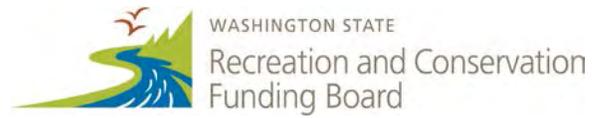


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Projects in Adams County **Grants Awarded: \$410,500**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$410,500** **Improving Sprague Lake Boating Access**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a breakwater jetty and fishing pier, parking lot, paved pathways, and loading dock and gangway on Sprague Lake in Adams County. Basalt substrate, winter ice, and winds have prevented the installation of a loading dock at this site to date. The department will build a rock and concrete breakwater jetty to provide a windbreak to the launch and an anchoring point for a removable loading float. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1212](#).

Projects in Asotin County **Grants Awarded: \$4,630,000**

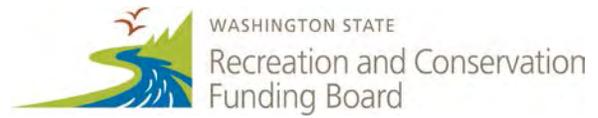
U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$30,000** **Maintaining and Grooming Pomeroy Winter Trails**

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person team to maintain and groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in southeastern Washington. The team will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair signs, replace trail markers, and install snow poles. The Pomeroy Ranger District will contribute \$93,768 in donated and staff labor and a state grant. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1802](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$4,600,000** **Protecting Hanson Ridge**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 3,669 acres of critical habitat in southern Asotin County. The land is adjacent to a U.S. Forest Service roadless area to the north and Bureau of Land Management land to the south. Completion of this project will connect protected land in the lower Grande Ronde watershed, from low elevation canyons to high elevation forests. Healthy, fully functioning habitat supports a large suite of animals, such as bull trout, Chinook salmon, Snake River steelhead, Rocky Mountain tailed frogs, golden eagles, Lewis' woodpeckers, flammulated owls, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, gray wolves, ruffed grouse, and dusky grouse. The land also has a diverse array of intact upland habitat, eastside grasslands, ponderosa pine, aspen stands, curlleaf mahogany, wetlands, basalt cliffs, and talus slopes. This is the second phase of the project. The first phase protected 2,180 acres. The total project includes portions of Wenatchee Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cougar

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Creek, and shorelines of the Grande Ronde River. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1125](#).

More Projects: There is one more project in Asotin County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Benton County **Grants Awarded: \$2,405,146**

Port of Benton **Grant Awarded: \$622,000** **Improving the Crow Butte Marina**

The Port of Benton will use this grant to improve the marina area at Crow Butte Park along the Columbia River in southwest Benton County. The Port will replace the main boat launch and the boat basin floating dock and gangway. The Port also will add a new restroom, a fish cleaning station, and 12 new boat slips. The floating dock will be connected to water and power. Crow Butte is a 275-acre destination park with a marina, campsites, picnic area, concession stand, and a swimming area. The Port of Benton will contribute \$208,000 in cash, staff labor, and cash donations. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1744](#).

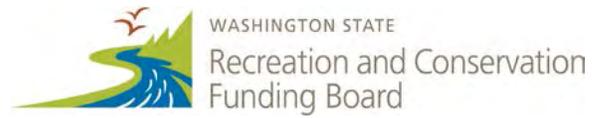
Port of Kennewick **Grant Awarded: \$238,146** **Improving Parking and Adding a Restroom at the Clover Island Dock**

The Port of Kennewick will use this grant to improve the boating amenities at Clover Island dock. Crews will transform a gravel lot into parking for boat trailers, add restrooms (where none exist), add storage for maintenance equipment and supplies, add a wash down area and drain, and create an overlook and a picnic area with benches and educational signs. The port's 104-foot-long dock was renovated in 2010, but additional improvements were needed for an area used by more than 2,700 trailered boats this past year. The protected Clover Island marina is preferred over launching into the swift river at nearby launch sites. The Port of Kennewick will contribute \$357,218 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1655](#).

West Richland **Grant Awarded: \$245,000** **Buying Land for a Yakima River Waterfront Park**

The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy 2.3 acres for a park along the Yakima River. Future development would include restrooms, parking, a trailhead, a community pavilion, splash pad, picnic areas, and open areas. The park will improve and expand river access and recreation in an economically challenged, socially diverse neighborhood. The City of West Richland will

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contribute \$254,941 from a local grant, cash, and donations of labor and land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1854](#).

West Richland **Grant Awarded: \$800,000** **Developing Yakima River Access and Trail**

The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy about 2 acres and develop an access point to the Yakima River, near the Van Giesen Bridge on State Route 224. The access point to the river will be for non-motorized recreation and fishing. The City also will landscape the area, create viewing and picnic areas, install education kiosks, build restrooms, and build a waterfront trail that will be the beginning of a regional trail system. The City will contribute \$961,689 from state and local grants, cash, and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1611](#).

West Richland **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Developing Yakima River Shoreline and Trail**

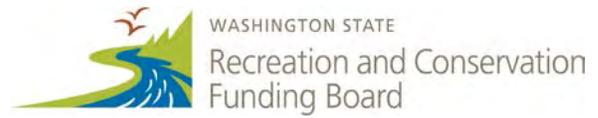
The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy land along the Yakima River at the Van Giesen bridge for public access to the river. The City will buy about 2 acres, providing a place for anglers, people with non-motorized boats, and others to get to the river. The City also will build a half-mile trail, complete with viewing and picnic areas, restrooms, and educational kiosks. The trail will connect to natural wildlife areas and regional trail systems. Finally, the City will begin restoring native species and natural areas. The City will contribute \$1.2 million in cash, a local grant, another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donated labor. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1566](#).

Projects in Chelan County **Grants Awarded: \$8,080,559**

Chelan County **Grant Awarded: \$1,250,000** **Conserving the Stemilt Basin**

Chelan County will use this grant to protect 4,010 acres of forest and other diverse habitats on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains. This project is part of a larger planning effort by the Stemilt Partnership in the Stemilt and Squilchuck watersheds. Critical habitat exists here for ponderosa pine dependent species, such as flammulated owls. Other habitats and species present include: mixed Douglas fir and ponderosa pine with white-headed woodpecker and spotted owl; mixed Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir forests with northern goshawk and pileated woodpecker; basalt cliffs; dense riparian forests with Neotropical migrants such as

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MacGillivray's warbler; and Stemilt Creek with steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, spring Chinook, and resident rainbow and westslope cutthroat trout. The Stemilt basin is popular for hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, camping, and snowmobiling. Support for this project comes from the Stemilt Partnership, which is comprised of more than 20 groups. A keystone of the group's action plan is to preserve critical habitats and wildlife from the growing threat of development. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, labor, and another grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1510](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$65,000**
Maintaining Campgrounds along the Entiat River

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain campgrounds in the national forest in Chelan County. Crews will clean restrooms daily, remove trash, pump toilet vaults, repair bulletin boards and forest signs, and maintain campgrounds, which includes cleaning fire rings, fixing hand water wells, and repairing picnic tables. The Wenatchee National Forest receives about 2.4 million visitors a year to its 8 campgrounds, more than 100 dispersed campsites, and 350 miles of Forest Service roads. Maintenance crews will work for two years, from May through mid-October. The Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$72,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1762](#).

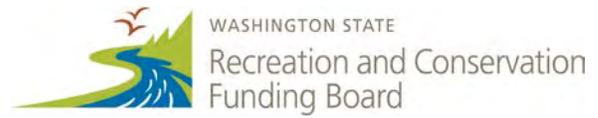
U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$192,500**
Maintaining Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trails

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to fund a ten-person crew for two years to maintain about 390 miles of multiple-use trails and 11 trailheads. The crew will consist of three Forest Service employees and seven AmeriCorps members. These trails serve as the heart of an interconnected trail network of more than 220 miles that runs from Lake Wenatchee to Lake Chelan. The crew will remove downed trees and overgrown brush, maintain water drainage structures to prevent erosion and excess trail damage, correct safety problems, clean and repair culverts, and maintain signs, bulletin boards, and trailheads. The Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$60,800 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1763](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$94,000**
Maintaining Wilderness Trails

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 300 miles of trails in the Wenatchee National Forest. Work will be done in the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and

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Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, as well as in the Nason Ridge backcountry area near Stevens Pass. Crews will remove downed trees, trim overgrown brush, rebuild trail surfaces, and repair drainage structures, turnpikes, and small bridges. In addition, crews will remove weeds at 43 trailheads. The work will be done by a combination of youth corps crews, staff crews, contractors, and volunteers. The emphasis will be on protecting natural resources and improving visitor safety on high use trails and trails where ongoing erosion or encroachment of brush threatens long-term trail stability. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$102,376 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1786](#).

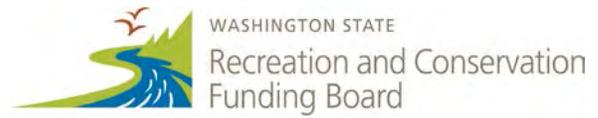
U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$167,740** **Patrolling the Backcountry in Central Washington**

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to combine two education and enforcement programs into one to patrol the backcountry near Wenatchee. The grant will support three seasonal Forest Service rangers, two AmeriCorps volunteers, and law enforcement officers from Chelan County and the Forest Service. The staff will patrol forest roads and campsites in four Forest Service ranger districts in Chelan and Okanogan Counties, encompassing more than 320 miles of trails for motorized vehicles, more than 200 miles of trails for non-motorized uses, and more than 2,000 miles of forest roads. Combining programs will increase cost efficiencies, enhance coordination, and maintain a consistent education and enforcement message for visitors. The staff will target high use areas including Chiwawa and Mad River, Chelan Sawtooth, Devils Backbone, Devils Gulch, North Fork Entiat, Rock Creek, and Shazer Creek areas. Patrols are expected to make more than 18,000 contacts yearly in the field and cover more than 9,000 trail miles each season, educating trail users on principles of good stewardship, cooperation with other trail users, and safety, while enforcing laws relating to outdoor recreation on federal lands. The patrols also will conduct educational clinics, distribute information, and test decibel meters. The Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$90,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1760](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$55,000** **Planning a Trail System near Wenatchee**

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to complete planning for a project to develop a trail system for non-motorized uses in the Number Two Canyon area, 4.5 miles west of Wenatchee. No Forest Service trails exist in this popular forested area, and visitors are creating their own trails, which are damaging the land and causing safety concerns. The ranger district plans to develop a front-country trail system of 50-60 miles of loop trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians that meets the strong community need for close-to-home trails, completes a critical link to trails on adjacent state and Forest Service land, and protects natural

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resources. The ranger district will create an inventory of visitor-created routes, design a system of loop trails, identify facility needs, and complete an environmental analysis that includes cultural, wildlife, and botany surveys. Volunteers will help gather data and provide local knowledge to assist with the planning process. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has committed 500 volunteer hours. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$18,500 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1790](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing a Snow Ranger

Grant Awarded: \$6,557

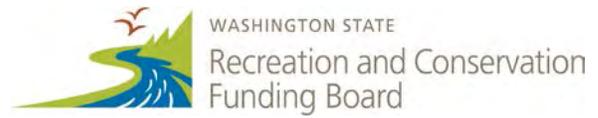
The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate visitors about safe and responsible backcountry and wilderness use in Chelan County. The grant also will be used to buy and install boundary markers and informational signs. The ranger district hopes these efforts will reduce the number of snowmobilers and users of other motorized vehicles trespassing into wilderness areas. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$7,082 in donated and staff labor and district equipment. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1778](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing Climbing Rangers

Grant Awarded: \$41,350

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal rangers to educate climbers at popular climbing areas near Leavenworth for two years. The rangers will educate climbers on minimizing damage to the environment. They also will assess the number of climbers and the need for signs and educational materials, develop handouts and a climber information Web page, and establish new partnerships with climbing organizations, clubs, and volunteer groups. The Leavenworth area is known nationally for climbing, drawing tens of thousands of climbers each year. The large number of climbers has resulted in damage to sensitive and rare plants, disturbance of sensitive wildlife, and improper disposal of human waste, all threatening the closure of the climbing areas. A targeted climber education program will support responsible use and continued access to these phenomenal recreational opportunities. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$42,480 in cash, donated labor, and a state grant from the Recreational Trails Program. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1775](#).

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U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing Snowmobile Rangers

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to provide two teams of snowmobile patrols to educate visitors about safe and courteous trail use, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respect of other trail travelers, and to minimize conflicts between users. The teams also will help maintain more than 250 safety signs, hand out information and area maps, and help offer snowmobile safety classes. These patrol and education efforts over the past 13 years have greatly reduced the number of serious accidents on this very popular trail system. The Entiat and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts in Chelan County groom more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly. This past winter, an estimated 45,000 snowmobilers used this trail system and facilities. The Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$19,720 in staff labor, a state grant, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1759](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Supporting Trail Maintenance in the Wenatchee River Ranger District

Grant Awarded: \$96,000

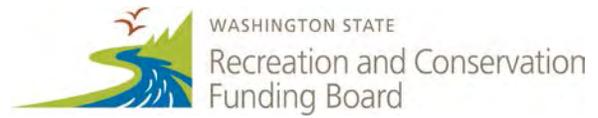
The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain nearly 120 miles of multi-use trails in the Chiwawa/Chikamin, Devils Gulch/Tronsen Ridge, and Icicle Ridge/Freund Canyon areas. These trails are open to motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. The ranger district will address backlog maintenance projects, such as severe rutting and erosion, as well as accomplish annual maintenance tasks. The grant will fund employees, youth corps crews, and volunteers, as well as buy two chainsaws and mountain bikes. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$131,032 in federal funding, donated labor, and a state grant from the Recreational Trails Program. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1784](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Planning for a New Lake Wenatchee Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$106,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to complete planning for a public boat launch on Lake Wenatchee in Chelan County. The department will complete architectural designs, construction drawings, environmental assessments, required permits, and land use negotiations with the U.S. Forest Service. Lake Wenatchee, a 2,500-acre lake, is a popular year-round destination for salmon anglers and other recreationalists attracted by the surrounding Forest Service land, state parks, and recreation developments. The department is planning to build a boat launch ramp, boarding dock, roads, parking, and restroom on land owned by the Forest Service. Public access largely is limited to one boat launch and during salmon fishing season, that is not enough and boaters are forced to leave or wait in long lines

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and deal with disorganized parking. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1597](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Planning to Build a Boat Launch on Fish Lake

Grant Awarded: \$108,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to design and acquire permits to build a public boat launch on Fish Lake in Chelan County. The site will include a boat launch ramp, boarding dock, fishing pier, roads, parking, and restrooms. Fish Lake is Chelan County's most used lake for trout fishing. The area attracts a wide variety of people who are drawn by surrounding U.S. Forest Service lands, state parks, recreation developments, and fishing in the lake. Unfortunately, public access largely is limited to one boat launch in a private resort. The department will use the grant to prepare architectural designs, construction drawings, and environmental assessments, get permits, and negotiate land use agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1873](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve

Grant Awarded: \$2,739,712

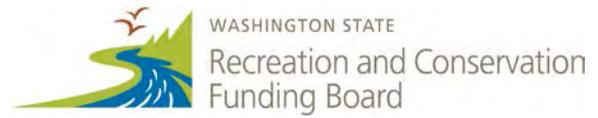
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy up to 2,560 acres to expand the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve, near Wenatchee, in Chelan County. The project will protect a rare, endemic plant species, Whited's milkvetch. The plant exists nowhere else in the world except within a narrow band extending for 3 miles between Colockum Creek and the existing upper dry gulch preserve. The Washington Natural Heritage Program has designated the plant as endangered and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has classified it as a Species of Concern. A secondary objective of the project is to protect shrub-steppe habitat, one of the most threatened ecosystems in Washington. A recent proposal for a large housing development that would include room for horses in the upper dry gulch area has increased the immediacy of the threat to the milkvetch and its habitat. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1181](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Protecting the Camas Meadows

Grant Awarded: \$1,862,700

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 171 acres of meadow, ponderosa pine forest, streams, and riparian habitat to protect rare plant populations in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve. The site contains the largest known populations of the endangered Wenatchee mountain checker-mallow and Wenatchee larkspur, which the state has designated as threatened with extinction. The land, which is in Chelan County, 12 miles

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Grants Awarded: \$679,037

Port Angeles

Grant Awarded: \$302,984

Beginning Development of Westend Park

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to develop nearly 1 acre of the 3.1-acre Westend Park that will include a small extension of the Olympic Discovery bike trail, trail markers, open areas, a rain garden, a restroom, water fountains, and other site furnishings. Located in downtown Port Angeles, the park has long been an environmentally and culturally significant area in the city. It is near the ferry terminal with service to Victoria, B.C., and just west of an existing esplanade that is being redeveloped. This project is part of a larger, urban waterfront development project and will provide both visual and physical access to the water. The City will contribute \$302,984. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1299](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest

Grant Awarded: \$16,000

Upgrading the Bogachiel Rain Forest Trailhead

The Pacific Ranger District-Forks will use this grant to expand and improve the Bogacheil Rain Forest Trail Trailhead. The ranger district will develop a new gravel parking lot to accommodate horse trailers, develop a staging area for stock animals away from hikers, build a short access trail for stock so they won't use an eroding trail, upgrade the drainage and trail surface on a quarter-mile of trail, and install amenities, such as tables, fire grills, and hitching posts. The stunning Bogachiel Rain Forest Trail is part of the 1,200-mile Pacific Northwest Trail that runs from the Continental Divide in Montana to the Pacific Ocean. Most of the work at the trailhead will be done in conjunction with local volunteer groups. The project is supported by tribes, the Ira Spring Foundation, Clallam County, Olympic National Park, and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington. The Pacific Ranger District-Forks will contribute \$9,400 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1609](#).

