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TO: IAC Members and Designees

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SUBJECT: NOVA Program Funding
Education-Enforcement Projects (E&E) Notebook Item #6a

Summary. Thirty-one E&E projects requesting \$3,341,708 out of an available pool of \$1,687,358 in Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) motor vehicle fuel tax funds are presented for consideration. The NOVA Advisory Committee and staff recommend 12 of these projects for funding.

To assist in review, the following attachments are provided:

- Attachment 1 – Draft adoption resolution.
- Table 1 – Project listing in the order recommended for funding
- Attachment 2 – Evaluation criteria summary.
- Attachment 3 – Question-by-question summary of average evaluation scores.
- Attachment 4 – State map showing project locations, and
- Summaries of each project submitted, in recommended funding order.

Program Background. This is IAC's second E&E grants cycle since March 2004, when SHB 2489 became law, thus mandating several major program changes, including new fund distribution percentages and broadening eligible E&E activities.

Projects in the E&E category are intended to help preserve NOVA recreation opportunities through programs that assist with recreationist awareness and education and related law enforcement.

The program is guided by RCW 46.09, WAC 286-26, *NOVA Plan: 2005-2011*, and Policy Manual #13, *NOVA Program: Education-Enforcement Policies and Project Selection*. The Manual describes:



- Eligible Applicants [Tribes, federal, state, and local governments].
- Project Types [Education programs address nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and/or off-road vehicle activities and include information on safety, land use ethics, laws, opportunities, and environmental issues; enforcement programs include encouraging responsible recreational behaviors through positive management techniques].
- Project Elements [Capital equipment such as vehicles, computers, radios; operating expenses such as salaries, clothing, software, insurance, fuel, equipment maintenance].
- Fund Assistance [Capital equipment is limited to \$30,000 per two-year grant cycle per applicant; personnel grants are limited to \$54,000 per year per full-time equivalent employee; no matching share is required, however, the evaluation criteria encourages matching contributions].

Grants Process Timeline.

February 2005. Staff met with NOVA advisory committee members, in part, to discuss the upcoming grants cycle and review possible changes to IAC's E&E policy manual. In addition, staff conducted a well advertised series of workshops to help potential applicants understand the funding process, how to complete applications, and participate in project evaluations. IAC's grant program brochure and related materials were provided on CD-ROM to interested parties.

May 2005. By the May 2 deadline, 33 applications had arrived. In July, the Evaluation Team read through the applications and provided advice to project applicants.

September-October 2005. In September, information on each project (project narratives, costs estimates) was sent to the 15 member evaluation team for review in preparation for scoring. During the first week in October, the evaluation team dedicated four very full days to listening to NOVA applicants respond to the program's evaluation instrument, asking questions, and scoring each project.

The 6 criteria (Attachment 2) are designed to focus on how well each project:

- Meets the state needs identified in the NOVA plan
- Meets the project applicant's needs
- Will protect and preserve NOVA opportunities

After all members returned their scores to staff for compilation, the Team met again to develop funding recommendations and discuss the 2006 funding cycle.

Project Recommendations. At its October meeting, the NOVA Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the ranked listing of projects reflected in Table 1. This year's E&E Evaluation Team members, in accord with the representation mandates in RCW 46.09.280, were:

- Arlene Brooks (Auburn)
- Robert Brooke (Spanaway)
- Rick Dahl (Longview)
- Paul Dahmer (Olympia)
- Richard Elkins (Mercer Island)
- Jonathan Guzzo (Seattle)
- Dwayne Ratliff (Olympia)
- Ken Irwin (Yakima)
- Theresa Julius (Aberdeen)
- Jeff Lambert (Spokane)
- Pene Speaks (Olympia)
- John Spring (Mercer Island)
- Vladimir Steblina (Wenatchee)
- Maartin van Dantzich (Seattle).

Funding. The statute relates that this IAC NOVA funding category receive "...Not more than thirty percent... for ORV education, information, and law enforcement programs...". The following table summarizes requests and funds available for distribution to fiscal year (FY) 2006 projects.

Table A ~ E&E Funding, November 2005 (FY 2006)		
<i>Source</i>		<i>Amount</i>
Requests	31 projects, IAC NOVA funds	\$3,341,708
Carryover	"Returned" funds from prior years	70,655
Fuel Tax	Statutory maximum 30% E&E	1,616,703
Total	Recommended funding, 11/15/2005	\$1,687,358
Unfunded	Unfunded balance	\$-1,654,350

Conclusions. To assist the Board in its consideration of funding these projects, Resolution #2005-31(Attachment 1) is provided. Staff recommends approval of funding for the "above the line" projects listed in "Table 1 – NOVA – Education-Enforcement Projects, Funding Recommendations, State Fiscal Year 2006".

- Each project meets program legal and procedural requirements,
- Each project was evaluated and ranked using the IAC Board approved criteria,
- Sufficient funds are available to support the recommended projects.

