

Recreational Trails Program Education Projects

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1	22.23	14-1974E	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$20,000	\$64,420	\$84,420	\$20,000
2	21.38	14-1958E	Cle Elum Wilderness Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$18,250	\$38,250	\$20,000
3	20.69	14-2096E	Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$10,000
4	20.54	14-2041E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$14,435 P
5	20.23	14-2052E	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	Alternate
6	19.38	14-2082E	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,404	\$40,404	Alternate
7	19.31	14-2042E	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$15,400	\$12,600	\$28,000	\$13,329 P
7	19.31	14-1906E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,300	\$43,300	Alternate
9	19.15	14-2112E	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,000	\$7,212	\$27,212	Alternate
10	19.00	14-1905E	Minimum Impact Recreation	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	Alternate
11	18.69	14-1937E	Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education Program	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$18,940	\$19,890	\$38,830	Alternate
11	18.69	14-2028E	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$41,000	Alternate
13	17.00	14-2125E	Puget Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team	Washington Water Trails Association	\$18,960	\$4,740	\$23,700	Alternate



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14	16.46	14-2145E	Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$5,200	\$2,150	\$7,350	Alternate
15	16.00	14-2026E	Cowiche Canyon Trails Education and Safety Ranger	Cowiche Canyon Conservancy	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	Alternate
					\$268,500	\$272,966	\$541,466	\$77,764

¹Project Type: E=Education

²P=Partial funding

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4	20.54	14-2041E	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000
5	20.23	14-2052E	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
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7	19.31	14-2042E	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$15,400	\$12,600	\$28,000
7	19.31	14-1906E	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$20,000	\$23,300	\$43,300
9	19.15	14-2112E	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,000	\$7,212	\$27,212
10	19.00	14-1905E	Minimum Impact Recreation	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
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Recreational Trails Program Education Projects Evaluation Scores 2015-2017

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Applicant's Ability to Accomplish	Cost Benefit	Project Support	
1	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	4.00	4.00	4.36	3.93	4.21	20.50
2	Cle Elum Wilderness Education	4.14	4.29	4.21	4.00	3.00	19.64
3	Pomeroy Winter Trail Patrol	3.86	3.93	4.29	3.57	3.79	19.43
4	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol	3.64	4.14	4.43	3.36	3.79	19.36
5	Snoqualmie Pass Interstate 90 Corridor Winter Education	3.86	3.86	4.14	3.71	3.64	19.21
6	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	4.00	3.71	3.93	3.64	3.86	19.14
7	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	3.43	4.07	4.00	3.57	3.93	19.00
7	Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards	3.79	3.71	4.00	3.29	3.93	18.71
9	Methow Valley Snow Rangers	3.43	3.71	4.21	3.57	3.64	18.57
10	Minimum Impact Recreation	3.43	3.71	4.00	3.57	3.64	18.36
11	Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education	3.50	3.64	3.93	3.50	3.64	18.21
11	Mount Baker Climbing Rangers	3.29	3.50	4.14	2.93	3.86	17.71
13	Puget Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team	3.36	3.71	3.86	3.14	3.50	17.57
14	Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks	3.36	3.36	3.71	3.29	3.50	17.21
15	Cowiche Canyon Trails and Education and Safety Ranger	3.00	3.36	3.64	3.64	3.50	17.14

Evaluators Score Questions 1-5.

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

Grant Requested: \$20,000

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

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Wilderness Education Patrols

Grant Requested: \$20,000

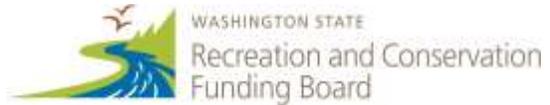
The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a seasonal wilderness ranger to patrol trails and camping destinations in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The ranger will teach wilderness awareness and ethics and explain regulations. The goal is to educate visitors and protect wilderness and trail resources so that the area can stay open without the need for additional regulation. Near Puget Sound, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area is one of the most popular areas in Washington and is used for hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, climbing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and horse packing. The wilderness and adjacent area has 16 trailheads, 157 trail miles, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area receives more than 35,000 visits a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,250 in a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1958)

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

Grant Requested: \$10,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to pay for an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The snow ranger program provides a field presence and interaction with users, which helps reduce conflicts and provide education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and

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donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2096)

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

Funding Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 11 sno-parks, 600 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of winter backcountry in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Snow rangers and volunteers educate users about safe and courteous equipment operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized areas. This snow ranger program provides consistent field presence and interaction with visitors, which helps reduce conflicts and provides education in this heavily-used snowmobile winter recreation area. Snow rangers will attend club gatherings and council meetings, and work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably the busiest winter recreation destination in Washington due to its snow levels and proximity to the Puget Sound region. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in a state grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2041)

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

Funding Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol the front and backcountry at Snoqualmie Pass. The rangers provide information on sno-parks and make contact with skiers, snowmobilers, snowboarders, sledders, hikers, climbers, and snowshoers. Rangers also lead interpretive snowshoe walks and educate visitors about winter safety, avalanche danger assessments, route finding, and winter ecology. One of the rangers will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising up to 20 volunteers. The rangers also support the Forest Service Visitor Information Center at Snoqualmie Pass, where sno-park sales topped \$29,000 in just 48 days. Winter recreation at Snoqualmie Pass is in high demand and offers unmatched opportunities from expert-level ice-climbing to family snow play. Most winter weekends, parking areas and sno-parks reach capacity by mid-morning. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2052)

Grant Requested: \$20,000

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

Funding a Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate winter recreationists about safe and responsible backcountry wilderness travel. Funding covers the purchase and installation of boundary markers and educational signs. The goal is to educate visitors to reduce the number of motorized trespasses into wilderness areas. The district has seen an increase in conflicts between user groups, inappropriate use of winter trails, and

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wilderness boundary violations by motorized users. User groups have identified the need to work with the Forest Service to protect winter recreation access. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,404 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2082)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers Grant Requested: \$15,400

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund two rangers to patrol 5 sno-parks and 250 miles of groomed winter trails on about 250,000 acres of backcountry in the Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions and etiquette, avalanche awareness, winter survival, winter wildlife, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized trails. The Snow Ranger Program provides a consistent field presence and direct interaction with all types of winter trail users, which helps reduce user conflicts and provides safety education in this heavily-used winter recreation area. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,600 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2042)

Grant Requested: \$20,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Mount Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund a volunteer coordinator for the district's Mountain Steward Program. The Mountain Stewards Program educates visitors on four of the busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area and Heather Meadows. Stewards hike the trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, forest regulations, reducing the impact on the environment, and general information. Volunteers have engaged in more than 33,000 contacts during the past 12 years of the program. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,300 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1906)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Funding Methow Valley Snow Rangers Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to pay for one paid and one volunteer ranger to patrol areas used by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and backcountry skiers. The rangers will make direct contact with thousands of people over two winters and share educational materials. The goal is to educate winter recreationists on environmental issues and social impacts, gather recreational use data, determine educational needs and develop educational material, and build relationships with organizations, clubs, and individuals. This project will help maintain the balance of areas designated for each type of winter recreation, and as the number of winter recreationists increases, it is critical for the Forest Service to have a field

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presence to educate visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$7,212 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2112)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Promoting Minimum Impact Recreation

Grant Requested: \$20,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to run a traveling program that teaches low impact recreational camping techniques. The program also promotes equine safety through use of educational materials, displays, and workshops across the state. Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$5,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1905)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Funding Mount Adams Winter Recreation Education

Grant Requested: \$18,940

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a snow ranger, who will work with Forest Service staff and volunteers to educate snowmobilers and other visitors for two winters. The ranger will emphasize safe and responsible trail use, reduction of user group conflicts, winter safety and avalanche hazards, changes to sno-park permits, and weather condition updates. This grant enables the ranger district to remain proactive and innovative in serving motorized visitors and protecting the land. The Forest Service will contribute \$19,890 in a federal appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1937)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Mount Baker Climbing Rangers

Grant Requested: \$20,000

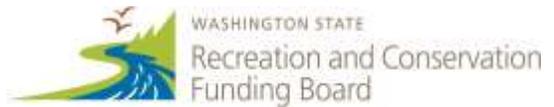
The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to fund the second ranger in a two-ranger climbing team for Mount Baker. The team will interact with climbers at camps, routes, and the summit, educating them about minimizing their impact on the environment, proper waste disposal methods, campsite selection, and safe climbing practices. More than 4,000 climbers attempt the summit of Mount Baker each year. Those climbers range in levels of ability from first-time climbers to very experienced climbers. The climb is physically challenging, and all routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need experience in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficiency at route finding, and proper equipment before attempting to summit. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2028)

Washington Water Trails Association Funding the Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team

Grant Requested: \$18,960

The Washington Water Trails Association will use this grant to fund two part-time teachers for 2 years to educate people about how to protect public access sites on the Cascadia Marine Trail. This grant supports the association's award-winning Sound Education and Action Kayaker Team.