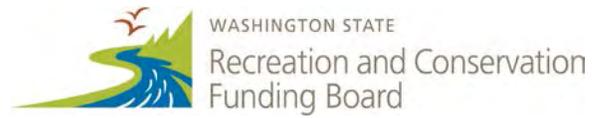
Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Awarded: \$131,453

Maintaining Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a two-person crew to maintain 36 miles of off-road vehicle trails in the Foothills and Sadie Creek trail systems and more than 2 miles of 4x4 trails north of the Sadie Creek Trailhead. The crew will remove overgrown brush, repair the trail surface, fix water drainage structures, and maintain bridges and signs. These trails provide the only designated off-road vehicle and 4x4 recreation experiences on the northern Olympic Peninsula. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$59,900 in agency

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equipment, labor and materials, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1218](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$228,600** **Improving Miller Peninsula Park**

State Parks will use this grant to pave a small parking lot on the Miller peninsula property to increase visitation. State Parks also will install a vault toilet, informational kiosk, and directional and interpretive signs. In addition, State Parks will add hitching posts, a water trough, a ramp to help people with disabilities mount horses, and ample space to circulate and park trucks with trailers to accommodate people with horses. For details, click [12-1557](#).

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Projects in Clark County **Grants Awarded: \$3,691,908**

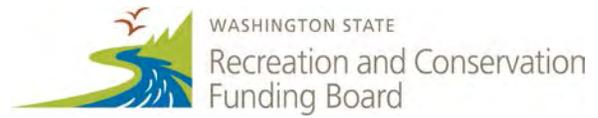
Camas **Grant Awarded: \$418,068** **Improving the Lacamas Lake Boat Launch**

The City of Camas will use this grant to improve the boating facilities on the 315-acre Lacamas Lake in southeast Clark County. The City will widen the launch from 24 feet to 32 feet, creating two, 16-foot launch lanes. It also will include a second loading dock, expand parking, pave walkways, and install signs and utilities. Lacamas Lake provides year-round fishing and motor boating. During the peak season, people must park on street shoulders that are not designed for boat trailer parking. In addition, a busy road separates the boat launch and parking, creating dangerous conditions for launching and parking. Lacamas Lake is the only lake in Clark County's heavily populated Vancouver and Camas urban areas that provides a full range of recreation opportunities for motorized boaters. In 2011, Clark County had the fifth highest number of registered boats in Washington, but was Number 28 in the number of launches. The City of Camas will contribute \$141,000. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1683](#).

Clark County **Grant Awarded: \$1,105,925** **Conserving Flume Creek Habitat**

Clark County will use this grant to buy 160 acres of shoreline, wetlands, and mature forest in northwest Clark County on the southern edge of Ridgefield and 3.75 miles north of Vancouver's urban growth boundary. The project borders the 5,218-acre Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and 35 acres of wetlands near Lake River that are protected in perpetuity by a voluntary land

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preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement. This project has four primary objectives: 1) protect 105 acres of the last remaining, intact, mature upland forest on Clark County's south- and west-facing slopes above the Columbia River; 2) protect 30 acres of floodplain, shoreline, and wetlands on Flume Creek and a second, year-round stream; 3) protect and restore 25 acres of North Pacific Oak Woodland; and 4) provide protection for more than 30 priority habitats and special-status species. The project also will provide places for hiking, wildlife viewing, and outdoor education. The Flume Creek property includes a variety of habitats (mature forest, remnant old growth forest, high densities of snags and downed logs) that are almost nonexistent in the wildlife refuge. The co-location of these sites creates one of the most important areas for diversity of plants and animals in southwest Washington. The County will contribute more than \$1.1 million in conservation futures^{1*} and a federal grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1504](#).

Vancouver

Grant Awarded: \$224,853

Buying John Ball Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy the 2.4-acre John Ball Park, which is in one of the older, established neighborhoods of downtown Vancouver. The land was formerly used for school district offices, and leased to the City for recreational use. John Ball Park is the only urban park serving this established neighborhood. The park has open lawn areas for pick-up team sports and picnicking, children's play equipment, walking paths, and community gathering opportunities. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$224,854. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1491](#).

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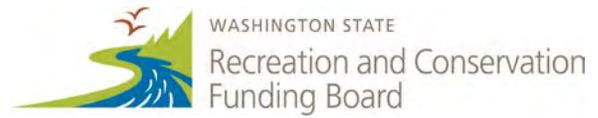
Grant Awarded: \$160,583

Buying Land for Chinook Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 2.19 acres next to a Clark County conservation area along the Whipple Creek Greenway corridor. The department will develop the land as a neighborhood park. It will provide an essential public land connection through the greenway to neighborhoods and schools. The plan for future development includes picnic and sitting areas, play equipment, open lawn areas, and trails. The 2.19 acres are combined with 3.22 acres in the Whipple Creek Greenway to form Chinook Park. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$160,583. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1466](#).

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

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Vancouver **Buying Land for Cougar Creek Woods Park**

Grant Awarded: \$558,391

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 10 acres for the Cougar Creek Woods Park. The land includes a mixture of flat land and wooded slopes along Cougar Creek. The site will serve as a trailhead for the proposed Cougar Creek Trail extension, creating a link to the regional Salmon Creek Greenway to the north. Purchase of the land will help to preserve the creek banks, which includes the western wahoo, a shrub listed as at risk of extinction. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$558,390. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1203](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Conserving the Washougal Oaks Woodlands**

Grant Awarded: \$896,588

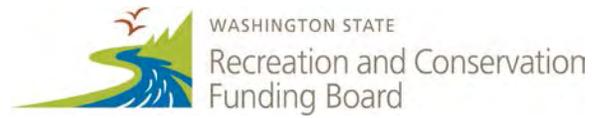
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 303 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge in Clark County to help protect the largest, high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. This woodland is important to conserve because most of it has been lost or is being damaged. In addition, a fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. The site supports two state sensitive plant species, and two rare or threatened animal species: Slender-billed nuthatch, and lower Columbia River steelhead. The land would be included in a combination of a Natural Resource Conservation Area and Natural Area Preserve, complementing conservation work within the project area by the department's partners, which include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge), U.S. Forest Service (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area), and the Columbia Land Trust. These acquisitions are part of a multi-phased project with the long-term objective of protecting the oak woodland and associated species from future residential development, other incompatible uses, and exotic plant species. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1183](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Designing Motorized Trails in Yacolt Burn State Forest**

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design 20 miles of trails for motorized use in Yacolt Burn State Forest in Clark County. The department will complete the surveying, engineering, design, environmental assessments, and permitting processes for the trails, an off-road vehicle trailhead, and a campground. By designing the next round of trails and facilities, this project will help implement the Western Yacolt Burn Forest recreation plan. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$25,010 in donated and staff labor. This grant is

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from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1284](#).

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 58 miles of trail, 4 trailheads, and 4 trail access points in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Siouxon Landscape, northeast of Vancouver in Clark County. The department will rebuild and harden trail surfaces, fix drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, remove downed trees and overgrown brush, as well as clean restrooms, repair signs, and remove trash. This grant will fund an employee and work crews from the Washington Conservation Corps and prison inmates. The trails are used by equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$48,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1264](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$128,000** **Providing Patrols in the Yacolt Burn State Forest**

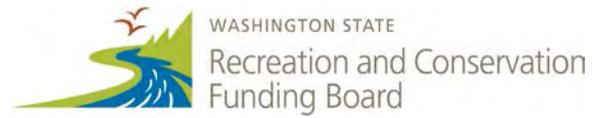
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund an education and enforcement officer, who will patrol the Yacolt Burn State Forest and other department sites in the agency's southwest region. Education and enforcement is needed to protect natural resources and educate visitors. The specialist also will support the Forest Watch Patrol program and other volunteers. The project will allow outreach to people using 73 miles of trail, 8 trailheads, 7 campgrounds, and 2 day-use areas in five counties on 250,000 acres of department-managed lands. The grant also will be used to buy electronic equipment and produce educational materials. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$85,500 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1265](#).

There is one more project in Clark County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Columbia County

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Projects in Cowlitz County

Grants Awarded: \$146,850

Cowlitz County

Grant Awarded: \$46,850

Adding Camping Amenities in Harry Gardner Park

Cowlitz County will use this grant to add amenities at Harry Gardner Park, a camping and day-use park along the south Toutle River, just minutes from the town of Toutle and the main road to Mount Saint Helens. The County will add a group picnic shelter with an accessible path, kiosks, picnic tables, signs, grills, benches, and fire pits. A campsite will be outfitted with new features for people with disabilities. These amenities will help complete a camping area at the park, which was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Saint Helens. Developing the park is the highest priority park project for Cowlitz County Parks and Recreation Division and the Toutle community. The community has embraced the park, donating labor, project leadership, and professional services. The park's interesting history and location near the volcano bring visitors from afar, while local students use the park for community service and outdoor education. The park attracts steelhead anglers, bird watchers, and families wanting to enjoy the sands, river, and adjacent state wildlife area. Adding amenities will expand access for a wider variety of users, including people with disabilities, groups, and overnight campers. Cowlitz County will contribute \$49,220 from a private grant; staff equipment, labor, and materials; and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1239](#).

Cowlitz Game and Anglers

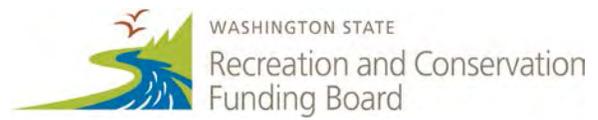
Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Completing the Cowlitz Range

The Cowlitz Game and Anglers Club will use this grant to complete construction of the Cowlitz Shooting Range, which is 3 miles north of Castle Rock in Cowlitz County. The club will build a clubhouse, pistol range, trap fields, and pathways, and install utilities, a range security system, and general security lighting. Trap throwing machines, liability insurance and permitting costs also will be provided by this grant. The Cowlitz Game and Anglers Club will contribute \$100,000 from a private grant and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1810](#).

There is one more project in Cowlitz County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

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Projects in Douglas County

Grants Awarded: \$950,000

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land for Sage Grouse and other Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$950,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 3,405 acres of shrub-steppe habitat in Douglas County containing historic courtship areas, called lek sites, for sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse. One of the most active sage grouse leks is a quarter-mile from the site, and an active sharp-tailed grouse lek is 3 miles away. Located in the heart of both statewide grouse populations, this project maintains a critical pathway connecting the two populations. Habitat connectivity is critical for the continued existence of these grouse species and a wide variety of animals dependent on shrub-steppe, such as Brewer's sparrows, sage thrashers, sage sparrows, white-tailed jackrabbits, and Washington ground squirrels. The land includes cliffs, talus, and seasonal wetlands. While the area is dominated by shrub-steppe habitat, there is great diversity within that type: Bunchgrass dominated expanses, dense sage cover, lithosol sites, and three-tip sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass associations. This project will provide the long-term protection of the quality habitats necessary for shrub-steppe dependent animals. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1478](#).

Projects in Garfield County

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Projects in Grant County

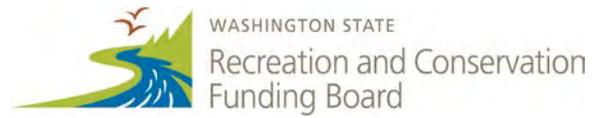
Grants Awarded: \$2,109,631

Grant County Maintaining Moses Lake Sand Dunes

Grant Awarded: \$25,701

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two deputies to maintain and operate the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, which is a 3,000-acre recreational area south of Moses Lake in Grant County, for off-road vehicle drivers. The deputies will manage the maintenance, which will include fence repair, cleaning restrooms, repairing signs, and removing garbage. The Grant County Sheriff's Office will contribute \$25,701 in donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1808](#).

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Grant County **Grant Awarded: \$162,430** **Providing Education and Enforcement in Moses Lake and Beverly Sand Dunes**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to fund two officers for two years to provide education and enforcement on about 8,500 acres of off-road vehicle areas in Moses Lake and at the Beverly Sand Dunes. The grant also will pay for a new patrol truck and educational materials. Continued enforcement of off-road vehicle laws and the alcohol ban in the sand dunes area has helped to decrease injury, death and the impact to the environment. Education will be done through special events, brochures, school presentations, and signs. The dunes are used by off-road vehicle riders, horse riders, campers, hikers, anglers, snowmobile riders, boaters, and beach goers. The Grant County Sheriff's Office will contribute \$191,565 in cash and agency equipment, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1819](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$1,921,500** **Conserving Sand Dunes at the Wanapum Natural Area Preserve**

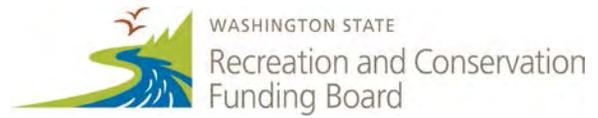
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 2,237 acres near Vantage and include it in the proposed Wanapum Natural Area Preserve. The project will protect the most critical striped whipsnake habitat within the preserve, the dune system and shrub-steppe communities, as well as 13 other priority species and ecological systems. The proposed preserve contains the only two known extant striped whipsnake occurrences in Washington. The Washington Natural Heritage Advisory Council has recommended approval of the preserve design, which maintains the connection between the two occurrences. Inclusion in the preserve will give the agency a chance to manage the population. The dune system on the site covers more than 1,000 acres and is one of only eight dune systems in Washington with high conservation value. The preserve design will accommodate the migration of the sand dunes, allowing natural, dynamic processes associated with this ecological system. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1182](#).

Projects in Grays Harbor County **Grants Awarded: \$345,318**

Aberdeen **Grant Awarded: \$112,743** **Renovating Sam Benn Park**

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to continue its restoration of Sam Benn Park. Work will include developing a picnic area with sidewalks and restoring the tennis courts. The City will add spectator seating as well as a new block wall to support the hillside and stop the courts from cracking. There also will be a small sitting and picnic area built into the base of the block wall.

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This project will complete almost 10 years of restoration work at the park. The City already has filled and graded two gullies, added a 9-hole disk golf course, removed dangerous trees, and last year improved the playground. Using other money, it also will install new parking and add sidewalks and landscaping. The City of Aberdeen will contribute \$114,744 from a private grant and cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1152](#).

Hoquiam

Grant Awarded: \$232,575

Renovating the Levee Street Boat Launch

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to develop and renovate about a half-acre of waterfront along the Hoquiam River, called the Levee Street boat launch, next to downtown Hoquiam. The City will renovate the existing boat launch, add a boarding float, pave a parking lot, and add a walkway connecting parking to the boat launch. The boat launch will provide access to the Hoquiam and Chehalis Rivers during low tide and when the water is rough. Both rivers have robust salmon fishing. The City of Hoquiam will contribute \$77,525. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#) For more details, click [12-1332](#).