RESOLUTION #2005-31
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Education-Enforcement Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2006

WHEREAS, through the early months of 2005, until the May 2 application deadline, the staff of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to communicate to interested parties the benefits and application procedures for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, in answer to these efforts, 31 Education-Enforcement (E&E) projects were submitted to IAC for funding consideration and subsequently evaluated by the statutorily mandated advisory/evaluation committee using IAC-approved criteria; and

WHEREAS, all projects meet the program requirements stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranked listing in "*Table 1 – NOVA – Education-Enforcement Projects, Funding Recommendations, State Fiscal Year 2006*"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC's Director is authorized to execute the necessary project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2005



Preliminary Evaluation Ranked List

and Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation

Table 1 - Nonhighway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities - Education - Enforcement Category, State Fiscal Year 2006

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	IAC Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Funding Recommendation	Cum. Amount
1 of 31	54.929	05-1288E	Tahuya/Green Mtn. E&E 2005	Natural Resources Dept of	\$107,402	\$49,290	\$156,692	\$107,402	\$107,402
2 of 31	51.786	05-1248E	Naches Front Country E&E Rangers	USFS WNF Naches RD	\$174,215	\$105,060	\$279,275	\$174,215	\$281,617
3 of 31	51.071	05-1183E	Evans Creek E & E 2006-2007	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$53,166	\$66,942	\$120,108	\$53,166	\$334,783
4 of 31	51.000	05-1011E	Yakima County Sheriffs Outdoor E&E 2005	Yakima County Sheriffs Office	\$213,488	\$91,815	\$305,303	\$213,488	\$548,271
5 of 31	50.071	05-1072E	Liberty Lake ORV Park 06	Spokane County Parks & Rec	\$58,565	\$47,482	\$106,047	\$58,565	\$606,836
6 of 31	49.929	05-1227E	Cle Elum Trail E&E 2006-07	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$315,114	\$52,730	\$367,844	\$315,114	\$921,950
7 of 31	48.429	05-1306E	Off-Road Vehicle Education & Enforcement	Mason County Sheriffs Dept	\$129,500	\$68,346	\$197,846	\$129,500	\$1,051,450
8 of 31	48.000	05-1287E	Capitol Forest E&E PC Region	Natural Resources Dept of	\$51,264	\$27,590	\$78,854	\$51,264	\$1,102,714
9 of 31	47.500	05-1164E	Forestlands E&E Patrol 2006 - 2007	Anacortes City of	\$10,904	\$16,816	\$27,720	\$10,904	\$1,113,618
10 of 31	47.143	05-1165E	Chelan County Co-op E&E 2006	Chelan County Sheriffs Office	\$328,764	\$91,584	\$420,348	\$328,764	\$1,442,382
11 of 31	45.357	05-1184E	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol '05	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$124,808	\$135,708	\$260,516	\$124,808	\$1,567,190
12 of 31	44.643	05-1233E	Grant Co Sheriff E&E 2005	Grant County Sheriff Dept	\$246,000	\$177,770	\$423,770	\$120,168	\$1,687,358
13 of 31	44.357	05-1218E	Methow Horse and Hiking Rangers	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$65,374	\$43,640	\$109,014	Alternate	
14 of 31	43.071	05-1196E	Southwest PC Region E&E	Natural Resources Dept of	\$51,264	\$27,595	\$78,859	Alternate	
15 of 31	42.714	05-1121E	Cowlitz Valley OHV E&E '06-'07	USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD	\$61,045	\$17,800	\$78,845	Alternate	
16 of 31	42.500	05-1103E	Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$25,040	\$21,700	\$46,740	Alternate	
17 of 31	42.357	05-1201E	Northeast Region E & E	Natural Resources Dept of	\$109,160	\$35,842	\$145,002	Alternate	
18 of 31	41.857	05-1215E	Sawtooth Backcountry E&E 06-07	USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$51,000	\$5,000	\$56,000	Alternate	
19 of 31	41.429	05-1150E	Cle Elum Snow Rangers 2005-06	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$16,064	\$13,176	\$29,240	Alternate	
20 of 31	41.286	05-1243E	Snoqualmie RD Backcountry Rangers 06/07	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$150,000	\$50,074	\$200,074	Alternate	
21 of 31	40.929	05-1141E	DNR Olympic Region E & E	Natural Resources Dept of	\$60,650	\$9,873	\$70,523	Alternate	
22 of 31	40.786	05-1199E	NW Region E&E	Natural Resources Dept of	\$98,100	\$32,700	\$130,800	Alternate	
23 of 31	40.143	05-1057E	Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	\$60,000	\$78,276	\$138,276	Alternate	
24 of 31	40.000	05-1247E	Enforcement / Education Climbing Ranger	NPS North Cascades Natl Park	\$49,564	\$41,724	\$91,288	Alternate	
25 of 31	39.500	05-1122E	Mt. Baker Field Rangers 2006/2007	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$180,501	\$129,028	\$309,529	Alternate	
26 of 31	38.286	05-1200E	SE Region E&E	Natural Resources Dept of	\$113,158	\$38,341	\$151,499	Alternate	
27 of 31	36.571	05-1156E	Skykomish RD Wilderness E&E	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	\$62,119	\$40,194	\$102,313	Alternate	
28 of 31	36.000	05-1319E	Wilderness/Climbing Rangers 2006-2007	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	\$56,000	\$36,000	\$92,000	Alternate	
29 of 31	35.714	05-1130E	King District E & E 2005	Natural Resources Dept of	\$108,000	\$36,600	\$144,600	Alternate	
30 of 31	33.643	05-1151E	Cle Elum Dispersed Rec E&E 2006	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$103,479	\$78,023	\$181,502	Alternate	
31 of 31	25.429	05-1254E	Rural Park Education & Enforcement	Snohomish County Parks Dept	\$108,000	\$78,023	\$186,023	Alternate	
					\$3,341,708	\$1,566,719	\$5,008,427		

Education & Enforcement Projects Scoring Criteria

Applicants must submit written responses to the following team-scored (1-5) evaluation questions. See IAC NOVA Application Manual 5e for further submission information.