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Non-motorized boating, mainly canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding, is projected to increase more than 30 percent by 2023. Less than 17 percent of Puget Sound's shoreline is accessible for marine craft launching, which means that wildlife disturbance and water quality impacts are concentrated in limited areas. The kayaker team has been particularly effective in teaching people about how to lower their impact on the environment when recreating. A recent paddler survey found that knowledge of these principles increased 72 percent in Washington Water Trail Association members during one season of the kayaker program. Washington Water Trails Association will contribute \$4,740 in a private grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2125)

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

Funding Big 4 Guided Snowshoe Walks

Grant Requested: \$5,200

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to fund two employees to guide snowshoe walks along the gated Mountain Loop Highway to the Big 4 Picnic Area. The picnic area is a scenic destination with a shelter and views of the dramatic north face of Big 4 Mountain. The guided tour includes snowshoe instruction, cultural history, responsible use principles, winter safety, and ecology. The employees also will provide a uniformed field presence in the winter, educate visitors, collect information on winter use, and maintain recreation facilities. The primary recreational opportunity is snowshoeing, though the route also is used by skiers, hikers, and snowmobilers. The goal is to educate inexperienced, non-motorized users about how to safely and respectfully recreate in the winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$2,150 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2145)

Cowiche Canyon Conservancy

Grant Requested: \$20,000

Funding a Cowiche Canyon Education and Safety Ranger

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy will use this grant to pay for a part-time trail ranger to develop and post information, improve trailhead security, and address user conflicts on 30 miles of primitive front country trail west of Yakima. The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy owns 2,145 acres of Cowiche Mountain shrub-steppe, oak, and steelhead stream habitat between Yakima and two national wilderness areas. Drawing visitors from around the state who seek a backcountry feel close to vineyards and other amenities, the area serves more than 20,000 hikers, bikers, horseback riders, and other non-motorized users a year. The goal is to improve people's experience by guiding responsible trail use, educating visitors about trail safety, and providing trailside assistance. Improving the experience is expected to increase the number of recreational users, leading to more investment in land protection and trail development. The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy will contribute \$10,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2026)



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1	73.69	14-1981M	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000	\$150,000
2	72.08	14-1983M	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$82,000	\$285,000	\$367,000	\$82,000
3	71.69	14-1982M	Backcountry Trail Teams	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000	\$150,000
4	70.62	14-2035M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$95,000	\$290,000	\$385,000	\$95,000
5	70.54	14-1880M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
6	69.46	14-1969M	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
7	69.00	14-2140M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$130,366	\$133,620	\$263,986	\$130,366
8	68.69	14-2143M	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	Lopez Island Conservation Corp	\$26,500	\$23,500	\$50,000	\$26,500
9	68.38	14-1987M	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,825	\$18,228	\$39,053	\$20,825
10	67.92	14-2061M	Statewide Trail Maintenance	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$34,741 P
11	67.31	14-1797M	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$124,224	\$129,150	\$253,374	\$124,224
12	67.08	14-2040M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$38,000	\$42,000	\$80,000	Alternate
13	66.69	14-1869M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,504	\$26,196	\$46,700	Alternate



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14	66.54	14-1804M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$44,930	\$38,849	\$83,779	Alternate
15	66.23	14-1971M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$129,610	\$279,610	Alternate
16	65.69	14-2132M	Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$83,000	\$115,000	\$198,000	Alternate
17	64.92	14-2046M	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000	Alternate
18	64.77	14-2086M	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	Leavenworth	\$56,375	\$63,000	\$119,375	Alternate
18	64.77	14-2010M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$105,206	\$113,494	\$218,700	Alternate
20	63.77	14-2044D	Marble Mountain Trailhead and SnoPark Shelter	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$125,000	\$143,000	\$268,000	Alternate
21	63.31	14-2087M	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$87,241	\$117,241	\$30,000
22	63.15	14-1882M	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	Washington Department of Ecology	\$150,000	\$86,440	\$236,440	Alternate
23	63.00	14-2114M	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$55,000	\$112,000	\$167,000	Alternate
24	62.85	14-2019M	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000	Alternate
25	62.54	14-2075D	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$104,800	\$94,400	\$199,200	Alternate
26	62.46	14-2077M	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,800	\$159,200	\$224,000	\$64,800



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27	61.62	14-1781M	Olympic Youth Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	Alternate
28	60.92	14-2093M	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$208,016	\$358,016	Alternate
29	60.85	14-2065M	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$45,100	\$28,000	\$73,100	Alternate
29	60.85	14-1767M	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snomobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$448,688	\$598,688	\$150,000
31	60.77	14-2048M	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$188,000	Alternate
32	60.69	14-1488M	North Cascades Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$168,000	\$318,000	Alternate
33	60.46	14-1766M	Taneum Manastash SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$103,578	\$103,578	\$207,156	\$55,018 P
34	60.15	14-2012M	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$33,019	\$21,000	\$54,019	Alternate
35	59.69	14-1904M	Trailhead Maintenance	Friends of the Trail	\$37,000	\$20,000	\$57,000	Alternate
36	59.46	14-2047M	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	King County	\$50,105	\$78,345	\$128,450	Alternate
37	59.38	14-1964M	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	Port Townsend	\$15,117	\$10,792	\$25,909	Alternate
38	59.23	14-1765M	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$102,245	\$102,245	\$204,490	Alternate
38	59.23	14-2104M	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	Methow Valley Snowmobile Association	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$64,000	Alternate



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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Requested	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded ²
40	59.15	14-2090M	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$65,650	\$140,650	Alternate
41	58.92	14-2003M	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	Volunteers for Outdoor Washington	\$20,750	\$22,500	\$43,250	Alternate
42	58.54	14-2162M	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$47,000	Alternate
43	58.38	14-2098M	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$150,000	\$167,090	\$317,090	Alternate
44	58.23	14-2034M	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$69,500	\$45,000	\$114,500	Alternate
45	58.08	14-1530M	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000	Alternate
45	58.08	14-1768M	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$41,319	\$41,319	\$82,638	Alternate
47	57.77	14-1775M	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$53,967	\$53,967	\$107,934	Alternate
48	57.38	14-1788M	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000	Alternate
49	57.23	14-1780M	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$439,174	\$589,174	Alternate
50	57.08	14-1835D	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$8,960	\$7,830	\$16,790	Alternate
51	56.92	14-2088M	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$45,000	\$12,000	\$57,000	Alternate
52	56.69	14-1774M	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$193,260	\$343,260	Alternate



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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Requested	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded ²
53	56.38	14-1783M	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$181,460	\$331,460	Alternate
54	55.54	14-1776M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$62,100	\$62,100	\$124,200	Alternate
55	55.08	14-2067M	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$48,500	\$28,000	\$76,500	Alternate
56	54.92	14-2107M	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance	Ilwaco	\$39,150	\$32,200	\$71,350	Alternate
57	54.54	14-2060M	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$62,000	\$20,903	\$82,903	Alternate
58	54.23	14-1773M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$25,900	\$14,100	\$40,000	Alternate
59	53.38	14-2094M	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	Alternate
60	52.85	14-1833M	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	\$62,000	\$51,000	\$113,000	Alternate
61	52.46	14-1834D	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$21,315	\$10,665	\$31,980	Alternate
62	51.92	14-1786M	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$137,500	\$137,500	\$275,000	Alternate
63	50.69	14-1836D	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$23,442	\$10,545	\$33,987	Alternate
64	50.08	14-2043M	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	Issaquah	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500	Alternate
					\$5,677,097	\$7,798,355	\$13,475,452	\$1,413,474

¹Project Type: D=Development, M=Maintenance.

