
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonprofit organizations• Municipal subdivisions (cities, towns, counties, and port, park and recreation, and school districts)• State and Tribal agencies• Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.)
Match Requirements	Grant recipients must provide at least 20 percent in matching resources.
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minimum fund request for a project is \$5,000• The maximum fund request is:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$75,000 – development or maintenance project○ \$10,000 – education project
Public Access	Required
Other Program Characteristics	We receive few motorized grant applications, so nonmotorized grant applicants usually receive most of this program's funds.

Fund Availability

RTP is a relatively small grant program for the board but available funding has gradually increased each year. About \$1.7 million was received for the last grant cycle, and early projections indicated that Washington State could receive as much as \$1.8 million in the upcoming cycle.

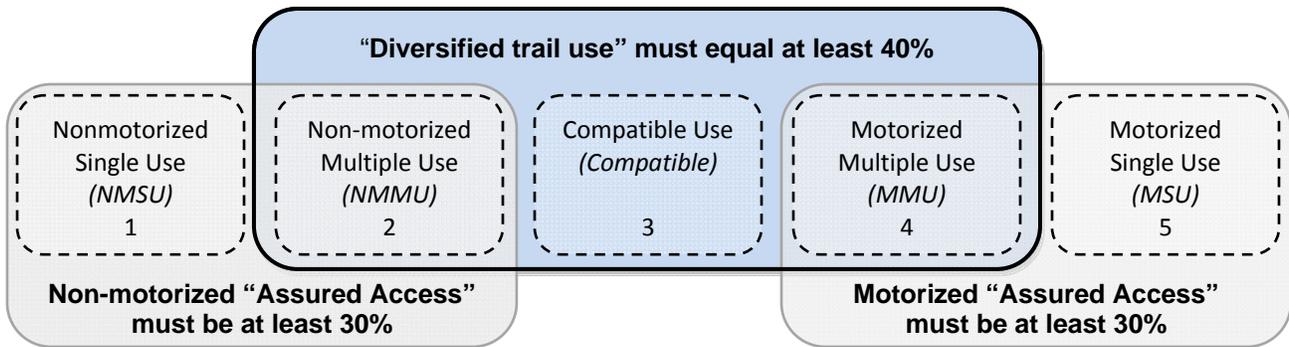
However, given the current economic climate, we cannot predict if or when Congress will authorize an appropriation, and if it does, how much it will be. The current funding authorization expires on September 30, 2009, but some kind of extension is expected. RCO staff will update the board at the October meeting on the status of the funding authorization.

Fund Allocation

RTP has five overlapping categories as shown in the graphic below. Under the provisions of the RTP governing act¹, there are four rules the board must observe in awarding funds among these categories.

1. A minimum of 40 percent of the funds *must* be given to projects that serve diversified trail uses (i.e., Nonmotorized Multiple Use, Compatible Uses, and Motorized Multiple Use).
2. A minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation (categories 4 and 5). These are known as assured access.
3. A minimum of 30 percent also *must* be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation (categories 1 and 2). These also are known as assured access.
4. A state *may* allocate up to 5 percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection.

¹ Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.



If the state were to receive a \$1.8 million appropriation (see above), RCO staff would allocate the funds as follows:

Description	Categories	Required Percent	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
Diversified Uses	NMMU, Compatible, and MMU	40%	\$720,000	
Assured Access	NMSU, NMMU	30%	\$540,000	
	MMU, MSU	30%	\$540,000	
Education projects	(included in the above categories)	n/a		\$90,000

Evaluation Summary

The RCO has an RTP advisory committee/evaluation team whose membership reflects a diverse set of trail users and land managers. This year’s team was:

Name	City	Position
Doug Conner	Pasco	Motorcycle community
Greg Fowler	Kirkland	Mountain bike community
Lunell Haught	Spokane	Hiking community
Gerry Hodge	Olympia	Water trail community
James Horan	Olympia	State Parks
Ron Ingram	West Richland	At large
Gary Johnson	Yelm	All- terrain vehicle community
Michael Jones	Ferndale	At-large
John Keates	Mason Co	Local agencies
Kristen Kuykendall	Olympia	State Dept. Fish & wildlife
Ian Macek	Olympia	State Dept. of Transportation
Dave McMains	Moses Lake	Four-wheel drive community
Gary Paull	Darrington	Federal agencies
Patti Wible	Port Orchard	Equestrian community
Tom Windsor	Omak	Snowmobile community

In July and August, the advisory committee used board-approved criteria to evaluate 107 projects submitted by applicants. On September 9, the committee met to review the ranked list of evaluated projects. After discussion, the members unanimously approved a motion to recommend the list in Table 1 to the board for funding. In addition, the committee agreed to ask the board to fund the maximum number of high-ranking education category projects allowed.

During the committee's discussion, several members expressed concern that project sponsors in the education category may be using RTP funds for law enforcement. The federal act specifically prohibits the use of these funds for enforcement activities. Sponsors may, however, receive funding from other sources and use those funds for enforcement. RCO staff believes that this situation may result in confusion about how sponsors are applying their RTP funds. We will continue to work with applicants and project sponsors in the education category so that they understand the prohibition.

Finally, a few advisory committee members wondered if some education projects had been improperly categorized. For example, due to its title, the Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers project (09-1068e) appears to belong in the Nonmotorized *Single* Use category. The project description, however, lists a broader focus that includes camping, hiking, and other nonmotor activities, so staff placed it in the Nonmotorized *Multiple* Use category. Similar explanations account for the other questioned projects, including the Leave No Trace (09-1170e) and Methow Valley Wilderness Education (09-1087e).

Next Steps

If the board approves the ranked project list in Table 1, RCO staff will ask the Federal Highway Administration to release Washington's RTP funds as soon as they are available. Staff also will ask successful sponsors to complete post-approval requirements (e.g., obtaining permits, etc.) before executing the individual project agreements and beginning compliance monitoring.

Attachments

Resolution 2009-25

Table 1 – Evaluation Ranked List, Recreational Trails Program, State Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Fiscal Year 2010

- A. Evaluation criteria summary
- B. Summary of evaluation scores
- C. Project synopses, general
- D. Project synopses, education

RESOLUTION #2009-25

Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Recreational Trails Program Project Funding

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding; and

WHEREAS, for federal fiscal year 2010, 107 projects were submitted for RTP funding; and

WHEREAS, these project applications were evaluated by the RTP advisory committee using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the advisory committee and board have discussed and reviewed these evaluations in open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all 107 RTP program projects meet federal and state program criteria, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has not yet appropriated federal fiscal year 2010 funds for this program; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the projects will provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailside facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in Table 1, *Evaluation Ranked List, RTP, State Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Fiscal Year 2010*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is instructed to seek authorization from the Federal Highway Administration to proceed with execution of applicable agreements and other appropriate steps to implement these projects, and on receipt of this authorization, to proceed with agreement execution.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List

Recreational Trails Program (RTP), State Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Fiscal Year 2010

