust's agreement will prevent the farm from being developed. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$605,065 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1527)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Increasing Access to the Kettle River**

**Grant Request: \$799,300**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 115 acres, including 3.4 miles of undeveloped shoreline, along the Kettle River in northern Ferry County, and then build a primitive launch for non-motorized boats there. The land, located about 10 miles northwest of Curlew, will increase public access to the Kettle River for a variety of non-motorized, water-related recreational activities. The Kettle River is popular for trout fishing, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, and bird watching. There are only three public access points in the 29-mile reach of the river between Ferry and Danville and none with developed boat launches. The land purchase will conserve important habitat, critical to a variety of rare species such as Columbia spotted frog, western toad, California floater, interior redband trout, Lewis' woodpeckers, and two pairs of breeding bald eagles. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1100)

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<sup>1</sup>A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

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**Projects in Garfield County**

**Grants Awarded: \$70,000**

**U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest  
Funding a Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol**

**Grant Awarded: \$10,000**

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to pay for an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The snow ranger program provides a field presence and interaction with users, which helps reduce conflicts and provide education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2096)

**U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest  
Grooming the Pomeroy Trail for Winter Recreation**

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000**

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a two-person team and volunteer crew to maintain and groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Umatilla National Forest. The crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, and install trail markers and snow poles. The Forest Service will contribute \$87,241 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2087)

**U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest  
Improving Pomeroy Campgrounds and Trailheads**

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000**

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 13 developed campgrounds, 8 trailheads, and 5 concentrated use areas and informal campsites in the Umatilla National Forest, in Garfield County. Crews will repair and pump outhouses, remove garbage, buy cleaning supplies and toilet paper, clean fire rings, repair picnic tables, maintain feed managers and hitching rails, and repair bulletin boards and forest signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2154)

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## **Projects in Grant County** **Grants Awarded: \$225,701**

### **Grant County Sheriff Department** **Grant Awarded: \$200,000** **Educating and Enforcing Responsible ORV Use at Moses Lake Sand Dunes**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to pay for two officers for 2 years to enforce regulations and educate visitors on about 8,500 acres of off-road vehicle terrain in Grant County, including the Moses Lake and Beverly Sand Dune areas. Education includes special events, brochures, media, and signs. The dunes are used regularly by off-road vehicle riders, equestrians, campers, hikers, anglers, snowmobilers, boaters, and beachcombers. Grant County will contribute \$211,287 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2054)

### **Grant County Sheriff Department** **Grant Awarded: \$25,701** **Maintaining Trails in the Moses Lake Sand Dunes**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to maintain the off-road vehicle trails at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, south of Moses Lake. The grant will pay for weekly maintenance and operations including repairing fences and signs, cleaning bathrooms, controlling noxious weeds, and removing garbage. The Grant County Sheriff's Office established relationships with the local community and off-road vehicle groups to maintain and operate a clean and safe environment for visitors from all over the Northwest. Grant County will contribute \$30,299 in equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2053)

## **Projects in Grays Harbor County** **Grants Awarded: \$3,768,847**

### **Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation** **Grant Awarded: \$140,405** **Building the Harris Creek-Vosper Multi-use Trail**

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation will use this grant to build a quarter-mile long, walking and bicycling trail from the Vosper neighborhood to Oakville. The trail will be built next to Southbank Road at the reservation boundary near Merritt Lane to south of the

intersection of Slickman Loop and Balch Roads. The Harris Creek-Vosper Multi-Use Trail will provide Oakville residents with access to the Vosper Community Playground and support two reservation pedestrian and trail system goals: A connected, non-motorized, multi-use system and support for the promotion of good health. Currently, residents must walk on the road shoulder because there is no pedestrian or bike facilities at this location. A walking path was voted the highest priority for families in the *Chehalis Tribal Park Plan*. The path will offer views of the fish-bearing Harris Creek, shoreline forest, and Capitol State Forest in the distance. A sign will mark the trail entrance and signs will be placed along the path to educate trail users about the lifecycle of fish and native plants. The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation will contribute \$140,406. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1126)

**Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority  
Planning the Seaport Landing Small Boat Facilities**

**Grant Awarded: \$185,000**

The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority will use this grant to complete the engineering, design, cultural resources survey, environmental documentation, and permitting for the small boat facilities at Seaport Landing, in Aberdeen on the Chehalis River. The small boat facilities will include a boat ramp, two loading docks, guest moorage, parking, a boat wash-down area with porta-potty dump, fish cleaning station, information kiosk, picnic area, restrooms, and a garbage and recycling station. Aberdeen, the largest city in Grays Harbor County, has 11 miles of shoreline but no public moorage or developed recreational boating facilities. The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority will contribute \$66,000 in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-2099)

**Port of Grays Harbor  
Renovating the 28th Street Landing Boat Launch**

**Grant Awarded: \$811,942**

The Port of Grays Harbor will use this grant to improve the 28th Street Landing boat launch. The boat launch is in severe disrepair. There are very few boat launches in this area and the need is large because of the fishing that anglers travel far and wide to reach. The Port will replace and widen the boat ramp, add an additional boarding float, pave the main parking lot, add a permanent restroom, gravel the remaining parking area, and add lighting to improve safety in the parking area. The Port of Grays Harbor will contribute \$275,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1948)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Grant Awarded: \$498,000**

**Improving the South Montesano-Chehalis River Access**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the South Montesano-Chehalis River access site, in Grays Harbor County. The access site is used mostly by recreational boaters and anglers fishing from motorized boats. The ramp conditions are hazardous and improvements are essential. The department will replace the dilapidated boat ramps with a double ramp, and the outhouse with a new one that will be accompanied by parking for two cars and one trailer for people with disabilities. The existing parking area will be graded and top dressed with new gravel. Two additional trailer parking stalls for people with disabilities will be added. The department also will install a new culvert to improve drainage and add rocks and bollards to provide a barrier between the parking lot and the Chehalis River. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1393)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$156,000**

**Providing Patrols for the Capitol State Forest near Olympia**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a full-time recreation warden and additional police services in the 100,000-acre Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The staff will patrol 143 miles of trail, 7 campgrounds, 5 trailheads, and 500 miles of forest roads that are open year-round. The recreation warden will focus on identifying health, safety, and resource damage concerns. The warden also manages events and supports volunteers, who educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will be used to buy electronic equipment intended to deter criminal activity and increase public safety. The department will contribute \$104,400 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1849)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$72,500**

**Restoring Damon Point for Rare Birds**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to control invasive species on 50 acres of Damon Point and replant if needed. Damon Point, which is directly south of Ocean Shores in Grays Harbor County, is used by streaked horned lark, which recently were listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The department also will place a kiosk and signs at the entrance, providing interpretation and restrictions to protect rare species. New fencing will guide visitors to entry points, and signs will direct visitors away from nesting areas. Damon Point is important to the local and regional community as a walking beach with no

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vehicles and for conservation of species. The land is ecologically important for migratory animals, and has extraordinary natural beauty. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$98,500 from a state appropriation, a federal grant, a state grant, agency equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1030)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Request: \$1,905,000** **Buying Land to Connect Three State Parks near Westport**

State Parks will use this grant to buy about 270 acres outside Westport to connect three state parks. The land is bordered on three sides by three different state parks – Westhaven State Park, Westport Light State Park, and the Seashore Conservation Area. The purchase not only will connect the parks but will add a significant amount of new park land including more than a quarter-mile of ocean shoreline. The land is made up mostly of wetlands in a coastal dune landscape. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1486)

## **Projects in Island County      Grants Awarded: \$3,543,740**

### **Island County      Grant Awarded: \$163,140** **Developing a Trailhead in Trillium Community Forest**

Island County will use this grant to build a trailhead at the Trillium Community Forest, a county park on south-central Whidbey Island. The park includes 700 acres of forest and miles of horse, bike, and walking trails. There is only one trailhead access to the northeast part of the park and it's limited to passenger cars. The County will build a new trailhead off a county road on the west park boundary, where there is no public access. The trailhead will include a parking lot accommodating horse trailers and buses and a half-mile of new trail connecting to the existing trail system. The County's park and recreation element of its comprehensive plan specifically identifies this trailhead project as a very high priority to meet the needs of equestrians and mountain bikers. Island County will contribute \$163,140 in donations of cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1533)

**Island County**

**Grant Request: \$565,000**

**Increasing Public Access to the Possession Sound Shoreline at Glendale**

Island County will use two grants to provide permanent public access to and restore 420 feet of shoreline on an otherwise privately-owned stretch of Possession Sound in the southeast Whidbey Island community of Glendale. In an innovative partnership, Island County will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement<sup>2</sup> from the Whidbey Camano Land Trust that prevents the land from being developed for anything other than public use or restoration, and permanently provides public access to 6 acres that includes a beach, tidelands, forest, and an area for parking. The land trust will own and manage the land for the permanent benefit of the public in coordination with the County. The property was for sale and, to seize on this one-time opportunity, with Island County approval, the land trust secured contracts to purchase it with loans and private donations. Public uses will include fishing, swimming, non-motorized boating, nature viewing, picnicking and beachcombing. The County and land trust will complete habitat restoration activities including removing a creosote wooden pier, bulkheads, and a boat launch, which will restore the natural coastal processes and improve salmon passage to Glendale Creek. The County and land trust also will remove two old buildings and replace them with a parking area paid for by the land trust. Island County will contribute \$150,000 in cash and donated property interest. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds, and the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1531 and 14-1534)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Replacing Cornet Bay Moorage**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,664,000**

State Parks will use this grant to improve and expand the moorage facilities at Cornet Bay Marine Area in Deception Pass State Park, in Island County. The moorage facilities were built in the 1960s and have exceeded their useful life. Recent assessments determined that they needed to be replaced before they were considered unsafe and closed to public use. Additionally, a study noted that demand for moorage has increased to 6,000 guests annually as well as thousands of additional day users, indicating a need to add additional capacity. State Parks will replace the pedestrian access pier, gangway ramp, pilings, and moorage floats and build 384 linear feet of new moorage. Replacement of the moorage will be the final element of a

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multi-phased, re-development effort that included improving the boat launch and building a bathroom and picnic shelter. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1641)

## **Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the Vander Voet Farm**

**Grant Awarded: \$564,100**

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to conserve the historic 254-acre Vander Voet Farm. The farm is on Whidbey Island, near Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and the National Scenic Byway (State Highway 20). It is just 2 miles south of the city of Oak Harbor. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement<sup>3</sup> to ensure one of the largest working farms in Island County – more than six times larger than the average county farm – will remain available for farming forever. The farm has all prime farmland soils, an economically viable and productive operation, and provides local food, aquifer recharge, and wildlife habitat. Protecting the farm is a very high priority for residents, the National Park Service, and Ebey's Trust board and is consistent with Island County's mandate to protect important farmland. The farm is between two Audubon Important Bird Areas. (Crescent Harbor to the north and Penn Cove to the south) and two Island County-owned conservation lands to the east and west making it a key wildlife corridor used by a variety of native animals that require large habitat areas. The farm is threatened by development because of its incredible views, zoning, and proximity to Oak Harbor. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$1.1 million in a federal appropriation and conservation futures.<sup>4</sup> For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1510)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Island County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

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<sup>4</sup>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.

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## **Projects in Jefferson County** **Grants Awarded: \$4,965,057**

### **Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Trails Statewide** **Grant Awarded: \$34,741**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy tools, equipment, and safety supplies for use in maintaining trails statewide. Crews will remove downed trees, cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$34,741 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2061)

### **Jefferson County** **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Extending Olympic Discovery Trail around Discovery Bay**

Jefferson County will use this grant to build a quarter-mile of the Olympic Discovery Trail along the shoreline of south Discovery Bay. The 126-mile Olympic Discovery Trail is a non-motorized trail that runs across the Olympic Peninsula. More than half of it is complete. The county also will install interpretive signs to educate trail users about the value of the surrounding environment and habitat restoration. Jefferson County will contribute \$250,000 in cash, a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1711)

### **Jefferson County** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Restoring Discovery Bay Shoreline and Building a Trail**

Jefferson County will use this grant to restore about 28 acres of estuary and shoreline habitat that have been damaged by development. The area provides critical habitat for Hood Canal summer chum salmon, Puget Sound Chinook, and steelhead, all of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. Coho salmon and cutthroat trout, which are a federal Species of Concern, and numerous other animals such as Olympia oysters, forage fish, and migratory shorebirds also use the area. In addition to the restoration, the County will build two segments of the 126-mile Olympic Discovery Trail, which was identified in the Department of Interior's America's Great Outdoors Initiative. To the north, the County will build 425 feet of trail along slopes next to U.S. Highway 101. This segment includes a 125-foot-long pile wall connecting the trail to Old Gardiner Road. To the south, the County will build 800 feet of trail on a former railroad grade. If the trail does not get built, the Olympic Discovery Trail may be disconnected at south Discovery Bay. Jefferson County will contribute \$500,000 in cash, a federal grant, and cash donations. For more information and

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photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1395)

## **Jefferson Land Trust Preserving Bishop Dairy**

**Grant Awarded: \$481,225**

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement<sup>5</sup> for the historic Bishop Dairy, located south of Chimacum in Jefferson County. The agreement will preserve the last operating dairy in the fertile Beaver Valley. With the agreement, the land trust will ensure that 264 acres of farmland will remain a farm forever. The land includes 198 acres of pasture and grazing land, 36 acres of working forest, and nearly a mile of shoreline habitat for coho salmon, cutthroat trout, and steelhead. Trumpeter swans, raptors, and other wildlife also use the farm. The highly visible, scenic vistas define the rural character of this area, and protection of this farm will greatly enhance the viability of the agricultural community. Bishop Dairy has been in the family for five generations, has a long history of dairy farming, and is one of the first farms to be certified organic by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This project builds on the land trust's agricultural land preservation program, which already has conserved nearly 600 acres in the Chimacum area. If not preserved, the farm could be developed with seven additional houses. Farms nearby are being subdivided for residential use. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$481,225 in Conservation Futures<sup>6</sup> and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1359)

## **Port of Port Townsend Expanding the Boat Haven Launch Ramp in Port Townsend**

**Grant Awarded: \$339,024**

The Port of Port Townsend will use this grant to expand the single-lane boat launch ramp at Boat Haven into a double-lane ramp, with a center handling float. The single-lane boat launch was built in 1997 and no longer meets boater demand, especially during weekends and fishing season openers. The Port will build the new ramp next to the west side of the existing ramp and build a handling float that will accommodate people with disabilities in between the new and

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existing ramps. The Port also will extend the toe of the existing ramp, add erosion protection for both ramps, removal 25 feet of bulkhead to construct the new ramp, modify parking for people with disabilities, move utilities, and revise traffic striping and open areas. The Port of Port Townsend will contribute \$150,598 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1886)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Dabob Bay Natural Area Shoreline**

**Grant Awarded: \$3,240,955**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 100 acres of shoreline in Dabob Bay Natural Area along Hood Canal in Jefferson County. The land includes coastal bluffs and shorelines that provide sediment and fallen trees and other woody debris, which are important building blocks for coastal spits. Additionally, the land is home to high quality types of forest plants listed in the natural heritage plan, which are under-conserved. The land has multiple owners and purchase will allow the department to remove shoreline bulkheads and restore natural stream function. The land will provide access for education and research and possibly low-impact recreation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1249)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land along the Queets River**

**Grant Awarded: \$119,112**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 585 acres along the Queets River, next to Olympic National Park, in Jefferson County. The Queets River is one of the most pristine coastal rivers in the western United States mostly because its headwaters and main stem are protected within the Olympic National Park. The river system has been recognized as one of the best opportunities to protect and restore native salmon and coastal rainforests in the nation. The river is used by five Pacific salmon stocks: Coho, winter steelhead, fall Chinook, chum, and spring Chinook. It also is used by summer steelhead salmon; bull trout, which are listed by the federal government under the Endangered Species Act; coastal cutthroat trout; Olympic mudminnow; western brook lamprey and river lamprey; and Pacific lamprey. The forested portions of the property are Sitka spruce forest habitat, which supports northern spotted owl, Pacific fisher, and marbled murrelet. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$40,595 in donated land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1722)

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## Projects in King County

**Grants Awarded: \$12,969,807**

### **Bellevue**

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

#### **Building the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park**

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop Inspiration Playground, a playground accessible to people with disabilities, in Bellevue's Downtown Park. This first phase of construction will add 25,000 square feet of additional playground and renovate existing support facilities such as the parking lot and restrooms, to better accommodate people with disabilities. The playground will feature sensory-rich play experiences and equipment, including a water spray and interactive walkway with music. The Bellevue Rotary Club has committed money for construction. Bellevue will contribute \$1.8 million in cash, a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1182)