²P=Partial funding

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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount
1	73.69	14-1981M	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$930,000	\$1,080,000
2	72.08	14-1983M	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Washington Trails Association	\$82,000	\$285,000	\$367,000
3	71.69	14-1982M	Backcountry Trail Teams	Washington Trails Association	\$150,000	\$490,000	\$640,000
4	70.62	14-2035M	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	\$95,000	\$290,000	\$385,000
5	70.54	14-1880M	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
6	69.46	14-1969M	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	Mountains to Sound Greenway	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
7	69.00	14-2140M	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$130,366	\$133,620	\$263,986
8	68.69	14-2143M	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	Lopez Island Conservation Corp	\$26,500	\$23,500	\$50,000
9	68.38	14-1987M	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Ranger District	\$20,825	\$18,228	\$39,053
10	67.92	14-2061M	Statewide Trail Maintenance	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
11	67.31	14-1797M	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$124,224	\$129,150	\$253,374
12	67.08	14-2040M	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$38,000	\$42,000	\$80,000
13	66.69	14-1869M	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	\$20,504	\$26,196	\$46,700
14	66.54	14-1804M	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	\$44,930	\$38,849	\$83,779

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15	66.23	14-1971M	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$150,000	\$129,610	\$279,610
16	65.69	14-2132M	Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$83,000	\$115,000	\$198,000
17	64.92	14-2046M	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000
18	64.77	14-2086M	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	Leavenworth	\$56,375	\$63,000	\$119,375
18	64.77	14-2010M	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	\$105,206	\$113,494	\$218,700
20	63.77	14-2044D	Marble Mountain Trailhead and SnoPark Shelter	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument	\$125,000	\$143,000	\$268,000
21	63.31	14-2087M	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	\$30,000	\$87,241	\$117,241
22	63.15	14-1882M	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	Washington Department of Ecology	\$150,000	\$86,440	\$236,440
23	63.00	14-2114M	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	\$55,000	\$112,000	\$167,000
24	62.85	14-2019M	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	\$150,000	\$132,000	\$282,000
25	62.54	14-2075D	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$104,800	\$94,400	\$199,200
26	62.46	14-2077M	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$64,800	\$159,200	\$224,000
27	61.62	14-1781M	Olympic Youth Crews	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000
28	60.92	14-2093M	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$208,016	\$358,016

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29	60.85	14-2065M	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$45,100	\$28,000	\$73,100
29	60.85	14-1767M	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snomobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$448,688	\$598,688
31	60.77	14-2048M	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$188,000
32	60.69	14-1488M	North Cascades Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$168,000	\$318,000
33	60.46	14-1766M	Taneum Manastash SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$103,578	\$103,578	\$207,156
34	60.15	14-2012M	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District	\$33,019	\$21,000	\$54,019
35	59.69	14-1904M	Trailhead Maintenance	Friends of the Trail	\$37,000	\$20,000	\$57,000
36	59.46	14-2047M	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	King County	\$50,105	\$78,345	\$128,450
37	59.38	14-1964M	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	Port Townsend	\$15,117	\$10,792	\$25,909
38	59.23	14-1765M	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$102,245	\$102,245	\$204,490
38	59.23	14-2104M	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	Methow Valley Snowmobile Association	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$64,000
40	59.15	14-2090M	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	\$75,000	\$65,650	\$140,650
41	58.92	14-2003M	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	Volunteers for Outdoor Washington	\$20,750	\$22,500	\$43,250
42	58.54	14-2162M	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$47,000

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43	58.38	14-2098M	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	\$150,000	\$167,090	\$317,090
44	58.23	14-2034M	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	\$69,500	\$45,000	\$114,500
45	58.08	14-1530M	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000
45	58.08	14-1768M	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$41,319	\$41,319	\$82,638
47	57.77	14-1775M	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$53,967	\$53,967	\$107,934
48	57.38	14-1788M	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	\$150,000	\$154,000	\$304,000
49	57.23	14-1780M	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$439,174	\$589,174
50	57.08	14-1835D	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$8,960	\$7,830	\$16,790
51	56.92	14-2088M	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	\$45,000	\$12,000	\$57,000
52	56.69	14-1774M	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$193,260	\$343,260
53	56.38	14-1783M	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$150,000	\$181,460	\$331,460
54	55.54	14-1776M	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$62,100	\$62,100	\$124,200
55	55.08	14-2067M	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	\$48,500	\$28,000	\$76,500
56	54.92	14-2107M	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance	Ilwaco	\$39,150	\$32,200	\$71,350

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57	54.54	14-2060M	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	\$62,000	\$20,903	\$82,903
58	54.23	14-1773M	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	Jones Creek Trail Riders Association	\$25,900	\$14,100	\$40,000
59	53.38	14-2094M	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
60	52.85	14-1833M	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	\$62,000	\$51,000	\$113,000
61	52.46	14-1834D	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$21,315	\$10,665	\$31,980
62	51.92	14-1786M	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$137,500	\$137,500	\$275,000
63	50.69	14-1836D	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead	Peninsula Trails Coalition	\$23,442	\$10,545	\$33,987
64	50.08	14-2043M	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	Issaquah	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500
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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Front Country Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.23	13.15		8.77	7.85	4.38	4.15	4.69	8.46	10.00	0.00	73.69
2	Youth Volunteer Trail Maintenance	12.69	12.23		8.00	8.00	4.31	4.15	4.54	8.15	10.00	0.00	72.08
3	Backcountry Trail Teams	11.77	12.23		8.31	7.85	4.46	4.00	4.62	8.46	10.00	0.00	71.69
4	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	11.77	12.92		7.54	7.08	4.15	4.15	4.23	8.77	10.00	0.00	70.62
5	Darrington Backcountry Trail Maintenance	13.15	11.77		8.15	7.69	4.08	3.54	3.54	8.62	10.00	0.00	70.54
6	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.08		7.85	7.54	4.23	3.69	3.77	9.08	10.00	0.00	69.46
7	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	12.00	11.77		8.00	6.31	3.85	3.77	4.23	9.08	10.00	0.00	69.00
8	Moran State Park Hiker Biker Trails	12.00	12.00		7.85	7.23	3.85	3.92	3.85	8.00	10.00	0.00	68.69
9	Sawtooth Backcountry Trail Maintenance	12.00	12.00		8.15	6.62	3.62	3.62	3.92	8.46	10.00	0.00	68.38
10	Statewide Trail Maintenance	11.08	11.08		7.85	7.38	4.00	3.38	4.23	8.92	10.00	0.00	67.92
11	Naches District Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	12.00	11.77		7.38	6.62	4.00	3.46	3.62	8.46	10.00	0.00	67.31
12	Cle Elum Winter Trail Maintenance and Operations	11.54	11.31		7.85	6.92	3.77	3.46	3.31	8.92	10.00	0.00	67.08
13	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	12.46	11.54		7.85	7.08	4.00	3.85	3.92	6.00	10.00	0.00	66.69