NOVA Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Education and Enforcement Projects				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	NOVA Plan Policy
Team	1	Need	3/15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	A-1, B-1, B-4
Team	3	In-field contacts	2/10	B-2
Team	4	Targeting current users	2/10	B-3
Team	5	Project support	2/10	A-1, B-4
IAC Staff	6	Matching shares	1/5	A-1, B-4
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			65	

KEY:

- IAC Staff = Criterion scored by IAC staff
- Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team
- Item = Criteria title
- Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum points possible
- Policy = NOVA Plan: 2005 - 20011



Evaluation Question Summary 2005 NOVA - Education and Enforcement Projects

Rank	Name/Sponsor	Need			Targeting			Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	Tahuya/Green M/Natural	12.214	12.000	8.286	8.429	9.000	5.000	54.929
2	Naches Front Co/USFS WNF	12.000	11.357	7.857	8.000	7.571	5.000	51.786
3	Evans Creek E &/USFS MBN	12.429	12.214	7.286	7.000	7.143	5.000	51.071
4	Yakima County S/Yakima C	12.429	12.429	7.571	7.286	6.286	5.000	51.000
5	Liberty Lake OR/Spokane	10.071	12.000	7.857	7.714	7.429	5.000	50.071
6	Cle Elum Trail /USFS WNF	11.786	12.429	8.000	8.286	7.429	2.000	49.929
7	Off-Road Vehicle/Mason Co	11.357	11.786	7.143	7.143	6.000	5.000	48.429
8	Capitol Forest/Natural	11.357	11.357	6.714	7.000	6.571	5.000	48.000
9	Forestlands E&E/Anacorte	10.714	10.929	7.143	7.143	6.571	5.000	47.500
10	Chelan County C/Chelan C	10.929	11.357	7.714	7.429	6.714	3.000	47.143
11	Snoqualmie RD F/USFS MBN	10.714	9.643	6.571	6.714	6.714	5.000	45.357
12	Grant Co Sheriff/Grant Co	10.286	10.500	6.571	7.143	5.143	5.000	44.643
13	Melhow Horse an/USFS OKN	8.357	10.286	7.000	7.143	6.571	5.000	44.357
14	Southwest PC Re/Natural	9.429	9.643	6.429	6.714	5.857	5.000	43.071
15	Cowlitz Valley /USFS GPN	9.857	10.714	7.000	7.000	5.143	3.000	42.714
16	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	8.786	9.857	6.286	7.000	5.571	5.000	42.500
17	Northeast Regio/Natural	9.214	9.857	6.143	6.857	6.286	4.000	42.357
18	Sawtooth Backco/USFS WNF	10.500	10.071	7.143	7.000	6.143	1.000	41.857
19	Cle Elum Snow R/USFS WNF	8.357	8.357	6.714	6.857	6.143	5.000	41.429
20	Snoqualmie RD B/USFS MBN	8.786	8.357	6.714	7.000	6.429	4.000	41.286
21	DNR Olympic Reg/Natural	9.214	9.857	6.143	6.714	7.000	2.000	40.929
22	NW Region E&E/Natural	9.857	9.643	6.429	6.714	4.143	4.000	40.786
23	Wilderness and /USFS WNF	7.286	8.571	5.857	7.000	6.429	5.000	40.143
24	Enforcement / E/NPS Nort	7.929	9.214	6.429	6.857	4.571	5.000	40.000
25	Mt. Baker Field/USFS MBN	7.929	8.143	6.571	6.286	5.571	5.000	39.500



Evaluation Question Summary

2005 NOVA - Education and Enforcement Projects

Rank	Name/Sponsor	Targeting						Total
		Need 1	Need Satisfaction 2	In-Field Contacts 3	Current Users 4	Project Support 5	Matching Share 6	
26	SE Region E&E/Natural	9,643	8,357	5,571	6,000	4,714	4,000	38,286
27	Skykomish RD W/USFS MBN	7,071	7,500	5,429	6,000	5,571	5,000	36,571
28	Wilderness/Clim/USFS MBN	7,500	6,643	5,286	5,571	6,000	5,000	36,000
29	King District E/Natural	8,143	6,429	5,714	5,714	5,714	4,000	35,714
30	Cle Elum Disper/USFS WNF	8,357	8,571	6,000	5,857	4,857	0,000	33,643
31	Rural Park Educ/Snohomis	4,929	5,357	3,143	3,714	3,286	5,000	25,429

Evaluation Team Scores Questions: 1 - 5

IAC Staff Scores Question: 6

10/19/2005

NOVA Program

Education and Enforcement Project Summaries

Ranked Order

Fiscal Year 2006



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)
 State Fiscal Year 2006 Education and Enforcement Projects

(in Evaluation Ranked Order)

Natural Resources Dept of Tahuya/Green Mtn. E&E 2005	\$107,402	\$49,290	\$156,692
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The scope of this E&E project will be to help provide for a safe and responsible recreational experience for ORV enthusiasts and other NOVA users in the west-side of the South Puget Sound Region. The primary focus will be on the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, both of which are open to recreationist 365 days a year, and offer 180 miles of multi-use trails, campgrounds, trailheads, and miles of DNR managed roads.

We are requesting funds to continue an established Education and Enforcement Program, with a fully trained and commissioned Natural Resources Investigator to patrol ORV trails and trailheads, educate the public about proper trail use and its correlation to the environment, give assistance to lost or injured riders, and to protect IAC and Departmental investments. The investigator will be a commissioned law enforcement officer who will be able to issue warnings and citations to violators. The officer will be assisted by DNR's South Puget Sound region recreation staff and volunteers, including an active Forest Watch and Hosting program. The officer will also be able to call upon the already established cooperation of other enforcement, education and emergency services to achieve the project's goal. (05-1288E-FY06)

USFS WNF Naches RD Naches Front Country E&E Rangers	\$174,215	\$105,060	\$279,275
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Over 300,000 recreationists visit the Naches District during the snow free season annually. The District's centralized location makes it a hub of activity for state recreationists, lying within 2 hours of the Seattle/Tacoma/Olympia area, TriCities, Ellensburg, & Yakima. The sunny, dry climate; varied settings (open desert to dense forest); and extremely diverse recreation opportunities beckon to motorized and nonmotorized recreationists alike. Over 1,900 primitive camping areas, 100 developed recreation sites, 1,100 miles of open road, 140 miles of motorized single tread trail, 110 miles of four wheel driveway, and 25 additional miles of nonmotorized trail are heavily used by the public on the 295,000 acres of District land. Dispersed camping, motorized trail use, driving for pleasure, and big game hunting are all extremely popular activities on the District.