### **Bellevue**

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

#### **Developing a Meydenbauer Bay Park**

The City of Bellevue will use two grants to develop a waterfront park on the shore of Lake Washington's Meydenbauer Bay and improve the shoreline for fish. The City will build a play area and an informal outdoor classroom, redevelop and expand the swim beach, build a boat launch for canoes, kayaks, and other non-motorized boats, and add a curved pier to protect the swimming area and provide moorage for non-motorized boats. The City also will build a shoreline promenade, trails, and pathways to the waterfront. To make environmental improvements, the City will remove armoring on 660 feet of shoreline and restore the shoreline to a natural state. In addition, the City will open about 500 feet of a piped stream and develop an estuary-like shallow pool at the outflow to cleanse storm water and improve fish habitat. Finally, the City will remove invasive plants and replant the area with native plants. The work will provide substantial recreational access to what has been largely privately owned. Bellevue began at Meydenbauer Bay, and remnants of Bellevue's history remain there. The City has long desired to reconnect the downtown and nearby neighborhoods to the water. Bellevue will contribute \$6.1 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1144 and 14-1965)

**Bothell**

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

**Completing Land Purchases for the North Creek Forest**

The City of Bothell will use this grant to buy up to 22 acres to complete the acquisition of the 64-acre urban forest known as the North Creek Forest. The land is along Interstate 405, just south of the King-Snohomish County line and is divided into three parcels - 8.8 acres bounded on the north and south by city-owned land, 8.2 acres adjacent to city-owned land, and another 4.80 acres. The City already owns 41.56 acres of the forest. The North Creek Forest is a mature forest that filters surface water above North Creek, which is used by Chinook salmon. The forest is home to at least two priority bird species – pileated woodpecker and band-tailed pigeon. People use the forest for hiking and walking. Bothell will contribute more than \$1.4 million in Conservation Futures<sup>7</sup> and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1398)

**Covington**

**Grant Awarded: \$558,915**

**Buying Land for SoCo Park**

The City of Covington will use this grant to buy 3.4 acres for the future SoCo Park. Named after its location in south Covington, SoCo park will be between Jenkins Creek and Wax Road in the newly developing downtown. It will be the neighborhood park for new multi-family residences and an existing neighborhood. This project helps address a significant shortage of neighborhood parks for residents in the area. Covington will contribute \$558,915 in Conservation Futures<sup>8</sup> and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1623)

**Covington**

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

**Continuing Development of Covington Community Park**

The City of Covington will use this grant to build the second phase of a community park. Work will include developing an outdoor stage and grass seating area, trails, picnic shelters, a tennis court, and parking, as well as installing outdoor fitness equipment. These improvements will provide a location for community events, which is one of the top-ranked recreation needs in the city, and expand the city's trail system. All of these elements are priorities in city's *Parks*,

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*Recreation and Open Space Plan* and are included in the overall master plan for this park. Covington does not have a suitable location to hold public events. The city's population has grown 40 percent since incorporation and needs more than the existing 8 miles of community trail to serve the recreation and transportation needs of its residents. The first phase of development included building a soccer field, spectator amenities, parking, and trails. Expanding Covington Community Park will address a dream of citizens who have been working on this project since 2003, when the property was donated to the city. Covington will contribute \$3,049,100 in cash and a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1616)

## **Des Moines**

**Grant Awarded: \$293,243**

### **Renovating the Historic Picnic Shelter and Restroom in a Beach Park**

City of Des Moines will use this grant to renovate the historic picnic shelter and restrooms in the 19-acre Des Moines Beach Park, also known as the Covenant Beach Camp, which is listed on both the Washington and National Historic Registers. The picnic shelter built in the 1920s served as the camp's auxiliary hall, and the restrooms, built in 1945, served as a woodshop and washroom. The buildings have been closed for many years because of extensive earthquake and flood damage and they cannot be moved or demolished because of the park's landmark status. New buildings also cannot be built because the park is within a flood plain with numerous overlapping critical areas. Surface water facilities and modifications to Des Moines Creek have stopped the flooding and laid the groundwork for the restoration of the Beach Park's historic structures. The city's *Parks Master Plan* identifies this project as a Number 1 priority. Des Moines will contribute \$293,244 from a voter-approved King County parks levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1357)

## **Duvall**

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

### **Improving the Big Rock Park Sports Fields**

The City of Duvall will use this grant to install synthetic turf and improve drainage to 150,000 square feet of soccer and baseball fields at Big Rock Park in southeast Duvall. Most of the soccer and baseball fields have poorly draining grass and aren't used much as a result. The Snoqualmie Valley Little League and Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association are committed to long-term support of this site and have aided the development of a skate park, west ball field, parking lot, and playground at the park. Duvall will contribute \$839,093 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1618)

**Issaquah**

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

**Improving Central Park's Multipurpose Sport Field**

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to improve a multi-purpose sports field in Central Park. The park has a grass field with a baseball diamond that is under-used and often very wet. The City would convert the field into two, multi-purpose turf sports fields that could be used for a variety of activities, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and football, among others. The City will install lights and fencing as well. As Issaquah's population continues to grow quickly and the number of youth participating in sports programs climbs, the demand for year-round fields far exceeds the available supply. Additional fields would enable expanded use of the park for tournament play. Issaquah Soccer Club, Issaquah Little League, Issaquah Youth Lacrosse, and Issaquah Youth Football have all expressed support for this project. Issaquah will contribute \$2.6 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1265)

**Issaquah Sportsmen's Club**

**Grant Awarded: \$54,964**

**Reducing Noise Leaving the Range**

The Issaquah Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to install sound abatement materials to the inside of its shooting shed to reduce noise leaving the range. The outdoor shooting and archery range sits on 5.73 acres surrounded by schools, houses, and hiking trails. The club will contribute \$27,073. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-2101)

**Kenmore**

**Grant Awarded: \$340,485**

**Expanding Squire's Landing Park**

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to buy .65 acre at the confluence of Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River, including about 100 feet of waterfront, to expand Squire's Landing Park. The land will allow the City to provide space for passive recreation such as picnicking as well as creek and river access for non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, interpretive education, and fishing. Kenmore will contribute \$340,485. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1613)

**Kenmore**

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

**Renovating Moorlands Neighborhood Park**

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to renovate the Moorlands Neighborhood Park, a 3.6-acre, underdeveloped neighborhood park in the southeast corner of Kenmore next to Moorlands Elementary School. The City will redevelop a baseball field, renovate a T-ball practice field, install fencing and a children's playground, renovate a small shelter for protection from the weather, pave the parking lot and pathways, improve the park entry, build restrooms and a picnic shelter, install park furniture, landscape the park, and build a stage for community programs. The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality of the existing recreation facilities, improve access for people with disabilities, and increase the opportunities for outdoor recreation in the park. Moorlands Neighborhood Park is the only park in the southeast corner of Kenmore. Kenmore will contribute \$951,325. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1290)

**Kent**

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

**Installing Synthetic Turf at a Russell Road Baseball Field**

The City of Kent will use this grant to convert the baseball field at Russell Road Park to a synthetic turf, multi-use field. The park is used for baseball and softball from April through September. By installing synthetic turf, this project would allow the baseball field to be used year-round for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and flag football. It would make Russell Road only the second city park to have synthetic turf fields, and double the use of the sports field while reducing operating costs. This project was identified as a priority project by the Kent Parks Citizen's Advisory Board. Russell Road Park is host to a number of local, regional, state, and national baseball, and softball tournaments. Kent will contribute \$1.5 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1696)

**Kent**

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

**Replacing the Lake Meridian Dock**

The City of Kent will use this grant to replace a swimming and fishing dock at Lake Meridian Park. Lake Meridian Park is a community park serving residents of the east hill of Kent and the surrounding cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Auburn. The park has the only swimming beach with lifeguards in the city and typically attracts 100,000 visitors a summer. The dock, which was built in 1985, is the dominant feature of the park and provides 640 linear feet of water access used by park users for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating access, and

walking. The dock is in need of replacement. It is listing in several spots, the connections between floats are beginning to fail, and the concrete decking is crumbling. This project was identified as a priority project in 2012 by the Kent Parks Citizen Advisory Board. Kent will contribute \$1.2 million in cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1731)

**King County**

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

**Building another Segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail**

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to complete 1.3 miles of the 11-mile East Lake Sammamish Trail, which runs along an abandoned railroad corridor on the east side of Lake Sammamish. The trail segment runs from Southeast 43rd Street north to Southeast 33rd Street in the city of Sammamish. The paved trail will be 12 feet wide with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders on each side. The County also will improve drainage and install retaining walls, landscaping, fences, and traffic controls. This is the fourth phase of a multi-phase plan to complete the entire East Lake Sammamish Trail and connect the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. The East Lake Sammamish Trail is a vital part of a 44-mile trail system extending from Puget Sound in Seattle to the Cascade Mountain foothills. Project supporters include the cities of Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish; Cascade Bicycle Club; Bicycle Alliance of Washington; Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; and Transportation Choices Coalition. King County will contribute \$2.9 million in a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1514)

**King County**

**Grant Awarded: \$748,000**

**Conserving Land along Bass and Beaver Lakes for Birds and Other Wildlife**

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to conserve 136 undeveloped acres in the Bass-Beaver Lake complex, next to state parks in the Green River Gorge. The lake complex provides the highest bird species diversity in the county. The land is used by state priority bird species including bald eagle, pileated woodpecker, wood duck, bufflehead, great blue heron, common loon, and band-tailed pigeon. Other bird species using the area include golden eagle, turkey vulture, osprey, green heron, kingfisher, ruffed grouse, least sandpiper, goldfinch, Bewick's/marsh/Pacific wren, Swainson's thrush, rufous hummingbird, and spotted towhee. The complex and gorge are an important part of the range of one the state's 10 registered elk herds. It also is used by cougars, bobcats, and minks. The Green River supports Chinook, steelhead, and four other salmon species. Two forested wetland plant

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communities also are on the land and are designated as state priority habitats. This acquisition would complement King County's and State Parks' efforts to protect land in the lake complex. King County will contribute \$748,000 in conservation futures<sup>9</sup> and a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1276)

## **King County** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Preserving Cougar-Squak Corridor for Hikers and Wildlife**

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 224 acres of mature forest in a recreation area and wildlife corridor known as the Issaquah Alps, the region's most heavily used hiking destination. Located 1.2 miles south of Issaquah on State Route 900, the land will become a year-round regional destination for hikers and families, providing a much-needed trailhead, parking lot, and miles of new trail connections through the land to the adjacent 5,300 acres of county and state parks. In 2012, a logging company purchased the land, which had been a private campground for decades, and proposed to cut almost all the trees to make room for building 43 homes, massive engineered walls, and roads. With an outpouring of public support, community members mobilized to prevent these actions and save the land as a park. The Trust for Public Land bought the land this year. The site's 40- to more than 80-year-old forests are a major wildlife corridor supporting bears, bobcats, cougars, and deer. King County will contribute \$3.8 million from a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1512)

## **Mercer Island** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Renovating Island Crest Park**

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to replace the lighting at Island Crest Park and convert one baseball field to synthetic turf. The park has the only regulation baseball fields in the city, serving as the home field for the high school and for other regional groups, including Mercer Island Little League, National Adult Baseball Association, and the Puget Sound Senior Baseball League. These same fields are used by city camps, youth soccer teams, and Boys and Girls Club Football in the summer and fall. The work will enhance playability, improve safety, and reduce rain-outs, closures, and maintenance at the field. The new lights will increase safety, reduce light spill to nearby homes, and improve energy efficiency. Mercer Island will contribute

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<sup>9</sup>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.

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\$650,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1499)

## **Seattle Developing Yesler Neighborhood Park**

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

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to help develop the 1.75-acre Yesler Park. The City will build a plaza with a water feature, gathering and play areas, a play structure, and pathways. The City also will install benches, picnic tables, barbecues, and table game spaces. The park is next to the Yesler Community Center and will serve residents and visitors to Harborview Hospital and nearby shops. A population density of 19,809 people per square mile makes Yesler Terrace more than twice as densely populated as the rest of Seattle, and the future density of the area compares to the west side of New York City. The area lacks open park space. Seattle will contribute \$3 million from a voter-approved levy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1524)

## **Seattle Skeet and Trap Club Expand the Sporting Clays Range**

**Grant Awarded: \$16,803**

The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will use this grant to build eight sporting clay stands in its newly expanded sporting clays course in the King County Shooting Sports Park, just east of Ravensdale. Development includes building covered shooting stand structures and buying clay target throwing machines, long range control devices, solar panels, and batteries. The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club, in eastern King County, will contribute \$17,167. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-1885)

## **Snoqualmie Building the Snoqualmie Skate Park**

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

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to design and build the first skate park in the city, planned as a 6,000- to 7,000-square-foot facility in Snoqualmie Community Park, next to the community center. Many youth will benefit from the skate park: 35 percent of city's population is under 18-years-old, and the nearest skate park is 7 miles away. The skate park will accommodate beginner and intermediate skateboarders and likely will include an above-grade design with concrete mini ramps, stair sets, banks, ledges, and rails. Snoqualmie will contribute

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\$175,000 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1592)

## **Snoqualmie**

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

### **Expanding Snoqualmie's Riverview Park**

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy one-third acre to expand its downtown Riverview Park, re-landscape the new area, add a scenic viewpoint, and install picnic tables, interpretive signs, and pathways to all park amenities. These enhancements will allow people to picnic near the river and learn about local ecology. The work also will improve habitat for elk, bald eagles, mountain whitefish, and rainbow and cutthroat trout. The park feels cramped, with play equipment close to structures, no developed scenic viewpoint to take in the surrounding mountains, little open space, and no educational components. The City wants to make Riverview Park a marquee downtown feature and develop a riverfront trail that will connect to the Snoqualmie Valley Regional Trail and the John Wayne Trail to Idaho. Snoqualmie will contribute \$506,700 in cash, two grants, and Conservation Futures.<sup>10</sup> For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1873)

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

### **Building Mountain Bike Trail on Alpine Baldy Mountain Grant Awarded: \$63,299**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to build an 8-mile, subalpine trail for mountain bikers and hikers along the east ridge and picturesque south slope of Alpine Baldy Mountain, near the town of Skykomish. The new trail will help relieve pressure on other hiking trails in the area and will be the first trail open for mountain biking near U.S. Highway 2 between Everett and Lake Wenatchee. Mountain bikers, an estimated 280,000 from the Seattle area alone, have few riding opportunities in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; no trails longer than 3 miles exist between the Interstate 90 corridor and the Canadian border. Riders must drive to eastern Washington, often more than 100 miles each way, to experience a natural, single-track trail along ridges and open meadows. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,257 in a federal appropriation, equipment, a private grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2017)

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## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Educating Visitors to Seattle-area Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$57,004**

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two wilderness rangers and one student intern for two years to patrol trails in Snohomish and King Counties. The rangers and intern will enforce regulations, educate visitors about low impact camping and waste disposal, and conduct workshops for schools and large groups to teach them about how to minimize their impact on the forest. In addition, the staff will maintain backcountry toilets, clean and monitor campsites, document trail conditions, and develop informational handouts and trailhead posters. About 200,000 acres of the Wild Sky, Henry M. Jackson, and Alpine Lakes Wilderness areas lie within the Skykomish Ranger District, making up nearly 75 percent of the district. The closeness to the Seattle area provides easy access for more than 3 million people, making the areas attractive destinations for climbing, hiking, fishing, hunting, and stock use. There are around 150 miles of maintained trails, including 50 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, which access these three wilderness areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$58,001 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2066)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding a Volunteer Coordinator**

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer coordinator for 2 years to recruit, train, and supervise volunteers patrolling the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas and backcountry. The coordinator and volunteers provide visitor education, information, and assistance, focusing on contacting visitors in the field and through interpretive programs, work parties, slide shows, visitor center displays, and environmental education. The coordinator also works with non-profit organizations including youth groups to support stewardship projects. More than 100,000 people visit the area annually. For the past decade, 30 to 50 volunteers have donated 3,000 to 5,500 hours each season. The Forest Service will contribute \$64,420 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1974)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Backcountry Rangers**

**Grant Awarded: \$145,128**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for four backcountry rangers and two interns for two years to patrol hiking and mountain biking trails to backcountry destinations in

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King County. The 300,000-acre district includes 111,000 acres in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness areas. Rangers and volunteers will patrol more than 400 miles of trails and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits. The area is used for a wide spectrum of recreation including hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, gathering, and horseback riding by more than 100,000 users a year. Rangers contact visitors while monitoring and protecting natural resources, cultural resources, and backcountry facilities. The Forest Service will contribute \$140,663 in a federal appropriation, a grant from the state Recreational Trails Program, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1972)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Front Country Patrols**

**Grant Awarded: \$132,078**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for six forest protection officers to patrol 300,000 acres, which includes 189,000 non-wilderness acres, in King County. The officers routinely educate the public on the rules and forest stewardship and are responsible for the maintenance and operation of all campsites. Six officers provide minimal staffing in this vast area. There are more than 50 trailheads, 6 developed sites that are not operated by concessionaire, 26 outhouses, and thousands of informal campsites. The district has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break-ins and various infractions. Increased, visible presence for education, enforcement, and assistance has helped curb this activity. The Forest Service will contribute \$162,647 in staff labor, cash, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2131)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Hiring a Trailhead Maintenance Crew**