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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
14	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	11.77	11.77		7.54	7.23	3.85	3.54	3.31	7.54	10.00	0.00	66.54
15	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	12.46	11.31		7.85	7.38	4.23	3.54	3.46	6.00	10.00	0.00	66.23
16	Snoqualmie White River Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.31		8.15	7.85	3.54	3.46	3.62	5.54	10.00	0.00	65.69
17	Lake Chelan Down Lake Trail Maintenance	11.54	11.54		7.54	6.92	3.85	3.31	3.62	6.62	10.00	0.00	64.92
18	Leavenworth Waterfront Trail Restoration	11.08	11.08		7.38	7.38	4.00	3.23	3.08	7.54	10.00	0.00	64.77
18	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trail Maintenance	11.77	11.54		7.69	6.92	3.92	3.46	3.00	6.46	10.00	0.00	64.77
20	Marble Mountain Trailhead SnoPark Shelter	10.85	10.85	6.46		8.31	3.23	3.08	3.15	7.85	10.00	0.00	63.77
21	Pomeroy Trail Grooming Maintenance and Operations	10.62	10.15		7.08	6.46	4.00	3.31	3.38	8.31	10.00	0.00	63.31
22	Washington Conservation Corps Vanishing Trails Initiative	12.23	11.08		7.54	7.23	4.15	3.54	4.00	7.38	6.00	0.00	63.15
23	Tahoma Trails Maintenance	10.85	10.62		7.23	5.69	3.92	3.54	4.23	6.92	10.00	0.00	63.00
24	Lake Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance	12.00	12.00		7.08	6.31	3.62	3.46	3.15	5.23	10.00	0.00	62.85
25	Mazama Trailhead Improvement	11.08	10.62	7.23		7.54	3.38	3.46	3.38	5.85	10.00	0.00	62.54
26	Entiat Lake Wenatchee Snowmobile Maintenance	10.85	11.54		7.38	6.00	4.23	3.62	3.46	5.38	10.00	0.00	62.46

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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
27	Olympic Youth Crews	10.85	11.08		6.62	6.62	3.77	3.46	3.85	5.38	10.00	0.00	61.62
28	Interstate 90 Corridor Nonmotorized Plowing and Grooming	11.31	9.92		6.92	5.85	3.85	3.15	2.85	7.08	10.00	0.00	60.92
29	Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails Maintenance	12.23	12.23		7.69	5.38	4.08	3.46	3.15	6.62	6.00	0.00	60.85
29	Snoqualmie to Blewett Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	10.38	9.92		7.08	5.85	3.92	3.23	2.92	7.54	10.00	0.00	60.85
31	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	11.08	10.62		7.08	6.62	3.69	3.38	3.08	5.23	10.00	0.00	60.77
32	North Cascades Youth Crew	9.69	10.38		6.31	7.08	3.77	3.31	3.69	6.46	10.00	0.00	60.69
33	Taneum Manastas SnoParks and Groomed Trails	9.69	10.15		7.08	6.00	3.92	3.00	2.62	8.00	10.00	0.00	60.46
34	Tonasket Ranger District Fire Trail Maintenance	12.23	11.54		7.23	7.69	3.77	3.23	2.62	5.85	6.00	0.00	60.15
35	Trailhead Maintenance	10.62	9.92		7.23	7.54	3.92	3.38	3.54	7.54	6.00	0.00	59.69
36	Moss Lake Natural Area Trail Bridge	10.15	11.08		7.23	8.15	3.31	3.15	2.23	4.15	10.00	0.00	59.46
37	Maintenance of the Port Townsend Loop Trail	8.54	9.46		6.77	6.92	4.00	3.23	3.54	8.92	8.00	0.00	59.38
38	Mount Baker Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.69	9.92		7.08	5.85	4.08	2.92	2.31	7.38	10.00	0.00	59.23
38	Groom and Maintain Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails	9.69	10.15		6.46	6.15	3.85	3.46	3.77	5.69	10.00	0.00	59.23

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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
40	Evans Creek Off Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	10.15	9.92		6.77	6.31	4.08	3.46	3.38	5.08	10.00	0.00	59.15
41	Maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail	9.92	9.00		6.92	6.00	3.69	3.38	3.54	6.46	10.00	0.00	58.92
42	Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridge Replacement	12.23	12.69		8.46	7.38	3.92	3.46	3.31	7.08	0.00	0.00	58.54
43	Methow Community Trail Grooming Machine	9.69	10.15		7.38	6.15	3.69	3.08	2.85	5.38	10.00	0.00	58.38
44	Entiat Wilderness and Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operations	11.77	10.85		7.23	6.92	3.85	3.31	2.92	5.38	6.00	0.00	58.23
45	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	11.54	10.85		7.54	7.38	4.15	3.85	3.23	5.54	4.00	0.00	58.08
45	Stemilt Colockum SnoParks and Groomed Trails	8.77	9.46		7.23	5.85	3.85	3.00	2.69	7.23	10.00	0.00	58.08
47	Southeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.46	9.69		6.77	5.54	3.77	2.92	2.38	7.23	10.00	0.00	57.77
48	Okanogan Service Knowledge Youth Crew	9.00	9.92		6.15	6.15	3.85	3.38	3.69	5.23	10.00	0.00	57.38
49	Greenwater Yakima Snowmobile Trail System	10.38	9.92		6.62	5.69	4.08	2.85	2.31	5.38	10.00	0.00	57.23
50	Olympic Discovery Trail Boat Haven Trailhead	9.00	9.69	6.77		6.46	3.38	3.31	3.54	4.92	10.00	0.00	57.08
51	Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge Replacement	11.77	12.00		7.85	6.31	4.08	3.54	3.23	8.15	0.00	0.00	56.92
52	Northeast Region Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.23	9.69		6.62	5.69	4.08	2.92	2.62	5.85	10.00	0.00	56.69

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Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction	Project Design	Maintenance	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Readiness to Proceed	Cost-Benefit	Cost Efficiencies	Project Support	Matching Shares	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
53	Southern Cascades Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.92	9.00		6.77	5.38	4.08	2.77	2.62	5.85	10.00	0.00	56.38
54	Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile SnoParks and Trails	9.23	9.46		6.77	5.54	3.77	3.00	2.38	5.38	10.00	0.00	55.54
55	Chikamin Off Highway Vehicle Trails Maintenance	10.38	10.85		7.08	4.46	3.85	2.92	2.77	6.77	6.00	0.00	55.08
56	Ilwaco Trail Maintenance	8.77	9.46		6.15	5.85	3.38	2.92	2.15	7.23	10.00	-1.00	54.92
57	Siouxon Trail Bridge Replacement	12.00	11.54		7.69	6.92	3.23	3.31	2.62	5.23	2.00	0.00	54.54
58	Jones Creek Off Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance Phase 6	9.92	10.85		6.15	5.69	4.00	3.00	3.38	5.23	6.00	0.00	54.23
59	Interstate 90 Corridor New Trail Groomer Nonmotorized	9.00	9.23		6.00	5.38	3.31	2.92	2.46	5.08	10.00	0.00	53.38
60	Mount Baker Trail Maintenance and Grooming	8.77	8.77		6.00	5.08	3.85	2.92	2.85	4.62	10.00	0.00	52.85
61	Olympic Discovery Trail Diamond Point Trailhead	10.38	9.69	6.62		6.62	3.31	3.31	3.62	4.92	4.00	0.00	52.46
62	Okanogan County Snowmobile Trail Grooming Program	8.31	8.54		6.31	5.23	3.69	2.77	2.00	5.08	10.00	0.00	51.92
63	Olympic Discovery Trail Kitchen Dick Road Trailhead	9.69	9.00	6.77		6.46	3.31	3.08	3.46	4.92	4.00	0.00	50.69
64	Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail Maintenance	11.31	11.77		7.23	7.08	3.23	2.77	2.54	4.15	0.00	0.00	50.08

Evaluators Score Questions 1-9. RCO Staff scores Questions 10-11.