GENERAL RECREATION PROJECTS

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Applicant	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compatible Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount
62.400	1	09-1197	M	Washington Trails Association	WTA 2010 Volunteer Trail Maintenance		75,000				75,000
60.800	2	09-1004	M	Natural Resources Dept of	Walker Valley ORV M&O 09				74,450		74,450
60.267	3	09-1192	M	Washington Trails Association	WTA 2010 Backcountry Trail Teams		75,000				75,000
59.933	4	09-1071	M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance			75,000			75,000
58.267	5	09-1154	M	Hurricane Ridge Ed.	Hurricane Ridge Grooming		20,000				20,000
58.067	6	09-1017	M	Natural Resources Dept of	Elbe Hills 09 Non-Motorized M&O		65,648				65,648
57.733	7	09-1054	M	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	BCHW- Maintenance of		75,000				75,000
57.467	8	09-1195	D	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	West Fork Foss Trail Bridge	75,000					75,000
57.467	8	09-1307	M	USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley	Wilderness Trails Maintenance GPNF		46,000				46,000
56.333	10	09-1214	M	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	Darrington Trail Maintenance 10/11		50,000				50,000
56.200	11	09-1207	M	Mountains to Sound	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance		75,000				75,000
56.200	11	09-1225	M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	Olympic Youth Crews 2010		69,715				69,715
56.067	13	09-1090	D	USFS OKNF Tonasket RD	Bonaparte Lookout Trail			12,156			12,156
55.267	14	09-1201	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Backcountry Trails M&O 2010-		37,000				37,000
55.133	15	09-1096	M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Valley Trail Maintenance 2010-11		75,000				75,000
54.400	16	09-1048	M	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Entiat Non-Motorized Trail M&O 2010 -11		73,360				73,360
54.333	17	09-1044	M	Natural Resources Dept of	SW WA ORV Trail M & O				57,150		57,150
54.200	18	09-1097	M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Sawtooth Motorized and NM Trails O and M				16,000		16,000
54.133	19	09-1055	D	Methow Valley Sport Trail	Methow Community Trail Suspension		75,000				75,000
53.267	20	09-1180	M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Winter Nonmotorized Trails M&O		15,500				15,500
53.200	21	09-1024	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	White River Trail Maintenance 2010			65,000			65,000
53.133	22	09-1291	M	Loup Loup Ski Education	Loup Loup Trail Maintenance 2010			22,000			22,000
52.933	23	09-1224	M	Pacific Northwest Trail Assn	North Cascades Youth Crew 2010		71,015				71,015
52.800	24	09-1092	M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Echo Winter & Summer Trails 10-11		49,800				49,800
52.733	25	09-1007	M	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NW 09 NM TRAILS M&O		48,000				48,000
52.733	25	09-1106	D	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Robinson Creek Trail Bridge		54,000				54,000
52.467	27	09-1026	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Evans Creek ORV Maintenance and				75,000		75,000
52.333	28	09-1287	M	Evergreen Mt Bike Alliance	2010 Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program		25,000				25,000
52.200	29	09-1050	M	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Entiat/Lk.Wen Snowmobile Trail Mtc - 2010					64,800	64,800
52.000	30	09-1226	D	Evergreen Mt Bike Alliance	S.Fork Snoqualmie Road to Trail		75,000				75,000
51.733	31	09-1199	D	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	Iron Goat Trail/Martin Creek Bridge	75,000					75,000
51.600	32	09-1028	M	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	Darrington Backcountry Rec. Site		50,000				50,000
51.467	33	09-1498	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 2008 -			75,000			75,000
51.400	34	09-1300	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 2010		67,770				67,770
51.267	35	09-1013	M	Natural Resources Dept of	Yakima Maintenance Crew 09			50,600			50,600
50.933	36	09-1094	M	EarthCorps	EarthCorps Wilderness Trail Maintenance		28,996				28,996
50.933	36	09-1311	D	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Naneum-Wilson Trail Reroutes				24,600		24,600
50.133	38	09-1234	M	Mountains to Sound	Mountains to Sound Backcountry Trails		30,000				30,000
49.867	39	09-1111	M	State Parks	Greenwater/Yakima Areas Snowmobile					59,533	59,533

Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List

Resolution 2009-25

Recreational Trails Program (RTP), State Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Fiscal Year 2010

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Applicant	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compatible Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount
49.867	39	09-1261	D	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Franklin Falls Trail Reconstruction, Phase 2	75,000					75,000
49.733	41	09-1134	D	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	Wilderness and Backcountry Toilet		9,800				9,800
49.733	41	09-1246	D	Kittitas Co Park & Rec Dist#1	Evergreen Park Trailhead 2009--Phase 1					75,000	75,000
49.667	43	09-1058	M	Mountain Trails Grooming	Groom Priority 2 and 3 Snowmobile Trails				24,980		24,980
49.667	43	09-1109	M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Boundary Trail Maintenance		35,532				35,532
49.400	45	09-1070	M	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	Skykomish RD Trail Maintenance 2010-		75,000				75,000
48.867	46	09-1098	M	State Parks	Mt. Baker/Methow & S. Cascades Trail					61,953	61,953
48.867	46	09-1486	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	WRRD Stewardship Crew		39,250				39,250
48.000	48	09-1008	M	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NW 09 NM Facilities M&O		48,000				48,000
48.000	48	09-1062	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	WRRD Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2010		40,000				40,000
47.933	50	09-1120	M	State Parks	Snoqualmie Pass/I-90 Non-Motorized Trail	22,150					22,150
47.867	51	09-1121	M	State Parks	Mt. Spokane Area Snow Grooming Machine	75,000					75,000
47.733	52	09-1077	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter NM Trail M & O 2010-2011		48,260				48,260
47.667	53	09-1057	M	USFS UNF Pomeroy RD	Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Trail		75,000				75,000
47.333	54	09-1113	M	State Parks	Blewett Pass & I-90 Snowmobile Trail					58,856	58,856
47.000	55	09-1012	M	Natural Resources Dept of	Capitol Forest 09 NHR Facilities M&O		49,650				49,650
47.000	55	09-1112	M	State Parks	Taneum/Manastash & Stemilt/Colockum					33,014	33,014
47.000	55	09-1328	D	Mountains to Sound	Lower Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail		58,000				58,000
46.667	58	09-1239	M	USFS UNF Walla Walla RD	Meadow M&O				29,381		29,381
46.467	59	09-1116	M	State Parks	Leavenworth/Chelan Areas Snowmobile					54,547	54,547
46.333	60	09-1114	M	State Parks	Inland NE/SE Areas Snowmobile Trail					54,091	54,091
45.667	61	09-1156	M	King County DNR & Parks	Cougar Mountain Trail Maintenance		71,355				71,355
44.800	62	09-1185	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	2010-11 Cle Elum R.D. ORV Trail Crew,				74,433		74,433
43.933	63	09-1186	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	2010-11 Cle Elum North Zone ORV Trail				72,883		72,883
43.867	64	09-1228	M	USFS UNF Pomeroy RD	Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Trailhead		29,000				29,000
43.733	65	09-1294	D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mt. Baker Trailhead and Trail System			25,600			25,600
42.667	66	09-1298	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie Backcountry Site Mtce 2010		72,000				72,000
42.400	67	09-1059	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	Devils Gulch ORV M&O 2010-2011					36,700	36,700
42.067	68	09-1072	M	Natural Resources Dept of	SW WA Non-Motorized Trail M&O		50,000				50,000
41.600	69	09-1060	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	Lake Wenatchee ORV M&O 2009-10					36,300	36,300
41.533	70	09-1315	M	USFS OKNF Methow RD	MVRD Trailhead Maintenance 2010				70,964		70,964
39.000	71	09-1320	D	Pe Ell Town of	Willapa Hills Pe Ell Trailhead and		75,000				75,000
37.400	72	09-1244	D	Cusick Town of	Pend Oreille River Trail			8,600			8,600
35.867	73	09-1074	M	USFS Priest Lake	Priest Lake Trail Maintenance 2009				66,100		66,100
34.533	74	09-1245	D	Port Orchard City of	Blackjack Creek Wilderness Trail	38,000					38,000
34.400	75	09-1223	D	Puget Cr Restoration Society	Puget Creek Boardwalk	75,000					75,000
34.200	76	09-1227	D	Steilacoom Town of	Farrell's Marsh Park - signage	27,500					27,500
32.133	77	09-1293	D	Waitsburg City of	Touchet River Multi-Use Path		8,800				8,800
All proposals (107) total =						462,650	2,111,455	333,956	585,941	534,794	4,028,796

Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List

Recreational Trails Program (RTP), State Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Fiscal Year 2010

EDUCATION PROJECTS

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Applicant	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compatible Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount
22.133	1	09-1258	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum ORV Education Program 2010-11				10,000		10,000
19.933	2	09-1177	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches District OHV Education Rangers				10,000		10,000
19.800	3	09-1078	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers 2010			10,000			10,000
19.733	4	09-1063	E	Backcountry Horsemen of WA	Minimum Impact Recreation 2010		10,000				10,000
19.133	5	09-1046	E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 2010					10,000	10,000
19.067	6	09-1081	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Wilderness Patrol 2010		9,800				9,800
18.933	7	09-1170	E	WA Water Trails Association	Shoreline Watertrails Leave No Trace		7,500				7,500
18.600	8	09-1210	E	USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD	Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 09-10				10,000		10,000
18.400	9	09-1067	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mountain Stewards 2010		10,000				10,000
18.067	10	09-1079	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 2010			10,000			10,000
17.867	11	09-1105	E	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Winter Ranger 2009-2010			10,000			10,000
17.800	12	09-1068	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers		10,000				10,000
17.667	13	09-1179	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches RD Snowmobile Education					10,000	10,000
17.667	13	09-1299	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program		10,000				10,000
17.467	15	09-1082	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Backcountry Education 2010			9,800			9,800
16.800	16	09-1087	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Valley Wilderness Education		10,000				10,000
16.600	17	09-1107	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Winter Rangers 2009					9,173	9,173
15.733	18	09-1138	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	High Use Area Ranger		9,900				9,900
15.667	19	09-1133	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	Mill Valley + Wilderness Boundary					9,940	9,940
15.600	20	09-1174	E	USFS Colville National Forest	Caribou Recovery Area Education Project					10,000	10,000
14.400	21	09-1014	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #1				9,385		9,385
14.333	22	09-1269	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW ESA Snowmobile					10,000	10,000
13.867	23	09-1005	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 09 Winter Steward #1					10,000	10,000
13.667	24	09-1266	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW OHV				10,000		10,000
13.600	25	09-1039	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #2				9,328		9,328
13.200	26	09-1303	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	Education Program Snowmobile				10,000		10,000
12.533	27	09-1040	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #3				9,385		9,385
12.467	28	09-1038	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 09 Winter Trail Steward #3					9,885	9,885
12.333	29	09-1037	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 09 Winter Steward #2					10,000	10,000
12.133	30	09-1041	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 09 Winter Trail Steward #4					9,885	9,885
Education projects (30) =						-	77,200	39,800	78,098	98,883	293,981

ATTACHMENT A: EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY

First adopted by RCFB in February 1999 and updated in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

RTP Evaluation Criteria Summary General (Development and Maintenance) Projects				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	D/M
Team	1	Need	3/15	D/M
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	D/M
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Maintenance	2/10	M
Team	5	Readiness to proceed	1/5	D/M
Team	6	Cost-benefit	1/5	D/M
Team	7	Non-government contribution	1/5	D/M
Team	8	Project support	2/10	D/M
RCO Staff	9	Matching shares	2/10	D/M
RCO Staff	10	GMA preference	-/(-1)	D/M
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Development = 75 Maintenance = 75				

RTP Evaluation Criteria Summary Education (Safety-Environmental Awareness) Projects			
Scoring	#	<i>Describe the...</i>	Mult./Max.
Team	1	Need for this project	1/5
Team	2	Extent to which the project satisfies this need	1/5
Team	3	Applicant's ability to accomplish the project	1/5
Team	4	Project's cost-benefit	1/5
Team	5	Support for the project	1/5
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			25

KEY TO TABLES:

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| Team | = Criterion scored by the evaluation team | Item | = Criteria title |
| Prescore | = Criterion prescored by RCO staff | Mult/Mx | = <i>M</i> ultiplier and <i>m</i> aximum pts |
| D/M | = Criterion applicable to either development or maintenance projects | | |