Local use is increasing as the state population explodes. Recreationists seeking different types of experiences are using the same limited land base. New visitors are unfamiliar with District regulations and low impact recreation behavior; and unaware of appropriate outdoor etiquette.

Naches District E&E Rangers made an estimated 12,178 field contacts in 2004. Continued education and enforcement in the field is essential to maintaining a quality recreation experience. This proposal will fund 5 field rangers (salary and vehicle costs) during the heavy use season. The match includes 200+ additional days/year of E&E personnel time and vehicle costs. (05-1248E-FY06)

Spokane County Parks & Rec	\$58,565	\$47,482	\$106,047
Liberty Lake ORV Park 06			

This new grant request is for 21 months and will further develop Spokane County's E&E program at Liberty Lake ORV Park. It will fund 760 hours of sheriff deputy and 910 hours of park ranger patrols in the park. Additionally the grant will support 875 hours of volunteer educational contacts by SCOPE and the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. It will also purchase needed emergency and enforcement equipment including 25% of a new E&E truck and fuel for patrol vehicles.

This IAC funded ORV park receives approximately 4,500 riders per year and historically has been a poor neighbor due to limited resources. Past attempts to close the park however, have been met with vigorous opposition. IAC's 2004 E&E grant provided resources to improve park signage, create a park map and purchase essential enforcement equipment. As a result the park experienced reductions in trespassing, vandalism, destruction of property and natural resources and illegal road riding. Rider contacts soar as did neighbors awareness of an E&E program in and around this park. Without this grant and the community E&E resources leveraged, this ORV park would quickly become unruly, unsightly and unwanted.

The local match for this grant is 45% and includes; \$22,500 for a new E&E vehicle, \$2,000 for enforcement and emergency equipment, \$5,000 in donated equipment, \$9,625 in donated labor and \$3,300 in matched salaries from both the Sheriff and Parks Departments. The grant also pays for 25% of an ORV Park Ranger position to be spent in and around this park. (05-1072E-FY06)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$315,114	\$52,730	\$367,844
Cle Elum Trail E&E 2006-07			

The proposal supports the existing 6 E&E Rangers in the Cle Elum Ranger District, located in Kittitas County. The increasing large number of motorized users, in addition to the marked increase of mountain bike and general backcountry recreation, necessitates the continuation of this program. The Cle Elum ORV program has functioned successfully and professionally for over 25 years.

The recent addition of two mountain bike patrols has helped develop relations between user groups, thereby decreasing conflicts. In-field contacts, including Tread Lightly, Leave No Trace, and Know Before You Go messages, educational clinics, and brochures, remain our Rangers' primary job objective. However, our Rangers are all Forest Protection Officers and able to write violation notices. The Cle Elum Ranger District is unique in that it offers a wide variety of multi-use trail opportunities. Our Rangers travel in pairs, frequently patrolling on motorcycles, mountain bikes, or by Jeep. Our three units can cover much of the District during a daily work shift. E&E Rangers patrol over 700 miles of trails. They are also very active working with Volunteers, setting up educational clinics, and coordinating projects. Rangers are also on hand to help patrol and educate during big events near or on District, including club rides, poker runs, fairs, etc. Our crew also works closely with an on-District co-op Sheriff, USFS Law Enforcement Officers, and ORV Rangers from the adjacent Districts (E&E contribution included under Forced Acct. - Labor). (05-1227E-FY06)

Mason County Sheriffs Dept	\$129,500	\$68,346	\$197,846
Off-Road Vehicle Education & Enforcement			

Mason County is a magnet for ORV users primarily due to its proximity to Puget Sound and the large expanses of land available for ORV riding. For several years the County has operated an education and enforcement program designed to preserve ORV use on private and public lands. This program has a great track record and is credited with keeping private timber lands open for ORV use. This is a year-round program, due to a relatively low elevation and proximity to the Puget Trough population center. Many users come from even greater distances in the winter because ORV opportunities in their areas are snowed under.

This two-year project is designed to facilitate safety, education and land use conservation with ORV use. Project activities include the use of educational classes for schools and interested groups, information outlets at staging areas and user destination areas, hands-on training classes for ATVs, public service announcements and articles in the media.

Enforcement will be provided to encourage proper off road vehicle use. Public land managers and private landowners will be contacted in an effort to continue the long-standing use of their lands. (05-1306E-FY06)

Natural Resources Dept of	\$51,264	\$27,590	\$78,854
Capitol Forest E&E PC Region			

This project will provide 50% of a Natural Resource Investigator (NRI) time for the current Education and Enforcement program in the Capitol State Forest. The Capitol State Forest consists of 91,650 acres of state managed trust lands. There are 500 miles of forest roads open to motorized and non-motorized forest users. This project provides education to trail users on safe riding techniques and teaches the value of staying on designated trails. The program includes other types of recreation in the Capitol State forest, such as education and enforcement with dispersed recreation activities, on Mountain Bike, Equestrian and hiking trails. The NRI will provide enforcement of the laws to protect our natural resources and department managed facilities.