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Washington Trails Association Maintaining Front Country Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

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

Washington Trails Association Engaging Youth Volunteers in Trail Maintenance

Grant Requested: \$82,000

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

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Backcountry Hiking Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of hiking trails that lie beyond the reach of a day work party in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains and eastern Washington. The work, which will be done during 2 years, will improve trails for 2.4 million backcountry hikers, backpackers, and equestrians. The trails association will coordinate with land managers and recruit volunteers to complete 30,000 hours of trail maintenance. The federal and state forests and parks involved in the project rely on volunteers to help maintain their trails and particularly value the skill, commitment, and passion of the trail association's backcountry volunteers. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$490,000 in donations of cash and

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labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1982)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Providing Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance

Grant Requested: \$95,000

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support its volunteer trail maintenance program. The alliance will provide at least 18,000 hours of volunteer labor to maintain more than 125 miles of popular trails for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians across the state. Due to budget constraints and backlogs, many of these trails receive no maintenance beyond that provided by the alliance. The alliance works closely with federal, state, and local land managers to identify critical maintenance needs and repairs. This allows the group to respond to requests for emergency repairs to damage caused by storms. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$290,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2035)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

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

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

Mountains to Sound Greenway Maintaining Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to pay for Conservation Corps crews, staff, materials, and tools for 2 years to maintain at least 160 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, in both King and Kittitas Counties. The crews will work on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and King County. This project allows the greenway trust to maintain some of Washington's most popular and heavily-used trails. The crews will clear fallen trees, remove overgrown brush, replace and enhance trail signs and surfaces, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, make minor trail structure repairs, and maintain trailheads. Crews and greenway trust staff efforts will be leveraged with community

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volunteer labor. The Greenway's wild land trail network consists of more than 1,000 miles of trail. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in local and private grants and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1969)

Grant Requested: \$130,366

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Kittitas County

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

Lopez Island Conservation Corps Improving Trails in Moran State Park

Grant Requested: \$26,500

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

Grant Requested: \$20,825

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Sawtooth Backcountry

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to pay for volunteer groups to maintain 46 miles of multiple-use trail for 2 years, adjacent to the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness Area, southeast of Twisp. The trails are used by hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists. The volunteer crews will clear downed trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces, and maintain drainage structures. The Sawtooth Backcountry provides a variety of

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recreational opportunities including access to scenic loop trails and lake destinations, and the only multiple-use trail system open for motorized use. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,228 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1987)

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Trails Statewide

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy tools, equipment, and safety supplies for use in maintaining trails statewide. Crews will remove downed trees, cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$150,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2061)

Grant Requested: \$124,224

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining 250 Miles of Motorized Trails in Yakima and Kittitas Counties

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person crew to maintain 250 miles of motorcycle and four-wheel-drive trail for 2 years in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The crew will clear all 250 miles of trail. On half the trails each year, the crew will cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. The trails are used by an estimated 80,000 motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders annually. Located in central Washington, the trail system is known for its variety of trail opportunities, landscapes, and sunny weather. The Forest Service will contribute \$129,150 in a state appropriation, staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1797)

Grant Requested: \$38,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Winter Recreation Trails in Kittitas County

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a two-person crew to maintain and groom 282 miles of snowmobile trail and 100 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails in Kittitas County. Maintenance will keep trails safe and enjoyable, and will protect soil and water resources. The crew will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, install signs and trail markers, repair bridges and culverts, and groom the trails. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably the most heavily used winter recreation area in the state, with easy access, abundant snow, and good weather. It is estimated that the project will benefit about 40,000 visitors in the

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winter. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,000 in a state grant and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2040)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

Grant Requested: \$20,504

Maintaining Salmon Ridge Cross-Country Ski Trails

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to maintain the Salmon Ridge Trail system, which has the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski trail in northwest Washington. The ski club will groom and maintain 15 miles of cross-country ski trail and maintain 5 miles of snowshoe trail for the next 2 years. The club also will mow half the trails each year. The club will use to grant to support volunteers to clear brush and overhanging branches, install trail signs, and clean water drainage systems to prevent trail erosion. Located on the flank of Mount Baker, 13 miles east of Glacier, the area attracts an estimated 7,200 visits each winter, drawing people from Whatcom and Skagit Counties to southern British Columbia. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club, a nonprofit, volunteer-based club with 113 members, has maintained the Salmon Ridge Trail system for 22 years. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will contribute \$26,196 in a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1869)

Grant Requested: \$44,930

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

Addressing Trail Maintenance Backlog in the Naches Wilderness

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a crew to complete maintenance projects that have been delayed in and next to the Norse Peak, W.O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wildernesses, during the next two years. The Forest Service will repair surfaces of a half-mile of trail and fix or replace 150 feet of turnpikes, 160 feet of puncheon and board walks, and 4 bridges. The trails are used by stock and foot travelers. The backcountry trails receive about 30,000 visits annually. Structures in need of repair typically are more than 30 years old, made of native materials, and have withstood 10 to 20 feet of snow each year. Current priorities include sites on the Bumping River, Cougar Valley, Cramer Lake, Crow Lake Way, Goose Prairie, McAllister, Mount Aix, Pacific Crest, Rattlesnake, and Union Creek Trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$38,849 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, materials, equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1804)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

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

Maintaining Alpine Lakes Wilderness Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 125 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and the surrounding backcountry. Work includes clearing the trails, trimming

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overgrown brush, and fixing water drainage structures and trail surfaces in the watersheds of the North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River. Maintenance is focused on improving the 35 percent of multiple-use trails. Funding supports trail maintenance performed by contractors, staff, non-profit organizations, and volunteers. The work will make the trails safer, reduce erosion and loss of plants, preserve trail structures and increase the life of trail facilities, and improve public access for outdoor recreation activities. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$129,610 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1971)

Grant Requested: \$83,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Snoqualmie-White River Multi-Use Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person crew, supplies, equipment, and tools to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails, south of Interstate 90 and near State Highway 410 and the White River. The crew will remove fallen trees, trim overgrown brush, and repair trail surfaces and structures. Forest Service crews will work with volunteer organizations, individuals, and youth corps crews. The Forest Service will contribute \$115,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2132)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails in Chelan Ranger District

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 236 miles of multiple-use trails in Okanogan County. The district will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuild trail surfaces. The district also will groom winter trails for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Forest Service will contribute \$250,000 in staff labor, equipment, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2046)

Leavenworth Restoring the Leavenworth Waterfront Trail System

Grant Requested: \$56,375

The City of Leavenworth will use this grant to rebuild a trail system that runs along the Wenatchee River. The City will repair and move trail segments damaged by erosion in Waterfront, Blackbird Island, and Enchantment Parks. In all, the City will restore nearly 1.5 miles of waterfront trail, install erosion prevention measures, repair a culvert, landscape with native plants, and build four river access points with rest areas. The City of Leavenworth will contribute

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\$63,000 in cash and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2086)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford-Pinchot National Forest **Grant Requested: \$105,206** **Maintaining Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two crews for 2 years to maintain about 300 miles of wilderness trail in Klickitat, Lewis, and Skamania Counties. The crews will clear trails and fix water drainage structures to prevent damage caused when trails users create detours. The Gifford Pinchot's Wildernesses contain forested trails, high alpine meadows, snow fields, and elevations up 12,000 feet. An estimated 35,000 people visit annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$113,494 in staff labor, equipment, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2010)

Grant Requested: \$125,000

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest **Building a Warming Shelter at Marble Mountain Trailhead**

The Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument will use this grant to build a warming shelter at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park. Before the previous shelter burned down in 2012, it was the heart of winter recreation at Marble Mountain Sno-Park and a central gathering spot. It was extremely popular with campers and climbers when trailheads were closed by snow. A committed group of retired Forest Service employees, snowmobilers, and volunteers are helping with fundraising, donations, and labor. Up to 12,000 people use the Sno-park and shelter annually. This project supports year-round recreation including snowmobiling, Nordic sports, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and snow play. The Forest Service will contribute \$143,000 in equipment, staff labor, another grant, and donations of cash, equipment, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2044)

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest **Grant Requested: \$30,000** **Grooming the Pomeroy Trail for Winter Recreation**

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

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Washington Department of Ecology

Grant Requested: \$150,000

Relocating and Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails Statewide

The Department of Ecology will use this grant to pay for Conservation Corps crews to move and maintain trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Mount Rainier National Park, and on land owned by the Whatcom Land Trust. In the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, crews will move .7 mile of the Kelley Creek trail, which is part of the Wild Sky Wilderness. In the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, crews will focus on non-wilderness trails that have had limited maintenance in the past decade. In Mount Rainier National Park, crews will maintain the most heavily used trails, including the Wonderland Trail and its feeder trail system. On Whatcom Land Trust land, crews will maintain the Thousand Puddles Trail. In all areas, crews will ensure that trails are accessible, that drainage problems are fixed, and that the recreational experience once again meets public expectation. The Department of Ecology will contribute \$86,440 in a state appropriation, a federal grant, and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1882)