**Preliminary Evaluation Summary, Recreational Trails Program
2009 General Projects**

Item #14, October 2009, Attachment B

Question and Question Number												
Rank	Name/Sponsor	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Mainten.	Ready to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Govt. Contrib.	Project Support	Match	GMA Pref.	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	WTA 2010 Volunt/Washingt	11.400	12.200	-	7.867	4.133	4.467	4.467	7.867	10.000	0.000	62.400
2	Walker Valley O/Natural	12.000	12.400	-	8.400	4.533	3.800	3.400	8.267	8.000	0.000	60.800
3	WTA 2010 Backco/Washingt	11.400	11.600	-	8.000	3.867	4.267	4.333	6.800	10.000	0.000	60.267
4	Chelan Uplake T/USFS WNF	11.200	11.600	-	7.867	4.200	3.933	3.533	7.600	10.000	0.000	59.933
5	Hurricane Ridge/Hurrican	11.600	11.800	-	7.067	4.200	3.400	3.400	6.800	10.000	0.000	58.267
6	Elbe Hills 09 N/Natural	10.800	11.800	-	7.067	4.000	3.067	3.600	7.733	10.000	0.000	58.067
7	BCHW- Maintenanc/Backcoun	11.400	11.200	-	7.467	3.933	3.400	3.933	6.400	10.000	0.000	57.733
8	West Fork Foss /USFS MBN	11.600	13.000	7.733	-	3.133	3.467	2.933	5.600	10.000	0.000	57.467
8	Wilderness Trai/USFS GPN	12.200	11.600	-	7.333	3.933	3.467	2.800	6.133	10.000	0.000	57.467
10	Darrington Trai/USFS MBN	11.800	10.600	-	7.467	4.133	3.333	2.733	6.267	10.000	0.000	56.333
11	Mountains to So/Mountain	10.800	11.200	-	7.067	3.667	3.067	3.467	6.933	10.000	0.000	56.200
11	Olympic Youth C/Pacific	10.200	11.000	-	7.067	3.933	3.400	3.800	6.800	10.000	0.000	56.200
13	Bonaparte Looko/USFS OKN	11.000	11.400	6.933	0.000	4.000	3.600	2.867	6.267	10.000	0.000	56.067
14	Cle Elum Backco/USFS WNF	10.800	10.800	-	6.667	3.867	3.667	2.933	6.533	10.000	0.000	55.267
15	Methow Valley T/USFS OKN	11.200	11.000	-	6.000	3.600	3.733	3.333	6.267	10.000	0.000	55.133
16	Entiat Non-Moto/USFS WNF	11.600	10.400	-	7.333	3.733	3.067	3.067	5.200	10.000	0.000	54.400
17	SW WA ORV Trail/Natural	10.400	11.200	-	6.800	4.133	3.200	3.400	7.200	8.000	0.000	54.333
18	Sawtooth Motori/USFS OKN	10.800	12.000	-	6.667	3.733	3.533	3.733	5.733	8.000	0.000	54.200
19	Methow Communit/Methow V	8.200	11.400	7.733	0.000	3.933	3.200	3.400	6.267	10.000	0.000	54.133
20	Naches Winter N/USFS WNF	10.400	10.800	-	6.267	3.800	3.200	2.400	6.400	10.000	0.000	53.267
21	White River Tra/USFS MBN	10.000	10.400	-	6.533	3.600	3.400	3.533	5.733	10.000	0.000	53.200
22	Loup Loup Trail/Loup Lou	10.600	11.000	-	6.800	3.533	3.133	2.467	5.600	10.000	0.000	53.133
23	North Cascades /Pacific	9.000	10.200	-	6.267	3.600	3.533	3.800	6.533	10.000	0.000	52.933
24	Echo Winter & S/USFS WNF	9.600	9.200	-	6.667	3.667	3.067	2.467	8.133	10.000	0.000	52.800
25	Robinson Creek /USFS OKN	11.800	12.400	8.133	0.000	3.867	3.467	2.533	4.533	6.000	0.000	52.733
25	DNR NW 09 NM TR/Natural	10.800	11.200	-	6.933	4.133	3.400	2.933	5.333	8.000	0.000	52.733
27	Evans Creek ORV/USFS MBN	10.400	9.800	-	6.667	4.000	2.800	2.933	5.867	10.000	0.000	52.467
28	2010 Volunteer /Evergree	9.000	10.200	-	6.400	3.400	3.533	3.800	6.000	10.000	0.000	52.333
29	Entiat/Lk.Wen S/USFS WNF	10.000	10.800	-	6.800	3.867	2.867	2.533	5.333	10.000	0.000	52.200
30	S.Fork Snoqualm/Evergree	9.600	10.000	6.267	-	3.533	2.733	3.333	6.533	10.000	0.000	52.000
31	Iron Goat Trail/USFS MBN	8.200	11.000	7.067	-	3.800	2.667	3.000	6.000	10.000	0.000	51.733
32	Darrington Back/USFS MBN	10.800	9.400	-	6.267	3.800	3.267	2.733	5.333	10.000	0.000	51.600

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33	Snoqualmie RD F/USFS MBN	9.200	10.200	-	5.467	4.267	3.133	3.733	5.467	10.000	0.000	51.467
34	Alpine Lakes Tr/USFS MBN	10.200	9.200	-	6.133	3.667	2.933	2.600	6.667	10.000	0.000	51.400
35	Yakima Maintena/Natural	9.400	10.800	-	7.067	4.000	3.333	2.667	6.000	8.000	0.000	51.267
36	EarthCorps Wild/EarthCor	10.400	10.600	-	6.400	3.467	3.000	2.933	4.133	10.000	0.000	50.933
36	Naneum-Wilson T/USFS WNF	12.200	12.400	7.600	-	4.533	3.733	2.600	5.867	2.000	0.000	50.933
38	Mountains to So/Mountain	9.800	9.600	-	6.400	3.600	2.933	3.267	6.533	8.000	0.000	50.133
39	Franklin Falls /USFS MBN	10.600	10.000	6.000	-	3.333	2.667	2.600	6.667	8.000	0.000	49.867
39	Greenwater/Yaki/State Pa	9.000	10.200	-	6.533	3.867	2.800	2.133	5.333	10.000	0.000	49.867
41	Evergreen Park /Kittitas	10.400	11.000	6.800	-	3.333	2.933	2.733	6.533	6.000	0.000	49.733
41	Wilderness and /USFS WNF	10.200	10.200	6.667	-	3.267	3.200	1.933	4.267	10.000	0.000	49.733
43	Boundary Trail /USFS OKN	10.400	9.400	-	6.133	3.533	2.867	2.933	4.400	10.000	0.000	49.667
43	Groom Priority/Mountain	8.400	8.400	-	6.000	3.733	3.200	3.533	6.400	10.000	0.000	49.667
45	Skykomish RD Tr/USFS MBN	10.200	9.000	-	5.867	3.733	3.133	2.933	4.533	10.000	0.000	49.400
46	Mt. Baker/Metho/State Pa	8.600	10.000	-	6.400	3.933	2.933	2.067	4.933	10.000	0.000	48.867
46	WRRD Stewardshi/USFS WNF	8.600	9.600	-	6.133	3.533	3.067	3.000	4.933	10.000	0.000	48.867
48	WRRD Wilderness/USFS WNF	10.000	9.200	-	5.467	3.400	3.000	2.533	4.400	10.000	0.000	48.000
48	DNR NW 09 NM Fa/Natural	9.000	9.200	-	6.267	4.067	2.867	2.733	5.867	8.000	0.000	48.000
50	Snoqualmie Pass/State Pa	10.000	8.800	-	5.867	3.733	2.867	2.000	4.667	10.000	0.000	47.933
51	Mt. Spokane Are/State Pa	9.000	11.000	-	6.400	2.933	2.600	1.533	4.400	10.000	0.000	47.867
52	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	7.800	9.200	-	5.200	3.267	2.867	3.400	6.000	10.000	0.000	47.733
53	Wenaha-Tucannon/USFS UNF	9.200	9.200	-	6.000	3.533	2.667	2.667	4.400	10.000	0.000	47.667
54	Blewett Pass & /State Pa	8.600	9.400	-	5.867	3.733	2.667	2.000	5.067	10.000	0.000	47.333
55	Taneum/Manastas/State Pa	8.000	9.600	-	5.867	3.733	2.733	2.000	5.067	10.000	0.000	47.000
55	Capitol Forest /Natural	9.600	10.200	-	6.400	3.933	2.867	2.400	7.600	4.000	0.000	47.000
55	Lower Middle Fo/Mountain	8.000	8.600	6.000	-	3.067	2.333	3.000	6.000	10.000	0.000	47.000
58	Meadow M&O/USFS UNF	10.000	10.200	-	6.533	3.667	3.067	2.000	5.200	6.000	0.000	46.667
59	Leavenworth/Che/State Pa	7.800	9.600	-	5.867	3.667	2.733	2.000	4.800	10.000	0.000	46.467
60	Inland NE/SE Ar/State Pa	7.800	9.400	-	5.867	3.733	2.733	2.000	4.800	10.000	0.000	46.333
61	Cougar Mountain/King Cou	9.600	9.400	-	6.800	3.733	2.800	2.267	7.067	4.000	0.000	45.667
62	2010-11 Cle Elu/USFS WNF	10.400	11.000	-	6.933	4.200	3.400	2.600	6.267	0.000	0.000	44.800
63	2010-11 Cle Elu/USFS WNF	10.600	10.800	-	6.533	4.200	3.133	2.667	6.000	0.000	0.000	43.933
64	Wenaha-Tucannon/USFS UNF	8.600	8.400	-	5.333	3.200	2.400	2.067	3.867	10.000	0.000	43.867