**Grant Awarded: \$83,138**

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a recreation crew to maintain trailheads and informal campsites in the Skykomish Ranger District, in King and Snohomish Counties. The district has 25 trailheads and nearly 300 informal campsites that serve about 70,500 hikers, backcountry equestrians, and campers. Climbers, kayakers, rafters, anglers, and hunters also use the area. Crews will clean and pump 12 outhouses, install an outhouse, pickup garbage, cleanup informal campsites, and repair trailheads. This work prevents further damage to sensitive shoreline areas, wetlands, and streams, while providing a safe recreation experience. The grant supports the district's partnership with the towns of Skykomish and Index and Skykomish High School, and provides jobs for inner-city youth through the International District

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Housing Alliance, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, and Student Conservation Association. The Forest Service will contribute \$86,532 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2095)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Repairing Flood Damage on the Middle Fork Trail Grant Awarded: \$70,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to repair the Middle Fork Trail 1003, portions of which have been washed away by repeated floods during the past 6 years. Open to hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists, the trail follows Middle Fork Snoqualmie River for almost 15 miles, from its confluence with Taylor River near Middle Fork Campground to Dutch Miller Gap Trail 1030. The flooding has made the trail impassible for stock and unsafe for hikers and bicyclists. The ranger district will move nearly 1 mile of the trail away from riverbanks to bypass the flood-prone area, replace some drainage structure, and repair fords along 6 miles of the trail. If the trail isn't moved, it will continue to disappear into the river. More than 20 new recreation enhancement projects in the Middle Fork Valley are planned in anticipation of increased recreation use resulting from paving of the Middle Fork Road and trailhead. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,000 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2147)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$100,000 Designing Trailheads and Viewpoints in the Snoqualmie Corridor**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design new trailheads and a viewpoint shelter for non-motorized uses in the Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. The department will design and prepare construction documents for two new trailheads—one in the Mount Teneriffe area and one in Raging River State Forest—and design of a viewpoint shelter at east Tiger Summit in Tiger Mountain State Forest. The department also will complete environmental surveys, archeological assessments, route surveys to plan a connecting trail for non-motorized uses at the Teneriffe Trailhead, and a site analysis to explore opportunities for expanding the Tiger Summit Trailhead. The department will contribute \$67,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1841)

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Developing a Trailhead for Granite Creek Trails**

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a trailhead and build a restroom for non-motorized trail users in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area, in eastern King County. The trailhead will provide access to the Granite Creek Trail System on department-managed lands and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The department will contribute \$146,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1840)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Developing East Tiger Mountain Trails**

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop four new trails in the east Tiger Mountain State Forest, 25 miles east of Seattle. The department will design and build 6 miles of new trails to complete the east Tiger Mountain trail system. The new trails will link to existing trails, giving visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, and will connect to a regional trail and future access to the Raging River State Forest. The trails are used mostly by mountain bikers and hikers. This project has widespread support from user groups, recreation non-profit organizations, public advisory committees, local jurisdictions, and nearby communities. The department will contribute \$37,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1453)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Educating and Enforcing Responsible Recreation in the Snoqualmie Corridor**

**Grant Awarded: \$89,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a specialist to educate trail users and enforce regulations in the heavily visited Interstate 90 Snoqualmie corridor in eastern King County. The specialist will patrol 150 miles of trails, 6 trailheads, and several day-use sites and informal parking areas. The specialist will focus on identifying potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns; educating visitors on appropriate trail use; and providing an additional enforcement presence. The specialist will manage events and support volunteers, who educate visitors about rules, regulations and principles of good stewardship. The grant also will pay for signs and educational materials. The department will contribute \$89,050 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road](#)

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[Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1838)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Finishing the Mailbox Peak Trail**

**Grant Awarded: \$141,750**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to finish the last 1.3 miles of a 5-mile non-motorized trail to Mailbox Peak in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. Work will include excavation, surfacing, and installing water drainage features and high-elevation alpine trail features such as rock steps and viewpoints. This project is identified in the *Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan* as a high priority for implementation and has strong support from local recreation groups. The department will contribute \$19,864 in donated and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1520)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in the Snoqualmie Corridor**

**Grant Awarded: \$99,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for one leader, one worker, and a seasonal crew to maintain 100 miles of non-motorized trails, 6 trailheads, and several day-use areas in the Snoqualmie corridor, in eastern King County. The crew will remove fallen trees, repair trail surfaces and rock armoring, maintain and repair trail bridges, trim overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, day-use areas, and signs. The grant also will be used to buy trail maintenance equipment including a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department will contribute \$66,020 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1837)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building a Boat Dock at Lake Sammamish State Park**

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

State Parks will use this grant to build a boat dock for loading passengers and short-term mooring at Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach, in King County. Parking at Lake Sammamish's only public boat launch cannot be expanded and it fills up during the summer. Park staff direct cars without trailers (typically boat passengers) to park at Sunset Beach, where boats must beach and pick them up. Planned shoreline restorations will prevent this practice soon. A new dock will provide a safer way to load passengers; improve the boating experience by giving people access to onshore restrooms, concessions, and recreational amenities; improve

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safety by physically separating boats from swimmers; and protect restored shoreline and creek habitats. State Parks will install 650 feet of floats and gangways, piers, and a path. State Parks also will restore the shoreline. State Parks will contribute \$375,200 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1683)

## **Washington Trails Association Engaging Youth Volunteers in Trail Maintenance**

**Grant Awarded: \$82,000**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to pay for a program that uses youth volunteers to complete 17,000 hours of trail maintenance on 66 miles of hiking trails in Washington during 2 years. This project allows hundreds of young people to reduce trail maintenance backlogs in county and state parks and national forests and parks, significantly improving recreation opportunities statewide. Nearly half of the work will be completed on Youth Volunteer Vacations, which encourages high school students to spend a week at a base camp completing a specific project ranging from replacing drainage structures to fixing trail surfaces. The other half will be annual maintenance during day work parties. Whether spending a day or a week on a trail, young people feel empowered by the tangible results of their efforts and gain a greater understanding of what it takes to keep our trails safe and accessible. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$285,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1983)

## **Washington Trails Association Maintaining Backcountry Hiking Trails**

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

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of hiking trails that lie beyond the reach of a day work party in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and eastern Washington. The work, which will be done during 2 years, will improve trails for 2.4 million backcountry hikers, backpackers, and equestrians. The trails association will coordinate with land managers and recruit volunteers to complete 30,000 hours of trail maintenance. The federal and state forests and parks involved in the project rely on volunteers to help maintain their trails and particularly value the skill, commitment, and passion of the trail association's backcountry volunteers. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$490,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1982)

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## **Washington Trails Association Maintaining Front Country Trails Statewide**

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

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 375 miles of hiking trails in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and in eastern Washington for 2 years. The work will reduce maintenance needs on some of the state's most popular trails and improve recreational opportunities for 3.2 million hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers from the Puget Sound and Spokane metropolitan areas and smaller communities statewide. The trails association will coordinate with land managers to recruit volunteers for 600 work parties and 60,000 hours of trail maintenance to remove encroaching vegetation, clear drainage structures, and remove downed trees. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$930,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1981)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include King County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## **Projects in Kitsap County**

**Grants Awarded: \$4,353,345**

### **Bainbridge Island Improving Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park**

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

The City of Bainbridge Island will use this grant to renovate Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park to improve access between park amenities and provide views of the water and space for events. Work will involve renovating the lawn areas with improved drainage; clearing invasive species and planting disturbed areas with native plants; improving the bollard lighting, kiosks, and park furnishings; building pathways; and improving the open areas for events and general use. The park is the only one on Bainbridge Island in the Winslow town center that is on a city-wide trail system connecting to the state ferry terminal, and it has the only public dock on Bainbridge Island. The resulting connected terraces and flat open areas will provide multiple views to the water and also a place for events. Bainbridge Island will contribute \$500,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1469)

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**Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District**

**Replacing the Hidden Cove Park Dock**

**Grant Awarded: \$299,000**

The Bainbridge Island park district will use this grant to replace a dilapidated float and dock and restore the tideland and shoreline at Hidden Cove Park in Kitsap County. The park district will provide a new pier, gangway, and float, which will protect the tidelands, improve shoreline functions, and enhance public access to the shoreline. The renovation will add accessibility for people with disabilities and keep the opportunity for hand-launching boats. Interpretive signs will be added that describe shoreline functions that are important for Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The County also will remove invasive species along the shoreline and replant as well as remove creosote pilings. Residents have ranked preserving and protecting access to public beaches and shorelines as top priorities in Bainbridge Island's park planning and survey efforts. Hidden Cove Park is important because it gives people access to the popular, yet largely private, Port Madison Bay. The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will contribute \$299,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1358)

**Kitsap County**

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

**Buying Land for a Mountain Bike Park**

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 200 acres for the future development of a mountain bike trail with riding loops and skill obstacle elements in Port Gamble Ride Park. The land is a tree farm, which the landowner has platted into 20-acre, single family lots. The park is in the north part of the county, next to the 543-acre Port Gamble Shoreline Park and near Port Gamble. It links to the Sound to Olympics regional trail. Kitsap County's goal is to create a system of connected multi-surface and multi-use trails to promote healthy lifestyles and serve citizens of all ages and abilities with diverse outdoor recreation activities. Private, non-profit trail and mountain bike partners are ready with labor and funds to complete the park trails. Kitsap County will contribute \$570,000 in cash, and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1484)

**Kitsap County**

**Grant Awarded: \$740,500**

**Expanding the Sound to Olympics Trail**

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 24 miles of the Sound to Olympics Trail. The regional trail runs across the Kitsap Peninsula and connects to the Cross State Trail, linking the eastside of Puget Sound to the westerly Olympic Discovery Trail. This purchase will complete the east-west trail connection from the Kingston ferry terminal to the Hood Canal Bridge. The Sound to Olympics Trail, from Kingston and Bainbridge Island through Poulsbo to the Hood Canal Bridge, is a scenic trail corridor with water access and views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains. The trail eventually will be paved and used by walkers, bicyclists, joggers, and equestrians. The North Kitsap Trails Association and West Sound Evergreen Mountain Bike Association support this project and will provide volunteer labor. Kitsap County will contribute \$949,500 through a state appropriation, cash, and a donation of land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1353)

**Port of Bremerton**

**Grant Awarded: \$347,595**

**Renovating the Evergreen Boat Ramp**

The Port of Bremerton will use this grant to renovate the 27-year-old boat launch in Evergreen Rotary Park on the Port Washington Narrows Waterway in Bremerton. The launch is the only one in the area with boarding floats, which are necessary for launching into Port Washington Waterway's swift current. The concrete ramps have worn over time and the exposed rocks creates a slick surface for vehicles. The Port will replace the launch lanes, concrete abutment, boarding floats, and creosote timber piles. The new boarding floats will be accessible for people with disabilities. The centerline boarding floats will incorporate light-penetrating grating to enhance marine habitat and all creosote timbers will be replaced with steel piles. The Port of Bremerton will contribute \$116,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1927)

**Port of Kingston**

**Grant Awarded: \$400,000**

**Creating a Washington Boulevard Park**

The Port of Kingston will use this grant to buy .35 acre on Washington Boulevard, adjacent to State Highway 104 and Saltair Beach, and develop it into a park. The Port will replace the asphalt and concrete with permeable surfaces and build walkways with interpretive signs, a Puget Sound viewing platform, an entry plaza, play areas, interactive outdoor musical instruments, a picnic shelter, and rain gardens. The park is the only public park with a Puget Sound view in the area.

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This grant will allow the Port of Kingston to develop a water view community park, improve water quality, preserve the water corridor from commercial development, and preserve wildlife. The Port of Kingston Marina is nearby and its 2,200 guests enjoy Mike Wallace Park and will have easy access to the new park during their stay. The Port of Kingston will contribute \$424,292 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1213)

## **Port of Waterman**

**Grant Request: \$1,075,000**

### **Renovating the Waterman Fishing Pier**

The Port of Waterman will use two grants to design and replace a failing bulkhead, parking, signs, and a 90-year-old pier over Puget Sound in Kitsap County. The 230-foot-long pier is one of only two public piers on the west side of Puget Sound that doesn't serve boats. The pier is used for fishing, viewing the scenery, crabbing, scuba diving, beach access, and special events. The Port of Waterman will contribute \$253,000 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). The grants are from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands and from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1521 and 14-1546)

## **Port Orchard**

**Grant Awarded: \$105,750**

### **Buying Land to Extend the Mosquito Fleet Trail**

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to buy land and an easement next to city right-of-way for the Bay Street Pedestrian Path, which is a waterfront walkway that is part of the regional Mosquito Fleet Trail system. The purchase will allow the city to extend by 500 feet the .6-mile trail. Eventually, the trail will be 1.5 miles in length. Used by pedestrians and bicyclists, the path makes it easier for people to walk safely into downtown along the water. The trail also will connect historic travel and trade routes with other areas of Kitsap County outside the city. Port Orchard will contribute \$105,750. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1439)

## **Port Orchard**

**Grant Awarded: \$385,500**

### **Developing McCormick Village Park**

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to design and develop the second phase of McCormick Village Park, a partially developed, 30-acre park on Old Clifton Road. The City will

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complete a 1-mile loop trail with pedestrian bridge, build the entry plaza and a children's playground, construct a wetland boardwalk with interpretive signs and a wetland viewing platform, and make other minor landscape and access improvements. The park is on a ridge between a wetland and open area to the east and Anderson Creek ravines to the west. It contains mostly 45- to 50-year-old Douglas Fir forests and wetlands. The improvements would provide recreational, educational, and interpretive opportunities in a natural setting that are not available in the city. Port Orchard will contribute \$385,500. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search. This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1438)

## **Projects in Kittitas County** **Grants Awarded: \$3,264,919**

### **Cascade Field and Stream Club** **Grant Awarded: \$29,498** **Making the Hayward Hill Range Safer and Less Noisy**

The Cascade Field and Stream Club will use this grant to add safety and noise abatement structures at its range, which is on Hayward Road in central Kittitas County. Development will include the addition of berms, baffles, noise abatement materials and structures, covered shooting stations, containment walls, and accessible pathways. The range is the only one in Kittitas County that provides a variety of target shooting opportunities in a safe environment. Originally organized in the early 1930s, the club provides a venue for people to enjoy the shooting sports, archery, and hunter education and safety training, and to learn about hunting and fishing opportunities and environmental, preservation, and conservation initiatives. The Cascade Field and Stream Club will contribute \$18,752 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-2134)

### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance** **Grant Awarded: \$95,000** **Providing Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance**

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support its volunteer trail maintenance program. The alliance will provide at least 18,000 hours of volunteer labor to maintain more than 125 miles of popular trails for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians across the state. Due to budget constraints and backlogs, many of these trails receive no maintenance beyond that provided by the alliance. The alliance works closely with federal, state, and local land managers to identify critical maintenance needs and repairs. This allows the group to respond to requests for emergency repairs to damage caused by storms. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$290,000 in donations of cash and labor. For

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more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2035)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Designing a Bridge over the South Fork Taneum River Grant Awarded: \$42,500**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant for environmental documentation, analysis, and design for a bridge crossing the South Fork Taneum River. Currently, users must ford the creek, and many young riders lack experience crossing streams. Also, horses can have a difficult time with large, slick rocks that are not visible through the water. The trail bridge will be designed for motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. The bridge will provide access to Hoyt Mine Number 1347, Frost Creek Number 1347.1, and Gnat Flat Number 1234 trails. The bridge also will reduce damage to steelhead habitat and improve user safety. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2108)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol Grant Awarded: \$14,435**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 11 sno-parks, 600 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Snow rangers and volunteers educate users about safe and courteous equipment operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized areas. This snow ranger program provides consistent field presence and interaction with visitors, which helps reduce conflicts and provides education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. Snow rangers will attend club gatherings and council meetings, and work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its snow levels and proximity to the Puget Sound region. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,879 in a state grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2041)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Wilderness Education Patrols Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a seasonal wilderness ranger to patrol trails and camping destinations in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger will teach wilderness awareness and ethics and explain regulations. The goal is to educate visitors and protect wilderness and trail resources so that the area can stay open without the need for additional

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regulation. Near Puget Sound, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area is one of the most popular areas in Washington and is used for hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, climbing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and horse packing. The wilderness and adjacent area has 16 trailheads, 157 trail miles, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area receives more than 35,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,250 in a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1958)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Improving Campgrounds in Cle Elum Front Country** **Grant Awarded: \$88,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain campgrounds and trailheads in Kittitas County. The crew will remove garbage, clean restrooms, maintain bulletin boards and forest signs, and repair amenities in campgrounds, informal camping areas, and at trailheads. Near Seattle, the Cle Elum Ranger District has a huge number of summer recreational users. Maintenance is required to protect the land, water, and wildlife and provide a safe recreation opportunity. The district has 24 campgrounds, 35 trailhead toilets, 2 cabins, more than 1,000 miles of Forest Service roads, and 375 informal camping sites. A typical maintenance crew consists of 4 to 6 people, working April through October. The Forest Service will contribute \$89,480 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2039)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Backcountry Trails in Kittitas County** **Grant Awarded: \$188,850**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use, backcountry trails in Kittitas County. The trails are popular and heavily used because of the easy access provided by Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. Whether riding on two or four wheels, mountain biking, riding stock, or hiking, trail users experience features such as waterfalls, creeks, rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The crew will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and maintain signs. This grant covers maintenance for a large network of accessible, well-established motorized trails that serve a large population and provide unique recreational opportunities for people with a wide range of experience levels. The Forest Service will contribute \$47,250 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is