Mount Tahoma Trails Association

Grant Requested: \$55,000

Maintaining the Tahoma Trail System

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to pay for a volunteer crew to maintain more than 50 miles of trail that link four backcountry huts used by cross-country skiers and snowshoers in the winter and hikers and mountain bikers in summer. The crew will groom the trails in the winter, cut overgrown brush and trees in the summer, repair snow cats and snowmobiles, and install signs. The trails are in the Tahoma and Elbe Hills State Forests, in Pierce County, at the foothills of Mount Rainier. The trail system has been in operation for 20 years, and an estimated 8,000 people use the trails each season. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will donate \$112,000 in labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2114)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

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

Maintaining Lake Chelan Uplake Trail System

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 307 miles of non-motorized, multiple-use trails at the north end of Lake Chelan, in Chelan County. The Uplake Trail system maintenance includes clearing the trail by removing downed trees and cutting overgrown bushes, fixing water drainage structures and small bridges, and rebuilding trail surfaces. The Forest Service will donate \$132,000 in staff labor and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2019)

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Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Improving the Mazama Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$104,800

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to increase parking and trail accessibility and add two picnic areas at the Mazama trailhead, which provides access to the most popular trails in Okanogan County. The work will eliminate bottlenecks and barriers to access, and safely serve more than 50,000 diverse trail users year round. The Methow Community Trail and the businesses nearby are popular gathering places for skiers, equestrians, hikers, bikers, runners, and birders. The association operates the nation's largest Nordic ski system in winter, and non-motorized recreational trails in the summer. The trail system is an economic driver, generating \$8.6 million in revenues and 128 jobs in the local community each year. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$94,400 in cash and a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2075)

Grant Requested: \$64,800

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

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

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Engaging Olympic Youth Crews

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to pay for the SKY Youth Crew program to maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on the Olympic Peninsula, in Jefferson and Clallam Counties. The crew will work in two areas: 1) from Snow Creek and Mount Zion, through Gold Creek and the Upper Dungeness, and through the Buckhorn Wilderness to the park boundary; and 2) the High and Low divide areas on the upper Sol Duc and the upper Bogachiel River. In the past 13 years, SKY Youth Crews have been successful in getting at-risk youth outdoors and offering opportunities to work in a natural setting, learn outdoor etiquette and team work skills, and gain a respect for the environment. Pacific Northwest Trail Association volunteers will work with the youth crews to maintain the trails. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$154,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1781)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Plowing and Grooming Sno-Parks along Interstate 90**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at six sno-parks and groom 35 miles of Nordic ski trails and 20 miles of ski-joring and dog sled trails east of Snoqualmie Pass near Interstate 90. Depending on snow conditions and funding, the work will be done twice a week in the winter on U.S. Forest Service trails at Salmon La Sac, Gold Creek, Cabin Creek, and near Crystal Springs Sno-Parks; and at State Parks' Crystal Springs and Hyak Sno-Parks and Lake Easton and Iron Horse Trail State Parks. This area receives more than 100,000 visitors each winter, and is the most intensely used winter recreation area in the state, concentrating snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, and ski-joring activities in a 30-mile corridor along the freeway. State Parks will contribute \$208,016 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2093)

Grant Requested: \$45,100

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Maintaining Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain the Square Lake and Lake Leland Trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. Maintenance includes removing fallen trees and overgrown brush and rebuilding trail surfaces. The goal is to maintain access to these two scenic recreation destinations. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2065)

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

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

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Grant Requested: \$94,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Improving Skykomish Ranger District Trails

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 144 miles of hiker and stock trail in King and Snohomish Counties. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair drainage structures and bridges, remove slide debris and boulders, and rebuild trail surfaces. The project addresses safety hazards, mitigates the impacts of excessive use, and protects public investment in these trails. The district will use a combination of employees, youth corps, contractors, and volunteers to complete the work. The district's trail system provides access to the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, Wild Sky Wilderness, and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area. Notable trails include the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Iron Goat Trail in the Stevens Pass Historic District. The area receives more than 75,000 visitors a year. The Forest Service will contribute \$94,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2048)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Engaging Youth Crew to Maintain Trails

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to pay for youth crews to maintain 100 miles of the Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. The crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and rebuild trail surfaces at Deception Pass State Park, Blanchard Mountain, Anderson Mountain, Mount Josephine, South Fork Nooksack River, Mount Baker, Baker Lake, Swift Creek, Hannegan Pass, North Cascades National Park, and a section of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest east of Ross Lake. In the past 13 years, the SKY Youth Crews have successfully gotten at-risk youth outdoors to learn outdoor etiquette and team work skills and gain a respect for the environment. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$168,000 in staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1488)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$103,578 Plowing and Grooming Taneum-Manastash Sno-Parks and Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at four sno-parks and groom about 182 miles of snowmobile trail in the highlands south of Cle Elum in Kittitas County for 2 years. The Taneum-Manastash area is one of the most popular riding areas in the state because of its easy access from Interstate 90 and the Puget Sound area. The trails lead to ridges above the upper Yakima Valley with breathtaking views of the valley below and the Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$103,578 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1766)

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Grant Requested: \$33,019

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Repairing Fire-Damage Trails

The Tonasket Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails in and around the Pasayten Wilderness that were damaged by recent fires. The district will maintain 104 wilderness miles and 94 non-wilderness miles during 2 years. The district will fix and add new water drainage structures, remove shrubs, and remove trees destroyed by fire. The Forest Service will contribute \$21,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2012)

Friends of the Trail

Grant Requested: \$37,000

Buying a Truck to Maintain Trailheads and Campsites

Friends of the Trail will use this grant to buy a $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton, four-wheel-drive truck to use when maintaining about 70 trailheads and 80 campsites in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, King County, and on Washington Department of Natural Resources lands. The friends group will remove trash and other dumped garbage and maintain other problem areas. The goal is to promote access to trails near campgrounds and public areas, and ensure public safety and environmental health. The trails are used mostly for hiking, snowmobiling, non-motorized snow trail activity, cycling, and horse riding. The friends group has an 18-year history of addressing the worst trailhead and campsite cleanups in the most cost-effective way. Friends of the Trail will contribute \$20,000 in a local grant and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1904)

King County

Grant Requested: \$50,105

Replacing Culverts on the Moss Lake Natural Area Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to get permits, replace two aging culverts with a 40-foot-long trail bridge, and replant the area in the Moss Lake Natural Area, a 372-acre park in rural King County. The culverts, which are more than 30 years old, have been damaged repeatedly by storms and are likely to fail soon, which would result in closure of the trail and access to the adjacent 90,000-acre Snoqualmie Forest, where public recreation is allowed. Moss Lake Natural Area is an extremely valuable and unique ecological area, consisting of a 150-acre wetland complex, sphagnum bog, and a 6.5-acre lake that drains to the Tolt River. The natural area is home to multiple species of concern. Hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking are allowed in the natural area. King County will contribute \$78,345 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2047)

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Port Townsend

Grant Requested: \$15,117

Maintaining the Port Townsend Loop Trail

The City of Port Townsend will use this grant to buy a mini-hauler or motorized wheelbarrow, gravel to harden trail sections, and signs for nine trail intersections on the Port Townsend Loop Trail. The 31-mile loop trail runs through protected wildlife habitat, forested corridors, and open space, and is used by hikers, bicyclists, naturalists, birders, and equestrians. The trail links neighborhoods and connects to Jefferson County's Larry Scott Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail. The Port Townsend Loop trail maintenance is limited by the capacity of volunteers to move gravel in wheelbarrows and the cost of gravel. A mini-hauler will speed up maintenance work. The City of Port Townsend will contribute \$10,792 in staff labor and donations of cash and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1964)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$102,245

Plowing and Grooming Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at six sno-parks and groom 231 miles of snowmobile trail near Mount Baker in Whatcom and Skagit Counties for two winters. The Mount Baker area provides superb snowmobiling for all ages and abilities and is tied for the second most popular riding area in the state, with magnificent views of Mount Baker and surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable, heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding is typically depleted long before riding has ended. State Parks will contribute \$102,245 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1765)

Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

Grant Requested: \$32,000

Grooming Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will use this grant to groom 175 miles of snowmobile trail in the Methow Valley, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Okanogan County. The groomed trails provide access to 2,000 acres of backcountry beginning at a 1,500-foot elevation and climbing to 8,000 feet. More than 12,800 snowmobilers and skiers use the trail system. The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will contribute \$32,000 in donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2104)

Grant Requested: \$75,000

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

Maintaining Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to help pay for two crews, a manager, and equipment to maintain Evans Creek off-road vehicle trails and facilities. The employees will

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consist of a two person trail crew, a three-person front country patrol and facility maintenance crew, and a manager to coordinate daily trail, facility, and patrol activities. The equipment will be used to build water drainage structures and haul rocks and maintenance materials. The grant also will pay for contract services to pump outhouses, rent dumpsters, and sample water, as well as to buy cleaning and repair supplies. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,650 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2090)

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington Maintaining the Iron Goat Trail

Grant Requested: \$20,750

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington will use this grant to maintain about 10 miles of the Iron Goat Trail, in the Stevens Pass Historic District of King County. Crews will remove overgrown brush, clean culverts, repair damaged structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. The trail, which is built on an abandoned railroad grade, is used by hikers and serves as an outdoor museum with interpretive signs detailing the railroad history in the area. Work will be accomplished by volunteers, supervised by a seasonal Forest Service employee. Volunteers for Outdoor Washington will contribute \$22,500 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2003)

U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest Replacing Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail Bridges

Grant Requested: \$37,000

The Hood Canal Ranger District will use this grant to pay for the environmental review, design, materials, and construction of two foot bridges and other improvements to the Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail, in Mason County. The work will restore access to 4.9 miles of the trail for hikers and stock. Currently, hikers can use only 1.2 miles of the trail because a foot bridge washed away. Stock use is limited because there are large logs blocking the trail in several locations. The ranger district will replace two log foot-bridges and the railing on another, define the stock crossings, remove logs and debris that limit stock access, and improve trail signs. Volunteers will provide the labor and stock to pack the supplies to the site. The popular Upper South Fork Skokomish Trail extends into Olympic National Park and connects to the Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail. This project increases trail accessibility for stock from the Lebar horse camp. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2162)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Buying Equipment to Groom Low Snow Trails in the Methow Valley

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to buy a snow cat that can groom trails with very little snow. The trail association provides some of the most scenic and popular

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backcountry style trails in the nation. However, the group has been challenged by lower snow falls and icy trail conditions in recent years and needs equipment that can groom trails in those conditions. Deteriorating snow conditions and lack of proper grooming equipment have led to trail closures and hazardous conditions. The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association supports 50,000 skier days annually, and a larger number of hiker, biker, and equestrian days in the summer. The trail system is the economic driver for a thriving recreation-based economy. A 2005 economic analysis determined that the trails generate \$8.6 million in revenues and 128 jobs in the local economy annually. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$167,090 in cash and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2098)

Grant Requested: \$69,500

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a three-person Forest Service trail crew and a Northwest Youth Corps crew to maintain 105 miles of non-motorized wilderness trails, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The crews will remove fallen trees, repair water drainage and other structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. Work will be done along the North Fork Entiat River and in the Entiat portion of the Glacier Peak Wilderness. In 2006, the Tinpan Fire severely damaged 32 miles of the district's wilderness trails. In one 4-mile section, 105 trees fell over the trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,000 in staff labor and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2034)

Grant Requested: \$150,000

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Trails in the Mount Baker Ranger District

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 110 miles of trails in 2 years and complete backlogged maintenance projects on 30 miles of multi-use trails in the district. Work will be done on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, Mount Baker, Noisy-Diobsud, Glacier Peak Wilderness, Mount Baker National Recreation Area, Heather Meadows Recreation Area, and non-wilderness areas. Some of these areas have exceptionally high use. There are an estimated 150,000 annual visits in the Mount Baker Wilderness and Heather Meadows area from mid-June to late September, 30,000 in the Mount Baker National Recreation Area, and 5,000 to the remote Cascade Drainage trails. The goals are to maintain the trails and lower costs by reducing backlogged maintenance. Crews will remove fallen trees and debris, cut overgrown brush, rebuild trail surfaces, and clean and repair water drainage structures and bridges. Backlogged maintenance projects include rebuilding longer sections of trail surfaces, repaving, and laying gravel on several trails. The work will be accomplished by Forest Service staff and supported by Washington Trails Association volunteers, Pacific Northwest Trail Association

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youth crews, Northwest Youth Corps, and Back Country Horsemen of Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The Forest Service will contribute \$65,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1530)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$41,319 **Plowing and Grooming Stemilt-Colockum Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow a sno-park and groom about 100 miles of snowmobile trail in the Wenatchee Mountains for two winters. The Stemilt-Colockum area is conveniently accessed from the Wenatchee area. Trails wander along Naneum Ridge and through bowls and valleys to the south of the Mission Ridge ski area. The open terrain provides great riding opportunities for all ages, with spectacular views over the Kittitas Valley to the south and the Wenatchee area to the north. State Parks will contribute \$41,319 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1768)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$53,967 **Plowing and Grooming Southeast Washington Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at five sno-parks and groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trail in Umatilla National Forest. These trails provide access into the Blue Mountains for riders from the Asotin, Dayton, Pomeroy, Tri-Cities, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, and the Clarkston-Lewiston area. The trails tie into trail systems in Oregon opening riding opportunities into the mountains of northeast Oregon. The unique terrain offers open ridges with panoramic views, and winding valleys with Ponderosa Pine and grand fir. State Parks will contribute \$53,967 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1775)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Engaging Okanogan SKY Youth Crew**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire local youth for the SKY Program to maintain segments of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail in Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. About 400 miles of the National Scenic Trail traverse central and northeast Washington and the association relies on its youth crews and volunteers to maintain it. The association's youth crews contribute more than 25,000 hours a year to maintain the 1,200-mile National Scenic Trail. The work done with this grant will reduce trail maintenance backlogs in the Okanogan and Colville National Forests and the Loomis State Forest. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. Forest Service; Washington Department of Natural Resources; Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties; school districts in Colville, Metaline Falls, Oroville, Republic, and Tonasket; and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$154,000 in

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donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1788)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Plowing and Grooming Greenwater-Yakima Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at 19 sno-parks and groom 403 miles of snowmobile trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests and the Ahtanum State Forest for two winters. Together with the Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass corridor, this area offers the most popular snowmobile riding in the state, centrally located between the population centers of Puget Sound, Yakima, and Ellensburg. The trail systems are linked together, and offer diverse riding opportunities for all experience levels. State Parks will contribute \$439,174 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1780)

Peninsula Trails Coalition Grant Requested: \$8,960 **Improving the Boat Haven Trailhead**