The NRI provides a proactive on-the-ground approach with the primary focus being to promote responsible use on the ORV trail system. Due to increasing non-ORV related public safety and resource damage issues statewide, the enforcement on state lands has changed. The Natural Resource Investigator will be pro-active in educating and enforcing the law by patrolling the trails and by using volunteers to help with the educating of the recreationist in the Capitol State Forest. (05-1287E-FY06)

Anacortes City of	\$10,904	\$16,816	\$27,720
Forestlands E&E Patrol 2006 - 2007			

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of recreational experience in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL) while protecting our valuable natural resources. Our 2,800 acres of forest combine old growth groves, sensitive wildlife habitat and 50 miles of multi-use recreational trails on Fidalgo Island. It is a unique maritime environment enjoyed by thousands year round.

The project's scope entails providing police patrols along with ACFL staff throughout our trail system with an emphasis on the most popular trail heads and recreational areas. All of the contacts will be in the field during peak summer use.

The ACFL continues to grow in popularity with users from the northern Puget Sound due to regional growth and day use fees at nearby State Parks. We want to reduce conflict between motorcyclists and other users and encourage responsible behavior by users at our lakes who violate our "no alcohol" policy, commit acts of vandalism and resource destruction. The NOVA E & E grant we received in 2005 was a great start to correct these problems, but more assistance is needed to reach our goal.

NOVA funding for ongoing police patrols supports our trail staff's efforts to educate users and protect our natural resources. It will also help us maintain the ACFL as a unique forest and multi-use recreation area. (05-1164E-FY06)

Chelan County Sheriffs Office	\$328,764	\$91,584	\$420,348
Chelan County Co-op E&E 2006			

This project will fund two ten-month deputies and three seasonal forest employees per year in a cooperative E&E project between Chelan County and Wenatchee National Forest. This program will enable education and enforcement patrol personnel to continue efforts in the education of off-road motorized users in the field, at special events, and at many trailheads throughout the county to include patrols at nonmotorized trailheads, in areas frequented by mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrian users.

Various rider safety (SVIA) courses will continue to be provided to the public, by both forest and county E&E officers. Patrols will be continued on the thousands of miles of forest trails and roads within Chelan County, with the goal of meeting motorized recreation users in the field, to educate users on proper trail use, minimum impact riding, and help ensure users meet state and federal regulations. Plans also include providing needed feedback to local land managers and owners. This program is well supported by user groups and has helped to ensure these popular and sometime controversial areas remain open to the motorized recreating public throughout Chelan County.

This project will cover 20 months, running from April 2006 thru March 2008, 10 months each project year. The project scope include: salaries, rentals, insurance, benefits, travel, supplies, professional services, and communications, and the purchase of one new patrol truck for the county and a forest patrol bike (250cc class) for the Leavenworth ranger. (05-1165E-FY06)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$124,808	\$135,708	\$260,516
Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol '05			

This project will allow the Snoqualmie Ranger District to supplement allocated funds in support of the District's Front Country Developed and Dispersed recreation program. Over the past several years declining budgets and employee retirements have decreased our ability to respond to recreation needs on the District. Northwest Pass dollars have taken the place of appropriated funding for trail maintenance, education, enforcement and maintenance of recreation facilities throughout the District. With assistance from an IAC grant during the 2005 field season the district was able to fund an additional four seasonal Forest Protection Officers and volunteer per diem for two senior volunteers from May through September. This supplemented the two person crew that funds were allocated for. A grant in 2006 and 2007 will allow us to maintain the high quality level of service that was provided in 2005. This grant will enable us to have three pair of officers providing increased coverage for the District.

The District encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible to a broad range of recreationist. There are over 50 trailheads, 6 developed sites that are not operated by concessionaire, 24 outhouses and literally thousands of dispersed campsites. The District has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break ins and a host of various infractions. Increased, visible presence for education, enforcement and assistance will help curb this activity. (05-1184E-FY06)

Grant County Sheriff Dept	\$246,000	\$177,770	\$423,770
Grant Co Sheriff E&E 2005			

This project will be funding two (2) full-time deputies. Both deputies will continue to patrol the off-road vehicle areas in Grant County that have heavy usage, as well as educate the off-road vehicle users in the field, at special events, and training.

The majority of the deputies time will be spent in the Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes. The deputies will continue to maintain a working relationship with all land owners/managers, users, and spectators, defusing any conflicts that may arise.

With the new alcohol ban in both the Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes the deputies will be printing up new flyers and posting new signs to educate the public on the ban. With the alcohol ban in the Beverly and Moses Lake Sand Dunes there has been less trash left in the sand dunes by users helping the environment and making it safer for the users.

The power poles along Sand Dunes Rd were painted different colors to assist deputies and ambulance crews locate accidents in a timely manner. These poles will need to be repainted every year to maintain there colors.

Our matching funds are a combination of force account, equipment, labor, materials and cash as approved by the County Commissioners. (05-1233E-FY06)

USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$65,374	\$43,640	\$109,014
Methow Horse and Hiking Rangers			

This project would fund two Forest Service rangers and support the volunteer ranger program. Two Forest Service wilderness rangers, previously funded through IAC grants, would continue to patrol the Pasayten Wilderness (Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts) and the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness (Methow Valley Ranger District) on horseback and on foot. The rangers, plus 12 horse and hiking volunteers, will continue to provide one-on-one contacts to educate and inform recreationists in minimum impact camping, appropriate stock handling techniques, regulations, and general knowledge of the area. Forest Service Rangers also train, coordinate, and implement the volunteer program, and provide enforcement of regulations. The Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wildernesses have a total area of 627,992 acres, 700 miles of trail, and approximately 22,000 visits per year.