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65	Mt. Baker Trail/USFS MBN	7.600	9.400	7.467	-	3.933	2.600	2.333	4.400	6.000	0.000	43.733
66	Snoqualmie Back/USFS MBN	10.800	9.200	-	6.133	3.733	2.867	2.200	5.733	2.000	0.000	42.667
67	Devils Gulch OR/USFS WNF	9.400	9.600	-	6.533	4.000	3.133	2.533	5.200	2.000	0.000	42.400
68	SW WA Non-Motor/Natural	9.200	8.600	-	5.467	3.533	2.600	2.533	6.133	4.000	0.000	42.067
69	Lake Wenatchee /USFS WNF	8.800	9.600	-	6.533	4.067	2.867	2.533	5.200	2.000	0.000	41.600
70	MVRD Trailhead /USFS OKN	10.200	10.600	-	6.933	3.867	2.733	2.133	5.067	0.000	0.000	41.533
71	Willapa Hills P/Pe Ell T	6.600	8.200	6.267	-	2.667	2.667	2.067	4.533	6.000	0.000	39.000
72	Pend Oreille Ri/Cusick T	8.200	9.600	6.133	-	2.733	3.200	2.200	5.333	0.000	0.000	37.400
73	Priest Lake Tra/USFS Pri	8.400	8.400	-	6.400	3.467	2.800	2.000	4.400	0.000	0.000	35.867
74	Blackjack Creek/Port Orc	7.200	8.800	4.533	-	3.000	2.533	2.533	4.933	2.000	-1.000	34.533
75	Puget Creek Boa/Puget Cr	5.800	9.000	5.867	-	2.800	2.400	2.800	5.733	0.000	0.000	34.400
76	Farrell's Marsh/Steilaco	5.600	7.800	6.000	-	3.000	1.867	1.933	4.000	4.000	0.000	34.200
77	Touchet River M/Waitsbur	7.800	8.600	5.600	-	3.067	2.533	0.933	3.600	0.000	0.000	32.133

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Rank	Name/Sponsor	Need 1	Need Satisfaction 2	Ability to Accomplish Project 3	Cost-Benefit 4	Project Support 5	Total
1	Cle Elum ORV Ed/USFS WNF	4.200	4.400	4.600	4.600	4.333	22.133
2	Naches District/USFS WNF	4.200	4.000	4.400	3.733	3.600	19.933
3	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.933	3.867	4.200	3.867	3.933	19.800
4	Minimum Impact /Backcoun	4.067	3.867	4.267	3.800	3.733	19.733
5	Lake Wen. Entia/USFS WNF	3.800	3.933	4.000	3.867	3.533	19.133
6	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	3.867	3.867	4.267	3.533	3.533	19.067
7	Shoreline Water/WA Water	3.867	3.933	3.933	3.600	3.600	18.933
8	Gifford Pinchot/USFS GPN	3.667	3.867	4.000	3.733	3.333	18.600
9	Mountain Stewar/USFS MBN	3.733	3.733	3.933	3.733	3.267	18.400
10	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.533	3.467	3.867	3.400	3.800	18.067
11	Chelan Winter R/USFS WNF	3.667	3.667	4.133	3.000	3.400	17.867
12	Mt. Baker Climb/USFS MBN	3.667	3.733	3.667	3.267	3.467	17.800
13	Naches RD Snowm/USFS WNF	3.600	3.800	3.800	3.267	3.200	17.667
13	Snoqualmie Volu/USFS MBN	3.467	3.733	3.933	3.600	2.933	17.667
15	Cle Elum Backco/USFS WNF	3.400	3.467	4.067	3.267	3.267	17.467
16	Methow Valley W/USFS OKN	3.733	3.467	3.867	3.733	2.000	16.800
17	Methow Winter R/USFS OKN	3.467	3.533	3.933	2.867	2.800	16.600
18	High Use Area R/USFS WNF	3.467	3.133	3.667	2.867	2.600	15.733
19	Mill Valley + W/USFS WNF	3.200	3.400	3.533	2.800	2.733	15.667
20	Caribou Recover/USFS Col	3.333	2.800	3.467	2.867	3.133	15.600
21	DNR SE 09 Winte/Natural	2.800	2.867	3.333	2.733	2.667	14.400
22	WDFW ESA Snowmo/Fish & W	2.533	3.067	3.000	2.333	3.400	14.333
23	DNR NE 09 Winte/Natural	2.733	2.667	3.133	2.600	2.733	13.867
24	WDFW OHV/Fish & W	2.800	3.067	3.000	2.333	2.467	13.667
25	DNR SE 09 Winte/Natural	2.400	2.667	3.400	2.667	2.467	13.600
26	Education Progr/USFS MBN	2.667	2.800	3.067	2.267	2.400	13.200
27	DNR SE 09 Winte/Natural	2.067	2.467	3.200	2.400	2.400	12.533
28	DNR NE 09 Winte/Natural	2.133	2.400	3.000	2.400	2.533	12.467
29	DNR NE 09 Winte/Natural	2.133	2.333	3.067	2.333	2.467	12.333
30	DNR NE 09 Winte/Natural	2.067	2.333	3.067	2.267	2.400	12.133

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Washington Trails Association **\$75,000**
Providing Volunteers for Trail Maintenance Statewide

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain more than 80 trails across the state, in locations ranging from the north Cascade Mountains and Okanogan Highlands to the southern Washington coast and Columbia River Gorge. The association's focus is on trails that provide outstanding day hikes and family friendly outings. Crews will remove downed trees, trim overgrown bushes, and repair trail surfaces and drainage structures. The association will contribute \$316,250 in donations of cash and labor. (09-1197)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$74,450**
Maintaining the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire a trail manager to help maintain the 36-mile, 6,000-acre Walker Valley off-road vehicle trail system. Crews will shape and harden trail surfaces, install and fix drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and trim overgrown bushes. They also will pick up garbage and maintain outhouses, picnic areas, bulletin boards, and signs. The department will contribute \$53,600 in equipment, materials, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. (09-1004)