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from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1922)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Kittitas County** **Grant Awarded: \$189,550**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew to maintain 170 miles of multi-use trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Kittitas County. The backcountry trails are popular because of the easy access from Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 97. Whether riding on two or four wheels, mountain biking, riding stock, or hiking, trail users experience features such as waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The crew will remove trees that have fallen across the trail, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and maintain signs. The grant also will be used to buy a chainsaw and hand-tools needed for trail maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$52,500 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1921)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Kittitas County** **Grant Awarded: \$130,366**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 326 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users, including 85 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Kittitas County trails are extremely popular because of their easy access, quality, and proximity to Interstate 90 and 3 million Puget Sound residents. The crew will cut fallen trees and overgrown brush; maintain trail and drainage structures; restore trail surfaces; and make, install, and maintain trail signs. Funding also covers administration, coordination, and support for volunteer groups. Trail users in roadless areas and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness can see waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$133,620 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2140)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails near Cle Elum** **Grant Awarded: \$89,678**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four- to six-person crew to maintain 326 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers, in Kittitas County. These trails are extremely popular with Puget Sound residents because they are nearby, with easy access from Interstate 90. Trail users experience natural settings in roadless areas in the

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Alpine Lakes Wilderness with waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, alpine meadows, and forests. The crew will cut logs and overgrown brush; repair and maintain trail and drainage structures; restore trail surfaces; and make, install, and maintain trail signs. The grant also pays for administration, coordination, and support for volunteer groups. The Forest Service will contribute \$133,620 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1865)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Front Country Patrols**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers to patrol front country trailheads and informal camping areas in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. A recent survey identified more than 375 informal camping areas, many of which are along rivers and reservoirs and frequently used by groups with 10 to 20 people. On summer weekends, these areas often are full. Many users come unprepared to deal with sanitation issues in undeveloped forested areas. The ranger district has implemented projects to move these informal camping areas away from shorelines. Proactively having patrols in these areas will allow those efforts to continue. This project will emphasize proper disposal of human waste and garbage; keeping trash away from wildlife; teaching visitors to avoid inappropriate camping locations such as near eroding stream banks; and discouraging user-created trails or vehicle routes. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1944)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Patrols for Off-Road Vehicle Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$178,024**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a full-time enforcement ranger and four seasonal rangers and buy a patrol vehicle and mountain bike for use on off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Kittitas County. The officers patrol more than 400 miles of front country trails open to off-road vehicle users, including 7 campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads that lead to additional informal camping areas. Located 80 miles east of the densely populated Puget Sound area and immediately north and south of Interstate 90, the trail system is used by thousands of people every week. Education and enforcement is needed to protect natural resources and allow the district to provide a safe trail riding experience. The rangers patrol weekly with volunteers, provide information and assistance, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe motorized travel principles. The Forest Service will contribute \$97,324 in staff labor,

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equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1924)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Rangers for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness** **Grant Awarded: \$29,400**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one seasonal ranger and one volunteer to patrol trails and camping areas in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, in Kittitas County. The rangers will educate visitors about forest stewardship and enforce regulations. Educating visitors will help reduce damage to the wilderness and trail resources. The trails are used by hikers, backpackers, mountaineers, climbers, hunters, anglers, horseback riders, and horse packing groups. Near Puget Sound, the Cle Elum Ranger District's portion of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and adjacent area are some of the most heavily used areas in Washington and contain 16 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, multiple high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area receives more than 35,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,600 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1959)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Toilets along Shorelines** **Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to rent portable toilets for informal, dispersed camping areas along shorelines during the summer camping season. The goal is to protect the natural resources by providing sanitation facilities. Campers create informal campsites, which don't include amenities such as toilets. In popular areas, such as along the Cle Elum Road, visitors have left a tremendous amount of improperly buried human waste in shoreline camping areas. Although this is an unusual step to provide outhouses in the forest, it has improved sanitation and is the most cost-effective solution when combined with education. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2038)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Relocating Two Trails along Teanaway River Forks** **Grant Awarded: \$19,600**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to study moving two trails away from the North and Middle Forks Teanaway River to reduce damage to fish and water quality and improve user

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safety. The trails are used by hikers, horses, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. Parts of these trails flood and erode, sloughing sediment into the rivers. The ranger district will conduct an environmental analysis, which will include cultural, wildlife, fisheries, and botany surveys, as well as a surface soil erosion hazard assessment on about 2.25 miles of Johnson Medra Trail Number 1383 and 1 mile of Jungle Creek Trail Number 1383. The ranger district also will evaluate the need for new trail bridges and closure of old trail sections. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1916)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Taneum Creek Shoreline**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,700,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 370 acres of Taneum Creek shoreline, including nearly a mile of Taneum Creek and more than 2 miles of tributary streams, about 10 miles west of Ellensburg. Taneum Creek is critical habitat for mid-Columbia River steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and is used for coho salmon reintroduction efforts in the upper Yakima River basin. Bisected by Taneum Creek, the land lies at the transition of mixed forest and shrub steppe and contains a strong suite of habitats and species. River shoreline, wetlands, shrub steppe, cliffs, caves, snags, and talus habitats are found across the property. Coho and Chinook salmon, Columbia spotted frog, sharp-tailed snakes, golden eagle, elk, mule deer, and historic western gray squirrels also use the land. This acquisition helps implement actions identified in several salmon and bull trout recovery plans. The land is an inholding in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area. Conserving this area removes threats that the land will be developed or logged. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1092)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Rebuilding Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area**

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

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will to use this grant to improve and develop motorized trails in the Rock Creek Unit of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area and the Naches Ranger District located in Kittitas County. The trails in this area are jointly owned by the department and the U.S. Forest Service. Work will include re-routing about 1.25 miles of poorly located jeep trail that are eroding and sloughing sediment into nearby streams. The partners will abandon and return to a more natural state about 1 mile of jeep trail. The partners also will install up to three bridges on about 4 miles of motorcycle trail that was closed in 2011 after flood damage, enabling the trail to be reopened. This project has the support of local and regional off-road vehicle clubs that have pledged volunteer time to help on this project. The department will

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contribute \$13,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1858)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Maintaining Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow nine sno-parks and groom 402 miles of snowmobile trail from Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass, the most popular snowmobiling destination in the state. Easy access from Interstate 90 makes this the most important winter recreation area for people living in the Puget Sound basin. The trails link to other systems in the south and east, allowing multiple-day rides over diverse terrain for riders of all ages and skills. Ridges provide spectacular views of the upper Yakima Valley and the Stuart Range. State Parks will manage the project with assistance from the Snowmobile Advisory Committee, Kittitas County Grooming Council, local snowmobile clubs, and Cle Elum Ranger District. State Parks will contribute \$448,688 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1767)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission      Grant Awarded: \$55,018** **Plowing and Grooming Taneum-Manastash Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at four sno-parks and groom about 182 miles of snowmobile trail in the highlands south of Cle Elum in Kittitas County for 2 years. The Taneum-Manastash area is one of the most popular riding areas in the state because of its easy access from Interstate 90 and the Puget Sound area. The trails lead to ridges above the upper Yakima Valley with breathtaking views of the valley below and the Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$55,018 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1766)

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**Projects in Klickitat County**

**Grants Awarded: \$2,561,800**

**Klickitat County**

**Grant Awarded: \$53,000**

**Developing the Klickitat County Shooting Range**

The Klickitat County Public Works Department will use this grant to build a 50-yard pistol range and a 300-yard rifle range at its shooting range in Dallesport. The shooting area will be covered and bermed with 8-foot, covered baffles to provide "No Blue Skies" shooting stations. The County also will add fencing and berms to the perimeter. The range will provide a place for the public and law enforcement to shoot in a safe location. This is the second phase of development. In the first phase, the County is building a 100-yard range. Klickitat County will contribute \$53,050. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-2027)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Conserving Simcoe Mountains**

**Grant Awarded: \$2,459,750**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 2,700 of 22,000 acres on the Simcoe Mountains in Klickitat County. The land includes forests, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 10 miles of shoreline along upper Rock Creek and its tributaries. The purchase would conserve habitat for steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, Chinook salmon, western gray squirrels, mule deer, burrowing owls, and western toads. The purchase will protect habitat connections from the Columbia River to the Cascade Mountains, and open the land for hiking, fishing, and hunting, which are unavailable in this area. Threats to this property include conversion into small recreational properties. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1096)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Restoring Trout Lake Meadows**

**Grant Awarded: \$49,050**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to kill or remove nonnative plants and replant 45 acres of the 1,800-acre Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, 24 miles north of White Salmon in the northwest corner of Klickitat County. The preserve hosts breeding and nesting areas used by a large population of the Oregon spotted frog, a state endangered species and proposed federal threatened species, and the greater sandhill crane, a state endangered species. In addition, two rare plants, pale blue-eyed grass, a state threatened and federal species of concern, and rosy owl clover, a state endangered species, are found in the preserve's seasonally wet meadows. The department also will install three interpretive signs in the western portion of

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the preserve explaining the restoration work. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1525)

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## **Projects in Lewis County** **Grants Awarded: \$1,153,625**

### **Centralia** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Rebuilding the Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool**

The City of Centralia will use this grant to repair the Pearl Street Veterans Pool and replace the bathhouse. Built in the 1950s, and updated in the 1980s, the pool is deteriorating and has inadequate and broken mechanical equipment, a crumbling barrier wall, and a bathhouse that is inadequate, in disrepair, and lacking modern amenities. In 2011, Centralia closed the pool and only has performed routine maintenance to slow deterioration and keep the pool viable should it be reopened. The non-profit organization, Save The Outdoor Pool and Swim (STOP and Swim), will repair the pool, replace the bathhouse, and install mechanical equipment and storage. Centralia will contribute \$1.1 million in a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1606)

### **Mossyrock** **Grant Awarded: \$71,450** **Developing Klickitat Prairie Park**

The City of Mossyrock will use this grant to further develop Klickitat Prairie Park. The City will install a large picnic shelter, a path leading to it, 1 mile of walking trails, informational and historical signs, and free-standing barbecues near the picnic shelter and throughout the park. Mossyrock will contribute \$72,550 in cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1763)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Request: \$582,175** **Developing the Willapa Hills Trail near Pe Ell**

State Parks will use this grant to develop 9 miles of the Willapa Hills Trail, centered in the Pe Ell area. State Parks will deck bridges, install safety rails on three bridges, and add a hardened

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gravel surface. The trail will accommodate a multitude of users including hikers, bikers, and equestrians. With this work, about 26 miles of the 53-mile trail will have been developed. The trail runs from Chehalis to Raymond. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1622)

## **Projects in Lincoln County** **Grants Awarded: \$600,000**

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **Grant Awarded: \$600,000** **Expanding the Reardan Audubon Lake Wildlife Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 150 acres to expand its 277-acre Reardan Audubon Lake Wildlife Area, north of Reardan and 20 miles from Spokane. The land is used by more than 125 species of birds and is the last stop during spring migration before the Canadian wetlands. The land contains prairies with small mounds and shallow dips that fill with water in the spring and dry out in the summer, mima mounds, several large permanent ponds, and shoreline forests. The land also forms the headwaters of Crab Creek, a Columbia River tributary, and Deep Creek, a Spokane River tributary. The property is used by 11 priority habitat species, 5 state candidate species, 2 federal candidate species, and 5 Department of Fish and Wildlife habitat types or elements of special concern. Wildlife viewing would be the primary recreation at this site. The land is for sale for housing. This project implements the state Legislature's directive to develop wildlife viewing sites near rural communities. The department will partner with Inland Northwest Land Trust, Spokane Audubon, Ducks Unlimited, and the City of Reardan to cooperatively preserve and develop this unique wildlife viewing site. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1097)

## **Projects in Mason County** **Grants Awarded: \$6,537,153**

### **Mason County** **Grant Awarded: \$2,000,000** **Conserving Coulter Creek Shoreline**

Mason County will use two grants to buy 58.25 acres at the head of North Bay in Mason County between Allyn and Victor. Mason County, Capitol Land Trust, and partners are joining forces to buy this property, which includes 54 acres of forest, 3.25 acres of wetlands, nearly three-quarter mile of unnamed freshwater tributaries, and more than a quarter-mile of North Bay shoreline. The purchase of this property would conserve the property's extensive aquatic lands for public purposes and gives the public access to the water. The majority of the property will be left

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undisturbed except for trails to the water and more than a half-mile of the planned North Bay Trail that will pass through the property. Future boardwalks or forested trails would connect to a small parking area with restrooms and water viewpoints on Mason County's adjacent Coulter Creek Park and community shellfish area. Partners include Capitol Land Trust, Squaxin Island Tribe, and Taylor Shellfish. Mason County will contribute \$200,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds, and the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1687 and 14-1789)

## **Mason County**

**Grant Awarded: \$225,000**

### **Renovating Sandhill Park**

Mason County will use this grant to restore two fields in Sandhill Park in Belfair. Sandhill Park has seven baseball and softball fields and the County has renovated five of them. At the last two fields, the County will install new dugouts, fencing, and infields and outfields, and pave around the fields to improve access for people with disabilities. Sandhill Park is the only baseball-softball complex in the northern part of the county. It was built by volunteers and community organizations in 1980. Mason County will contribute \$225,000 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1467)

## **Mason County**

**Grant Awarded: \$485,280**

### **Renovating the North Mason Soccer and Football Field**

Mason County will use this grant to renovate the turf at the North Mason High School Football Soccer Stadium. The County will remove the grass and install synthetic turf. The existing field turns to mud in November each year when the rains begin. The County's parks plan discovered a large need for football and soccer fields for youth, a situation that will increase when a new middle school is built on two practice fields. This project is a partnership between the North Mason School District, Mason County, and the local youth football and soccer associations. Mason County will contribute \$485,280. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1581)

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$142,950**  
**Developing New Off-road Vehicle Trails in Tahuya State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 3 new miles and renovate 5 miles of four-wheel drive trail in Tahuya State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The grant will pay to install culverts and for materials, equipment, architecture and engineering services, and staffing support. The work will create more four-wheel drive trails and challenge opportunities while protecting the environment and reducing the amount of sediment filling streams. This project was identified in the *Green Mountain and Tahuya State Forests Recreation Plan* as a top implementation priority and has strong user group support. The department will contribute \$37,200 in staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1847)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$849,659**  
**Expanding Kennedy Creek Preserve to Conserve a Salt Marsh**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 80 acres off U.S. Highway 101, about 12 miles west of Olympia, to increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds and salmon. The purchase also will protect a segment of Schneider Creek, which supports the health of the salt marsh ecosystems. The land will provide opportunities for education and research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1254)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$2,214,554**  
**Expanding Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek Preserves to Conserve Wetlands**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 114 acres in two natural area preserves to protect imperiled wetlands. The department will buy 100 acres at Ink Blot Natural Area Preserve, north of Shelton and west of U.S. Highway 101 in Mason County, to conserve land that contains rare and important wetlands. The Douglas' spirea and sphagnum community found at Ink Blot is considered imperiled in Washington. Its occurrence in Ink Blot is the highest quality example remaining in the state. The land also is one of the largest blocks of this wetland habitat type left in the Puget Sound region. The department also will buy 14 acres at Schumacher Creek Natural Area Preserve, north of Shelton and west of U.S. Highway 101 in Mason County, to conserve wetlands that are extremely rare in the Puget trough eco-region; there are no other opportunities to protect such a feature. One of the plant communities found

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at Schumacher Creek, the Mountain alder-Sitka alder and skunk cabbage-water parsley community, is found only in the Puget trough eco-region and is critically imperiled. The wetland systems at both Ink Blot and Schumacher Creek remain intact with little evidence of human disturbance or exotic species invasion. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1252)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$51,000** **Improving Water Quality in Tahuya State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a seasonal trail crew, materials, hauling equipment, and other expenses to maintain off-road vehicle and multiple-use trails in Tahuya State Forest, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The goal is to improve water quality and reduce sediment going into streams by installing water control devices and repairing trail surfaces. The department will contribute \$22,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1845)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$199,960** **Maintaining Trails in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for two natural resource workers, one natural resource specialist, a year-round crew, and materials to maintain 101 miles of off-road vehicle and multiple-use trails and 15 facilities in Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Belfair. The crews will remove overgrown brush, maintain drainage structures, place crushed rock to harden sections of trail, and inspect and maintain bridges and signs. The crews also will remove garbage and repair restrooms, campsites, picnic facilities, and signs at campgrounds, trailheads, and day-use areas. The department will contribute \$136,110 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1843)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Request: \$368,750** **Conserving Fudge Point**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 48 acres at Fudge Point, on Harstine Island in Mason County. The land will be used for roads, parking, and recreation amenities for a future park at the site. State Parks already has purchased 136 acres at Fudge Point, including nearly