More Projects: There are more projects in Grays Harbor County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Island County

Grants Awarded: \$2,524,721

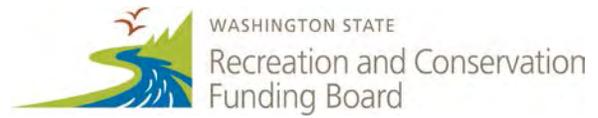
Island County

Grant Awarded: \$718,000

Buying Land for the Trillium Community Forest

Island County will use this grant to buy 719 acres of forests for a new, natural area park. The land includes the largest, contiguous forestland in the county. The land is on State Highway 525 in the south-central part of Whidbey Island. The County also would develop two, multi-user trailheads with kiosks and parking. One parking lot would accommodate people with disabilities, another would accommodate horse trailers and buses. The County will build a loop trail connecting to the proposed parking area for people with disabilities. The land's three trailheads will connect to more than 8 miles of trails. The land will serve equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers. Island County will contribute more than \$1.5 million from a local grant and donated land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1559](#).

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Port of South Whidbey Island **Grant Awarded: \$74,000** **Planning for the Renovation of the Possession Beach Boat Ramp**

The Port of South Whidbey Island will use this grant to design and obtain permits for a project to renovate the Possession Beach boat ramp on the southeastern tip of Whidbey Island. The boat ramp was built almost 25 years ago and has been beaten up by waves and wind. The waves and wind also have driven sand around the ramp, which makes access difficult. The ramp provides access to Possession Sound, Admiralty Inlet, and Saratoga Passage. The ramp site has a 12-acre beach park with picnic areas, interpretive stations, parking, restrooms, and access to uplands forest trails. The Port of South Whidbey Island will contribute \$25,000 in cash donations. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1220](#).

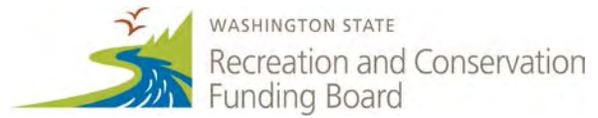
Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Restoring the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore a rare type of prairie on Whidbey Island. The Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve on the island is one of 12 known sites in the world for *castilleja levisecta* (CALE), a plant species that is listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction and by the state as endangered. The preserve also has the largest remnant of a rare, undescribed mesic prairie type, unique to Whidbey and nearly extirpated in the Puget Sound region. The department will mow, burn, control invasive species, and plant up to 60,000 plugs of native prairie species. Wildlife trees will be created for raptor roosts. The north trail will be moved to protect the restoration area. The prairie area was cleared of shrubs and trees and part of the cleared area was planted with CALE and native prairie species. Failure to follow-up with plantings in the unplanted area will reverse previous restoration efforts and allow invasion of weeds. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1561](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$199,500** **Planning Improvements at the Deception Pass Marina**

State Parks will use this grant to design and obtain permits for a project to improve and expand the marina at the Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park in Island County. State Parks plans to replace the existing pedestrian access pier, gangway ramp, pilings, and moorage floats as well as add about 384 linear feet of moorage. The marina was built in the 1960s and replacement is critical before it is considered unsafe and closes to the public. This will be the final key part of a multi-phased re-development that includes a previously improved boat launch and recently constructed restroom and shelter. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1783](#).

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Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving Crockett Lake

Grant Awarded: \$883,221

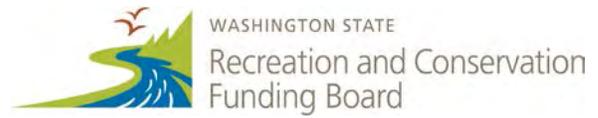
The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy 393 acres, including Crockett Lake, which is recognized nationally as a critically important, coastal wetland system. Crockett Lake is in Ebey's Landing Reserve, which is managed by the National Park Service. The diverse habitats and the richness of the shallow lake and tidelands, with abundant crustaceans and small fish, provides food and habitat for more than 200 bird species, including hundreds of thousands of migratory and other water-dependent birds, Neotropical songbirds, raptors, and great blue herons. The land is on the Pacific Flyway, is an Audubon Important Bird Area, and a county critical habitat area. Numerous federal, state, and local plans identify Crockett Lake as a high protection priority. This project will protect nearly the entire wetland. The land is comprised of a full array of high quality, native wetland habitats-freshwater, saltwater, and brackish water wetlands, along with shrub-scrub, wetland forest, upland forest, mudflats and shallow open water. It is next to hundreds of acres of protected wetlands, beaches, feeder bluffs, native prairie, farmlands, marine waters, and old growth and second growth forests. The project also calls for crews to remove weeds and restore some areas. The land trust will contribute \$1.45 million from local and federal grants and donations of cash and land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1535](#).

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving 3 Sisters Family Farms in Ebey's Reserve

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 117 acres of farmland above Penn Cove on Whidbey Island. Four generations of the Muzzall family have made their full-time living farming on this centennial farm. Today, 3 Sisters Family Farms produces free-range beef, pork, and eggs. A wide variety of crops also have been grown on the farm, including seed crops, alfalfa, wheat, barley, corn, and produce. The land is in northern Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, which is renowned for its productive and culturally significant agricultural lands. This is the most critical farmland project in northern Ebey's Reserve, serving as an anchor for future protection of farmland threatened by expansion of the city of Oak Harbor. The threat of development is significant because of the location of the reserve, its scenic views, and its zoning. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute

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\$500,000 from a federal grant and conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1580](#).

There is one more project in Island County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Jefferson County

Grants Awarded: \$5,044,634

Jefferson County

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Planning the Discovery Bay Trail Connection

Jefferson County will use this grant to design plans for a preferred route of the Discovery Bay Trail around the head of Discovery Bay from Old Gardiner Road on the west side to State Route 20 on the east side. Planning is vital to protect the Olympic Discovery Trail, which runs from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean, through this area. The trail is used for bicycling, walking, and accessing the shoreline, including hand-launching watercraft. The planning work will include communicating with landowners, trail advocates, and the restoration community; investigating environmental permits and design requirements; and developing an engineer's cost estimate. Jefferson County will contribute \$11,250 in staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1735](#).

Jefferson County

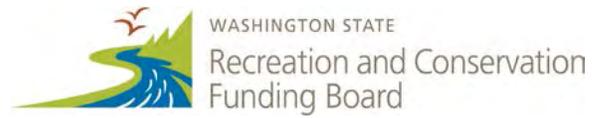
Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Restoring the Discovery Bay Shoreline and Building a Trail

Jefferson County will use this grant to restore 1,800 feet of shoreline to improve habitat for salmon, spawning forage fish, and shellfish. The County will remove industrial fill, shoreline armoring, a creosote railway trestle, a defunct tide gate, and part of an old railroad grade. The County then will create a 1-acre estuary where an artificial, freshwater pond now exists. The County also will clean 2 acres of beach and re-grade it to a natural slope. Finally, the County will build about a half-mile of the Olympic Discovery Trail where a community water main must be removed. The 130-mile Olympic Discovery Trail is identified in the U.S. Department of Interior's 'America's Great Outdoors Initiative,' and as a priority in the county's comprehensive, non-motorized transportation plan. Jefferson County will contribute \$500,000 from a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1250](#).

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Jefferson Land Trust Conserving the Short Family Farm and Wildlife Habitat

Grant Awarded: \$468,500

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to conserve the Short family farm south of Chimacum in Jefferson County. The farm contains 256 acres of pastureland, which includes nearly 1.5 miles of river. The land trust will preserve the prime soils of one of the largest operating farms in the fertile center valley and provide funding for the farmer to consolidate ownership of the property with family trust members. Zoning allows up to 10 additional homes, and nearby farms are being subdivided for houses. The farm maintains native manna grass, providing habitat for trumpeter swans. The river is used by migrating coho and steelhead. Many waterfowl species, raptors, and other wildlife use the farm. The highly visible, scenic vistas define the rural character of this area, and protection of the strategically located farm will enhance the viability of the agricultural community. The Short family has a long history of dairy and now grass-fed beef. The project builds on the land trust's agricultural land preservation, which already has conserved 290 acres in the center valley. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$468,500 in conservation futures* and a federal grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1287](#).

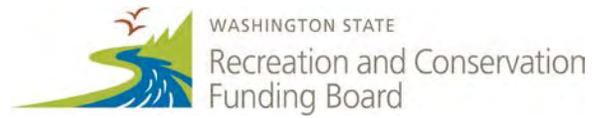
The Nature Conservancy Conserving the Banks of the Clearwater River

Grant Awarded: \$1,066,322

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,060 acres, including more than 533 acres of forest and wetland along the Clearwater River. The project will add to the more than 3,000 acres already protected. This project is part of a multi-year project to conserve forest habitat from the headwaters of the Clearwater River to its confluence with the Queets Rivers. The purchase will protect the land from logging and development. The project protects a complex of habitat along the river, including mature, low-elevation Sitka spruce forest in the valley-bottom floodplain. The Queets and Clearwater Rivers of the Olympic Peninsula support some of the healthiest, most viable, and genetically diverse salmon populations in the lower 48 states, making these rivers an essential anchor for salmon recovery. The rivers drain an area of more than 287,383 acres and are home to wild populations of Chinook, coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon, steelhead, cutthroat, and bull trout. The rivers and the forests along their banks are used by other important species, such as the Pacific lamprey, Olympic mudminnow, and marbled murrelet. The

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Nature Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.6 million in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1393](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$2,909,812** **Conserving Land in the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to protect some of the most ecologically important and highly threatened private shoreline in the 6,287-acre Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve on Hood Canal. Dabob Bay is one of the most intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound, and protection of it is important because much of these tidal wetlands have been lost or are being damaged. The land is threatened by increasing waterfront development in eastern Jefferson County. This project would protect coastal bluffs, shorelines, and other wildlife habitats, including those used by species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, such as orca, marbled murrelet, Hood Canal summer chum salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The department is working with The Nature Conservancy, Northwest Watershed Institute, U.S. Department of Defense, and Jefferson Land Trust to provide long-term protection of an intact coastal estuarine system. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1175](#).

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Projects in King County **Grants Awarded: \$6,160,836**

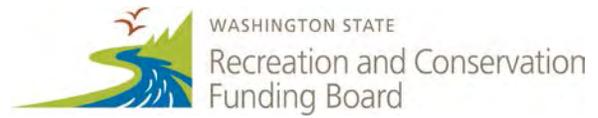
Black Diamond **Grant Awarded: \$86,625** **Designing a Boat Launch Dock on Lake Sawyer**

The City of Black Diamond will use this grant to develop construction drawings, engineering and environmental documentation, and plan specifications for a new dock or pier on Lake Sawyer. Lake Sawyer is the fourth largest lake in King County and is at the foothills of the Cascade Mountain range. The new dock or pier will create a place for boats to enter and exit the lake safely. This launching area is the only public area for motorized boats on the lake. Strong winds there make launching difficult without the dock. The City of Black Diamond will contribute \$28,875. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1089](#).

Black Diamond Gun Club **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Expanding the Club and Upgrading Security**

The Black Diamond Gun Club will use this grant to buy about 60 acres of adjacent Weyerhaeuser land on the northeast and northwest edges of the property for future expansion. The land would

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be developed in the future with a firearms training facility, hunter safety education facility, sporting clays range, and an archery range. It also provides a needed buffer from the increasing development occurring around the club. The gun club also will use this grant to design and install a surveillance and member access control system to enhance the security of the clubhouse, shooting ranges, storage buildings, and parking areas. The club is 2 miles south of Black Diamond and serves more than 400 members and 1,000 non-members. The Black Diamond Gun Club will contribute \$150,000 from a private grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1442](#).

EarthCorps **Grant Awarded: \$27,954** **Maintaining Alpine Lake Wilderness Area Backcountry Trails and Campsites**

EarthCorps will use this grant to fund a six-person conservation corps crew for 2 years to maintain trails, campsites, signs, toilets, and other facilities in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Nearly 150,000 people visit the wilderness area annually. This intense use can quickly result in deteriorating facilities and resources if they are not regularly maintained. The crew will harden trails to campsites and toilets, close eroded and saturated unofficial trails and campsites, maintain and move toilets, and replace signs. EarthCorps will contribute \$23,983 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1701](#).

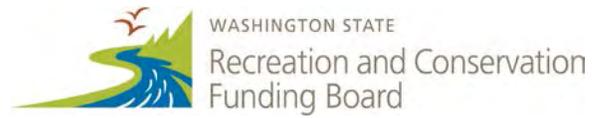
Issaquah Sportsmen's Club **Grant Awarded: \$21,000** **Building a Safety Berm**

The Issaquah Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to build a new state-of-the-art berm for the 25-yard shooting area. Construction of the berm will limit the distance a bullet travels before it is captured, minimizing ricochet. The land beyond the berm will give the club a place to store maintenance equipment and raw materials needed to maintain the range. The additional storage space will help the club improve its maintenance schedules, services to shooters, and the overall safety of the facility. Located just southeast of Issaquah and adjacent to Issaquah High School, the sportsmen's club is a primary provider of shooting sports facilities for central King County. The club has more than 500 members and supports more than 3,000 independent public shooters using the facility. The Issaquah Sportsmen's Club will contribute \$21,000. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1792](#).

Kent **Grant Awarded: \$834,725** **Buying Land along Soos Creek**

Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services will use this grant to buy nearly 34 acres next to Soos Creek in the newly annexed Panther Lake area of Kent for a park and trailhead. The land is

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next to King County's 7.62-mile Soos Creek Trail and will serve as a local Kent trailhead. This would connect the Panther Lake area to Kent's most popular regional park, Lake Meridian Park in the south, with the intent that residents could easily jog, bike, or walk between the two parks. The site boasts tremendous views of Mount Rainier and the Soos Creek Valley. It also is valuable for wildlife habitat and holding water during heavy rains to prevent flooding. The City of Kent will contribute \$834,725 from a local grant and cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1525](#).

King County

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

Building a Taylor Mountain Forest Trailhead and Improving Parking

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to build a trailhead at Taylor Mountain Forest, a 1,884-acre site in eastern King County, which borders Seattle's municipal watershed and features a 22-mile network of trails popular for horseback riding and hiking. King County will build a parking lot for 30 cars, expand a clearing used for parking to create space for 25 trucks with horse trailers, and install a toilet, signs, and hitching posts at the trailhead. In addition, the County will move nearly a half-mile of trail and improve the drainage and trail surface of 1.25 miles of the Elk Ridge and Carey Creek Trails. The *Taylor Mountain Public Use Plan and Trails Assessment*, completed in 2004 recommended improvements, such as a trailhead parking lot and new and re-routed trails, at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million. In the past 8 years, seven of the ten trail projects identified in the plan have been completed, improving 9.1 miles of trails. The Tahoma Chapter of the Back Country Horseman of Washington and Washington Trails Association will provide more than 25 days of trail work and 2,500 volunteer hours. King County will contribute \$71,000 in cash and donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1710](#).

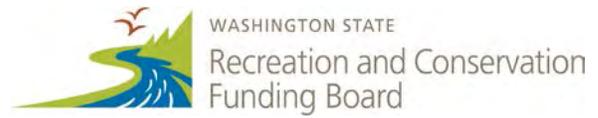
King County

Grant Awarded: \$89,193

Developing Pinnacle Peak Trailhead

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to improve access to Pinnacle Peak Park, a 256-acre forested park near Enumclaw in south King County. King County will develop a 50-vehicle parking lot accessible to horse trailers along Southeast Mud Mountain Road. The County also will build a half-mile access trail and bridge that connects to the existing trail network; install informational signs, a pit toilet, an access road into the parking lot, and fencing; restore pastureland; and conduct a parking feasibility study on the north side of the park. Pinnacle Peak Park is a forested volcanic cone rising 1,000 feet above the Enumclaw plateau. Drawn by sweeping vistas of Mount Rainier and the White River Valley, hikers and equestrians make the 2-mile climb to the park's peak. Currently, park users have limited parking and leave their vehicles along narrow road shoulders at the north and south trailheads.

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In 2008, King County bought the south side parcel to develop a parking lot and trailhead amenities to address the unsafe conditions. The north trailhead has site constraints, such as wetlands and steep slopes, that limit parking, but considering high levels of park use, it warrants further investigation. King County will contribute \$90,085 in cash and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1270](#).