One of the Forest Service rangers would provide education and enforcement on the trails and trailheads in the North Cascades Scenic Corridor along Highway 20 alternating weekends with patrol in the Lake Chelan -Sawtooth Wilderness. There has not been a ranger dedicated to this area for 10 years. The use is currently estimated to be 42,000 visits, up from 17,000 visits in 1992. Impacts at destination areas have increased and regulations

regarding campfires and camping distances are often disregarded due to a lack of education. Season of use for all areas is generally mid- June through mid - October. (05-1218E-FY06)

Natural Resources Dept of Southwest PC Region E&E

\$51,264 \$27,595 \$78,859

The scope of this project will provide for an Education and Enforcement program in the southern portion of the Department of Natural Resources, Pacific Cascade Region, with the primary focus on the Yacolt Burn State Forest, Jones Creek trail system and the Bradley Hill ATV Trail.

The south portion of the Pacific Cascade Region has 25+ miles of designated motorized trails and 8 miles of designated non-motorized trail. The project area also has over 100 miles of undesignated trails and approximately 350 miles of primitive roads. The goals of the project are to promote a responsible use of the DNR's designated trail systems and to educate motorized and non-motorized users concerning undesignated trails. The project also includes other types of recreation activities, such as education and enforcement involving dispersed recreation, mountain bike, equestrian and hiking trails. A fully commissioned DNR Natural Resources Investigator (NRI) will spend 50% of his time to patrol ORV trails, educate the public regarding proper trails use, assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities, and issue warnings and citations to violators. The officer will be assisted by DNR's Pacific Cascade Region recreation staff and community volunteers. The officer will also be able to call upon already established cooperation of other enforcement, education and emergency services. (05-1196E-FY06)

USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD Cowlitz Valley OHV E&E '06-'07

\$61,045 \$17,800 \$78,845

This two year education and enforcement project leverages Forest Service law enforcement funding to hire two seasonal trail rangers and provide the equipment and support needed to preserve NOVA opportunities on multiple use trails on the forest. Trail rangers patrol 194 miles of motorized, multiple use trail during high use periods (Friday - Monday, from June through September).

The E&E program objectives are to educate trail users on Tread Lightly techniques which help to minimize user conflicts and resource damage, encourage safe riding, and encourage compliance with State and US Forest regulations.

In addition to patrolling trails, contacts are made at 20 trailheads and 15 dispersed and developed campsites that have high ORV use. User contacts are documented to provide use data, as well as a clear understanding of user needs. The primary focus of these contacts is education, with voluntary compliance with our regulations as the goal. Many of these contacts may be with other NOVA users such as berry pickers, sightseers and other day users. Rangers share information about road conditions, directions and general forest conditions.

The E&E program is supported by the USFS Law Enforcement Officers, the Lewis/Skamania County Sheriff's departments and motorized users. (05-1121E-FY06)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$25,040	\$21,700	\$46,740
Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers			

The Cle Elum Ranger District administers 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Due to its outstanding scenic qualities, recreation opportunities, and close proximity to the Puget Sound Region, it is one of the most popular areas in Washington for backpacking, dayhiking, horseback riding, horsepacking, and mountaineering. The Wilderness and adjacent area contains 12 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, over 60 lake destinations, and over 750 wilderness campsites. The area typically receives up to 25,000 visits per year.

This project will partially fund two wilderness rangers to patrol trails and lakeshores in Alpine Lakes Wilderness. One-on-one educational contact is the primary duty of the rangers. Rangers explain and demonstrate Leave No Trace principles, seek compliance of and enforce regulations implemented to protect the wilderness resource, and educate the public on the history of the wilderness. In addition, rangers design brochures and posters for wilderness trailheads, make contacts with organized groups, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include minor maintenance activities such as litter pickup, maintaining toilets, and documenting trail conditions.

For the past decade decreasing budgets have resulted in fewer wilderness ranger staff while day trip and overnight use of the wilderness has steadily increased. Additional funding is vital to protect the resource and educate a wilderness stewardship ethic to the public.
(05-1103E-FY06)

Natural Resources Dept of Northeast Region E & E	\$109,160	\$35,842	\$145,002
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This project proposes a proactive, on-the-ground approach to promote responsible use of trails and trust lands within DNR's Northeast Region, helping to increase user safety and limit the amount of damage that is caused by recreation activities.

The NRI position will focus on the protection of users and DNR resources through the use of warnings and citations. The NRI will also help with conflict resolution between user groups and individual users. The warden position will work closely with land managers on working with volunteers and educating the public, including education about laws when needed. The warden and the NRI will both be responsible for education of the public, working with volunteers, addressing vandalism violations, enforcement of laws, and assisting lost or injured riders.

Some of the sites to be patrolled include, but are not limited to, Little Pend Oreille ORV trails, Knights Lake, the Narcisse Block, Loomis state forest, and the Methow. Many of these areas are located close to population centers and all receive high use.

By providing education and enforcement for the recreational users, the amount of resource damage caused by users not following regulations will be reduced. This E&E grant will also encourage respectful interactions amongst the many different recreational uses the region has to offer. This grant will help to ensure that quality recreational opportunities continue to be available for NOVA recreational use in DNR's Northeast Region. (05-1201E-FY06)

USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$51,000	\$5,000	\$56,000
Sawtooth Backcountry E&E 06-07			

Goal of this program is to preserve the Sawtooth Backcountry's mix of recreational opportunities by demonstrating that it can be successfully shared by mixed users. This area is a prime subalpine setting including 10 high mountain lakes and there are attractive opportunities for hikers, motorbikers, mtn. bikers, & horse users (a very rare opportunity for motorbikes & mtn. bikes).