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1 mile of saltwater shoreline. Fudge Point has unique biological and recreational resources, including forests, wetlands, tidelands, bluffs, unarmored shoreline, pocket estuaries, and a flat, sandy beach. The park eventually will conserve some of the natural features and provide day use and camping or cabins in part of the park. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1603)

## **Projects in Okanogan County** **Grants Awarded: \$1,735,619**

### **Okanogan Land Trust** **Grant Awarded: \$277,354** **Conserving Olma Farmland**

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 280 acres of farmland owned by the Olma family. The farm is east of Tonasket in Okanogan County. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement<sup>11</sup> to ensure the working farm remains available for farming forever. The farm produces corn and hay, and is used for cattle ranching. The agreement will enable the Olmas to expand their farm by buying adjacent farmland and it will protect two unique wildlife habitats: a spring-fed grassland meadow and about 2 miles of Siwash Creek, a tributary to the Okanogan River that provides critical cold water for rainbow trout, steelhead, and spring Chinook. In addition, this project will protect the most important water rights on Siwash Creek. The farm is a prime target for a large residential development because of its closeness to Tonasket, and likely would be subdivided in the future without the agreement. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$283,353 in cash, staff labor, a federal grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1526)

### **Twisp** **Grant Awarded: \$199,504** **Building the Twisp Community Trail**

The Town of Twisp will use this grant to acquire about a half-mile of right-of-way to develop a community, non-motorized trail along the Methow River. Twisp also will develop viewpoints on the west side of the Methow River and south of Twisp Park as well as trail linkages between Twisp Park and nearby neighborhoods. By acquiring and developing these trail rights-of-way, Twisp will complete the first phase of a trail system connecting neighborhoods, parks, business

<sup>11</sup>A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

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districts, town facilities, the airport, and a sports complex while providing public access to the Methow River shoreline. Twisp will contribute \$201,650 in equipment, labor, and donations of labor, land, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1137)

## **Twisp**

**Grant Awarded: \$34,025**

### **Developing Tennis Courts**

The Town of Twisp will use this grant to develop a tennis court in its downtown riverfront Twisp Park. Currently, there are no tennis courts in town. Twisp also will create spur path from the court to an existing path leading to a parking lot, picnic shelter, and pedestrian trailhead. Twisp Park includes a pool, basketball court, playground, picnic shelter, and access to the Twisp and Methow Rivers. Twisp will contribute \$34,765 in equipment, staff labor, materials, a private grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1509)

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

### **Educating Visitors Using Horses and Mules**

**Grant Awarded: \$38,319**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund one seasonal ranger and one volunteer ranger for education and enforcement in high-use stock areas in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness areas, in Okanogan County. The goal is to promote backcountry practices that demonstrate Leave-No-Trace techniques, which are designed to minimize the impact of visitors on the environment. Patrols will use horses and mules and contact all user groups, though they will maximize contacts with pack and saddle stock users, and model proper stock use in areas where resource problems are occurring. The district has the highest percent of wilderness stock use in the state. Equestrians account for about 30 percent of use in the Pasayten Wilderness. In the Pasayten, the patrols will concentrate on camping areas such as Spanish Camp, Corral Lake, Horseshoe Basin, and the Pasayten Airport. In the Lake Chelan Sawtooth areas, patrols will emphasize trails near the Twisp River Horse Camp and popular overnight loops along the Chelan Summit Trail. These areas also are popular with hikers, backpackers, hunters, anglers sightseers, and climbers. The Forest Service will contribute \$38,600 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2102)

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

**Improving Campgrounds in Tonasket Ranger District**

**Grant Awarded: \$84,653**

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to pay for seasonal staff and Job Corps crews to maintain 13 campgrounds in Okanogan County: Bonaparte Lake, Lost Lake, Beaver Lake, Crawfish Lake, Lyman Lake, Sugarloaf, Cottonwood, Kerr, Oriole, Salmon Meadows, Long Swamp, Fourteen Mile, and Tiffany Springs. These campgrounds have maintenance needs for repairing restrooms, water system, buildings, campground barriers, picnic tables, fire grates, site markers, roads, trails, and signs. The public expects enjoyable, well maintained campgrounds when they visit the national forest, yet that is not the case in the Tonasket Ranger District because of years of inadequate funding. The Forest Service will contribute \$52,400 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2018)

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

**Maintaining Methow Valley Campgrounds**

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

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 24 campgrounds in Okanogan County. A Forest Service crew will do the maintenance, with the help of volunteer campground hosts stationed at the busiest campgrounds. They will maintain campground roads, control noxious weeds, remove dangerous trees, maintain the water system, repair damaged picnic tables and fire grates, post information on bulletin boards, provide visitor information and collect fees, patrol the campgrounds, clean the outhouses, mow grass, collect garbage, clean campsites, and perform other duties. People travel from all over the world to the Methow Valley to camp, hike, ride horses, hunt, ride off-road vehicles, view wildlife, drive through the woods, and countless other activities. The economy of the Methow Valley is dependent on recreation tourism, and well maintained Forest Service campgrounds help attract people to the area and encourage them to stay for multiple days. The Forest Service will contribute \$149,920 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2130)

**Grant Awarded: \$20,825**

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

**Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Sawtooth Backcountry**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to pay for volunteer groups to maintain 46 miles of multiple-use trail for 2 years, adjacent to the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness Area,

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southeast of Twisp. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. The volunteer crews will clear downed trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, and maintain drainage structures. The Sawtooth Backcountry provides a variety of recreational opportunities including access to scenic loop trails and lake destinations, and the only multiple-use trail system open for motorized use. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,228 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1987)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Providing Climbing Rangers in the Methow Valley** **Grant Awarded: \$31,939**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two seasonal rangers and two seasonal volunteer rangers to educate climbers on popular Methow Valley climbing routes. The North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor and climbing areas in the upper Methow Valley have hundreds of established climbing routes. The climbing rangers will educate thousands of climbers about environmental and social impacts, gather visitor use data, determine educational needs and develop educational material, identify environmental impacts, establish and build relationships with local and national climbing organizations, and enforce regulations. The popularity of rock climbing, alpine climbing, sport climbing, and bouldering is increasing rapidly in the Methow Valley. These climbing areas are included in multiple guide books, drawing people from all over the world. Climbers make up about 10,800 visitor use days in a single climbing season in the district, and at one of the most popular north Cascades trailheads, climbers account for 30 percent of the parties. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,815 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2113)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Removing Fallen Trees to Reopen Trails** **Grant Awarded: \$89,500**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to remove trees that have fallen on trails, restoring access to about 325 miles of trail. Volunteers and Forest Service trail crews will work for two years on trails in and around the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas and the North Cascades National Scenic Highway corridor, in Okanogan County. These trails provide many times of opportunities for hikers, backpackers, equestrians, and mountain bikers, from scenic overlooks, to moderate and difficult trails leading to high mountain passes and alpine lakes. This grant will ensure access to some of the most remote wilderness and scenic destinations in Washington State. The Forest Service will contribute \$72,252 in staff labor,

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equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1986)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Riverside Boat Launch**

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

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop the 1-acre Riverside Access Site on the Okanogan River, in the city of Riverside in Okanogan County. The department will build a boat launch, create a gravel parking lot for up to eight vehicles with boat trailers, pave the entrance drive and a parking lot for nine vehicles, install an outhouse and a picnic shelter, build pathways, landscape with shade trees, and install an informational kiosk, an entrance gate and sign, and rocks to guide vehicles. The Riverside Access Site is the only public access site with a boat launch between Tonasket and Omak, a distance of 25 river miles. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1548)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area through Logging and Controlled Fires**

**Grant Awarded: \$534,500**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore habitat in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area near Osoyoos in Okanogan County by logging and burning to thin out trees and brush in the area. Most of the site being restored hasn't been burned for nearly 100 years causing an uncharacteristic buildup of trees and brush, which choke out other plants that are more beneficial to wildlife. The department will log or burn about 1,820 acres, which will improve conditions for many wildlife species, particularly flammulated owls, pygmy nuthatches, and white-headed woodpeckers. The project will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, rejuvenate mule deer winter range, improve forest health, increase ecosystem resiliency to climate change, and provide jobs benefiting the local economy. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1508)

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## Projects in Pacific County

**Grants Awarded: \$1,789,788**

### **Columbia Land Trust Conserving Willapa Bay and Seal Slough**

**Grant Awarded: \$875,000**

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 564 acres on Willapa Bay in Pacific County that includes 2 miles of Willapa Bay shoreline, 15 miles of sloughs and streams including Seal Slough, 70 acres of wetlands, and a forest. This project is part of a multi-year effort to conserve forever the last remaining undeveloped Willapa Bay shoreline for wildlife and people. Willapa Bay is the second largest estuary on the United States' Pacific Coast after San Francisco Bay. The land is just south of 900 acres of already protected land, extending habitat connectivity. Willapa Bay and its streams and wetlands are important habitat for migratory birds, including waterfowl and shorebirds, and for salmon species, including Chinook, chum, coho, steelhead, and coastal cutthroat. Juvenile salmon need this type of estuarine habitat as a place to rest before migrating to the ocean. Other benefiting species include green sturgeon, eulachon (smelt), and bald eagles. In the long term, the restored forest could support marbled murrelet and Northern spotted owl, which currently nest 1 mile away. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$875,000 in federal and private grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1150)

### **Ilwaco Renovating Ilwaco's City Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$320,000**

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to develop a community park named City Park at the east end of Lake and Spruce Streets. The City will renovate the 3-acre community park by building new softball fields, installing playground equipment, adding park amenities, and adding a trail around the park perimeter. Given the park's proximity to the downtown and Baker Bay, it has the potential to revitalize the economically depressed city. The city's parks plan identified this as the number one priority project. Community groups such as Ocean Beach School District, Ocean Beach Hospital, Port of Ilwaco, Peninsula Little League, Boys and Girls Club, and local grant foundations are in overwhelming support of this project. Ilwaco will contribute \$323,118 in staff labor, a local grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1729)

**Pacific County**

**Grant Awarded: \$30,998**

**Building a Trailhead at South Willapa Bay**

Pacific County will use this grant to build a trailhead that will provide the first public access to south Willapa Bay. The property is in Long Beach, east of Sandridge Road, at the end of 95th Street. The project will provide an access point for viewing nature, car-top boating, environmental education, hiking, birding, and photography of this estuary habitat. The present location has no parking, no safe turn-around space, and no defined waterway access. The new trailhead will have 15 parking spaces. The County also will add signs and an informational kiosk. There is no comparable public access to south Willapa Bay on the Long Beach Peninsula. Pacific County will contribute \$30,998 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1086)

**Port of Willapa Harbor**

**Grant Awarded: \$563,780**

**Redeveloping the Tokeland Marina**

The Port of Willapa Harbor will use this grant to add 32 slips for guest moorage, upgrade the float access pier to accommodate people with disabilities, stabilize the shoreline to prevent erosion along the bank of the boat basin, and add a pump-out station at the Tokeland Marina on Willapa Bay in Pacific County. The marina serves recreational and commercial fishing. The marina facilities are minimal, in poor condition, and serve mainly the oyster and gillnetting industries. This is the second phase of development. Construction is underway for the first phase, which will add a new guest moorage float, restrooms, parking, and landscaping. Willapa Bay and the Tokeland Marina are underused and could expand their use by recreational boaters. Tokeland has long-term moorage for only 20 recreational boats and all slips are leased annually. The lack of guest moorage forces boaters to launch daily. On salmon fishing days, there are often more than 200 boats launched. The two phases will more than double the moorage in the marina. The Port of Willapa Harbor will contribute \$241,620 in cash, a grant from the federal Boating Infrastructure Grant program, and a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1938)

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## Projects in Pend Oreille County

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## Projects in Pierce County

**Grants Awarded: \$13,710,961**

### Anderson Island Park and Recreation District Conserving Jacobs Point Shoreline

**Grant Awarded: \$82,556**

The Anderson Island Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy and permanently conserve 17.61 acres at Jacobs Point on Anderson Island in south Puget Sound. The land includes most of a small peninsula on the south end of Anderson Island that separates Oro Bay from East Oro Bay, and includes about one-third mile of pristine Puget Sound shoreline, 4 acres of tidelands, and 13 acres of second-growth forest. Purchase of the land will complete Jacobs Point Park and give the public access to an additional 1.2 miles of trails. The purchase also will protect critical salmon habitat and dozens of species of native plants and birds. Oro Bay is one of the closest pocket estuaries to the Nisqually River and provides significant rearing potential for juvenile Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. Oro Bay and East Oro Bay also are part of the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve marine protected area. The Anderson Island Park and Recreation District will contribute \$82,556 from a private grant, a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1240)

### Fircrest Renovating the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Playground

**Grant Awarded: \$36,500**

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to renovate a playground structure and perimeter fence at the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot Neighborhood Park, one of the most popular family parks in the region. The .5-acre park is at Ramsdell Street and Contra Costa Avenue, next to Fircrest Park. The City will replace a worn-out play structure for children ages 2 to 5 as well as the fence to ensure that children remain safely contained to the playground. The tot lot draws families from Fircrest, Tacoma, and University Place. But the 50-year-old park is showing its age. This project would give the city its best opportunity to replace two worn-out features and greatly enhance the experience families have at this beloved neighborhood park. The City's *Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan* identifies this project as a high priority. The Fircrest Kiwanis Club supports this project and has been raising money to help. Fircrest will contribute \$36,500 in cash and

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donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1463)

## **Gig Harbor**

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

### **Building the Ancich Waterfront Park**

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to design and develop a waterfront park. Located midway between Gig Harbor's downtown waterfront centers, the land will include a grassy open area for passive recreation, a ramp and steps to access the shoreline, kayak and canoe storage, and public art. The City will build a shoreline boardwalk, restrooms, and a street-level overlook with seating and spectacular views of the harbor. The City also will install a water fountain, benches, picnic tables, and lighting. The City of Gig Harbor will contribute \$1.1 million in cash and a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1457)

## **Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District**

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

### **Beginning Development of Gateway Park**

Key Pen Parks will use this grant to build a playground, picnic shelter, restroom, and trailhead to the adjoining 360 Trails at Gateway Park, which is on the north end of the Key Peninsula along State Route 302. Gateway Park is fairly level, with rolling hills and Little Minter Creek meandering through it. There are no developed parks in the area that serves more than 10,000 people. The development of the park will allow for expanded use of the 360 Trails by providing a trailhead with amenities such as parking for horse trailers and a restroom. The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$537,500 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1503)

## **Lakewood**

**Grant Awarded: \$193,950**

### **Expanding Springbrook Park**

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to buy 1.2 acres next to Springbrook Park, allowing the City to connect the park to city land across Clover Creek. The City will remove a house and garage from the land, improve habitat near the creek, move the fence, add pathways around the property, and connect the land to Springbrook Park, which offers trails, play equipment, a family

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picnic area, and a community garden. In the southeast corner of Lakewood, Springbrook Park is just outside the Joint Base Lewis McChord Field gate and isolated from Lakewood by a freeway and Clover Creek. Besides the current park, there are no other public open spaces, community centers, schools, churches, or similar facilities where the neighborhood can build a sense of community. Lakewood will contribute \$193,950 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1513)

## **Lakewood** **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Renovating the Waughop Lake Trail in Fort Steilacoom Park**

City of Lakewood will use this grant to renovate the trail around Waughop Lake at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City will pave a mile-long path around the lake and install drainage, benches, a picnic shelter, interpretive signs, and parking for people with disabilities. Work also will include improving the habitat by removing dead and invasive plants, and planting grass and native plants. The 350-acre Fort Steilacoom Park in northwest Lakewood is visited by about 950,000 people a year. The lake trail was a road until it was closed in the 1970s and now is a link to cross-country courses, races, and walk-a-thon events. Improving the lake trail and surrounding area is the highest priority development project in the city's 20-year strategic plan and improving the lake trail is the number one project in its 6-year *Capital Improvement Plan*. Lakewood will contribute \$250,000 in cash, staff labor, another grant, and donations of cash and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1542)

## **Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Developing a Multi-Use Field**

Metro Parks Tacoma will use this grant to design and develop a multi-use, all-weather field on about 4 acres in the South End Recreation and Adventure Campus (SERA). The land is at 66th and Adams and is surrounded by the STAR Center, Gray Middle School, and the Boys and Girls Club. This project expands the adventure park concept and creates a link between the existing facilities. The new field will provide for year-round play for sports such as soccer, cricket, rugby, lacrosse, track, and bocce ball. Metro Parks Tacoma will contribute \$1.2 million in a state appropriation, voter-approved bonds, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1424)

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**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**  
**Expanding the Point Defiance Loop Trail**

**Grant Awarded: \$3,250,000**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop more than 5 miles of a loop trail around the 765-acre park to separate walkers, runners, and cyclists from cars. Work includes developing a trailhead with parking and a restroom, striping, installing barriers and pedestrian bridges, and improving the Pearl Street entrance. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$3.2 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1694)