Washington Trails Association **\$75,000**
Supporting Backcountry Trail Teams

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain backcountry hiking and equestrian trails. Crews will reconstruct turnpikes, remove downed trees, and fix drainage structures. The grant will pay for more than 60 backcountry trail teams who will maintain 50 trails, totaling more than 100 miles, using more than 13,000 hours of donated labor. Work will be done in Washington's five national forests, three national parks, and state parks. The association will contribute \$245,800 in donations of cash and labor. (09-1192)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District **\$75,000**
Maintaining the Chelan Uplake Trail

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 190 miles of trails in the district and portions of the Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, the Sawtooth roadless area, the Lucerne-Holden Village Scenic Corridor, and the Domke Lake roadless area. Crews will remove downed trees and loose rock, fix drainage structures, trim overgrown bushes, rebuild trail surfaces, repair signs and bulletin boards, and repair bridges. The Forest Service will contribute \$61,975 in equipment, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. (09-1071)

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Hurricane Ridge Education Foundation \$20,000
Grooming Hurricane Ridge Trails

The Hurricane Ridge Education Foundation will use this grant to groom 10 miles of Nordic and alpine trails for two years near Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. The mountain trails will help beginners and intermediate skiers tackle the terrain, give the Hurricane Ridge Ski Team a place to train, and provide a route for visitors to get to the backcountry. The foundation will contribute \$32,810 in equipment and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. (09-1154)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$65,648
Maintaining Hiking and Equestrian Trails in Elbe Hills

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 40 miles of equestrian and hiking trails and trail heads in Elbe Hills, which is in eastern Pierce County at the foot of Mount Rainier. Elbe Hills is home to the Nicholson Horse Trails, Sahara Creek Trailhead & Campground, Memorial Trailhead, and Beaver Creek Trailhead. A recreation specialist will coordinate volunteers to accomplish this work. The department will contribute \$57,204 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. (09-1017)

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington \$75,000
Maintaining Neglected and Endangered Trails

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain 1,000 miles of trail, 75 percent of which are endangered or neglected. Endangered and neglected trails are those that have been listed as deferred maintenance by the U.S. Forest Service and have become increasingly eroded, making them impassable and unsafe. Volunteers will purchase equipment and supplies, and use horses to pack in supplies for other trail groups. In addition, the volunteers will remove dangerous trees and overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and kill weeds. The horsemen will contribute \$75,100 in donated labor. (09-1054)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, \$75,000
Skykomish Ranger District
Replacing the West Fork Foss Trail Bridge

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to build .2 mile of trail and a 90-foot-long trail bridge over the west fork of the Foss River, upstream from the bridges that washed out in the 2006 flood. This project will restore access to the 7-mile-long West Fork Foss Trail, which runs near an old-growth forest, scenic vistas, and five large subalpine lakes. The old bridges were in a braided flood plain and were damaged in floods. The new bridge site is upstream of this flood prone area at a well-defined river channel with stable riverbanks. This trail is one of the most popular within the heavily used Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and this bridge is needed to restore access. Historically, this trail provided a backcountry experience for more than 5,000 day and overnight



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users annually, but with the bridges out and a hazardous river ford required, use has dropped to less than 100. This project will provide a safe, long-term crossing. The Forest Service will contribute \$112,750 in cash and donated labor. (09-1195)

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

\$46,004**Maintaining Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 317 miles of trail in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Crews will fix drainage structures, clear downed trees, trim overgrown bushes, and repair trail surfaces. Trails in the national forest are damaged significantly by snow, floods, and wind storms every year and cost an estimated \$130,000 annually to repair. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,010 in cash and donated labor. (09-1307)

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

\$50,000**Maintaining Darrington Trails**

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of trail near the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and on portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and its access trails. These trails offer overnight and multiple day trips into the backcountry, near Seattle and Everett. Many of them begin at low elevation and climb steep slopes or are within wilderness areas. Maintenance costs are high because of a combination of high use, poor soils, wet climate, and steep rugged slopes. Volunteers work on the lower portions of many of these trails but often are unable to reach the upper mileages. Crews will remove downed trees, trim overgrown bushes, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, as well as make minor repairs, such as fixing turnpikes, replacing bridge handrails, and relocating small sections of trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donated labor. (09-1214)

Mountains to Sound Greenway**\$75,000****Maintaining Greenway Trails**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway will use this grant to maintain 55 miles of trail in the greenway, including the Mount Si and Little Si Trails, West Tiger #3 Trail, Rattlesnake Ledge and Rattlesnake Mountain Trails, Swamp and Big Tree Trails, Twin Falls Trail, Tiger Mountain trails, Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area trails, and the first 2 miles of some U.S. Forest Service trails along the south and middle forks of the Snoqualmie River. The grant will pay for materials, tools, and staff. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown bushes, replace signs, and fix trail surfaces and drainage structures. The Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$67,400 from a local grant and donated labor. (09-1207)

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**Pacific Northwest Trail Association
Supporting Olympic Youth Crews**
\$69,715

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to fund a youth crew on the Olympic Peninsula to maintain the Pacific Northwest Trail, through the Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park. Crews will trim overgrown bushes, remove downed trees, repair drainage structures, and stabilize trail surfaces. Work will be done from the U.S. Forest Service boundary at Snow Creek, over Mount Zion, along the Gold Creek Trail, the Doghair Trail Upper Dungeness, and through the Buckhorn Wilderness, all in the Hood Canal Ranger District. Crews also will work in the Hi and Low Divide areas on the Solduc River; the upper and lower Bogachiel segment within the national park; the Bogachiel Rain Forest, Mount Mueller, and Snider Ridge Trails in the Pacific Ranger District; and the First Beach Trail on the Quileute Reservation. The association will contribute \$67,075 in donations of equipment and labor. (09-1225)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District \$12,156
Repairing Bonaparte Lookout Trail**

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to fix the Bonaparte Lookout Trail, a favorite destination in the district that has been temporarily closed to motorized use because of safety concerns. In recent years, all terrain vehicles (ATVs) have pushed the thin soils downhill, exposing bedrock. Users have braided the trail as they go around the rocks, and several ATVs have somersaulted when descending the mountain. Crews will restore the trail to a single track for motorcycles and make it friendly for horseback riders, hikers, skiers, and snowmobilers. ATVs are not appropriate for the terrain and will not be allowed on this trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$13,509 in cash and donated labor. (09-1090)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District \$37,000
Maintaining Cle Elum Backcountry Trails**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to decrease the backlog of maintenance projects on the district's 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make and install trail signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,600 in labor and donated labor. (09-1201)

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District \$75,000
Maintaining Methow Valley Trails**

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees on 325 miles of trails in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Areas and in the North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor during the next two years. Crews also will trim overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, and restore trail surfaces as funding allows. Several large wildfires and avalanches have covered trails with debris,