This program funds 1 full time field ranger for 5 months and 1 part time ranger to patrol & contact users on 46 miles of multiple use trail, 20 miles of non-motorized trails, and 6 miles of hiker only trail. In 1994, when the IAC funded ORV E&E program started in Sawtooth, the use mix was 55% motorbike, 27% horse, 18% hike & 0% mountain bike. In 2004, the use mix was 46% hike, 27% motorbike, 14% mtn. bike, 13% horse.

If users can successfully share the Sawtooth Backcountry, the public and administrative support will make it possible to preserve all existing recreation opportunities. To do this, it is essential to have field ranger(s) to contact users on the trails to:

- promote user separation by informing them of trails designated for their use.
- keep users on trails designated for their use by uniformed ranger presence & enforcement.
- provide education on how to have safe & courteous trail encounters.
- help all users "Tread Lightly" & "Leave No Trace" to preserve resources.
- collect user data & document user trends, place of origin, & comments. (05-1215E-FY06)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$16,064	\$13,176	\$29,240
Cle Elum Snow Rangers 2005-06			

The Cle Elum district provides 65 miles of multiple use non-motorized winter trails for skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, and skijoring. The non-motorized trails include formal and voluntary motorized closure areas serving a conservative estimate of 20,000 non-motorized users. This non-motorized system is adjacent to Washington State's busiest snowmobile trail and backcountry system that includes 18 shared use sno-park/trailheads, 500 miles of groomed snowmobile trail and 400,000 acres of backcountry. Proximity to major urban centers, easy recreation access via I-90, and high use numbers throughout the winter, make Cle Elum District winter trails and facilities vulnerable to user group conflicts and loss of quality winter experience.

To provide safe, quality winter experiences, the Cle Elum Ranger District maintains a snow ranger E & E patrol program that is currently dominated by snowmobile contact. Adding a non-motorized snow ranger for a three day work week, and a volunteer co-worker for two days, would bolster the districts existing snow ranger E & E program and allow us to protect non-motorized areas from snowmobile trespass, and foster cooperation between user groups. The district serves increasing numbers of users from Puget Sound and the local area seeking non-motorized recreation. The multiplying number of these winter recreation users demands a non-motorized winter education and enforcement presence that fulfills public safety and education needs for an underserved user group. (05-1150E-FY06)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$150,000	\$50,074	\$200,074
Snoqualmie RD Backcountry Rangers 06/07			

This proposal will fund salaries for 6 seasonal rangers for the backcountry ranger and bike patrol program on the Snoqualmie Ranger District during the summers of 2006 & 2007. In 2005 NOVA funded rangers patrolled backcountry trails and destinations which receive over 100,000 backcountry NOVA users within the 300,000 acre district. Rangers hiked over 1,300 miles, spent over 100 nights in the field, eliminated 80 illegal campfire sites, resolved 100s of law enforcement incidents and provided first aid to 9 injured visitors. Bike patrols contact visitors to provide E&E on multiple-use trails and assist in monitoring bike use on trails. The Snoqualmie RD includes 200 miles of mountain bike recreation trails available to NOVA users. Recreational opportunities include camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Rangers monitor resource conditions and protect facilities including signs, toilets, trails and campsites. Training includes leave no trace skills, first aid and law enforcement.

Current Forest Service funding is inadequate to pay professional rangers, therefore, continuation of this program is highly dependent upon E&E funding. Our goal is to continue providing education and enforcement through field contacts with NOVA users, resulting in protected natural resources and facilities; reduced vandalism and user conflicts; and increased visitor satisfaction. Professional rangers compliment the existing Volunteer Ranger Program, BCHW, SCA, and BBTC. (05-1243E-FY06)

Natural Resources Dept of	\$60,650	\$9,873	\$70,523
DNR Olympic Region E & E			

Using this two-year grant the DNR Olympic Region will re-hire two E & E trail wardens to continue work begun in 2005. In 2005, the region received NOVA funding to hire two eight-month per year wardens to interact directly with recreationists on trust lands in Clallam and Jefferson Counties in the northern portion of the Peninsula. The field-based wardens are building a volunteer-based education program, strengthening networks for enforcement initiatives, and collecting user data. Phase 2 of the DNR Olympic Region E & E will build on the success of the first year.

Olympic Peninsula state trust lands are experiencing rapid growth in motorized and non-motorized recreational use. Many users report that in order to ensure safe, positive experiences in this growth environment, a strong, viable education and enforcement program needs to be maintained. To protect our existing facilities from vandalism and to provide the campground visitors a safe camping experience, a visible education and enforcement program is essential. If the two wardens are not funded, existing campgrounds may close since capitol funds may be inadequate to replace vandalized facilities, new opportunities for trails may be lost because appropriate use cannot be enforced, and events on existing trails may be limited due to lack of education and enforcement oversight. (05-1141E-FY06)

Natural Resources Dept of	\$98,100	\$32,700	\$130,800
NW Region E&E			

The scope of this DNR Northwest Region E&E project is to facilitate a safe and responsible experience for recreation enthusiasts on state trust lands in Northwest Washington. The primary focus will be on Walker Valley (ORV); Les Hilde/Harry Osbourne (equestrian), Blanchard Mountain (mountain bike), Dearinger Campground (front-country camping), and

dispersed outdoor recreation throughout the region, including areas such as Northfork (ORV) and Reiter Trails (ORV).