King County **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Developing the Missing Link of a Lake Sammamish Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop 2.6 miles of trail, running from 187th Avenue Northeast to Inglewood Hill Road along an abandoned railroad corridor. This north Sammamish segment will be 12 feet wide, paved, and with gravel shoulders. The City will add retaining walls, improve the drainage, and install landscaping, fencing, signs, and traffic controls. This is the third phase of a plan to build an 11-mile trail corridor, which runs along the east side of Lake Sammamish, connecting the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. This trail is a missing link in a 44-mile, non-motorized trail system extending from Seattle to the Cascade Foothills. Supporters of this project include the Cities of Sammamish, Issaquah, and Redmond; Cascade Bicycle Club; the Bicycle Alliance of Washington; Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; and Transportation Choices Coalition. The County will contribute more than \$6.1 million from a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1269](#).

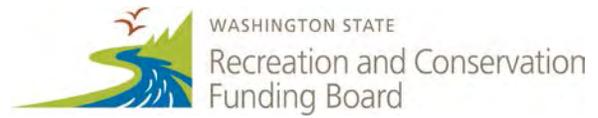
King County **Grant Awarded: \$373,000**
Renovating Dockton Park's Dock and Moorage

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to renovate the dock and moorage slips at Dockton Park. Dockton Park is on the shores of Quartermaster Harbor on Vashon-Maury Island in south Puget Sound. King County will replace two decaying piles, repair others, and install additional floatation to stabilize the floating dock. The County also will replace the cross-bracing on the fixed section of the pier and hinge points on the finger piers to extend the life of the facility and reduce ongoing maintenance. The County will install new signs and build a new sewer pump station and water lines on the dock to provide needed utilities for boaters. King County will contribute \$125,000 in cash and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1736](#).

Kirkland **Grant Awarded: \$500,000**
Buying Land for the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail

The City of Kirkland will use this grant to buy 13 acres of a former railroad corridor to develop a recreational trail, called the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The 5.75-mile corridor bisects the city north

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and south from 108th Avenue Northeast to Slater Avenue Northeast, runs through eight of Kirkland's 13 neighborhoods, and is adjacent to many of the city's parks and schools. The trail will be for non-motorized, recreational use, such as biking, running, walking, and rollerblading. Purchasing the land will allow the City to develop its first recreational trail and expand the regional trail system. Kirkland residents consistently have identified the need for more trails as a top priority. The City will contribute \$500,000. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1392](#).

Redmond

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Beginning the Redmond Central Connector Trail

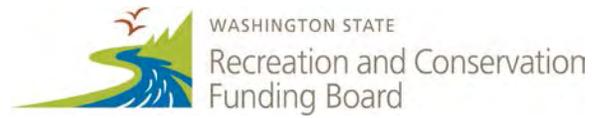
The City of Redmond will use this grant to develop the first mile of the Redmond Central Connector. The trail will connect with other regional trails in King County, as well as downtown, a neighborhood, two major employment centers, and a college. The trail will run along the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor and will extend from east of the Sammamish River Trail to the intersection of Willows Road and the 9900 Block. The City will build a 12-foot-wide, hard surface, regional trail; improve a bridge and viewpoint; improve access to the waterfront; develop a landing for gathering and educational opportunities; and enhance nearly an acre of habitat. There is strong public support for this project, which will provide alternative north-south routes to the Sammamish River Trail and relieve pressure on that trail. This project is supported by King County, Cascade Bicycle Club, and Feet First. The City will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and donations of labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1429](#).

Renton Fish & Game Club Inc. Buying Bunker Machines

Grant Awarded: \$32,656

The Renton Fish & Game Club will use this grant to buy 15 automatic traps to enhance its international trap. The club is the only one in Washington that offers international trap, and the new traps will allow the club to start a youth program and train kids possibly to be future Olympians. Located in the Renton Highlands, the club serves more than 900 members and 10,000 non-members annually. With this grant, the club also will buy a computer system that is token-controlled, make adjustments to its conduit and electrical systems needed to install the traps, and rebuild platforms for the traps. The Renton Fish & Game Club Inc. will contribute \$32,657 in cash and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1171](#).

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Renton Fish & Game Club, Inc. Completing the Clubhouse Renovation

Grant Awarded: \$55,000

The Renton Fish & Game Club will use this grant to complete the interior renovation of the clubhouse, which includes remodeling the kitchen and building a large classroom that can be divided into two smaller rooms. The club conducts hunter safety courses, firearms safety courses, police training, and multiple range officer trainings as well as hosts a number of large events such as the Washington State Championship for Cowboy Action Shooting and the Washington State Championship for the International Defensive Pistol Association. The original clubhouse was constructed about 1951. The Renton Fish & Game Club will contribute \$55,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1799](#).

Seattle Buying and Restoring Belmondo Reach

Grant Awarded: \$338,050

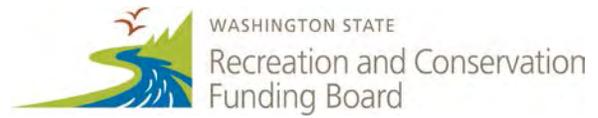
Seattle Public Utilities will use this grant to purchase and restore 12.65 acres on the lower Cedar River in King County. The land is in the Belmondo Reach near the city of Maple Valley. Buying the land will protect some of the best remaining salmon habitat in the lower Cedar River. This project is part of a larger effort by the utility and King County to protect and restore habitat for Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout. If not protected, the property will be listed on the open real estate market. Protection of this land would provide the missing link in a 1-mile chain of protected lands, preventing potential development of three homes. Restoration includes removing invasive plants and replanting the area with native plants. Seattle Public Utilities will use other funding to build a trail connecting the adjacent Cedar River Trail, a small parking area, and interpretive signs highlighting salmon recovery and habitat restoration efforts. Seattle Public Utilities will contribute \$338,050 in cash and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1045](#).

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club Replacing Aging Skeet and Trap Machines

Grant Awarded: \$7,455

The Seattle Skeet & Trap Club, which is in eastern King County, will use this grant to buy new clay target throwing machines for skeet and trap shooting to replace equipment that is more than 30 years old. Some of the old machines were bought as used equipment when the club was just starting up. Replacement parts are not readily available and repair expertise is limited to a few people. Additionally, the club expects to attain basic repair and maintenance training from the manufacturer for several range volunteers. The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will contribute

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\$7,455 in cash and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1090](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Coordinating the Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program Grant Awarded: \$20,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a seasonal coordinator and buy supplies for the volunteer program for two years. The coordinator is a field-based crew leader who recruits, trains, supervises, and supports volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes, Clearwater, and Norse Peak Wilderness areas, and surrounding backcountry. The coordinator and volunteer rangers contact visitors to provide information, help promote safety in the backcountry, and protect the environment. This program focuses on community outreach including walks, talks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays, interpretive programs, and environmental education efforts. More than 100,000 visitors use trails in the ranger district each year. For the past 10 years, 30 to 50 volunteers have donated between 3,000 and 5,000 hours each season. The Snoqualmie Ranger District will contribute \$73,670 in federal funding, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1740](#).

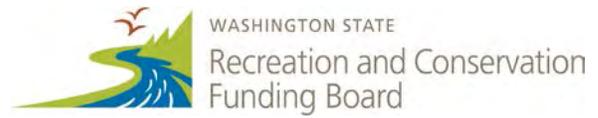
U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Campsites and Trailheads Grant Awarded: \$44,656

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trailheads and dispersed campsites in the national forest in King County. The ranger district hopes the work will prevent further damage to sensitive riverbanks, wetlands, and stream habitats while also providing a safe recreation experience for the public. Maintenance crews will clean toilets, pump vault toilets, remove trash, clean fire pits and campsites, repair trailheads, and provide information and signs. There are 23 trailheads and nearly 200 user-built campsites that serve 48,500 hikers, backcountry horsemen, and campers. The ranger district also wants to continue its partnership with local schools, which build bulletin boards and provide inner-city youths to work in the forest. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$46,479 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1290](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Providing Backcountry Ranger Patrols Grant Awarded: \$112,522

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal backcountry rangers and two seasonal volunteers to patrol trails in the district for two years. The rangers will patrol more than 400 miles of trails and hundreds of destination lakes, streams, and summits that offer hiking, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding for more

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than 100,000 visitors each year. Rangers contact visitors while monitoring and protecting forest resources and facilities. The Snoqualmie Ranger District will contribute \$62,550 in a state grant from the Recreational Trails Program and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1741](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$99,000** **Building a Tiger Mountain Trail Connector for Mountain Bikers**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 2.3 miles of trail and renovate segments of the Preston Railroad Grade Trail in Tiger Mountain State Forest, in King County. This project will rebuild problematic areas of the Preston Railroad Grade Trail to give mountain bikers a trail connection from East Tiger Summit Viewpoint to Tiger Summit Trailhead. Part of the new trail construction will include installing two bridges. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$104,570 in donated and staff labor and agency materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1080](#).

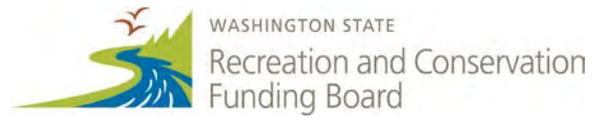
Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$93,000** **Designing Access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan and design a place for people to get to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. The department will examine the suitability of water access and day-use alternatives; design needed trails, trail access points, and parking areas; and obtain permits for development of these trails and facilities. Within a 40-minute drive of downtown Seattle, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River is accessible year-round to more than 3 million people and offers a wide variety of recreation including fishing, swimming, picnicking, whitewater rafting, and kayaking. Public use of lands along the river is projected to increase significantly when the Middle Fork Road is paved in 2015. Trails built by people trying to get to the river pose a threat to sensitive area habitat, and the department would like to develop a formal way for people to get to the river to protect these areas. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$16,000 in staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1583](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$320,000** **Developing Trails on East Tiger Mountain**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop two trails in the eastern portion of Tiger Mountain State Forest. The department will build about 5 miles of trail and three trail bridges from the Tiger Summit Trailhead. One trail will give visitors an alternative to forest roads by connecting Tiger Summit Trailhead directly to the East Tiger Summit Viewpoint, which offers views of Mount Rainier and surrounding lowlands. A second trail for mountain

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bikers will connect East Tiger Summit directly to the Tiger Summit Trailhead. These two trails will reduce user conflict by separating different types of trail users at this popular recreational area. The department will contribute \$137,200 in labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1082](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,168,000 **Developing an Olallie State Park Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to build 8.6 miles of trail that will give users the chance to explore a dramatic and previously inaccessible area of Olallie State Park. The Olallie Trail will ascend 2,700 feet in elevation, up the forested slopes of Mount Washington above the John Wayne Pioneer Trail for 3.9 miles and then connect with abandoned logging roads that provide frequent, expansive views of the broad glacial valleys and the dramatic topography of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. This trail represents one of the most important opportunities for mountain biking in the region. It connects the John Wayne Pioneer Trail to about 20 miles of trail planned on Forest Service land. It also will connect to a recently completed hiking route to the summit of Mount Washington. State Parks will contribute \$63,000 from donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1248](#).

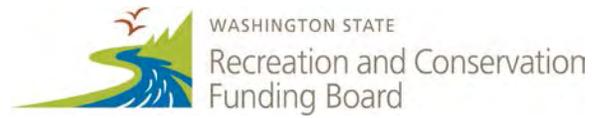
Washington Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$99,000 **Maintaining Trails in the Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a crew for two years to maintain more than 108 miles of multi-use trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, including the Mount Si and Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, and Tiger Mountain State Forest. The crew and volunteers will remove downed trees, repair trail bridges, rebuild trail surfaces, repair drainage structures, and clear overgrown brush. The department also will buy a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department's land in the greenway receives the state's highest number of annual user visits per year, estimated at more than 800,000. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$66,020 in donated and staff labor and agency materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1079](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Grant Awarded: \$89,000 **Patrolling the Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to hire one education and enforcement specialist to patrol the Mountains to Sound Greenway and Interstate 90-Snoqualmie corridor, in King County. This grant also will pay for a mountain bike, safety riding gear, and education

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materials. The officer will patrol five regional trailheads, numerous informal parking and picnicking areas, and nearly 150 miles of trail to aid in public safety, educate visitors, and prevent abuse of the lands and wildlife. The Snoqualmie area sees an estimated 800,000 user visits annually. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$89,050 in agency equipment, labor, and materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1078](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$500,000 **Renovating Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach**

State Parks will use this grant to complete renovation of the Sunset Beach swimming area in Lake Sammamish State Park. Work will include expanding the beach, replacing the sand, improving the grass, adding a new children's interpretive feature, and restoring the shoreline. Sunset Beach was built in 1951. The once enormously popular swimming area is virtually unusable. The beach is overgrown with weeds and the underwater part is pocked with sink holes. Renovation will draw more of the park's 1.2 million annual visitors from the state's largest metropolitan area back to a restored, more durable beach and provide them a highly demanded swimming opportunity on Lake Sammamish. State Parks will contribute \$500,000. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1249](#).

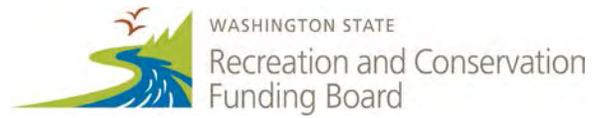
More Projects: There are more projects in King County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Kitsap County Grants Awarded: \$5,866,822

Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club Grant Awarded: \$95,181 **Enhancing Rifle Range Safety**

The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to improve safety at the rifle range. The club will move the range building 20 feet to allow a true 100-yard range, install safety lights, place a granite-filled berm and cap on the receiving end to trap ricochets, rebuild two muffler boxes and build two additional boxes, and widen the range 10 feet to accommodate two new shooting lanes. The club also will build shooting stations and tables that individuals sit at to shoot and install special beams to prevent bullets from escaping the range. Finally, the club will resolve drainage problems, develop a link to a parking spot for people with disabilities, and plant rapidly growing trees to serve as a sound barrier. The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's will contribute \$56,928 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1769](#).

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Bainbridge Island Park District Redeveloping Rotary Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to redevelop the nearly 50-year-old Rotary Park. Rotary Park was the first community park on Bainbridge Island and has been home to the Little League since 1966. The park district will move one Little League ball field and redevelop a second, replace the restroom, improve traffic and facilities for people with disabilities, and install a play structure, picnic shelter, landscaping, and interpretation. The park's location in the island's Winslow core neighborhood is important. Half of the island's population lives there and continued growth is expected. The area received 46 percent of all new growth on Bainbridge in the past decade. The park requires renovation and redevelopment reflecting growth, change, and site issues. The Bainbridge Island Park District will contribute \$585,740 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1547](#).

Bremerton Creating the Evergreen Rotary Inclusive Playground

Grant Awarded: \$211,350

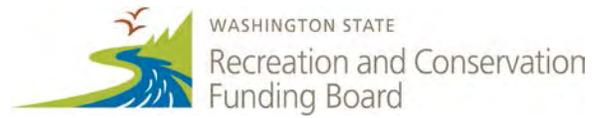
The City of Bremerton will use this grant to develop an inclusive playground at Evergreen Rotary Park, the city's most heavily used waterfront park, located between downtown and Olympic College. The project also will improve access for people with disabilities from the main parking lot to the park's central activity area, increase the number of parking spaces for people with disabilities, and add landscaping to the shoreline and main parking area. These improvements will create Bremerton and Kitsap County's first fully accessible playground designed to provide play opportunities for all children regardless of ability. There are 3,500 children with disabilities within the park's service area. The closest similar facility requires a 60-mile round trip drive to the Gig Harbor area. The project is being done in conjunction with a local non-profit, Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play. The group, which includes families with children having a range of abilities, has been instrumental in project design and raising money to provide the local match. The City of Bremerton will contribute \$211,350 from a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1464](#).

KBH Archers Upgrading the KBH Archers' Facilities

Grant Awarded: \$22,158

KBH Archers Inc. will use this grant to build a roof over the shooting line and spectator area of the outdoor practice range, pave a 300-foot path to the practice range, and replace several target frames at the archery club, which is 7 miles north of Belfair. The club has a 2-mile roving field course with 28 targets, a practice range, and an indoor range with 18 shooting lanes. KBH

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Archers will contribute \$22,869 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1216](#).