**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**  
**Moving the Off-Leash Dog Area at Point Defiance Park**

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

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to move the unfenced, 3-acre, off-leash dog area and create a new, fenced, 15-acre area for dogs next to the second entrance to Point Defiance Park. The park district also will add parking, separate meadows for large and small dogs, shelters, an agility course, walking trails, and a pond specifically designed for dogs. The park district will contribute \$1 million in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1695)

**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**  
**Rebuilding Wapato Lake Dock**

**Grant Request: \$451,416**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to rebuild two docks at Wapato Park, in south Tacoma east of Interstate 5. The docks are used by a youth fishing program and by model boat enthusiasts, paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, and other human-powered craft. Replacing the treated wood docks, the new docks will be a combination of fixed pier and floating docks using steel pilings and composite and grated decks. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$451,416 in voter-approved bonds. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1724)

**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**  
**Renovating Point Defiance's Owen Beach**

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

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to renovate one of the oldest and most popular areas in Point Defiance Park – Owen Beach. For more than 126 years, Owen Beach

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has been one of the few, true water access areas in Tacoma. Swimming, beachcombing, boating, and renting kayaks are just a few of the water-related activities offered there. The park district will renovate the Works Progress Administration shelter, build two more shelters, construct restrooms, expand the lawn, and improve the playground, sand volleyball court, parking, and storm water facilities. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$3 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1693)

## **Nisqually Land Trust**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,100,000**

### **Buying Mashel River Shoreline for Salmon Recovery**

The Nisqually Land Trust will use this grant to buy more than 1,000 acres, which includes part of the Mashel River and surrounding forest near Eatonville to protect important salmon habitat. The land trust will buy land that includes 3.5 miles of the Mashel River, 6.2 miles of feeder streams, 884 acres of shoreline, and 128 acres of forest in the middle reach of the Mashel River and the upper reach of its headwater tributary, Busy Wild Creek. The Mashel River is the largest tributary to the Nisqually River and the salmon recovery plan for the area calls out these sections of the Mashel River as the highest priority for protection. The river is used by Chinook salmon, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and steelhead trout. The land has steep, unstable slopes and is part of a larger industrial forest. Buying the land would prevent further habitat degradation from logging and development and would extend protected habitat for northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets, both of which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The purchase also will connect two substantial blocks of Mashel shoreline already protected, creating nearly 6 miles of protected river corridor. The purchase also helps recreation by providing room for expansion of the Mashel Greenbelt Trail and protecting a key section of the popular Mount Tahoma Trails cross-country ski trail. The Nisqually Land Trust will contribute \$1.4 million in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1480)

## **Pierce County**

**Grant Awarded: \$2,755,063**

### **Constructing the Final Segment of the Foothills National Recreation Trail**

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build the last 2.3 miles of the Foothills National Recreation Trail, which begins in the town of South Prairie and extends east toward Buckley. The trail, which is a paved trail and equestrian path, is used for walking, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The trail is on a railroad right-of-way that winds through scenic

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countryside and farmland offering views of Mount Rainier and the Cascade Mountain foothills. The foothills trail is the spine of the Pierce County trail network, linking urban and rural cities and providing recreation opportunities for thousands. Pierce County will contribute \$2.7 million in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1442)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$302,000** **Expanding an Off-road Vehicle Trailhead in Elbe Hills State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for materials, staff, permits, and construction to expand the off-road vehicle trailhead in Elbe Hills State Forest, near the town of Elbe, in Pierce County. Work will include improving parking and making trail access safer for trucks and trailers hauling off-road vehicles. The department will contribute \$42,000 in staff labor and donations of materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1829)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$189,476** **Maintaining Elbe Hills State Forest Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a part-time leader and seasonal crew to maintain more than 13 miles of off-road vehicle trails, a trailhead, and a campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, which is between Elbe and Ashford in Pierce County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, hardening sections of trail to prevent erosion, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The Elbe Hills off-road vehicle trail system is highly technical and heavily used, and the trails and campground are open year-round. Department will contribute \$81,524 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1827)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$100,000** **Maintaining Nicholson Horse Trails in Elbe Hills State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and a seasonal crew to maintain 40 miles of non-motorized trails, 3 trailheads, and 1 campground in Elbe Hills State Forest, between Elbe and Ashford in Pierce County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair

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drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, re-route small sections of trail, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, campsites, fencing, and high-line poles in the Nicholson Horse Trails, trailheads, and campground. Crews also will inspect and repair old trail structures. The department will contribute \$103,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1828)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Pierce County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## **Projects in San Juan County** **Grants Awarded: \$141,953**

### **Lopez Island Conservation Corps** **Grant Awarded: \$26,500** **Improving Trails in Moran State Park**

The Lopez Island Conservation Corps, in partnership with two other local island youth corps, will use this grant to maintain more than 38 miles of trail in Moran State Park. Trail crews will maintain the trails, make safety improvements to address hiker-biker trail conflicts, and tackle erosion issues. Many of the trails, roads, and structures in the 5,600-acre park were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Budget cuts have meant annual trail maintenance has been neglected for 15 years. The park attracts more than 600,000 visitors annually, many from overseas, and is considered one of the gems of the state. The Lopez Island Conservation Corps will contribute \$23,500 in staff labor, a local grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-2143)

### **San Juan County** **Grant Awarded: \$115,453** **Replacing the Odlin Park Float and Gangway**

The San Juan County Public Works Department will use this grant to remove a deteriorated wood float, three creosote piles, and an old aluminum gangway and replace them with a new heavy duty wood float that is better for the environment in Odlin Park, on Lopez Island. The new float will reduce overwater shading with 50 percent open grating and reduce pollution by replacing the creosote piles with galvanized steel piles. The new float will double the available side-tie, day-use moorage space and will be accessible to people with disabilities. The County will move the float 25 feet to the south of the current float to better serve boaters. These improvements will support and provide additional access to the park's amenities, such as restrooms, drinking water, sandy beach, picnicking, playfield, trails, boat launch and trailer parking, mooring buoys, and camping, all of which are open year-round. The Odlin boat launch

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and float are important public facilities supporting access to the exceptional opportunities available in the San Juan Islands, including whale watching, sport fishing, crabbing, scuba diving, and visiting the many state marine parks in the San Juan Islands archipelago. San Juan County will contribute \$38,916. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1963)

## **Projects in Skagit County** **Grants Awarded: \$5,149,410**

### **Anacortes** **Grant Awarded: \$335,000** **Building a Spray Park and Restroom at John Storvik Municipal Park**

The City of Anacortes will use this grant to design, permit, and build a spray park and restroom at John Storvik Municipal Park. The 8.7-acre park was built in 1974 and has a baseball field, basketball courts, playgrounds, and a horse shoe pit. The spray park will be the first spray park in the city's park system and will provide a new outdoor recreation experience in one of most populated, low income neighborhoods. Anacortes will contribute \$347,500 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1331)

### **Concrete** **Grant Awarded: \$199,013** **Building a Water Spray Park**

The Town of Concrete will use this grant to build a water spray park, restroom, and pathways in Silo Park. The Town also will install a drinking fountain and picnic tables, improve parking, and complete landscaping in the park. Silo Park is just north of State Route 20, east of Superior Avenue and South of Main Street. With this development, the town hopes to increase the amount of outdoor recreational opportunities it offers, encourage its residents to participate in more outdoor activities, and increase tourism. Concrete will contribute \$243,237 in cash, a state grant and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1790)

### **La Conner** **Grant Awarded: \$105,400** **Developing Conner Waterfront Park**

The Town of La Conner will use this grant to begin developing a waterfront park on Conner Way. The Town will build a children's play area, kayak access, a shoreline walkway, and a raised crosswalk connected to Pioneer Park. The Town also will stabilize the shoreline bank and begin

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creating a picnic area and landscaping. The land was formerly a fish processing facility and marina. La Conner will contribute \$106,400 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1399)

## **Skagit County**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,379,712**

### **Conserving Skagit County Farmland**

Skagit County will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements<sup>12</sup> that will conserve permanently 1,069 acres across 11 farms in the Samish basin and Skagit River delta. The farmers own multiple parcels of land that are not contiguous, leading to unique cooperation among the farmers for specific plantings and crop rotations. The farms mainly produce potatoes rotated with grains, cabbage, spinach, tulips, corn, beets, cucumbers, and other crops, in addition to supporting pasture land and a dairy. Agriculture is embedded in Skagit County's culture, is one of the top revenue producing industries, and has very strong community support. Protecting farmland also will benefit wildlife by providing land for nesting and roosting migratory fowl, shorebirds, and raptors, including endangered species. Skagit County will contribute \$1.3 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-2178)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$108,000**

### **Educating and Enforcing Responsible Recreation in Northern Puget Sound**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a full-time recreation warden to patrol more than 73,000 acres and 90 miles of trails in three major recreation areas in the northern Puget Sound area. The recreation areas include the Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle area, Blanchard Mountain forest block, and Harry Osborne State Forest in Skagit County. The warden will focus on user safety, education, and enforcement, and coordinate volunteers who educate visitors about the rules and environmental stewardship. The department will contribute \$72,500 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1818)

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<sup>12</sup>A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

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**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$99,410**  
**Maintaining Trails in Blanchard and Harry Osborne Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crews to maintain nearly 60 miles of non-motorized trails in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest, both in Skagit County. The crews will re-contour trails, harden and lay new trail surfaces, maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and clear branches and trim overgrown brush. The department will contribute \$86,571 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1816)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$200,000**  
**Maintaining Trails in Walker Valley Forest Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a trail steward and part-time Washington Conservation Corps crews to maintain year-round 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Walker Valley forest block, east of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, place crushed rock and concrete pavers on sections of trail to harden trail surfaces, inspect and maintain 22 bridges, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$112,000 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1817)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$31,300**  
**Replacing a Trail Bridge in Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for services, permits, and materials to develop an off-road vehicle trail bridge in the Walker Valley off-road vehicle area, southeast of Mount Vernon. This existing bridge is near the end of its design life. The new bridge will have a longer span and improved trail alignment, which will increase safety and decrease the amount of sediment entering the stream. The department will contribute \$21,500 in equipment and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1819)

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**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**      **Grant Request: \$2,331,365**  
**Building a Railroad Overpass to get to Clayton Beach**

State Parks will use this grant to design and develop safe and legal pedestrian access to Clayton Beach in Larrabee State Park. Larrabee is a 2,600-acre camping park 10 miles south of Bellingham. The park has 1.5 miles of shoreline but only a portion can be accessed legally via a railroad underpass in the park's day-use area. Tides and shoreline rocks prevent users from reaching the rest of the shoreline, including Clayton Beach. Currently, visitors park at the Lost Lake Trailhead, cross busy Chuckanut Drive (State Route 11), walk braided, user-built trails to the active railroad tracks, and cross the tracks to get to the beach. State Parks will develop a pedestrian overpass over the railroad tracks, improve the pedestrian crossing on Chuckanut Drive, create a single trail from the Lost Lake Trailhead to the beach, and improve a nearby restroom. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1555)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**      **Grant Request: \$360,210**  
**Developing the Kukutali Preserve Day-Use Area**

State Parks will use this grant to finish development of the Kukutali Preserve, located near Deception Pass State Park between Fidalgo and Whidbey Islands. State Parks will build trails, picnic areas, a picnic shelter, and viewing platforms and install vault toilets and interpretive signs. Currently, the preserve has only a parking lot, portable toilets, and two trails. State Parks co-owns and co-manages the preserve with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, an arrangement that is believed to be the first and only of its kind in the United States. The preserve protects diverse and rare natural resources, including lowland old growth forest, rocky balds, feeder bluffs, forage fish spawning areas, and a pocket estuary. State Parks will contribute \$93,750 in donations of cash. [For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1621)

**Projects in Skamania County**

**Grants Awarded: \$354,000**

**Port of Skamania**  
**Restoring Stevenson Shoreline**

**Grant Awarded: \$354,000**

The Port of Skamania will use this grant to build a small waterfront connecting trail and restore the beach on the Columbia River in downtown Stevenson. The Port will restore and conserve 600 feet of shoreline on the Columbia River, which will give the public year-round access to the

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beach for fishing, swimming, kayaking, kite boarding, windsurfing, walking, bird watching, picnicking, and sightseeing. In addition, the Port will build 475 feet of an accessible waterfront trail that will connect the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the National Park Service's Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Skamania Lodge, the Forest Service Center in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and Stevenson Landing Pier. The beach restoration work will include sloping the riverbank and placing root wads there, increasing the shoreline area by 53 percent. The restored shoreline will help endangered Snake River sockeye salmon and salmon species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act such as Snake River spring, summer, and fall Chinook and steelhead; upper and lower Columbia River Chinook; lower Columbia River coho; and middle Columbia River steelhead. The Port of Skamania will contribute \$344,000 from a local grant, cash, and donations of materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1125)

## Projects in Snohomish County

**Grants Awarded: \$8,344,985**

### **Darrington Building a Skate Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$296,081**

The Town of Darrington will use this grant to build a 6,500-square-foot, concrete skate park at Old School Park. The skate park will replace the basketball courts in the southeast portion of the park and a full-size basketball court will be built in the southwest corner connected by accessible pathways from a new parking lot. Skate Darrington has been working with Grindline Skateparks to design a park geared for beginner and intermediate users of all ages. Old School Park is centrally located in Darrington and provides restrooms, picnic areas, playground, dirt jumps, T-ball fields, and tennis courts, making it the obvious choice for the new skate park location. In a recent town survey, 95 percent of adults acknowledged a lack of recreational activities for youth; 85 percent of those same adults support the skate park. Through bake sales, Valentine dinners, auctions, and raffles \$10,000 has been raised for the skate park. Darrington will contribute \$302,081 in a local grant and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1434)

**Edmonds**

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

**Acquiring the Civic Center in Downtown Edmonds**

The City of Edmonds will use the grant to buy the Civic Center, formerly the Edmonds Junior High School Athletic Field, in downtown Edmonds. The nearly 8 acres are the last, large piece of open area in the city's downtown. While owned by the Edmonds School District, the Civic Center is a highly visited site that many residents consider a city park. The land contains a playground, basketball and tennis courts, a football field, soccer fields, a track, a skate park, petanque courts, restrooms, and a stadium. The City has leased and operated the Civic Center since 1977, but the school district intends to sell the land and has received an offer. The City has a first right of refusal to purchase. Located a block from the downtown commercial area, the land is in a prime location for private development as the surrounding area is mainly condominiums and townhomes. Edmonds will contribute \$1.9 million in cash and a private grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1199)

**Everett**

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

**Replacing Kasch Park Synthetic Turf**

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to redevelop two aging fields that are configured solely for soccer, into multi-purpose athletic fields at Kasch Park. The synthetic turf, which was installed in 2001, is at the end of its playable life, and restricts the hours of play when it rains. By replacing the turf, the fields will be able to host up to 16 hours of daily play. Kasch Park is in southwest Everett, and the Kasch Park athletic complex, with its two current synthetic soccer fields, one multi-sport synthetic field redeveloped in 2012, and six natural surface baseball and softball fields is positioned to be a prime location for both local and regional multi-sport events in Western Washington. Everett will contribute \$1.6 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1274)

**Lynnwood**

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

**Renovating the Meadowdale Playfields**

The City of Lynnwood will use this grant to renovate the surfaces of two soccer fields from sand to synthetic turf at Meadowdale Playfields. The 27-acre sports field was developed as a joint project with the City of Edmonds, Edmonds School District, and Snohomish County, on property owned by the school district. The City maintains and operates the facility, and shares use with the school district and Edmonds. The goal is to provide competitive, multipurpose fields that are

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available for year-round youth soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and football. Lynnwood will contribute \$2.5 million in voter-approved bonds, and local grants. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1120)

## **Marysville**

**Grant Awarded: \$342,369**

### **Developing the Qwulooit Estuary Trail**

The City of Marysville will use this grant to provide new access to a highly anticipated, 340-acre restoration project on the shoreline of Ebey Slough. The City will improve the dike trail and build a 1.8-mile trail that connects to city-owned trails and trailheads. The main trailhead is at the city's Ebey Waterfront Park, which provides parking and a restroom. The City will pave the trail, build two viewpoints overlooking the restored estuary, and install site furnishings, fencing, and interpretive signs that will highlight the restored estuarine habitats and the efforts of the Tulalip Tribes and partners. The trail will provide year-round access to the city's shoreline, which currently is not available. Marysville will contribute \$342,370. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Program](#), which is funded by revenue generated by the Washington Department of Natural Resources' management of the state's tidelands and other aquatic lands. (14-1492)

## **Monroe**

**Grant Awarded: \$120,000**

### **Renovating Lake Tye Park Skate Park**

The City of Monroe will use this grant to renovate the skate park at Lake Tye Park. The City will create permanent concrete ramp and ledge features that mimic the diversity of elements and materials found in some of the world's most beloved urban skate spots. Monroe's current skate park offers limited skating opportunities on well-worn, portable, modular ramps. The current park no longer meets the skating need for the community. The proposed street plaza-style skate park will function as a regional destination by offering a unique alternative to the ramp-oriented parks commonly found in Washington. Monroe will contribute \$122,000 in cash and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1408)