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obliterated trails, and made them difficult to keep clear. Crews have had to return up to five times on the same trail to maintain safety and limit resource damage. The Forest Service will contribute \$73,720 in equipment, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. (09-1096)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District \$73,360
Fixing Fire Ravaged Trails in the Entiat Ranger District

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails for two years in the district's non-motorized trail system. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, and restore trail surfaces. Work will be done on 44 miles of non-motorized, non-wilderness trails (North Fork/Pyramid Mountain areas); 56 miles of wilderness trails (Entiat Meadows, Larch Lakes, Ice Lake area); and 5 miles of hiker only trails. In 2006, 32 miles of wilderness trails were damaged severely by the Tinpan Fire and the district expects more fallen trees, trail erosion, and damaged trail surfaces as the dead trees fall. The Forest Service will contribute \$75,690 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. (09-1048)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$57,150
Maintaining Southwest Washington Off-Road Vehicle Trails

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 18 miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails and two trail heads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman area. These trails are heavily used because they are the only ORV riding opportunities in forests near Vancouver and Portland. Crews will shape the trail surface by hand, harden sections of trail by laying gravel or grid blocks, fix drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, trim overgrown bushes, maintain restrooms and signs, remove garbage, and pump toilets. The department will contribute \$39,000 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (09-1044)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District \$16,000
Maintaining Sawtooth Trails

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees, trim overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and remove large rocks with hand tools and explosives. Rock removal with explosives will be done on the Martin Creek and Eagle Lakes Trails. This two-year project will maintain about 20 miles of motorized trail and 10 miles of non-motorized trail in the Sawtooth backcountry on the east slope of the north Cascades Mountains and adjacent to the Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Area. The Forest Service will contribute \$11,400 in donations of equipment and labor. (09-1097)

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Methow Valley Sport Trail Association \$75,000
Reinforcing the Methow Community Trail Suspension Bridge

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to reinforce the tower on the suspension bridge on the Methow Community Trail. The Tawlks-Foster Suspension Bridge at the northern end of the trail is safe but needs upgrades to expand the life of the bridge. The bridge was built 15 years ago and since then, material and design standards have been improved. The association will reinforce the bridge tower with steel and iron. The bridge is a critical link of the Methow Community Trail, which is the heart of the Methow trail system of groomed cross-country ski, hiking and biking trails. The Methow Valley is the second largest Nordic ski area in the country. The association will contribute \$114,138. (09-1055)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District \$15,500
Grooming and Maintaining Naches Winter Trails

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain and groom 18 miles of non-motorized trail. The trails are used in the summer for mountain biking and hiking and in the winter for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Crews will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown bushes, repair drainage structures, install signs, groom the trails and set Nordic tracks. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,896 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donated labor. (09-1180)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District \$65,000
Hiring a White River Trail Maintenance Crew

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a four-person, seasonal trail crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trail along the White River. The grant also will be used to buy supplies to support the crew and volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$121,320 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (09-1024)

Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation \$22,000
Grooming Loup Loup Trails

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation will use this grant to buy a snowmobile, trailer, and grooming attachments to maintain and groom Nordic trails and shared snowmobile access trails at the Loup Loup Summit. With the new equipment, the foundation will be able to groom an additional 5 miles of trail and all 40 miles of trail at least twice a week. The foundation will contribute \$18,020 from a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (09-1291)

**Grant Applicant****Grant Request**

Pacific Northwest Trail Association \$71,015
Hiring a Youth Crew for North Cascade Mountains Trail Maintenance

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire a youth crew to maintain the Pacific Northwest Trail through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. The youth crew and volunteers will trim overgrown bushes, remove fallen trees, fix drainage structures, and repair trail surfaces. Crews will work along the section of the Pacific Northwest Trail from the Keystone Ferry Landing, through Deception Pass State Park, across Washington Department of Natural Resources lands on Blanchard, Anderson, and Lyman Mountains, through U.S. Forest Service lands along the south fork of the Nooksack River, the Mount Baker Wilderness, Hannegan Pass, and through the North Cascades National Park, including the Chilliwack River Basin, the West Bank, Happy Panther, and East Bank Trails. The association will contribute \$68,500 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (09-1224)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District \$49,800
Grooming and Clearing Echo Ridge Trails

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 26 miles of non-motorized trail on Echo Ridge year-round. In the winter, crews will plow and sand roads and parking lots, groom about 25 miles of trails, and maintain trail heads, signs, bulletin boards, and restrooms. In snow-free months, crews will clear trails and treat noxious weeds. The Forest Service will contribute \$54,000 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (09-1092)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$48,000
Maintaining Northwest Region Trails

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain about 80 miles of non-motorized trails in the department's northwest region for one year. Crews of staff and volunteers will trim overgrown bushes, fix drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, maintain signs, inspect bridges, and rerouting trail segments. By providing timely trail maintenance, the department can protect natural resources, extend the life of the trails, and preserve opportunities for the 80,000 visitors a year. The trails are near cities in Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish Counties. The department will contribute \$33,000 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. (09-1007)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District \$54,000
Replacing the Robinson Creek Trail Bridge

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to replace the Robinson Creek Trail Bridge, which is on Robinson Creek Trail #478. The trail is the primary route for equestrians into the central and western portions of the Pasayten Wilderness. Built in 1984, the bridge was closed to stock in 2007 because of damage to two log stringers.



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Equestrian use is about 33 percent of the total use. The Robinson Creek trail is also popular with hikers and hunters. The Forest Service will contribute \$29,475 in cash and a local grant. (09-1106)

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

\$75,000**Maintaining and Operating Evans Creek Off-Road Vehicle Trails**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails that support an off-road vehicle, backcountry experience at Evans Creek. The funding will be used to hire trail crew members; buy a small tractor and a trailer for transport; rent heavy equipment, dumpsters, and outhouses; and purchase materials for trail repair. Evans Creek serves off-road vehicle users near Seattle and Tacoma. Current trail and facility conditions are not meeting state and federal standards for resource protection and public safety. The Forest Service will contribute \$73,800 in labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. (09-1026)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance**\$25,000****Providing a Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program**

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to maintain more than 25 trails throughout King, Snohomish, Kittitas, Pierce, Kitsap, Whatcom, Cowlitz, and Clark Counties. Crews will trim overgrown bushes, repair trail surfaces and provide emergency maintenance after storms. Evergreen is developing a youth education and stewardship program and will create opportunities for youth and parent work parties to engage in trail maintenance. The alliance will contribute \$72,790 in donations of cash and labor. (09-1287)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$64,800**
Maintaining Snowmobile Trails in the Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Areas

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to trim overgrown bushes on 20 miles of trail and remove fallen trees on 100 miles of trail each year in the Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts. Work would include clearing of culverts, repairing minor trail wash-outs, maintaining 250 signs and route safety markers. The ranger districts host a popular groomed snowmobile trail system that runs from the Lake Wenatchee area just east of Stevens Pass into the Entiat Valley. For years, this groomed trail system has been voted as one of top snowmobiling areas in the state. The Forest Service will contribute \$159,200 in labor, a state grant, and donated labor. (09-1050)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance**\$75,000****Converting Forest Roads to Trails on the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River**

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to build 3 miles of multi-use trail following road decommissioning in the south fork of the Snoqualmie River basin.