Kitsap County **Grant Awarded: \$1,250,000**
Buying Land to Conserve a Kitsap Forest and Shoreline

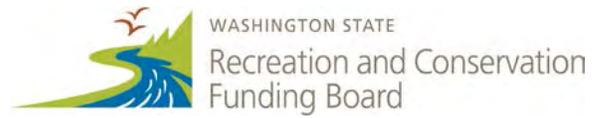
Kitsap County will use this grant to buy 600 acres of shoreline and tidelands along the west side of Port Gamble Bay in north Kitsap County. The purchase will protect 1.78 miles of shoreline. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Forterra, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and a coalition of business and community groups are working with Kitsap County on an effort to conserve 6,690 acres surrounding Port Gamble Bay. Acquisition of the shoreline is an important first step. The overall objective is to protect the land, preserve habitat values, protect cultural resources, and create opportunities for educational and low-impact recreation with access to Port Gamble Bay. The North Kitsap community has relied on the generosity of the landowner for the use of the property for recreation; however, this opportunity will disappear if the land is sold to a private buyer. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, a legislative appropriation, and a state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1144](#).

Kitsap County **Grant Awarded: \$166,358**
Conserving a Kitsap Forest and Grover's Creek

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy and protect permanently 180 acres in the Grover's Creek watershed in north Kitsap County. The project conserves interconnected, highly functioning creek bank habitat in the lower reach of Grover's Creek, 1.1 miles upstream from Miller Bay. The property is under imminent threat of residential development and is a critical link within a larger wildlife corridor that extends from Carpenter Creek near Kingston on east Kitsap Peninsula to Hood Canal near Port Gamble. This project protects the creek's main stem and tributaries; old growth Sitka spruce-western red cedar forests; and palustrine scrub-shrub, emergent and forested peat bog wetlands. The land and its creeks provide spawning and rearing areas for migrating fish, habitat for amphibians, and nesting and foraging areas for Neotropical migratory birds. Given the closeness of this wetland to Miller Bay, the project is essential to the long-term protection of the bay. The County will buy the land from Pope Resources. The County will contribute \$166,358 in conservation futures*, a federal grant, and donations of cash, labor, and property interest. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1422](#).

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

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Kitsap County **Developing South Kitsap Regional Park**

Grant Awarded: \$132,500

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to continue developing the skate park at South Kitsap Regional Park. The County will develop the center plaza for intermediate skaters with ramps, in-line skating, and street level elements. The County also will add spectator seating, landscaping, and security cameras. The South Kitsap Skate Park Association includes a large number of youth who are involved in the design and construction of the skate park. They have worked during the past four years to get \$112,000 to provide roughly 45 percent of the total project costs for this phase of the work. Kitsap County will commit an additional \$30,000. Kitsap County will contribute \$132,500 in cash and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1254](#).

Kitsap County **Expanding North Kitsap Heritage Park**

Grant Awarded: \$392,000

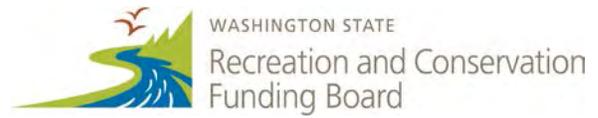
The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 470 acres for the North Kitsap Heritage Park. This purchase, when added to a first phase, would conserve 900 acres in Kingston's urban growth boundary. Part of a larger effort known as the Kitsap Forest and Bay Project, this purchase focuses on protecting the headwaters of two salmon-bearing streams, Grover's and Carpenter Creeks. The land contains rare wetlands, ponds, and mature lowland forests. It gives people a place for bird watching and wildlife viewing, and access to a regional trail network for horseback riding, hiking, and biking. The willing seller of the property also is donating 104 acres, which provides a critical buffer and habitat corridor between two major housing developments. This acquisition has tremendous community support including: City of Poulsbo, Suquamish Tribe, Stillwaters Environmental Center, Audubon, the current owner (Olympic Property Group), and stewardship and recreational community groups as well as residents. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, a federal grant, another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donations of land. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1255](#).

Kitsap County **Protecting Port Gamble Bay Shoreline**

Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy 600 acres of shoreline and tidelands along the west side of Port Gamble Bay in north Kitsap County. Buying the land will protect 1.78 miles of shoreline and provide access to the beach for the public. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Forterra, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and a coalition of business and community groups are working with Kitsap County to conserve 6,690 acres surrounding Port Gamble Bay. The overall objective is to protect the land, preserve wildlife habitat, and create opportunities for

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education and recreation on the bay. The creation of more public places on the bay will decrease the pressure on the few existing public waterfront areas. The County will contribute \$1,500,000 in a legislative appropriation and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1143](#).

Port of Bremerton

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

Rebuilding the Harper Fishing Pier

The Port of Bremerton will use this grant to reconstruct the Harper Fishing Pier. The Port will demolish the existing pier, remove 130 creosote piles, and erect a modern, recreational pier built with ecologically sound building materials. Harper Pier, originally built in the late 1800s and rebuilt in 1919 to support the Mosquito Fleet ferries, has a long and historically significant record of service. The pier, located at Yukon Bay in Kitsap County, today is a popular location for local residents and visitors for catching fish, crab, and squid, and scuba diving. The Port has invested about \$400,000 into the operations and maintenance of the pier since 2000, which includes about \$250,000 in improvements. Further repair of the pier is not cost-effective. The Port will contribute \$812,800 in cash and a legislative appropriation. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1206](#).

Port of Manchester

Grant Awarded: \$168,750

Renovating Manchester's North Dock

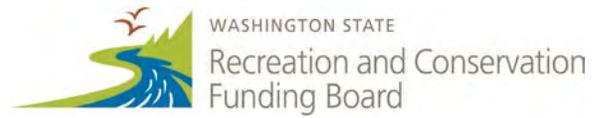
The Port of Manchester will use this grant to renovate and replace the heavily used north floating dock on the western shore of Puget Sound in south Kitsap County. The dock is old and doesn't meet current safety or environmental standards. The new dock will remain the same length, but will have fewer hinged sections to reduce rolling and improve durability. It will be built identically to the new south dock, and will have a light-penetrating, fish-friendly deck grating and recycled plastic deck boards. The Port of Manchester will contribute \$56,250. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1242](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Wildlife Habitat in the Kitsap Forest

Grant Awarded: \$1,428,525

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 93 acres in the combined Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve, to protect high quality wildlife habitat in one of Puget Sound's most densely populated counties. Located near Bremerton's urban growth area in Kitsap County, the 2,400-acre combined conservation areas include freshwater streams, wetlands, Puget Sound shorelines, and old growth and mature forests. They protect three rare forests including one of the best remaining examples of the

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Douglas fir-western hemlock-evergreen huckleberry forest. Less than 1 percent of the historic extent of similar forest conditions remains in the Puget Trough today. The combined conservation areas are considered a critical link in the Western Kitsap Peninsula Priority Conservation Area, which is one of the most important areas for conserving wildlife diversity in the Puget Trough area because of its size and number of species. Stavis Creek, which runs through the site, is one of the best remaining salmon spawning habitats in Hood Canal. It is a designated recovery area for Hood Canal summer chum, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. High quality, freshwater wetlands at the site form the headwaters of the creek and provide habitat for cavity-nesting ducks. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quails, cougars, and black bears. This project greatly enhances the long-term viability and quality of wildlife habitat in the area. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1179](#).

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Projects in Kittitas County

Grants Awarded: \$4,076,722

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the Heart of the Cascades

Grant Award: \$1,500,000

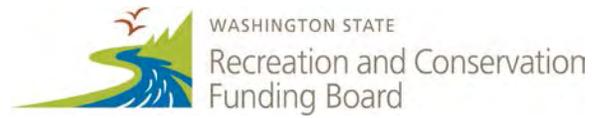
The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 5,496 acres of forest and water habitat on the east slope of the central Cascade Mountains. The site is about 20 miles southwest of Ellensburg, between the LT Murray Wildlife Area to the east and the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest to the west. The objective of the project is to buy a large swath of land rather than individual, separated parcels to make the property easier to manage and more beneficial to wildlife. The land provides breeding and foraging habitat for northern spotted owls and supports several large carnivore species. Conservation of these lands will protect the forests and water bodies in the central Cascades from damage caused by development. The first two phases of the project have purchased 10,386 acres, and this phase will secure a critical, remaining gap. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1132](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Buying New Motorcycles for Trail Maintenance

Grant Awarded: \$28,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to buy three motorcycles for trail maintenance. The motorcycles will be used to remove downed trees and overgrown brush on an extensive trail system. It is estimated that this project will benefit about 35,000 recreationists. Using a

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motorcycle to travel to the maintenance project sites, which often are many miles from trailheads, is more efficient than hiking in daily or camping. They not only allow quick access to work sites, but also allow crews to haul in fuel, parts, and heavy tools. The ranger district is using motorcycles that are between 11 and 32 years old, which are not only semi-reliable, but too expensive to repair. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1575](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trails

Grant Awarded: \$32,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 157 miles of Alpine Lakes Wilderness trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Kittitas County. The grant will fund a four- to six-person crew to cut logs and overgrown brush, repair trail and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make and install signs. Located 53 miles from the 3 million residents of the Puget Sound area, the Alpine Lakes trails are popular and provide unique wilderness recreation opportunities for hikers and stock users, who can travel in areas with forests, waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and glaciers. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$33,000 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1314](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Cle Elum District Trails

Grant Awarded: \$59,500

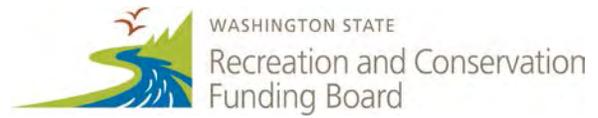
The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 356 miles of trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Kittitas County. The grant will fund a four- to six-person crew to cut logs and overgrown brush, repair trail and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make and install trail signs. This project covers maintenance for a large network of accessible, well-established trails that serves a large population and provides unique recreational opportunities for hikers and stock users. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$60,000 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1313](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Cle Elum Winter Trails

Grant Awarded: \$36,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person crew to maintain and groom about 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 60 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, install signs and boundary markers, repair bridges and culverts, and groom trails. It is estimated the project will benefit about 40,000 winter recreationists. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$98,000

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in donated and staff labor and a state grant. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1714](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$98,000**
Maintaining Front Country Trails and Campgrounds

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to maintain front country campgrounds and trailheads in Kittitas County. Crews will remove trash, clean restrooms, and maintain and repair campgrounds, dispersed campsites, and trailheads. Crews also will maintain bulletin boards and general forest signs. Because of the closeness to the Puget Sound area, the Cle Elum Ranger District has a large number of summer visitors. Maintenance is needed to protect natural resources and create a safe recreation opportunity. The district includes 24 campgrounds, 375 dispersed camping sites, 35 toilets, 3 rental cabins, and about 1,022 miles of Forest Service roads. A typical maintenance crew is four to six people, working April through October. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$100,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1767](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$188,850**
Maintaining Trails in the North Zone of the Wenatchee National Forest

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails, in the north zone of the Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. The crew will remove downed trees and overgrown brush, maintain trail and drainage structures, restore the trail surface, and maintain signs. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$47,250 in donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1574](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$189,550**
Maintaining Trails in the South Zone of the Wenatchee National Forest

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person crew to maintain 170 miles of multi-use trails in the south zone of the Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County. The crew will remove downed trees and overgrown brush, maintain trail and drainage structures, restore the trail surface, and maintain signs. The ranger district also will buy a chainsaw and minor equipment such as hand tools. The crew will maintain a large network of well-established trails for motorized use. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$52,500 in donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1573](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$150,000**
Providing Education and Enforcement on Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to conduct education and enforcement on off-road vehicle (ORV) trails and trailheads in Kittitas County. This grant will pay for a full-time enforcement officer, four seasonal officers, and two new patrol motorcycles. The ORV trail rangers patrol more than 400 miles of non-wilderness, front country trails open to ORV users, including seven campgrounds and more than 30 trailheads. The Cle Elum Ranger District is arguably Washington's most popular off-road destination. Education and enforcement is needed to protect natural resources and provide safe trail riding opportunities. Rangers provide information, assistance, coordinate volunteers, and teach safe motorized travel principles. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$105,000 in district equipment and labor and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1770](#).

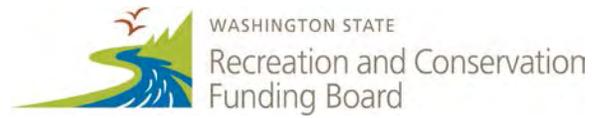
U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$20,000**
Providing the Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two education and safety snow rangers to patrol the 21 sno-parks, 500 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 300,000 acres of backcountry area in the Wenatchee National Forest. Snow rangers and volunteers will educate users about safe and courteous operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized areas. This snow ranger program will provide consistent field presence and one-on-one interaction with visitors, which is effective at reducing conflicts and providing education in this heavily-used winter recreation region of the state. The snow rangers also will attend club gatherings and council meetings and work with volunteers on weekends and holidays. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$59,000 in donated and staff labor and a state grant. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1713](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$26,000**
Renting Portable Toilets

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to rent portable toilets to place in visitor-created camping areas along rivers and lakes. Visitors camp outside of formally constructed campgrounds, and leave a tremendous amount of human waste and toilet paper in the bushes surrounding lakes and rivers. In previous years, the ranger district charged a fee to pay for portable toilets, but that fee was restricted by Congress in 2005. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1768](#).

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U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Rerouting North Ridge and Little Creek Basin Trails

Grant Awarded: \$52,500

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to reroute and rebuild 2.4 miles of trail and rehabilitate 1.3 miles of the bypassed sections of the North Ridge and Little Creek Basin Trails. The ranger district will protect a stream by creating a series of switchbacks on steep sections of the trails allowing for a safer riding opportunity. The trails are used primarily by motorcyclists, equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers. Trail improvements are necessary to provide a safe but challenging trail that doesn't contribute to soil erosion or stream degradation. It is estimated that this project will benefit about 2,400 off-road vehicle recreationists a year. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1726](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Rerouting the Jolly Mountain and Jolly Creek Trails

Grant Awarded: \$48,400

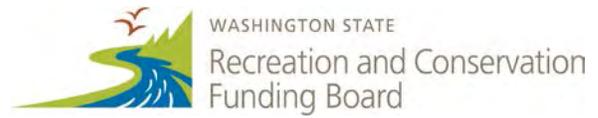
The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to reroute and rebuild 1.3 miles of trails, remove 1.1 miles of trail, and develop a bridge on the Jolly Mountain and Jolly Creek Trails. The trails are used primarily by motorcyclists, equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers. The trail improvements are necessary to provide a safe but challenging trail that is not contributing to soil erosion or stream degradation. It is estimated that this project will benefit 850 off-road vehicle recreationists a year. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1715](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Buying Land at Big Horn for Access to the Yakima River

Grant Awarded: \$1,357,922

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 689 acres that contain two drift boat launches and 3 miles of the Yakima River. The land, known as Big Horn, is in the department's Wenas Wildlife Area, and is under threat of development. The land lies between Ellensburg and Yakima. The drift boat launches are open seasonally in a section of the river where put-in and take-out opportunities are limited. Additionally, the department will buy both sides of the Yakima River, opening 6 miles of shoreline to the public. The Yakima River Canyon is popular for trout fishing, rafting, and inner tubing. The current Yakima Canyon water access sites serve hundreds of thousands of recreationists annually and are crowded. Securing additional places for people to reach the river will better distribute recreationists in a highly popular reach of the river. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1131](#).

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Old Highway 10 Yakima River Access

Grant Awarded: \$289,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to add a boat ramp and parking lot at the Old Highway 10 Yakima River Access, a half-mile above the Town Diversion Dam, northwest of Ellensburg. The department will build a ramp for drift boats, kayaks, canoes, and rafts. It also will build a parking lot, install a pad for a seasonal outhouse, add fill to improve sight lines for drivers and highway access, place barrier rock to prevent damage to plants, and install a gate for access to the trail. The department also will build a walking trail running the length of the site to the west, giving people a place for bank fishing and watching the mule deer, bald eagles, beavers, and other animals that visit the site. The Yakima River provides a "blue-ribbon" trout fishery and is used heavily by anglers and recreational floaters from around the state. The improvements to the Old Highway 10 site will allow for an afternoon float from the department's Thorp Bridge access site about 3.5 miles upriver or a longer float from the Teanaway Junction Access, which is about 13 miles upstream from Thorp Bridge. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1215](#).