## **Mukilteo**

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

### **Building the First City-Owned Athletic Fields**

The City of Mukilteo, in partnership with the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club, will use this grant to build the first, city-owned athletic fields on 12 acres in the heart of Mukilteo. The City recently

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acquired the land from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The City will build two fields, which can be used for soccer, lacrosse, T-ball, baseball, rugby, and flag football. While the Mukilteo School District owns several fields in the community, there is high demand and not enough fields for youth sports. Mukilteo will contribute \$900,000 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1323)

## **Snohomish County Conserving Hooven Bog**

**Grant Awarded: \$492,750**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 29 acres of important bog, fen, wetland, and forested habitats in Snohomish County. These habitats are threatened by a proposed housing development. They are important because they are rare: It is uncommon to find four distinct plant communities in such an area. Rare plants such as *Utricularia intermedia* (Bladderwort) and *Hippuri vulgaris* in such numbers is not commonly seen. Different pine species and a variety of trees thrive here. There is a rich herbaceous layer that provides food and shelter for many wildlife species. Animals sited include bobcat, red legged frogs, kingfisher, vireo, thrushes, garter snakes, and many more. The land will provide a research and educational tool. In addition, Hooven Bog is identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program and the Department of Natural Resources as high quality, undisturbed wetlands that support state threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species mentioned above. Snohomish County will contribute \$492,750. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1441)

## **Snohomish County Developing Lake Stickney Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$295,000**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to begin development of Lake Stickney Park, near Lynnwood and Interstate 5. The County will build a nature-based playground, water and wetland viewing areas, and walking paths. The park will give the community access to a diverse ecosystem in an area with limited opportunities to interact with nature. Many young people in the community live in apartments and during a recent volunteer event, several kids enjoyed their first use of a shovel. In addition to the lake, the park contains wetlands and part of Swamp Creek. The County will develop the park in an environmentally friendly way by treating the storm water for the existing parking lot, reducing impervious surfaces, and restoring native plants. This project is supported by the Lake Stickney Community Club, the Lake Stickney Conservancy, and many local residents. Snohomish County will contribute \$295,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and

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photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1630)

## **Snohomish County**

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

### **Developing the Whitehorse Trail**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to design and develop a 12-mile section of Whitehorse Trail between Oso and Darrington. The Whitehorse Trail extends 27 miles along a railroad corridor from Arlington to Darrington and connects to the Centennial Trail. This rural trail is used for biking, hiking, walking, and horseback riding. It connects the Blue Grass and Rodeo sites, campgrounds at Squire Creek Park, and White Horse Community Park in Darrington. In addition, the trail offers a scenic route with rich cultural history, including the Fortson Mill trailhead. Whitehorse Mountain and pastoral landscapes can be viewed at most points along the trail. The County will lay gravel, pave the trail, add bridge decking and railings, restore the embankment and bridge, install signs, and plant. Snohomish County will contribute \$2.2 million in cash and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1796)

## **Snohomish County**

**Grant Awarded: \$508,600**

### **Expanding Esperance Park**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 3.4 acres next to Esperance County Park in Edmonds, three blocks west of State Route 99. The land is owned by the Edmonds School District and will be put up for sale if the County cannot buy it. Esperance Park is the only park in the Esperance Community and loss of the school land to private development would represent a major reduction to the quantity and quality of public open space in the neighborhood. Recent community input identified a number of recreational needs that cannot be met on the existing 6.2-acre county park. The County is working with community partners, including the Friends of Esperance Park, to secure additional money for site redevelopment. Snohomish County will contribute \$670,000 in conservation futures<sup>13</sup> and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1631)

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## **Snohomish County Improving Wenberg County Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,206,722**

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use two grants to revise the waterfront area of the 45-acre Wenberg County Park on Lake Goodwin, near Stanwood. The County will renovate the boat launch, add boarding and guest moorage floats and support facilities, build a dock for fishing and swimming activities, construct a picnic shelter, and develop a half-mile of paths that connect park features. There are about 70,000 visitors annually to this popular destination but the park doesn't have accessible routes to get visitors with disabilities to the waterfront and there is no designated parking for people with disabilities in the waterfront area. The County will improve access to the boating area, fishing dock, and swimming for people with disabilities by adding accessible parking, a drop-off area, and pathways from the parking lot to the waterfront. This project will improve significantly the boating experience and safety, and will open access to boating for all park visitors. Snohomish County will contribute \$812,123 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters, and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program. (14-1178 and 14-1627)

## **Sultan Improving Access to the Sultan River**

**Grant Request: \$374,663**

The City of Sultan will use this grant to build a paved trail with five access points to the Sultan River, install a pedestrian bridge across the river's side channel, upgrade trail head parking and install interpretive signs. The trail will connect Osprey Park, Sultan River Park, downtown Sultan, and local schools providing recreational opportunities such as fishing, rafting, wading, nature watching, and gold panning. Osprey Park and Sultan River Park both have limited access to the shoreline and neither have a fully accessible route to the river. The existing route from the Osprey Park parking lot also will be modified at key locations to allow use by people with disabilities. Sultan will contribute \$374,663 in Conservation Futures<sup>14</sup> and revenue from a Local Improvement District. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1170)

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

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest  
Maintaining Hiking and Stock Trails in Darrington Backcountry**

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of hiking and stock trail accessible via the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway, the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, and other trails. The trails offer day hikes to popular lakes and peaks, as well as remote overnight backcountry experiences, near Seattle and Everett. The crews will remove brush and fallen trees, repair trail structures and surfaces, and perform heavier maintenance work. This work is important because of the anticipated re-opening of the Suiattle River Road to vehicle traffic, which is expected to increase use of the trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1880)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Maintaining Reiter Foothills Forest Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$58,800**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and seasonal crew to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Reiter Foothills Forest, in eastern Snohomish County near Gold Bar. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$39,250 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1820)

**Projects in Spokane County**

**Grants Awarded: \$2,318,155**

**Spokane  
Building a Mission Park Field for Players with Disabilities**

**Grant Awarded: \$238,055**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a multipurpose, sports field at Mission Park that is fully accessible to people with disabilities. The City also will expand the accessible pathways through the park and create six van-accessible parking spaces. Mission Park has been targeted by the City to provide universal access for multiple recreational opportunities including an aquatic center, sport court, and playground. Spokane will contribute \$238,056 from a private grant from the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1465)

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**Spokane**

**Grant Awarded: \$91,500**

**Building a Path around Mirror Pond in Manito Park**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop about 1 acre around Mirror Pond in Manito Park. Manito Park, with its five specialized gardens and conservatory, is visited by more than 500,000 people a year. The City will create a recreational path around the pond taking visitors to viewpoints of the pond, through a landscape of aquatic and shoreline plants. Plants will have identifying signs in the same style as the gardens in the park. Pathways connecting to sidewalks through the neighborhood also will be built. Spokane will contribute \$91,500 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1543)

**Spokane County**

**Grant Awarded: \$86,500**

**Building an Antoine Peak Trailhead**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to develop a trailhead and complete several trail connections in the Antoine Peak Conservation Area, a 1,075-acre natural gem in Spokane. The new Brevier Road Trailhead, on the west side of the peak, will have parking for 16 vehicles, hitching posts, and a hand pump for water. In collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and project partners, this project will provide several new trail connections and facilitates closure of unofficial trails that bisect wildlife habitat and offer little recreation value. This project makes Antoine Peak a regional attraction for non-motorized recreation while protecting critical urban wildlife habitat. Spokane County will contribute \$87,209 in Conservation Futures,<sup>15</sup> staff labor, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1952)

**Spokane County**

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

**Expanding Prairie View Park**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy and develop 10 acres next to Prairie View Park, which is within walking distance to residents of a rapidly-growing area in southern Spokane. The County will build one joint softball and Little League field, one multi-purpose open field area, four sand volleyball courts, and a half-mile walking trail. The expansion of this park will eliminate a deficit of developed park acres in the

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area and will provide the community with outdoor recreation and athletic facilities. The department will contribute \$568,665. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#) and the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, both of which are funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1701)

## **Spokane County Preparing a Trail Plan for Mica Peak**

**Grant Awarded: \$48,000**

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to develop a trail plan for non-motorized recreation in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. The 1,500-acre, wilderness-like conservation area provides all-year, multiple-use recreation opportunities within a 30-minute drive of 600,000 people. County staff will work with Washington Department of Natural Resources and user groups to develop the plan, including establishing recreation management policies, locating and designing trail signs, creating design plans, and getting permits to create a shovel-ready project. Mica Peak, standing at 5,200 feet, offers scenic views, wilderness-like solitude, closeness to parkland, and will become a year-round destination for horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and others. Spokane County will contribute \$35,000 in Conservation Futures<sup>16</sup> and donations of cash and of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1945)

## **Spokane Valley Building the Third Phase of the Appleway Trail**

**Grant Awarded: \$813,000**

The City of Spokane Valley will use this grant to design and build 1 mile of the 12-foot-wide Appleway Trail, from State Route 27 east to Evergreen Road. The Appleway Trail is used by pedestrians and bicyclists. When complete, the trail will extend from University Avenue on the west through the entire city of Spokane Valley, to the eastern border at Liberty Lake, about 6 miles in length. The work will help transform the underused former railroad corridor to a non-motorized trail enlivened by plazas, art, gardens, community and educational signs, play areas, and public spaces. Spokane Valley will contribute \$813,000 in cash and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1136)

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**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Buying the Chapman Lake Resort**

**Grant Awarded: \$474,000**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 80 acres for motorized boating access to Chapman Lake, about 26 miles southwest of Spokane. The 128-acre Chapman Lake is the only lake in the area where anglers can catch kokanee, which the department stocks annually there. The only public access to this lake was through a private resort, which closed in 2011. The department will buy the resort, opening up three-quarter mile of lake and creek shoreline to the public. The lake is used by anglers, wildlife watchers, and other recreationists using motorized boats. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1139)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Maintaining Facilities in the Dragoon Creek Campground**

**Grant Awarded: \$67,100**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace six old outhouses with three new ones and buy gravel for campsites, trails, and fire pits in the Dragoon Creek Campground, 10 miles north of Spokane. Crews also will remove litter and repair restrooms, signs, and campsites. The department will contribute \$28,900 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1825)

**Projects in Stevens County**

**Grants Awarded: \$61,900**

**U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest  
Providing Rangers for Off-Road Trails near Spokane**

**Grant Awarded: \$61,900**

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two rangers and buy supplies and signs for the Colville National Forest. The rangers will maintain trails, help close illegal trails, distribute educational materials, install and post information boards, and address public questions and concerns. The rangers also will monitor use to help identify new user-created trails, erosion, user conflicts, and other resource impacts. The work will be done in the South End Project area, which spans 191,000 acres and includes 114 miles of legal routes open to off-highway vehicles. The project will open an additional 191 miles of off-highway vehicle routes to create more loops and connect multiple communities in Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties. About 57,000 visitors participate in off-highway vehicle recreation annually in the Colville National Forest. A majority of this use is within the South End Project closest to Spokane. The Forest Service will contribute

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\$50,000 in staff labor and a federal grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2144)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Stevens County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## **Projects in Thurston County** **Grants Awarded: \$4,866,100**

### **Capitol Land Trust** **Grant Awarded: \$750,000** **Protecting the Nelson Ranch and Mima Mounds**

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to protect a strategic and historically important farm by buying a voluntary land preservation agreement.<sup>17</sup> The agreement will ensure the 550 acres of prime agricultural land bisected by the Deschutes River about 2 miles south of East Olympia remains available for farming forever. The majority of the farm lies in the Deschutes River floodplain and includes 3.5 miles of shoreline and river bank, a native oak-prairie, more than 56 acres of Mima Mounds, and forest habitat. The Nelson family has operated the farm for more than 150 years. The farm also plays a key role in providing wildlife habitat, supporting steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, coho salmon, which are listed as species of concern under the federal act, and cutthroat trout. The Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$750,000 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1629)

### **Lacey** **Grant Awarded: \$53,172** **Connecting Woodland Creek Community Park to the Woodland Trail**

The City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a trail that will connect two other paved trails and a pedestrian and bicycle bridge in Woodland Creek Community Park. Connecting the pathways will create a non-motorized trail through the park to the heavily used Woodland Trail. The park is at the eastern end of the regional Woodland Trail and already serves as a trailhead. Lacey will contribute \$53,172 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online](#)

<sup>17</sup>A land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and private land conservation organization or a government agency. The landowner maintains ownership of the land, continues to manage it, and receives compensation, such as cash, reduced taxes, or other incentives, in exchange for limiting development on the land.

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[Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1515)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **Grant Awarded: \$2,614,250** **Conserving the West Rocky Prairie and Mima Mounds**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 220 acres in Maytown, 5 miles south of Tumwater, in Thurston County, as part of a larger project to protect one of the last native outwash prairies remaining in Washington. Rare and a local treasure, the West Rocky Prairie includes the Mima Mounds, which are considered an ecological wonder and prized by the residents of south Puget Sound. This purchase would create a 3,632-acre conservation network between Millersylvania State Park, McIntosh Tree Farm, Rocky Prairie Natural Area Preserve, and West Rocky Prairie Wildlife Area. The land in this area is used by many wildlife species that the state has declared at risk of extinction or in need of watching. The expanded wildlife area (1,555 acres) will be open to the public for hiking, wildlife watching, and hunting. The local community values this land because of its size and availability in urbanizing south Puget Sound. Friends of West Rocky Prairie formed in 2007 to conserve this land and presented Thurston County with 2,000 signatures requesting the site be protected from industrial use. The local Black Hills Audubon also strongly supports site conservation. The Evergreen State College and the University of Washington will use the site for prairie research. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1098)

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** **Grant Awarded: \$570,000** **Redeveloping the Lake Saint Clair Access**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Lake Saint Clair access site in Thurston County. The site is divided by Rehklau Road. On the east side, the earthen ramp is not usable because of erosion and there is no walkway connecting the two sides. Currently, boaters must launch their craft on the west side and motor to the east side. The slow speed required and long distance means few people are using the east side. On the east side, the department will install a boat ramp, grade the gravel parking lot, and install a property fence and drainage structures on both sides of the parking lot. The department then will stripe and sign a crosswalk over Rehklau Road and install stairs and a railing connecting the east parking lot to the west parking lot. On the west side, the department will install a new boat ramp, pave the parking lot and define car and trailer parking stalls for people with disabilities, build a walkway, and install an outhouse with a paved walkway. This work will make popular fishing holes more accessible for boaters on the east side of the lake. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1394)

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**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Restoring Grassland in South Puget Sound**

**Grant Awarded: \$387,700**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 446 acres that are remnants of South Puget Sound grasslands and oak woodlands in the Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie areas. The areas are homes to rare plants and animals and are being invaded by nonnative wildlife. The department will restore these rare habitats by acquiring native seeds and transplants, preparing the areas for seeding through controlled fires and herbicide use, replanting the area, and controlling exotic grasses, forbs, and Scot's broom. The department also will enhance Oregon spotted frog habitat in the West Rocky Prairie. The department has partnered with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the Joint Base Lewis McChord, and the Center for Natural Land Management to provide native seeds for the grassland and oak woodland restoration. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1697)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources**  
**Installing Trail Bridges in Capitol State Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$213,528**

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to pay for the design, permits, purchase, and installation of six trail bridges in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will replace one rotting wood bridge and install 3 bridges in place of culverts blocking fish passage along non-motorized trails in the forest. The department will install another two bridges over two wet crossings and two culverts on off-road vehicle trails, and renovate more than 1.5 miles of off-road vehicle trails. The bridges will improve the recreation experience and protect the environment. The department will contribute \$55,400 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1853 and 14-1854)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources**  
**Maintaining Capitol State Forest Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$277,450**

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to maintain trails in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The grants will pay for a leader, a natural resource technician, and two seasonal crews to maintain 58 miles of non-motorized, mostly shared-use trail and 77 miles of off-road vehicle trail and facilities. The crews will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, and reroute small sections of trail. Additionally, at off-road vehicle trailheads,

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a crew will remove garbage and repair restrooms, campsites, and signs. The department will contribute \$214,550 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit RCO's online Project Search [here](#) and [here](#). These grants are from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1850 and 14-1851)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Thurston County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## Projects in Wahkiakum County

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Wahkiakum County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## Projects in Walla Walla County

**Grants Awarded: \$345,340**

### College Place

**Grant Awarded: \$195,340**

#### Renovating Kiwanis Park

The City of College Place will use this grant to build new restrooms, a court for basketball and tennis, and a parking lot at Kiwanis Park. The park is in the heart of a multi-family residential neighborhood between Whitman Street, Date Street, and Third Street. College Place is lacking in active recreation opportunities and its residents identified basketball and tennis as desired activities in the city's park plan. College Place will contribute \$200,000 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1107)