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to convert the bare, unmarked eastern entrance to the Olympic Discovery Trail in the Port Townsend Boatyard into a more identifiable trailhead. This is the primary entrance to the trail for people arriving by ferry from the eastern side of Puget Sound, including British Columbia. The coalition will build an overhead trail entrance sign, landscape with native plants both sides of the first 100 feet of the trail, and install an informational kiosk and trail mileage and directional signs including some along State Route 20 and at the ferry dock. The trail is used by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$7,830 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1835)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Grant Requested: \$45,000 **Replacing Shoestring Jeep Trail Bridge**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to buy material to replace the extensive network of puncheons and bridges that burned in the 2013 Manastash Ridge Fire. Volunteers from Jeep clubs will build the puncheons and bridges, which are needed in this wet area to protect the sensitive landscape. This trail is accessed from both Cle Elum and Naches and the Jeep Jamboree uses this trail loop on one of its rides. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,000 in a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities program and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2088)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Plowing and Grooming Northeast Region Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at eight sno-parks and groom 537 miles of snowmobile trail in the Selkirk Mountains of northeastern Washington for two winters. The trails, which are in the Colville and Kaniksu National Forests and Mount Spokane State Park, offer some of the most diverse terrain in the state, from lovely river valleys to high wind blown ridges with spectacular views. They draw snowmobilers from Colville, Chewelah, Kettle Falls, Metaline Falls, Newport, the greater Spokane Valley, Idaho, British Columbia, and elsewhere in Washington. State Parks will contribute \$193,260 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1774)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Improving Access to Southern Cascades Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow in 11 sno-parks and groom 282 miles of snowmobile trail in the southern Cascade Mountains for two winters. The south Cascades provides a wide variety of snowmobile terrain, with spectacular scenery and views of Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams. The sno-parks and trail systems serve communities in the Cowlitz Valley, the Columbia Gorge, Goldendale, and the greater Vancouver-Portland metro area. According to a survey, this area accounts for more than 3,200 riding days each winter, not including riders from Oregon. State Parks will contribute \$181,460 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1783)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$62,100 **Improving Access to Okanogan Highlands Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow in eight sno-parks and six staging areas and groom 589 miles of snowmobile trail in the Okanogan Highlands from Loup Loup Summit to Sherman Pass for two winters. The Okanogan Highlands sno-parks and trails are the second most popular snowmobiling areas in the state and provide many riding opportunities for all ages and skill levels. State Parks will contribute \$62,100 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1776)

Grant Requested: \$48,500

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest **Maintaining Chikamin Trails in Chelan County**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to hire trail crews to conduct heavy maintenance on the Chikamin trails in the Lower Chiwawa Trail system, in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Chelan County. Crews will remove fallen trees, cut overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, and rebuild trail surfaces. The goals are to return trails to

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desired maintenance levels, provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience, and protect natural resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$28,000 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2067)

Ilwaco

Grant Requested: \$39,150

Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Ilwaco

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to create a trail maintenance program, buy a skid steer and broom attachment, and hire the Youth Camp to maintain 2.5 miles of hiking and biking trails. The Long Beach Peninsula and state parks are well known for trails that offer unique outdoor experiences and the City of Ilwaco has a portion of these trail systems. The City's desire is to not only maintain the existing system, but add to it. By creating a trail maintenance program and getting the appropriate equipment, the City will be ready for trail expansion opportunities. The City of Ilwaco will contribute \$32,200 in cash, equipment, and staff labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2107)

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Replacing the Siouxon Trail Bridge

Grant Requested: \$62,000

The Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to replace a 46-foot-long bridge on Siouxon Trail 130 in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The bridge, which is used by hikers, mountain bikers, kayakers, and equestrians, provides access on a high use, low elevation, non-motorized, multi-use trail. It is one of 12 that are in need of replacement. The bridge does not meet standards and is near the end of its useful life. The Siouxon Roadless area is near the Portland-Vancouver metro area and an estimated 8,100 visitors use the 38-mile trail each year. Horses can ford the creek in late summer when water levels are low, but the creek is not crossable without a bridge in spring and early summer. Without a bridge, only 2 miles of the 38-mile trail system are accessible. The new bridge would provide safe, year-round crossing for all users. The Mount Adams Ranger District will buy the materials and staff and volunteers will pack materials to the site and install the bridge. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,903 in equipment, staff labor, and materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2060)

Jones Creek Trail Riders Association

Grant Requested: \$25,900

Maintaining Jones Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails in the Yacolt State Forest

The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will use this grant to buy equipment and supplies to maintain 15 miles of Jones Creek off-road vehicle trails in the Yacolt State Forest and up to another 45 miles of new trail. The association will buy rock, blocks, and an all-terrain vehicle to haul the heavy materials to the work sites. The association will add the blocks, rock, and other erosion controls to harden damaged sections of trail and eliminate damage to local streams and plants. This grant enables the association to continue hosting monthly work parties that provide

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more than 940 volunteer labor hours. The trails are used not only by off-road vehicles, but by horses, hikers, and mountain bikers. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will contribute \$14,100 in labor, materials, and donations of equipment. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1773)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$125,000 **Buying a Snow Groomer for Trails along Interstate 90**

State Parks will use this grant to buy a snow groomer for the Iron Horse Trail and trails in Lake Easton State Park, used primarily for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The existing machine grooms 6 trail miles in Lake Easton State Park then is transported 20 miles roundtrip to Crystal Springs each grooming day. Loading and unloading the vehicle reduces is inefficient and hard on the equipment. In the past 2 years, repair costs have totaled nearly \$9,000. Staff believes that the total operating hours on the groomer may be up to 10,750 and industry standards call for replacement at 10,000 hours. State Parks will keep one groomer at Hyak and another at Lake Easton. Having a second groomer will increase efficiency and reduce transportation and repair costs. State Parks will contribute \$125,000 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2094)

Northwest Glacier Cruisers Grant Requested: \$62,000 **Grooming Snowmobile Trails on South Side of Mount Baker**

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers will use this grant to groom 165 miles of high-use snowmobile trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest for two winters. Mount Baker historically receives the first and deepest snow and offers the longest snowmobile season in the state. The U.S. Forest Service estimates that more than 21,000 snowmobilers used the Mount Baker Ranger District trails on the south side of Mount Baker this past season. The snowmobile season is 121 days long but State Parks funds only 35 days of grooming. This grant would fund an additional 25 days of grooming, which increases the grooming frequency from 2 days per week to 3.5 days per week. Northwest Glacier Cruisers will contribute \$51,000 in equipment and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1833)

Peninsula Trails Coalition Grant Requested: \$21,315 **Developing the Diamond Point Trailhead for the Olympic Discovery Trail**

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to develop a trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail at Diamond Point Road. The coalition will pave and fence a 15-car parking lot next to the trail; landscape beside the trail; and install an informational kiosk, trail mileage signs, dismount and hitching provisions for horse riders, a picnic table, security lighting, directional signs from U.S. Highway 101, and a trailhead sign at the road entrance. The trailhead is at the eastern end of the trail in Clallam County and is the main trailhead for people coming from the Hood Canal

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Bridge. The trailhead connects to 57 miles of paved trail used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and others. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$10,665 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1834)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$137,500 **Buying a Snow Groomer for Okanogan County Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to buy a groomer for Okanogan County snowmobile trails. Okanogan County uses State Parks' equipment to groom nearly 400 miles of snowmobile trails in the Okanogan Highlands. The groomer has 6,278 engine hours. A well-maintained groomer should operate up to 10,000 hours, but repair costs for this machine have exceeded the purchase price and mechanical difficulties interfere with grooming. There is no back-up groomer for this area, so down-time for repairs results in ungroomed trails and disappointed snowmobilers. State Parks will contribute \$137,500 in a state appropriation. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1786)

Peninsula Trails Coalition Grant Requested: \$23,442 **Building a New Trailhead for the Olympic Discovery Trail**

The Peninsula Trails Coalition will use this grant to build a new trailhead for the Olympia Discovery Trail at the Kitchen Dick Road crossing in central Clallam County. The trailhead will provide key access from U.S. Highway 101 and connections to the Dungeness Campground and Dungeness Spit Wildlife Refuge. The coalition will pave and fence a parking lot, landscape beside the trail, and install a map kiosk, trail mileage signs, dismount and hitching provisions, a picnic table, directional signs from U.S. Highway 101, and a trailhead sign at the road entrance. The trail is used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and others. This project takes advantage of U.S. Highway 101 improvements being completed this year that improve safety for vehicles at the Kitchen Dick Road interchange and add an underpass for bicycles. The Peninsula Trails Coalition will contribute \$10,545 in donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1836)

Issaquah Grant Requested: \$150,000 **Maintaining Tiger Mountain Swamp Trail**

The City of Issaquah will use this grant to replace the boardwalk on the popular Swamp Trail on Tiger Mountain. Swamp Trail in the 4,400-acre Tradition Plateau-West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area in King County. The boardwalk is more than 20 years old and is deteriorating and unsafe for users. The City will replace the boardwalk with new materials, keeping the same footprint. The trail is accessible from the Highpoint Way Trailhead, one of the most heavily used trailheads in the Seattle metropolitan area. The City of Issaquah will contribute \$37,500. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-2043)