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Projects in Klickitat County

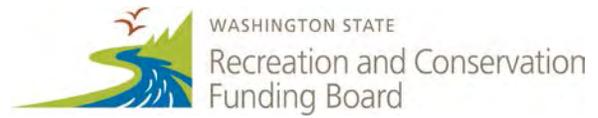
Grants Awarded: \$980,750

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Rock Creek for Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$980,750

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,400 acres of the total 13,565 acres of upland and riparian habitats along Rock Creek in east Klickitat County. Rock Creek is the largest tributary of the Columbia River in Washington between the Klickitat and Walla Walla Rivers. The Rock Creek drainage represents one of the most diverse fish and wildlife habitats in south central Washington. The property supports a variety of species at risk of extinction, including steelhead, Chinook salmon, western gray squirrel, Lewis' woodpecker, mule and black-tailed deer, black-tailed jackrabbit, burrowing owl, golden eagle, western toad, and white alder. The Rock Creek basin is a mosaic of shrub-steppe, interior grassland, Oregon white oak, and ponderosa pine. The drainage is unique with the eastern edge of Oregon white oak habitat transitioning into interior shrub-steppe and grassland. The project is surrounded by large blocks of land owned by the Bureau of Land Management, Washington State, Yakama Nation, Western Pacific Timber Company, and The Nature Conservancy. This project is a unique opportunity to acquire a large, intact landscape from a single, willing seller to maintain riparian

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and upland habitat connectivity from the Columbia River to the crest of the Simcoe Mountains. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1137](#).

Projects in Lewis County

Grants Awarded: \$397,800

Chehalis

Grant Awarded: \$250,000

Renovating the Chehalis Pool

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate its community pool. Work will include replacing the pool liner, mechanical systems, guard stands, and diving board; resurfacing its shared parking; adding parking stalls; building a restroom; and upgrading the locker rooms to meet accessibility standards. The work should extend the life of the pool by more than 20 years. The only public outdoor pool in this region, its use averages 230 people a day. People use the pool for water sports, physical education, school field trips, teen mentor programs, family and lap swims, and all-age swimming lessons. Built in 1959 near the city's main entrance at the Interstate 5 exit, thousands have learned to swim here. While the City maintained these aging facilities even in lean times with support from its foundation and the community, it lacks money for major upgrades or expansion. Excessive time and resources are spent on mechanical and plumbing repairs in the hope the pool lasts just one more season. In a desperate state of disrepair, it is unsafe, lacks cost and energy efficiencies, and is in imminent danger of closing. This renovation also improves the park's restrooms and parking. This project has a dedicated partner in the Chehalis Foundation, broad community support, and financial commitments from community groups, schools, businesses, and others. The City of Chehalis will contribute \$530,340 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant, staff labor, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1227](#).

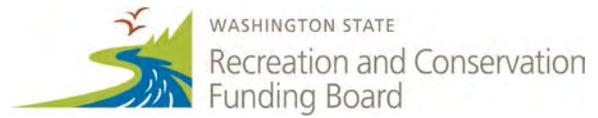
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Awarded: \$69,000

Providing Access to the Cowlitz River Trout Hatchery

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Cowlitz Trout Hatchery access area and fishing ramp for people with disabilities. The department will add four, new paved parking stalls and paved pathways for people with disabilities, a small fence, new information signs, and two concrete fishing ramp extensions at the hatchery, which is 18 miles south of Centralia. This is a joint effort between the department and Tacoma Power. This grant will improve access for people with lower extremity mobility disabilities and expand the existing site to accommodate the 600 percent increase in use. The hatchery is a popular destination for those seeking to catch salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1142](#).

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U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$78,800** **Maintaining Trails in Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund two seasonal workers for 2 years to maintain 230 miles of trails and trailheads for motorized users in Gifford Pinchot National Forest, in Lewis County. The workers also will clean and maintain six campgrounds primarily used by motorized recreationists. It is estimated that at least 6,000 motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle users ride annually in the national forest. Volunteers will contribute 2,200 hours over 2 years to help with the maintenance. The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will contribute \$74,720 in donated and staff labor and agency equipment. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1345](#).

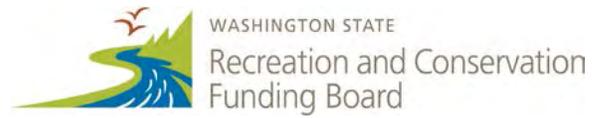
There is one more project in Lewis County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Mason County **Grants Awarded: \$4,840,191**

Capitol Land Trust **Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000** **Conserving the Oakland Bay Estuary**

Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy 76 acres on Oakland Bay in Mason County, and restore about 48 acres of a golf course by planting native saltmarsh and upland plants. This project is a key component of a larger Oakland Bay initiative and builds upon a remarkable partnership between conservation, industry, and community groups, and tribal and state governments; a collaboration that has successfully conserved the three other estuarine complexes on northern Oakland Bay and 250 acres of surrounding habitat. This project will protect numerous important habitat types (riparian, freshwater wetland, in-stream, Puget Sound near-shore) that are used by five salmon species, forage fish, shorebirds, waterfowl, shellfish, and other bird species. For sale and facing imminent threat, the site abuts some of the most productive shellfish beds in Washington. Its protection will help sustain many jobs and a \$10 million annual shellfish industry. The land trust will contribute more than \$1.5 million from private and federal grants and a salmon recovery grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1590](#).

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Mason County Renovating Mason County Recreation Area Infield

Grant Awarded: \$135,214

Mason County will use this grant to renovate two infields at the Mason County Recreation Area Park near Shelton. The 30-acre sports complex has seven ball fields. Work will include replacing the dirt infields with synthetic turf on two fields. This will improve field playability, reduce maintenance costs, reduce rainouts, and reduce the amount of water used at the park. This project also fixes access issues by improving the pathways in the park. The County will replace existing crushed rock with asphalt and improve access to the dugouts. The two fields receive heavy use annually from youth baseball and softball organizations and from numerous tournaments. The outfield surface will remain grass. Mason County will contribute \$89,504 in cash, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1383](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve

Grant Awarded: \$973,087

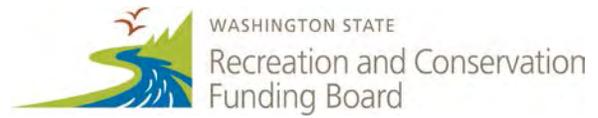
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 80 acres in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. The privately owned land includes salt marsh vegetation and land along Kennedy and Schneider Creeks. The preserve protects three, high quality, native, intertidal salt marsh ecosystems that are considered rare in the Puget Sound area. The estuary protected by the preserve also provides critical resting, feeding, and overwintering habitat for migrating and resident shorebirds and waterfowl including dunlin, greater yellowlegs, black-bellied plovers and sandpipers. Birds of prey including bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and merlin forage in the estuary. The site also supports a robust run of fall chum and other fish including coho, winter steelhead, and coastal cutthroat. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1176](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Patrolling the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests

Grant Awarded: \$191,890

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund two education and enforcement specialists to patrol the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, both of which are open year-round and offer 213 miles of multiple-use trails, campgrounds, trailheads, and miles of roads. The specialist will patrol trails, educate the public about proper trail use and public safety, give assistance to lost or injured riders, and protect the natural resources and infrastructure. In addition, the grant also will pay for a new computer for the enforcement vehicle. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$82,399 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1069](#).

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$2,540,000 **Acquiring Fudge Point on Harstine Island**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 62 acres of waterfront, with more than a half-mile of shoreline at Fudge Point, on Harstine Island's eastern shore in Mason County. A property on State Parks' wish list since the 1980s, the land is three-quarters of a mile south of McMicken Island State Park. It has a sandy, gently sloping beach and spectacular views of Mount Rainier, the Olympic Mountains, and Mount Saint Helens. State Parks will collaborate with The Trust for Public Land to make the purchase. State Parks plans to manage this property as a public, day-use park for low-impact activities. This is the first step in a multi-year vision to buy uplands and tidelands adjacent to Fudge Point for a premiere destination state park in the South Sound. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1095](#).

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Projects in Okanogan County Grants Awarded: \$4,902,750

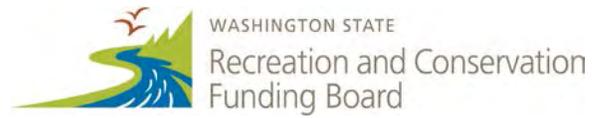
Methow Valley Sport Trail Association Grant Awarded: \$45,700 **Renovating the Tawlks Foster Bridge**

The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will use this grant to replace the eight wood support towers of the Tawlks Foster Suspension Bridge with steel towers. The bridge is in Mazama along the Methow Valley Sport Trails Association Community Trail in Okanogan County. Built in 1995, the bridge spans 240 feet across the Methow River. It is used year-round and is the most popular destination on the 120-mile trail system. Annually, the bridge hosts 55,000 user days. The association operates the nation's largest cross-country ski system in winter, and trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians in the summer. The trail system is the economic driver generating \$8.6 million in revenue and 128 jobs in the local economy annually. The Methow Valley Sport Trail Association will contribute \$37,450 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1418](#).

Okanogan Land Trust Grant Awarded: \$351,100 **Conserving the Schell Farmland**

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to protect 604 acres of farm and ranch land in the Okanogan Highlands near Havillah. The land trust will preserve prime and unique soils for agricultural use, and valuable and unusual habitat for wildlife. The ranch itself contributes significantly to the local agricultural industry with above average crop production because of its

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fertile soil, above average rain and snow, and a long history of sound farming practices. Because of its high elevation, the ranch has spectacular views in almost all directions and is under significant development pressure. This, combined with unusually easy county road access from three sides, makes it a prime target for subdivision. It could be sold off into 5-acre lots. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains in agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowners to continue farming and ranching and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$351,100 from a federal grant, staff labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1538](#).

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

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to help maintain its 24 campgrounds. Crews will fix roads, control noxious weeds, remove hazardous trees, maintain water systems, repair picnic tables and fire grates, maintain bulletin boards and visitor information, collect fees, do security patrols, clean toilets and campsites, remove trash, and mow grass. The Methow Ranger District will contribute \$149,920 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1798](#).

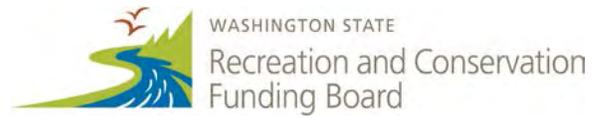
U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$39,200** **Providing Education and Enforcement in the Methow Valley**

The Methow Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund one seasonal ranger and several volunteers to provide education and enforcement in high use, non-motorized recreation areas for two summers. The ranger and volunteers will enforce regulations and educate visitors about the principles of good stewardship. They will focus on popular areas along State Highway 20 such as Maple Pass, Rainy Lake, Cutthroat Pass, Blue Lake, and the Devil's Dome Loop, as well as Harts Pass and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail. These areas are used by hikers, overnight backpackers, mountain bikers, climbers, backcountry skiers, pack and saddle stock users, hunters, and anglers. The Methow Valley Ranger District will contribute \$39,910 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1592](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$3,100,000** **Conserving the Similkameen River and Okanogan River Watershed**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve about 700 acres of wildlife habitat including 1.5 miles of Similkameen River waterfront. The department will either buy the

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land or purchase a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement. The goal is to maintain the only low-elevation corridor linking the Columbia Basin with the remaining endangered shrub-steppe and grassland habitats in Canada. Connecting blocks of public land will ensure that wildlife can travel farther distances unimpeded. The land is home to 100 internationally recognized species at-risk of extinction. The purchase also enables the department to offer more areas for fishing, hunting, and watching wildlife. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1127](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Similkameen River Trail

Grant Awarded: \$95,000

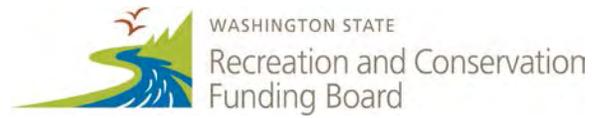
The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop trails, parking, and a viewing blind on newly acquired property in Okanogan County. The department will improve the access road off Chopaka Road, leading to a new parking area along the Similkameen River. The department will build a wood fence around the parking area, install an information board, and build a canoe launch off the northeast corner of the parking lot. The department also will build a short trail from the parking area to a viewing blind overlooking the adjacent oxbow. Trails leading to the Similkameen River and along the old railroad grade will be improved and cleared of brush and debris. The project will improve public use facilities, watchable wildlife opportunities, and give people with disabilities access. The Chopaka Valley is a remote and beautiful corner of the state. From the valley floor at 1,300 feet, Chopaka Mountain rises to elevations of around 8,000 feet immediately to the west. The valley abounds with white-tailed and mule deer, waterfowl, and upland birds. Also visible on the mountain slopes are bighorn sheep and mountain goats. Black bears and mountain lions are rare but present as well. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$5,000 in agency equipment and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1339](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Methow Forest through Thinning

Grant Awarded: \$309,750

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin ponderosa pine and aspen forests in Okanogan County to restore them to health. The restoration targets 3,604 acres in the department's Methow Wildlife Area. Fire plays a primary role in maintaining ponderosa pine and aspen forest. Stopping fires for the past century has brought these forests to the brink of collapse. Historically, these forests had 5 to 30 trees per acre and now have 600-1,300 trees per acre. Conifers are driving aspen from the land. Delaying implementation increases risk of catastrophic fire like the 178,000-acre Tripod fire that burned the edge of the project area in 2006. The project area lies between national forest and developed private lands. The Methow River and tributaries flowing through the wildlife area are used by steelhead, spring Chinook

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salmon and bull trout, all listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The wildlife area also lies in an area for wolf conservation and is the winter range for the largest mule deer herd in Washington. This project will improve forest viability and provide abundant educational opportunities in forest ecology as well as family wage jobs. The department will contribute \$18,585. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1606](#).

Winthrop

Grant Awarded: \$365,000

Extending the Susie Stephens Trail

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to build more than a half-mile of the Susie Stephens Trail, extending the trail south from Norfolk Road, and provide a pedestrian crossing on Highway 20 near the Virginian Motel. The Town also will design and develop a portion of the downtown Riverwalk, which will extend the trail north of the Spring Creek Bridge. This second phase includes paving parking spaces for people with disabilities at the Town Trailhead and installing landscaping, a water access point, trail furnishings, and interpretive signs at key locations along the corridor. The first phase constructed a half-mile of trail including a bridge over the Methow River that connected the Town Trailhead and Ice Rink with the Methow Valley Sports Trail system. The overall project aims to solve a longstanding need for a convenient and safe walking and biking route that connects key commercial areas and provides a point of access to the broader network of Methow Valley trails. The trail corridor offers views of the confluence of the Methow and Chewuch Rivers, the north Cascade Mountain Range, and both streamside and shrub-steppe habitat. The Town will contribute \$365,000 from state and private grants, labor, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1122](#).

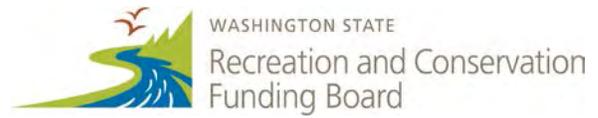
Winthrop

Grant Awarded: \$497,000

Improving the Winthrop Ice Rink

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to improve the Winthrop Ice Rink, adding refrigeration, new restrooms, a changing area, and improved signs. The ice rink is a short distance outside of Winthrop's downtown and has an adjoining service building. The rink is surfaced with lawn, and the ice is natural, dependent on freezing temperatures. The building houses the restrooms, skate rentals, changing area, and storage. This project addresses the two biggest risks to long-term operation: rink closures due to warm weather and an overcrowded skate changing area. The Town will grade the area, upgrade the electrical, and install a refrigerated slab and ice plant. A 1,200-square-foot restroom and changing area building will be constructed at the east end of the rink. Sidewalks and landscaping will be restored. Five new directional signs will help people navigate to parking areas. Fixing these problems will enable a full operating schedule with tournaments and events that contribute to Winthrop's winter economy. The Town of Winthrop

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will contribute \$498,000 in labor and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1123](#).