DNR's approach will be twofold: A commissioned Warden (limited police powers) will be employed and will commit 100% of their time and resources to patrol trails, educate the public about proper trail use, assist lost or injured riders, protect resources and facilities, and issue warnings and citations to violators. Secondly, a fully equipped and trained Natural Resource Investigator will provide as needed services in cases where the qualifications of an NRI are required. This Warden will also provide support and assistance for the NRI where appropriate. The NRI and the Warden will also be assisted by DNR's Northwest region recreation staff. (05-1199E-FY06)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	\$60,000	\$78,276	\$138,276
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The Wenatchee River Ranger District stewards 320,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness Areas as well as extensive backcountry areas such as Icicle Ridge and Nason Ridge. Within these areas, the District has 36 trailheads, 550 miles of trail, 138 lakes, many well-traveled high routes, and 2,000 dispersed backcountry and wilderness campsites. This responsibility is a daunting task in austere budget times. Fortunately, recreation fee dollars have helped to supplement some budgets like for the popular Enchantments Permit Area. But the remaining portions of our District's wilderness and backcountry areas often go unpatrolled.

This project will fund three Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers and one Frontcountry Ranger on the District. The Wilderness Rangers will make educational contacts to impart Leave No Trace principles and to explain and enforce regulations in place for resource protection. These Wilderness Rangers will also design informational publications and trailhead posters, make contacts with organized groups, and present school programs. The Wilderness Rangers will also clean campsites, maintain backcountry toilets, report trail conditions, and work with volunteer groups. The Frontcountry Ranger will keep trailhead bulletin board postings up-to-date, check cars for parking passes, make visitor contacts, assist with educational programs, pick up trash, and enforce regulations. (05-1057E-FY06)

NPS North Cascades Natl Park Enforcement / Education Climbing Ranger	\$49,564	\$41,724	\$91,288
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This project will place one law enforcement climbing team on Mt. Shuksan during high-use periods, for two seasons. This team will perform regular patrols to enforce park regulations, educate visitors on Leave No Trace (especially alpine waste disposal), provide safety information on climbing routes.

One of the most photographed peaks in the world, and one of the "50 Classic Climbs" in the U.S., Shuksan has seen use increase 100% in the last ten years, while ranger patrol numbers have remained stagnant. Thousands of day hikers and hundreds of climbing parties, skiers, and backpackers heed the call of numerous popular guidebooks, which laud the mountain as having "outstanding moderate glacier routes." Climbing clubs such as the Mountaineers regularly make use of Shuksan for club trips, as do large numbers of commercial groups. In 2004, the 4 crosscountry zones on Shuksan saw over 1600 visitor use nights-the highest in the park.

Natural Resources Dept of King District E & E 2005	\$108,000	\$36,600	\$144,600
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The King District state trust lands are located within the Mountains to Sound Greenway/I-90 corridor in the midst of the Upper Snoqualmie River Valley. The entire King District is located within a 20 to 45 minute drive along I-90 from the Seattle/Puget Sound Metropolitan area. Due to this close proximity to more than half of the state's population, use and abuse of these public lands is increasing daily. The scope of this project is to continue to have an education and enforcement presence in one of the most recreationally impacted areas of the state. The primary focus will be trailhead safety and security, user education, and prevention of abuse of public lands located within the I-90/Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor.

The King District staff feels that it is imperative to have a education and enforcement presence. The two wardens will interact directly with recreational users within these state lands in order to ensure a safe and positive recreational and public use experience. The two wardens will work closely with the South Puget Sound Region's Natural Resources Investigator, the District's Public Use Forester, and local trail groups to focus their efforts most effectively. Project Scope includes salaries/benefits, transportation, clothing, and supplies. (05-1130E-FY06)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD Cle Elum Dispersed Rec E&E 2006	\$103,479	\$0	\$103,479
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This project will support the front-country education and enforcement program on the Cle Elum Ranger District. Tasks include: patrolling dispersed camps across the district, posting both regulatory and educational signing, and doing contact work in dispersed areas. The primary task of the dispersed E&E Crew would be patrolling dispersed campsites across the district to educate and enforce general forest area rules and regulations. According to the latest data produced in a visitor use study in 2001 the Wenatchee National Forest receives approximately 2.4 million recreation users a year. The Cle Elum Ranger District has a large number of summer recreational users because of our close proximity to the Puget Sound area. There are 24 campgrounds on the district, 12 of which are concessionaire operated where the Forest Service has education and enforcement responsibilities and 12 that are Forest Service administered campgrounds. There are 17 Forest Service administered fee sites across the district, 12 of which are patrolled by developed rec. There are approximately 1022 miles of non-highway Forest Service roads that are host to numerous dispersed sites and bulletin boards on the district. (05-1151E-FY06)

Snohomish County Parks Dept Rural Park Education & Enforcement	\$108,000	\$78,023	\$186,023
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Project Goal: Establish Natural Resource Docents and provide a Park Ranger presence on 2,640.85 acres of rural park properties to provide public education about the park property resources and enforce Snohomish County Park regulations.

Objectives: Provide thousands of visitors with natural resource interpretation and site security, and reduce user conflicts through education.

Need for Assistance: 2.75 Park Ranger positions were eliminated in the 2005 budget.

Project Scope: Hire one full-time Ranger skilled in natural resources and park interpretation to conduct "roving" education and enforcement during site visits on the following properties: Lord Hill -1464.26 acres; Paradise Valley Conservation Area (PVCA) - 663.31 acres, Robe Canyon -989.27 acre.

Historical Uses of Sites: Wildlife Viewing and Hiking are a primary uses on all sites. Other uses are: Lord Hill: mountain biking, equestrian, PVCA: mountain biking, equestrian; Robe Canyon: hiking. Unfortunately, conflicts have occurred between user groups. In addition, inappropriate authorized uses and non-authorized vehicular has accelerated user conflicts and damaged on-site natural resources.

Community Involvement: Public comment at three 2004 meetings attended by an average 125 participants requested greater Park Ranger presence in remote Park Properties.

Expected Results/Benefits: Greater public natural resource education/interpretive opportunities, reduced user group conflicts, and improved regulation enforcement & public safety. (05-1254E-FY06)