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The trail is part of a 22-mile network of backcountry trails being develop by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the alliance, and the Mountains to Sound Greenway. The trail network runs along Interstate 90 and connects with the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Olallie Trail system. The project is supported by the Greenway Trust, the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Washington Trails Association. The alliance will contribute \$77,600 from a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. (09-1226)

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

\$75,000

Building the Martin Creek Bridge on the Iron Goat Trail

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to build a footbridge across Martin Creek and a .25 mile trail from the bridge to the lower portal of a former railroad tunnel on the Iron Goat Trail. The Iron Goat Trail is 60 miles northeast of Seattle and runs along an abandoned Great Northern Railway grade. Under construction, the trail will provide access to the Wild Sky Wilderness or Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, and provide interpretation of the history of the Great Northern Railroad in the Stevens Pass area. The project is a partnership with Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and more than 70 recreation and conservation groups, historical organizations, educational institutions, professional societies, businesses, and federal, state, and local governments. To date, 10 miles of the Iron Goat Trail have been built including three trail heads and more than 50 interpretive signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$85,900 in cash and donated labor. (09-1199)

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

\$50,000

Maintaining the Darrington Backcountry Trails and Recreation Sites

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to help fund two employees over two years to maintain backcountry trails and recreation sites in the Boulder River, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas and in the Lake 22 Research Natural Area and surrounding backcountry, including the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Every year, 30,000 visitors sign in at trail head registration boxes in the ranger district, and many more go uncounted. Public safety, sanitation, and visitor satisfaction are not well served in the backcountry because of budget cuts. The forest service will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donated labor. (09-1028)

**Grant Applicant****Grant Request**

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Providing an Off-road Vehicle Education Program \$10,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two rangers to offer education programs on the district's 400 miles of off-road vehicle trails each weekend. The grant also will cover the costs of brochures, maps, signs, and transportation for one year. The rangers along with volunteers will teach the public about safety and environmental protection. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,600 in labor and donated labor. (09-1258)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District
Providing Off-road Vehicle Education Rangers \$10,000**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one education ranger for the summer to visit campsites, staging areas, and trails on more than 250 miles of motorized trails. The Forest Service estimates 70,000 people use the motorized trails annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,620 in labor and materials and donated labor. (09-1177)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Providing Winter Patrol Volunteers \$10,000**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a cooperative snow ranger-volunteer winter patrol. The ranger and volunteer groups will patrol trails, maintain signs, and check trail conditions. Snowmobilers, Nordic skiers, backcountry skiers, dogsledders, skijorers, snowshoers, and winter campers use the Cle Elum trails. This grant will allow the Forest Service to expand its volunteer program to develop more interaction with all users. By working with volunteers, the Forest Service can increase its ability to prevent conflicts in one of the busiest winter recreation areas in the state. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,845 in labor and donated labor. (09-1078)

**Backcountry Horsemen of Washington \$10,000
Teaching Others about Minimum Impact Recreation**

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to build and implement an educational program for low impact camping. This grant will pay expenses for volunteers, printing, and equipment replacement. Backcountry Horsemen also will use the grant to produce educational DVDs on the seven principles of its educational program, Leave No Trace. The group has supplied more than 64,000 volunteer hours on trails and more than 2,000 hours for education. Backcountry Horsemen will contribute \$2,600 in donated labor. (09-1063)

**Grant Applicant****Grant Request**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District \$10,000
Providing Snow Rangers

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to provide two teams of safety and education snowmobile patrols on weekends in the winter. The teams will educate winter snow trail travelers on safe and courteous operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, and respect for other trail travelers. The snow rangers will help the county put on snowmobile safety classes for youth and adults in Puyallup and Lake Wenatchee. The teams also will help minimize user conflicts, maintain more than 250 safety signs, and hand out information and maps. The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts estimated that more than 40,000 snowmobilers used the trail system and facilities there this past winter and that the snowmobile patrol teams contacted more than 7,000 visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$19,720 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donated labor (09-1046)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District \$9,800
Providing Patrols for the Cle Elum Ranger District

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund one wilderness ranger to patrol trails, campsites, and lakeshores in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Rangers explain the regulations and principles designed to reduce environmental impacts in the wilderness. Rangers also design brochures and trail head posters, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and maintenance needs. The Cle Elum Ranger District manages 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, which is popular for backpacking, hiking, horseback riding, and mountaineering. The area receives greater than 27,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,820 in labor and donated labor. (09-1081)

Washington Water Trails Association \$7,500
Educating Water Trail Users

The Washington Water Trails Association will use this grant to educate users of non-motorized boats and shoreline trail heads in Puget Sound about protecting the waterfront. The grant will fund the association's award-winning Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker Team and support an environmental awareness training program for a year. Use of non-motorized boats, particularly canoes and kayaks, is projected to increase by more than 30 percent in the next 15 years. To minimize the impacts of more people launching boats, the association will educate users on practices of low impact recreation, wildlife viewing etiquette, and safe boating practices. The association will contribute \$11,047 in labor, a private grant, cash, and donated equipment. (09-1170)

**Grant Applicant****Grant Request**

**U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest,
Mount Adams Ranger District** **\$10,000**

Providing a Snow Ranger for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to patrol the national forest with a focus on snowmobile education and safety. Snow Rangers work with volunteers to educate people on safe and responsible trail use, avalanche hazards, and respect for fellow trail users. They also work off-trail, putting up signs for wilderness boundaries. Snow Rangers increase uniformed Forest Service presence in the field during busy weekends to help protect visitors and the natural resources. The forest includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascade Mountains and has nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and more than 100 miles of cross-country ski trails. While the snow rangers will focus on the Mount Adams Ranger District, they also will visit the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District and the Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,666 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (09-1210)

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest,
Mount Baker Ranger District** **\$10,000**

Hiring a Mountain Stewards Program Coordinator

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to provide a volunteer coordinator for the Mountain Stewards Program. The program is an adult-based volunteer program dedicated to educating visitors on three of the busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area, and around the Heather Meadows area. Mountain stewards educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, low impact recreation, and forest regulations, and provide general information about the area. The mountain steward coordinator would help develop training for the volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,200 in cash and donated labor. (09-1067)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest,
Cle Elum Ranger District** **\$10,000**

Providing a Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol Team

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund six education and safety snow rangers to patrol the district daily in the winter and early spring. Snow rangers contact visitors with information about specific trail conditions, winter survival and travel techniques, avalanche awareness, respect for the wilderness, and trail etiquette. The rangers also maintain sno-park signs, ensure the availability of maps and information, and help with search and rescue efforts. The Cle Elum Ranger District is in Kittitas County, which according to recent studies, supports more than a third of all snowmobile use in Washington. The Cle Elum education and safety rangers patrol 21 sno-parks and staging areas, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of snowmobile off-trail riding areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$24,873 from a state grant. (09-1079)