### Walla Walla Gun Club

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

#### Building a Covered Pistol Range in Walla Walla

The Walla Walla Gun Club will use this grant to design and build an covered pistol, small bore rifle, and archery range on Port of Walla Walla property, near the airport. The range will be used by the public, law enforcement, schools, 4-H clubs, and youth organizations for practices and competitions. There are no all-weather practice ranges for law enforcement or the public within driving distance of Walla Walla. The Walla Walla Gun Club will contribute \$151,500 in a private grant and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-2011)

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**Projects in Whatcom County**

**Grants Awarded: \$1,261,903**

**Bellingham**

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

**Building the Squalicum Creek Trail**

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop more than 1.25 miles of trail along Squalicum Creek. The trail is part of the proposed 45-mile Nooksack Loop Trail, which will connect Bellingham to Ferndale, Everson, and Lynden, and part of the regional Bay-to-Baker trail. Work includes converting an abandoned railroad grade into a trail. The completed project will connect neighborhoods to two parks and a regional health care campus, and provide a safe crossing under Interstate 5. This is the first phase of a trail that will eventually connect Bellingham's waterfront to the outer city limits. Bellingham will contribute \$1.2 million. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1419)

**Ferndale**

**Grant Awarded: \$230,666**

**Building Ferndale's STAR Park**

The City of Ferndale will use this grant to build STAR Park in the city's downtown Pioneer Park. The park will serve as a major playground for children of all ages and abilities. All of the city's playgrounds are dated, have minimal accessibility for people with disabilities, and serve only their immediate neighborhoods. The playground will combine imagination, education, cooperation, fitness, and community spirit (the five points of the star) in one location through a connected series of play houses, jungle gyms, forts, and sitting areas. The overall design of the park is based on the imagination and feedback of local children, as interpreted by professional playground design professionals. Community volunteers, including local contractors donating their time, will build the playground. Ferndale will contribute \$230,685 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the newly created RCO Recreation Grants program, which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1218)

**Port of Bellingham**

**Grant Awarded: \$74,262**

**Extending the Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch**

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to extend the ramps at the Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch, in Whatcom County. This ramp accommodates about 5,000 launches and retrievals every year. Extending the ramp will provide more launching opportunities for boats that currently have difficulty launching during lower tides because of scouring at the ramp toe. The Port also will remove and demolish some existing panels, dredge a small amount of material at

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toe, and place riprap at toe of the ramp. The Port of Bellingham will contribute \$137,915. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-2100)

**Port of Bellingham**

**Grant Awarded: \$216,765**

**Replacing the Fairhaven Boat Launch**

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to replace 20-year-old boat launch floats at the Fairhaven Boat Launch in Bellingham. The Port will remove treated timbers, Styrofoam floatation, and a treated wood pile and change the ramp abutment for easier access by small boats. The Port will replace the boarding floats, floatation, decking, and abutment connections. Creosote piles will be replaced with steel, which will benefit the water quality of the marine environment in Bellingham Bay. The Port of Bellingham will contribute \$72,285. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#), which is funded by state gas taxes paid by boaters. (14-1105)

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

**Improving Slate Peak Parking Area**

**Grant Awarded: \$95,310**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to improve the safety of the parking area at the Slate Peak trailhead in the Harts Pass area, about 40 miles northwest of Winthrop. The Harts Pass area is one of the most popular recreation destinations in the Methow Valley Ranger District, and the short, steep hike to Slate Peak is a favorite day hike. The peak itself offers spectacular views of the north Cascades Mountains, and allows people to stand on the edge of the Pasayten Wilderness and see into its vast landscape. The ranger district will install guard rails on each side of the parking area, wheel stops at each parking spot, and a designated turn-around spot, and develop a 12-car parking lot by improving 10 existing spaces and creating 2 new spaces. One of the parking sites will be accessible for people with disabilities. The existing parking area is small, with steep drop-offs on both sides, no drop-off barriers, a difficult turn around, and very limited space. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2152)

**Whatcom County**

**Grant Awarded: \$144,900**

**Replacing the Plantation Indoor Range Ventilation System**

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the Plantation Rifle Range's indoor ventilation system. The ventilation system was installed more than 30 years ago and has been upgraded several times. It has reached the end of its useful life and has become unreliable with frequent breakdowns. Additional renovations are not practical.

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The Plantation Rifle Range serves as a focal point for public and law enforcement shooting and training activities for Whatcom and Skagit Counties. More than 23,000 shooters visited the range in 2013. Whatcom County will contribute \$145,000. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-1127)

## Projects in Whitman County

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Whitman County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section on Page 103.

## Projects in Yakima County

**Grants Awarded: \$2,420,327**

### Selah

**Grant Awarded: \$359,000**

#### Developing the Fully Accessible Volunteer Park

The Selah Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop the first fully accessible park in Yakima County. The City will build the new park, called Volunteer Park, on 5.3 acres, which the City acquired in 1967 for a park. The City will pave a 9-foot-wide walking path around the perimeter, install workout stations, plant grass, add an irrigation system, pave a parking lot, and build a gazebo, restroom, and playground. The entire park will be accessible to people with disabilities. This will be the first park of its kind in Yakima County. Selah will contribute \$380,000 in cash, materials, other grants, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1143)

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

#### Adding Amenities to Naches Recreation Areas

**Grant Awarded: \$95,000**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to improve campgrounds and day-use areas in the Peninsula Recreation Area, Minnie Meadow and Lower Bake Oven areas, and at Tieton Pond. At the Peninsula Recreation Area, the ranger district's busiest, crews will add new picnic tables, fire rings, bollards, bulletin boards, site post markers, and parking delineations. The peninsula area serves 200 vehicles on busy weekends and has 8 recreation sites for camping, day use, and boat launching. The facilities do not meet the current visitor needs. At the Minnie Meadow and Lower Bake Oven areas, the ranger district will install two new outhouses that will be accessible for people with disabilities. At Tieton Pond, a popular fishing spot, the ranger district will install

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parking bollards to protect the shoreline plants. These recreation areas are full on summer weekends, and are estimated to serve 63,000 visitors a year. The areas are popular for hunting, fishing, camping, motorized sports, boating, swimming, hiking, and picnicking. The Forest Service will contribute \$100,000 from a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2089)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Educating Naches Area Visitors**

**Grant Awarded: \$148,927**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for five rangers for two years to educate motorcyclists, off-road vehicle riders, and other motorized vehicle users in Yakima and Kittitas Counties, including the Little Naches and Divide Ridge areas. The rangers will enforce regulations and talk with visitors at campsites, staging areas, and on trails to promote responsible off-road vehicle use. The ranger district's centralized location makes it one of the most highly used areas in Washington, and is estimated to provide 10 percent of all motorized trail opportunities in the state. More than 70 percent of its off-road users travel from outside the local area. The grant will pay for rangers' salaries, transportation costs, supplies, signs, safety gear, motorcycle tires, and motorcycle and jeep maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$183,075 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1798)

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

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

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person crew for two summers to maintain 72 recreation areas in Yakima County. The crew will repair deteriorated tables, bent fire ring grills, broken bulletin boards, uprooted bollards. It also will fix site markers, paint signs and bathrooms, and fix parking area delineators. The grant will be matched by a 4- to 5-person crew dedicated to routine maintenance, such as cleaning and pumping toilets, removing litter and graffiti, and generally keeping up the facilities. The Naches campgrounds are used for camping, hiking, picnicking, and boating. The Forest Service will contribute \$105,000 from a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2037)

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

**Grant Awarded: \$98,100**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a leader and four-person crew to maintain about 380 miles of backcountry trail and trailheads each year for two years. The trails are in Yakima County and next to Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wildernesses. The district receives 30,000 visits a year, mostly from hikers and stock users. The crew will clear 304 miles of trail. On another 57 miles, the crew will cut overgrown brush and fix drainage structures, signs, and trail surfaces. At trailheads, the crew will update bulletin boards, provide education, and monitor public use. The grant also funds volunteer training and coordination for the 1,600 hours of donated labor. The Forest Service will contribute \$110,530 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1800)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
Replacing Parking for the Deep Creek Horse Camp**

**Grant Awarded: \$36,500**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to build a 5-space parking lot and install an outhouse at Deep Creek Trailhead 980, replacing the Deep Creek Horse Camp parking, which was closed after a flood. The new parking area will connect to the old horse camp and system trails. Facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities and the parking area may be used for camping. The new area will have five picnic tables, fire rings, hitching rails, a stock unloading and assist ramp, a bulletin board and directional signs. Used primarily by equestrians and hikers, the Deep Creek road and trailheads offer access into the heart of the William O. Douglas Wilderness (including Tumac Plateau, Twin Sisters Lakes, and Blankenship Meadows) and provide a link to the Pacific Crest Trail. An estimated 2,117 people visited the Deep Creek Horse Camp and 4,645 people visited the trailhead before the road was closed. The Forest Service will contribute \$37,400 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1856)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources  
Developing Connector Trails in Ahtanum State Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$30,500**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for architecture and engineering services, permitting, materials, and staff time to develop an off-road vehicle connector trail in the Ahtanum State Forest, west of Yakima. The goal is to build a connector trail that will accommodate multiple uses and offers an alternative to riding county roads. The department

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will contribute \$31,500 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1832)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$179,750** **Maintaining Trails and Facilities in Ahtanum State Forest**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a two-person, seasonal crew to maintain more than 40 miles of multiple-use trail, 12 campgrounds, and 2 trailheads in Ahtanum State Forest, 30 miles west of Yakima. The crew will trim overgrown brush, maintain culverts and drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the trail surface, inspect and maintain bridges, remove garbage, and repair restrooms, signs, and campsites. The department will contribute \$46,750 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1831)

## **Yakima** **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Renovating Randall Park**

The Yakima Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate Randall Park, a 40-acre, 60-year-old park in central Yakima. The improvements will make the park safer, more accessible, and more aesthetically pleasing. The department will renovate the natural area, duck pond, pathways, bridges, parking, and restroom. Additionally, the department will install a new picnic shelter and playground. Randall Park was identified in the city's comprehensive parks plan as one of the most popular and most used parks in Yakima. Yakima will contribute \$670,100 in donations of cash, equipment, and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1121)

## **Yakima County** **Grant Awarded: \$810,700** **Completing the Naches Rail to Trail**

Yakima County will use this grant to build the final 2.1 miles of the Naches "Rail to Trail," including two intersection crossing systems and bridge improvements over the Naches River and Cowiche Creek. This new segment will complete the 10-mile trail system between Naches and Yakima, which connects to the 10-mile Yakima Greenway Trail System. The end result will be a paved trail and parks system boasting more than 20 miles of non-motorized transportation routes connecting several communities and neighboring trail systems including the William O

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Douglas Trail and Yakima's Powerhouse Trail. These trails are visited by more than 700,000 users annually. Yakima County will contribute \$810,700 in donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1461)

## **Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association Improving the Yakima Valley Trap Range**

**Grant Awarded: \$61,850**

The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association will use this grant to improve its trap range along Pomona Road, north of Selah. The association will replace eight, old and badly cracked, outdoor trap pads with new pads. It also will paint yardage lines and numerals, replace the pathway next to the pads, and create two parking stalls and a pathway from the parking lot to the clubhouse for people with disabilities. The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association is a private, non-profit organization established in 1948 to promote safe, responsible participation in shooting sports. The range includes a trap and skeet outdoor range and a small bore rifle and handgun indoor range. The Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association will contribute \$61,850 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program](#), which is funded by a portion of the concealed pistol license permit fee. (14-1911)

**More Projects:** There are some projects that cross county boundaries and include Yakima County. To see those projects, visit the "Projects in Multiple Counties" section below.

## **Projects in Multiple Counties**

**Grants Awarded: \$1,974,954**

### **Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties**

## **U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Improving Motorized Trails in Three Counties**

**Grant Awarded: \$50,000**

The Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts will use this grant to pay for a crew to maintain motorized, off-road vehicle trails throughout Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties, in the Umatilla National Forest. Trail use has increased every year since the completion of the Stevens Ridge ATV (all-terrain vehicle) Complex in 2009. The service area covers the ever expanding Tri-City, Spokane, and Clarkston-Lewiston valley areas. The crew will remove trees that have fallen on trails, cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, harden trail surfaces, and inspect bridges. This project will provide public access, maintain trail safety features, and protect the environment. The Forest Service will contribute \$95,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this

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project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1990)

## **Chelan and Okanogan Counties**

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

**Grant Awarded: \$174,900**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for nearly five seasonal rangers and volunteers to patrol backcountry trails and trailheads in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The rangers will patrol, by motorcycle, 300 miles of multiple-use trails, including 7 campgrounds and 29 trailheads. The volunteer rangers will patrol, on foot, 155 miles of wilderness, multiple-use, and non-motorized trails accessed by seven trailheads. The grant also will buy a patrol motorcycle. This project combines two long-running education and enforcement programs (the Entiat-Wenatchee River and the Chelan Sawtooth programs) into a single program. Combining programs saves money, enhances multi-district coordination, generates more than 2,700 volunteer hours, and maintains a consistent, uniform education and enforcement presence throughout the region. The Forest Service will contribute \$90,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2030)

## **Clark and Wahkiakum Counties**

### **Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to pay for a leader and crew to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Yacolt Burn State Forest, east of Vancouver, and in the Elochoman area, west of Longview. The crew will cut overgrown brush, repair drainage structures, lay crushed rock on sections of trail to harden the surfaces, reroute small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove garbage, and repair restrooms and signs. The department will contribute \$64,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1806)

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**Cowlitz, Pacific, and Thurston Counties**

**Washington Department of Natural Resources** **Grant Awarded: \$98,500**  
**Maintaining Campgrounds in Capitol and Yacolt Burn State Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain campgrounds and facilities in Capitol State Forest, Yacolt Burn State Forest, and other recreation areas in Cowlitz, Pacific, and Thurston Counties in southwest Washington. The grant will pay for a professional restroom cleaning contract and department services for facility maintenance, litter removal, purchase of supplies, vault toilet pumping, and routine repair of restrooms, signs, campsites, day-use areas, and other structures. The department will contribute \$65,800 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1852)

**Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties**

**U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest** **Grant Awarded: \$95,000**  
**Maintaining Recreation Areas in the Colville National Forest**

The Colville National Forest will use this grant to pay for four employees to maintain the more than 800 informal recreation sites in the national forest. The Colville National Forest lies in the northeast corner of the state and encompasses more than 1 million acres in Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. Many of the informal recreation sites are along creeks and lakes and receive more than 300,000 visits each year. The staff will remove garbage and graffiti, clean toilets and fire rings, remove noxious weeds, repair signs, take down dangerous trees, test and repair the water system, and monitor visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-2159)

**Island, Kittitas, Klickitat, Pierce, and Whitman Counties**

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Request: \$1,000,000**  
**Buying Land In or Near State Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to buy up to 100 acres within or next to existing state parks. From time-to-time during each biennium, State Parks learns of desirable adjacent or inholding properties. Some of these properties are small and would not score well in a competitive grant process. Others require immediate response to buy the property. This grant will help State Parks

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respond more quickly to acquisition opportunities as they arise. In the past, these grants have been used to purchase property to resolve management conflicts in a park, obtain legal access to a park, buy desirable property that is up for sale, and buy land with high natural resource value. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#), which is funded by the sale of state bonds. (14-1681)

## **King and Kittitas Counties**

### **Mountains to Sound Greenway**

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

#### **Maintaining Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to pay for Conservation Corps crews, staff, materials, and tools for 2 years to maintain at least 160 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, in both King and Kittitas Counties. The crews will work on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and King County. This project allows the greenway trust to maintain some of Washington's most popular and heavily-used trails. The crews will clear fallen trees, remove overgrown brush, replace and enhance trail signs and surfaces, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, make minor trail structure repairs, and maintain trailheads. Crews and greenway trust staff efforts will be leveraged with community volunteer labor. The Greenway's wild land trail network consists of more than 1,000 miles of trail. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in local and private grants and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1969)

## **Kittitas and Yakima Counties**

**Grant Awarded: \$124,224**

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

#### **Maintaining 250 Miles of Motorized Trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person crew to maintain 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel-drive trail for 2 years in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The crew will clear all 250 miles of trail. On half the trails each year, the crew will cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. The trails are used by an estimated 80,000 motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders annually. Located in central Washington, the trail system is known for its variety of trail opportunities, landscapes, and sunny weather. The

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Forest Service will contribute \$129,150 in a state appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#), which is funded by federal gas taxes. (14-1797)

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

### **Maintaining Naches Area Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$132,330**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a leader and four-person crew to maintain more than 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel drive trails for two years in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The district's 140 miles of motorcycle and 110 miles of four-wheel drive trails are used by an estimated 80,000 recreationists a year. The trail system is centrally located in Washington and is well known for its variety of trails and landscapes and sunny weather. The crew will remove overgrown brush, fix drainage problems, and repair trail surfaces and signs on all trails. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. The grant includes paying for transportation and supplies, and the match includes 2,000 hours of volunteer time. The Forest Service will contribute \$154,360 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). This grant is from the [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program, which is funded from state gas taxes and off-road vehicle permits. (14-1799)