Projects in Pacific County **Grants Awarded: \$1,724,800**

Port of Willapa Harbor **Grant Awarded: \$664,800** **Redeveloping Tokeland Marina**

The Port of Willapa Harbor will use this grant to improve the short-term moorage at the Tokeland Marina, which is on the Tokepoint peninsula in Pacific County. The Port will build a short-term moorage float, which also will provide breakwater protection, as well as build restrooms and a picnic area, and install lighting. The Port also will improve parking and landscaping. The marina serves a robust sports fishery, as well as local commercial and tribal fishing boats. Currently, the marina has portable toilets for restrooms and enough moorage for only 44 boats. Lack of short-term moorage forces most boaters to launch and retrieve daily. On peak salmon season days, there can be 200 boats launched. The Port of Willapa Harbor will contribute \$287,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1797](#).

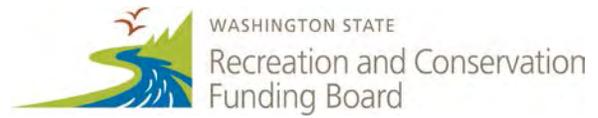
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Awarded: \$310,000** **Developing North Willapa Bay Recreation**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to begin development of the North Willapa Bay Wildlife Area Unit. The department will build two parking lots, two short trails for non-motorized uses, and two interpretive kiosks at viewpoints. The .8-mile Hawks Point Bluff Trail will use a logging road and will end at a majestic bluff viewpoint overlooking Willapa Bay. The second trail, the .2-mile Bay Access Trail, will provide secluded beach access for a variety of recreational opportunities. Willapa Bay in southwest Washington is regarded widely as one of the most pristine estuaries in the United States and is the second largest estuary on North America's West Coast. During the past decade, the department has played an integral role in a partnership that has protected several thousand acres of estuaries, wetlands, and associated buffers throughout Willapa Bay. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1300](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$750,000** **Protecting Seaview Dunes**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 21.45 acres on Long Beach to retain the visual integrity and habitat of the Seaview dunes. The Seaview dunes area of the Long Beach peninsula offers one of

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the most spectacular views along the Washington coast. Local zoning allowed a handful of houses to be built there. State Parks will buy six properties, beginning at the southerly State Park boundary and working north to 38th Place, commonly known as the Seaview Ocean Beach Approach. This purchase is part of a multi-year plan to buy property in the Seaview dunes area. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1530](#).

Projects in Pierce County

Grants Awarded: \$6,210,948

Gig Harbor

Grant Awarded: \$180,000

Building the Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to build an inclusive playground with accessible paths and play equipment with a maritime theme representing the fishing heritage of Gig Harbor. The Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground will replace the aged play equipment at City Park that must be removed this year. The new structures will promote youth physical activity as part of the Harbor Health initiative and allow children of all abilities to experience the benefits of outdoor play. In partnership with citizen advocates, the City was the finalist in an essay contest awarded by the non-profit Shane's Inspiration, which led a broad public input process resulting in the final playground design. Local environmental group, Harbor WildWatch, also helped with the maritime-themed design by highlighting species found in the harbor and Puget Sound. The Gig Harbor Maritime Committee raised 80 percent of the local grant match. When the playground is finished, Shane's Inspiration will lead an innovative program with local residents and the Peninsula School District using the PlayZone as an outdoor "learn to play together" classroom that is expected to have a regional impact. The City of Gig Harbor will contribute \$181,200 from a grant, cash, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1509](#).

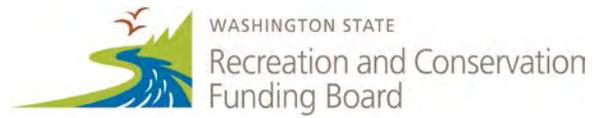
Gig Harbor

Grant Awarded: \$302,328

Expanding the Eddon Boat Waterfront Park

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to buy about a half-acre of waterfront to expand the historic Eddon Boat Waterfront Park. The project will add to an existing park that includes the historic Eddon boatyard cultural center, kayak launch, dock, open grassy area, beach, and panoramic views of Gig Harbor Bay. Located in the heart of this historic fishing village, the land could be used by anglers, kayakers, and canoeists, and is near restaurants and other recreation amenities. The land is for sale. The City will contribute \$359,927 in cash and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1507](#).

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Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club Installing a Lead Shot Containment Curtain

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to build a 50-foot-by-480-foot, lead shot containment curtain behind four traps. The curtain will be built on the club grounds and will ensure that no shot leaves the property, make spent shot recovery easy and more frequent, and create a safer and cleaner environment. The Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club will contribute \$75,700. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1745](#).

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Buying Land for a New Entry to a Recreation Area

Grant Awarded: \$483,350

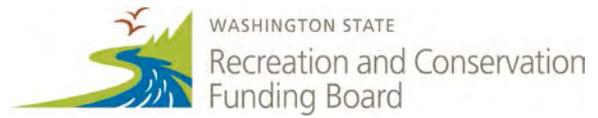
The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy almost 40 acres, known as the Anderson property, on the north end of Key Peninsula along State Route 302, for a new entry to a 360-acre recreation area. The majority of the property is fairly level, with areas of rolling hills and Little Minter Creek meandering through it. With the Anderson property, the park district can relocate the main entry and improve visitor safety. The trailhead for the recreation area also will be located on the Anderson property, providing parking (including for horse trailers) and restrooms for hikers, bikers, and riders. In addition, the district will build picnic areas, a community garden, a playground, and multipurpose fields. This is the future flagship of Key Pen Parks and will serve the recreational needs of the community for future generations. The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$483,350 in cash, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1197](#).

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Building an Estuary and Boardwalk in Point Defiance Park

Grant Awarded: \$500,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to create a small estuary and build a boardwalk at the southeastern edge of Point Defiance Park. The project involves removing a bulkhead and road to create 2.5 acres of both saltwater and freshwater estuaries that combine storm water treatment and public access and education through interpretive signs and a 1,300-foot boardwalk that traverses the area. The shoreline and estuaries will be designed for endangered species such as salmon and sand lance. The estuaries will be a learning laboratory for Tacoma School District's Science and Math Institute, which will be involved in its design, development, maintenance, and monitoring. Being adjacent to land that will connect the popular Ruston Way waterfront pedestrian promenade with Point Defiance Park, this unique place will be both a popular destination and stopping point for the 2 million plus visitors to the waterfront. The park district will contribute \$3 million in cash and another grant from the

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Recreation and Conservation Office. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1554](#).

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma **Grant Awarded: \$2,500,000** **Developing the Missing Link in a Point Defiance Trail**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop the final half-mile of a 7-mile waterfront trail from downtown Tacoma to the nationally renowned Point Defiance Park. This missing link is the culmination of a decades-old dream to complete the trail. Located on Puget Sound, this segment of trail provides exceptional views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains, Vashon Island, and Mount Rainier, and also serves as the keystone by linking the highly popular Ruston Way promenade, the Point Ruston Development, the town of Ruston, the city of Tacoma, Point Defiance Park, and the future 11-acre waterfront park on the peninsula. The trail will be 20 feet wide, including a bridge over Pearl Street. The park district will contribute \$2.5 million in cash and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1549](#).

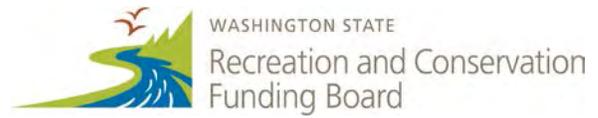
Mount Tahoma Trails Association **Grant Awarded: \$50,000** **Maintaining Winter and Summer Trails in the Foothills of Mount Rainier**

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association, a non-profit, all volunteer organization, will use this grant to maintain more than 50 miles of trail in the Tahoma and Elbe Hills State Forests, on the foothills of Mount Rainier, in Pierce County. The association will groom trails in winter for skiing and snowshoeing, clear them of brush and trees in summer, install signs, and maintain the trail system year-round. It also will maintain snow cats and snowmobiles used to groom the trails. The trails link four backcountry huts for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and are used in the summer for hiking and mountain biking. An estimated 8,000 people use the trails each season. The local Ashford business community supports the association, along with a volunteer force producing over 6,000 volunteer hours each year. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will contribute \$112,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1488](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$95,570** **Designing the Renovation of the Anderson Lake Campground**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design the renovation of the campground and fishing facility on Anderson Lake in the Tahoma State Forest, near the town of Ashford in Pierce County. The department will complete design work, assess cultural resources, and obtain permits to renovate the campground, parking area, and fishing facility. The department plans to move the campsites away from the shoreline and build a platform for

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people to fish from. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$11,730 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1076](#).

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 40 miles of trails, 3 trailheads, and 1 campground in the Nicholson Trail System in the Elbe Hills State Forest, near Elbe in Pierce County. The department will resurface and harden trails, fix drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and remove downed trees and overgrown brush. Maintenance is needed to protect the land and allow the department to provide safe trails for the 12,000 recreationists who visit annually. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$55,000 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1074](#).

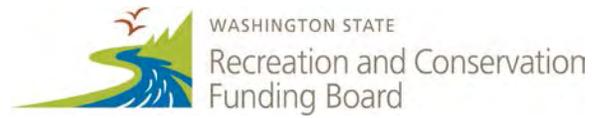
Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$117,000**
Maintaining Trails and Facilities in Elbe Hills State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a five-person Washington Conservation Corp crew to maintain 4x4 and off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Elbe Hills State Forest, 6 miles east of Elbe in Pierce County. The crew will repair and harden trail surfaces, maintain culverts and water drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and remove downed trees and overgrown bushes. The crew will maintain 13 miles of trails, a trailhead, and a campground. It is estimated that this project will benefit more than 11,000 recreationists annually. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$54,000 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1075](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$295,800**
Developing Access to Nisqually Park

State Parks will use this grant to pave a small parking lot in Nisqually State Park. State Parks also will install a vault toilet, informational kiosk, and directional and interpretive signs. In addition, State Parks will add hitching posts, a water trough, a ramp to help people with disabilities mount horses, and ample space to circulate and park trucks with trailers to accommodate people with horses. Finally, State Parks will plant native plants near the parking lot and trailhead. For details, click [12-1723](#).

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$1,381,500 **Purchasing Land for Nisqually State Park**

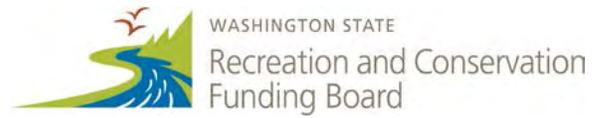
State Parks will use this grant to buy 214 acres of privately owned property in the long-term boundary of Nisqually State Park. The property is owned by the Manke Timber Company and includes the high point in the park, which is planned for an open-air observatory and storytelling area. This area is important to the park's purpose of telling the story of Native American use of the site through time. The land also includes a portion of the planned trail system for the park. The long-term boundary for the park stretches from the western side of the Ohop Valley in the west to State Route 7 in the east. State Parks began buying land there in the early 1990s, and now owns 1,230 acres. The park is at the confluence of the Mashel River and Ohop Creek with the Nisqually River. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1245](#).

Wilkeson Grant Awarded: \$55,400 **Building the Wilkeson Skatepark**

Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to build a 6,000-square-foot skateboard park in Railroad Street Park. The park will be designed using modular units, placed on a cement pad, and geared for beginner to intermediate skateboarders. Most kids under 16 years old are unable to travel out of this rural area for park activities. There is no public transit system. The Town was approached by middle school students to develop a skateboard park already cited in the town's master park plan. This spring, kids and families started fundraising in earnest. They have solicited corporate donations and have several events planned next year. The Town of Wilkeson will provide the land, administer the grant, coordinate the in-kind labor from the Eagles, Clampers, and Booster Clubs to prepare and install the structures with the skateboard company representative. Railroad Street Park is well suited for a skateboard park because it is in the heart of town and very visible by the local community and police. The town of Wilkeson will contribute \$55,598 from a grant, cash, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1401](#).

More Projects: There are more projects in Pierce County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

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Projects in San Juan County **Grants Awarded: \$867,500**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$867,500** **Replacing James Island Moorage**

State Parks will use this grant to replace and expand the popular moorage facility on James Island, which is at the eastern entrance to Thatcher Pass, the most highly trafficked entry point into the San Juan Islands from the Puget Sound. State Parks will replace the access pier, gangway ramp, pilings, and moorage floats. The work will expand the capacity from 64 linear feet of moorage to 256 linear feet of moorage. The facility doesn't comply with current building codes, environmental regulations, or barrier-free standards. Providing an attractive and convenient lunch stop for those traveling to and from the San Juan Islands, James Island also is near launch facilities at Anacortes and Deception Pass State Park, making it a popular destination for day tours and weekend camping trips. The island serves an estimated 12,500 visitors annually. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1343](#).

Projects in Skagit County **Grants Awarded: \$1,723,271**

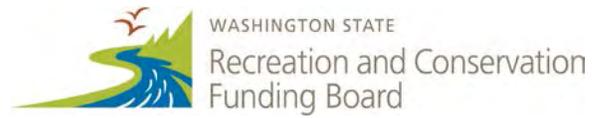
Mount Vernon **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Building the Mount Vernon Skagit Riverwalk Park**

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a park along the Skagit River in downtown Mount Vernon. The park will be about 25,000 square feet and will include a lowered plaza with seating steps, viewpoints to the river, ornamental native landscape, placeholders for public art, and a restroom. Also included is a large, open area with shade trees set in a field of permeable pavers that will accommodate large, public events that currently happen in a parking lot. This park is connected to the Skagit Riverwalk, an urban, riverfront trail. It is the last component of the overall Skagit Riverwalk development and significantly increases access to the shoreline and opportunity for recreation. This park will be the largest open area in downtown and used by apartment residents, businesses, tourists, and day visitors. The City of Mount Vernon will contribute \$511,500 from a grant and cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1086](#).

Skagit County **Grant Awarded: \$103,700** **Conserving a Dairy and Tulip Farm**

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 200 acres in the northern Skagit delta that supports a dairy and tulip farm. The Harmony Farm surrounds 80 acres already protected and the addition

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of this farm will create 280 acres of protected farmland. The land is home to one of the largest dairies in the county and is within the Pacific Flyway for many wintering birds such as trumpeter swans and snow geese. The winter fields often are planted with grasses that attract and feed these migrating birds. This is a multi-generational farm that has a history of success and diversification of crops that include wheat, corn, and the famous Skagit tulips. The county will protect the land that is east of Interstate 5, just south of Highway 20 and the Port of Skagit County, with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$103,700 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1500](#).

Skagit County Conserving the Curtis Farm

Grant Awarded: \$68,750

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 59.3 acres of the Curtis Farm, which dates back to the late 1800s. The land has prime soils and grows potatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, wheat, spinach, and beets. The beet seeds are shipped internationally, giving Skagit County worldwide recognition. Skagit County produces 6 percent of the world's beet seeds. This farm also is in the Pacific Flyway for migrating winter birds, such as trumpeter swans and snow geese, which stop at the farm to feed. The County will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$68,750 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1496](#).

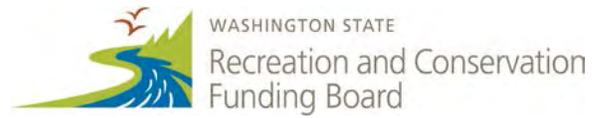
Skagit County Conserving the Egbers Farm

Grant Awarded: \$47,000

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 37-acre Egber Farm, which is along the main road to the annual tulip festival. Many large homes have been built along McLean Road, which runs between Mount Vernon and La Conner. The land is highly productive with rotating crops that include potatoes, corn, cucumbers, green chop, and peas. The smaller size of the farm makes it attractive to developers for single-family homes. This area of the Skagit Valley is in the Pacific Flyway, which is a migratory corridor for birds, and is the wintering grounds for trumpeter swans

* Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect farms.

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and snow geese. The County will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$47,000 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1499](#).

Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$53,550

Conserving the Fohn Family Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 40-acre Fohn family farm in the heart of the Skagit delta. The farm has expansive views and an easement that allows a road to be built from the land to the main road. If the land is not protected, a house and access road could be built in the middle of the farmlands. The County's goal is to keep houses out of the farmland and avoid the inevitable conflicts that occur between farming and development. The farm is primarily a dairy and grows grass, green chop, potatoes, spinach, and corn for cows. Skagit County is an international supplier of vegetable seeds. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$53,550 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1493](#).

Skagit County

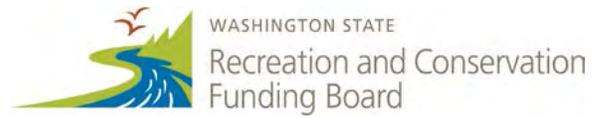
Grant Awarded: \$181,350

Conserving the Hedlin Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to protect nearly 54 acres of the regionally and internationally important Hedlin Farm. The farm provides critical winter forage for migratory birds including snow geese, raptors, shorebirds, and swans and is next to Sullivan Slough, which is some of the best estuary habitat in the Skagit delta. The *Pacific Coast Joint Venture Strategic Plan* recommends protecting farms, such as the Hedin Farm, that are near bays and estuaries as a way to ensure the long-term viability of migratory birds. Skagit County's population is estimated to almost double in the next 50 years. Pressure to convert farmland is increasing dramatically. The Hedlin Farm borders La Conner and the owners constantly receive inquiries about selling their land because of its spectacular views and desirable location. The Hedlin family has been farming the land for more than 100 years and has committed to preserving the agricultural and

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environmental heritage of the Skagit Valley. The Hedlin Farm is certified as Salmon Safe and was awarded the Vim Wright Stewardship Award for Farming and the Environment in 2008. Skagit County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$181,350 in conservation futures*. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1423](#).

Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$48,600

Conserving the M. Egbers Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 38-acre M. Egbers farm, which is south of McLean Road, the major road between Mount Vernon and La Conner. The farm grows beets, cabbage, spinach, strawberries, cucumbers, potatoes, and wheat. It is in the central Skagit valley where seed crops are grown and shipped all over the world. Skagit County grows 6 percent of the world's beet seed. The soils are prime agriculture soils as indicated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The farm also is in the Pacific Flyway, a migratory corridor for birds, and trumpeter swans and snow geese stop there in the winter. The spectacular views to the west of the Cascades Mountains and of the tulip fields surrounding the farm make this land attractive to developers. There have been offers on this farm to sell it but the farmer would like to keep the farm intact. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$48,600 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1516](#).

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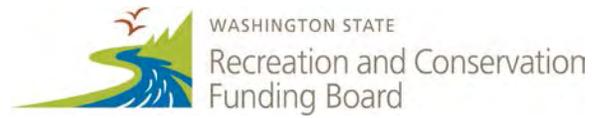
Grant Awarded: \$63,700

Conserving the Nelson-Brand Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 53 acres of the Nelson-Brand Farm, which is on the La Conner Whitney Road just south of Highway 20. The farm is next to other property protected in the County's Farmland Legacy program. The farm has prime agriculture soils as determined by the federal government, and grows grain, pasture for cows, potatoes, peas, and corn. The Nelsons are one of the largest potato farmers in the valley with several thousand acres and more than 1,000 acres protected permanently. The farm also is in the Pacific Flyway, which is a

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migratory corridor for birds, and has lots of traffic during the annual Tulip Festival. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$63,700 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1498](#).

Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$48,550

Conserving the Nelson-Estes Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to conserve the 40-acre Nelson-Estes farm, which is in the Samish River basin near the base of Chuckanut Mountains. The farm is part of one of the largest farms in the Skagit valley. Several hundred acres already are protected in perpetuity surrounding the Nelson-Estes Farm, making it one of the last properties to be protected. Most of the protected land is owned by the Nelsons. The Nelsons are one of the largest potato farmers in the valley with several thousand acres, 1,000 of which are protected in perpetuity. The farm has prime agricultural soils, as determined by the federal government, and grows grain, potatoes, peas, and corn. The Samish basin is the focus of a statewide effort to enhance the water quality of the Samish River before it enters Samish Bay. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$48,550 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1497](#).

Skagit County

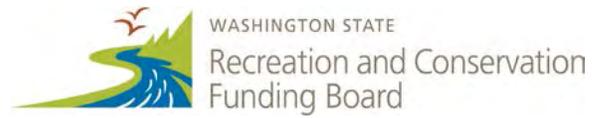
Grant Awarded: \$88,600

Conserving the Olson Family Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 68 acres of the Olson family farm. The farm is east of Interstate 5 on the edge of Mount Vernon and on Britt Slough. The landowners grow potatoes, wheat, corn, peas, seed crops, nursery stock, and pasture for cows. The slough and a small wetland provide some habitat to nesting birds. The Olson family farm is susceptible to development because of its closeness to city services, small size, and views. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the

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land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$88,600 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1526](#).

Skagit County Conserving the Stephen Johnson Farm

Grant Awarded: \$4,135

Skagit County will use this grant to preserve more than 25 acres of the Stephen Johnson Farm, which is what remains of the original Tillinghast Farm and Seed Company dating back to before the turn of the century. The Johnson family has been farming in the Skagit valley since President Grant awarded the family a letter of ownership for taking up farming in the area. The land was divided years ago leaving two developable lots bordering La Conner. Mr. Johnson has decided to keep this farm from being developed further. This productive farm is on Sullivan Slough, which provides extensive wildlife habitat. The soils are prime agricultural soils as identified by the federal government and grow cabbage, cucumbers, beets, spinach, wheat, potatoes, and seed crops. This property is highly susceptible to development because of its closeness to La Conner and desirable lot sizes. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$4,135 in conservation futures.* This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1495](#).

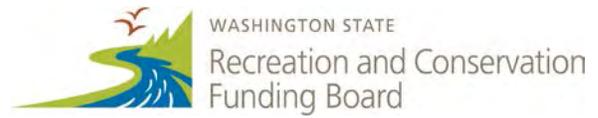
Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails in Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$99,130

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain three trailheads and two backcountry campgrounds in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest areas, in Skagit County. Maintenance work will focus on providing routine and preventative maintenance to protect the land and facilities while providing safe hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. The work will be completed by an employee, Washington Conservation Corps crews, and volunteers. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$109,010 in agency equipment, labor, and materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1028](#).

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Skagit County Trails

Grant Awarded: \$98,430

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain trails in the Blanchard Forest Block and the Harry Osborne State Forest, in Skagit County. Crews will re-contour and resurface trails, maintain drainage structures, inspect and fix bridges, and clear overgrown brush. Work will be completed by a recreation maintenance steward, Washington Conservation Corps crews, and volunteers. This project will maintain recreation infrastructure, protect natural resources, and allow the department to provide safe, non-motorized recreation for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. An estimated 85,000 recreationists use the trails annually. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$125,810 in agency equipment, staff labor, and materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1027](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Walker Valley Trails and Operations

Grant Awarded: \$186,000

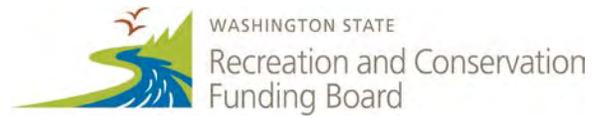
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a maintenance steward and part-time trail crew to maintain and operate the Walker Valley ORV trail system and trailheads in Skagit County. The crew will remove overgrown brush, maintain culverts and drainage structures, harden small sections of trail with crushed rock, re-route small sections of trail, and inspect and maintain bridges and signs. At trailheads, the crews will remove garbage and maintain and repair restrooms and signs. The trail crew will focus on a maintenance backlog that has accumulated during the past two years because of funding shortfalls. It will focus on places where trails are eroding to help improve water quality standards. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$84,000 in donated and staff labor and agency equipment and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1026](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing a Forest Watch Program

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund the Volunteer Forest Watch program in the department's Northwest Region in Skagit County. The grant will pay for staff to coordinate Forest Watch activities and the supplies and materials for the Forest Watch participants. The program will cover efforts on the Blanchard Forest and Les Hilde trails for non-motorized use and the Walker Valley off-road vehicle trail system. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$5,000 in staff labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1034](#).

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing a Trails Steward in Skagit County

Grant Awarded: \$121,776

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund one education and enforcement trails steward in Skagit County. The trails steward will serve as the main point of contact for recreationists at three main areas including; Blanchard, Harry Osborne/Les Hilde, and Walker Valley recreation areas. The trails steward will educate visitors on proper trail use, protect natural and cultural resources, and enforce Discover Pass and off-road vehicle violations when necessary. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$58,928 in agency equipment, labor, and materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1029](#).

There is one more project in Skagit County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Skamania County

Grants Awarded: \$1,302,800

Columbia Land Trust Conserving Land along Pine Creek

Grant Awarded: \$1,246,200

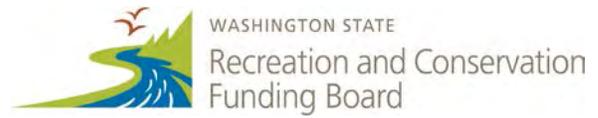
The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to protect permanently 3,940 acres, including 15.5 miles of Pine Creek. The creek, which is a tributary to the Lewis River, has one of only three remaining spawning populations of endangered bull trout in the Lewis River system. Pine Creek descends from Mount Saint Helens primarily through public land and private forestland. However, development threatens the Pine Creek watershed. This project will conserve land along two major forks of Pine Creek by preventing development and limiting logging along the riverbanks. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 3,074 acres along 4.9 miles of Pine Creek and additionally buy 866 acres along nearly 11 miles of Pine Creek. This proposal is the third phase of a multi-year project to create a system of protected riparian, forest, and riverine habitat from Mount Saint Helens to the Lewis River. The land trust will contribute more than \$1.8 million from a private grant and federal funding. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1558](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Building the Beacon Rock Picnic Shelter

Grant Awarded: \$56,600

State Parks will use this grant to build a picnic shelter and kitchen in the Doetsch day-use area of Beacon Rock State Park. The kitchen shelter will provide picnic facilities for outdoor gatherings

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like weddings, family reunions, and community events. The Doetsch day-use area was completed in 2007 and is popular with school groups, Boy Scouts, wind surfers, picnickers, and others. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1420](#).

Projects in Snohomish County **Grants Awarded:\$2,972,718**

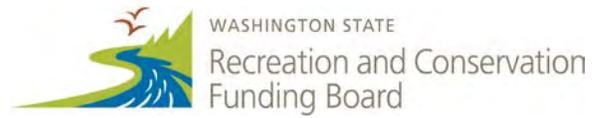
Edmonds **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Revitalizing City Park’s Play and Spray Area**

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop and restore the play area at the 14-acre City Park, the city's most notable and oldest park, in downtown Edmonds. The goal of the project is to improve, update, and diversify the play features at the park. The City will build an interactive spray area and replace worn-out playground equipment with accessible play structures. The spray feature will include a water system for water re-use. The spray area will replace the park’s wading pool, which has been closed since 2007. The City of Edmonds will contribute \$791,653 from a private grant, cash, and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1536](#).

Everett **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Renovating the Senator Henry M. Jackson Park**

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to design and renovate about 4 acres of the 15-acre Senator Henry M. Jackson Park. Work will include building perimeter walking and jogging paths, a basketball court, a playground and tot lot, seating, a rain garden, lawn, community garden plots accessible to people with disabilities, and support amenities including lighting, parking, drainage, and interpretive signs. The park is in northeast Everett, one block west of Interstate 5 along Marine View Drive. The overall goals are to update the park; improve functionality, safety, and accessibility; and help poor, diverse populations to gather, exercise, and produce healthy foods. The community is engaged and united behind the project. It’s a top priority for the parks department and is in Everett’s lowest income area, where more than ten languages are spoken. Outdoor recreation amenities in the area are dated and suffer from poor drainage. The City of Everett will contribute \$633,000 from a federal grant, staff labor, cash, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1085](#).

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Port of Edmonds **Grant Awarded: \$150,000** **Renovating the Sling Launch to Accommodate Heavier Boats**

The Port of Edmonds will use this grant to renovate the sling launch at the Port of Edmonds marina. This renovation will extend the life of the launch and create additional access to Puget Sound for boats 32 feet long and weighing up to 10,000 pounds. The sling launch is used by about 3,000 boats annually. Without the renovations, the Port would have to restrict heavier boats from using the launch, which would eliminate access for about 40 percent of the users, forcing the Port to close the launch. The launch provides public access to Puget Sound for sport fishing and boating. It is the only practical access to Puget Sound in a 21-mile stretch between Shilshole Bay and Everett. The Port of Edmonds will contribute \$50,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1818](#).

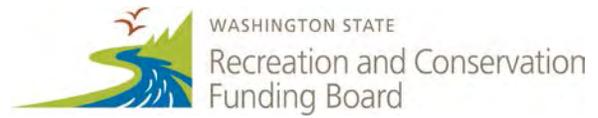
Snohomish County **Grant Awarded: \$500,000** **Restoring the Smith Island Estuary**

Snohomish County will use this grant to restore 250 acres of tidal marsh within the Snohomish River estuary. Work will include removing about a half-mile of levee and building about 1 mile of setback levee. Chinook salmon entering the estuary from Puget Sound swim about 21 miles past the cities of Everett, Lake Stevens, and Marysville up to where the Snohomish River splits into the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers near Monroe. Beginning in the 1860s, the estuary was damaged as settlers logged, drained thousands of acres of marsh, ditched river tributaries, and built more than 44 miles of levees. Of the 16 river deltas in Puget Sound, about 90 percent of estuarine emergent marsh, scrub shrub, and tidal forested wetlands were lost in Puget Sound. The Smith Island project is part of a larger restoration effort that will return the tides to more than 1,200 acres of river deltas, the third largest estuary restoration effort in the state. The project will help recover shorebirds and salmon species using the Snohomish River estuary. Snohomish County will contribute \$100,000 in cash and another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1427](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest **Maintaining Campgrounds near Darrington** **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to fund two employees to maintain 3 developed recreation sites, 16 trailheads, and 50 dispersed camping sites over two years. Heavy visitor use, aging facilities, and storm damage have caused many recreation facilities to degrade below conditions that are acceptable to meet visitor safety, health, and service standards. The ranger district also will use the grant to repair the plumbing at a popular rental cabin and for maintenance of recreation sites that includes repairing picnic tables, cleaning

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toilets, updating bulletin boards and signs, removing trash, cleaning fire rings, removing overgrown brush and hazardous trees, and making areas accessible to people with disabilities. The Darrington Ranger District will contribute \$100,000 in donated and staff labor and district equipment. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1804](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Planning a Trail to Frog Mountain

Grant Awarded: \$19,153

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to complete the planning and design of a trailhead and a 3.5-mile trail from Jacks Pass to the summit of Frog Mountain, in Snohomish County. The ranger district will complete the environmental assessment, determine the trail location and design, and design the trailhead. This new trail will be for equestrians and hikers, and was identified as the top priority for development of new trails within the Wild Sky Wilderness. This trail would start at a large gravel pit, which would serve as a trailhead, then would follow old roads for 1.4 miles, then enter the Wild Sky Wilderness. The trail then would switchback for about 2.1 miles through huckleberry meadows before reaching the summit ridgeline, which features panoramic views of the Skykomish and Beckler River drainages and Wild Sky, Henry M. Jackson, and Alpine Lakes Wilderness Areas. This is expected to be a high use trail, with more than 5,000 visitors a year, and has the strong support of Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Mountaineers, Washington Trails Association, Sierra Club, and many other groups. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$19,420. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1765](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Reconstructing Wild Sky Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$33,900

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to rebuild or move segments of the Blanca Lake, West Cady Ridge, and Kelley Creek Trails, all in the Wild Sky Wilderness, to fix erosion, minimize plant loss, and remove safety hazards. One mile of the Kelley Creek Trail will be moved to connect with the Martin Creek Trailhead of the Iron Goat Trail, improving the efficiency of the trail system. This new route will feature old growth forest and views of waterfalls. A nearly quarter-mile of braided trail on the Blanca Lake Trail will be rebuilt as will poorly functioning drainage structures on West Cady Ridge Trail. The work will be accomplished in partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Washington Trails Association, and Northwest Youth Corps. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$37,500 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1801](#).

**U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Renovating the Lake Serene Trail**

Grant Awarded: \$56,289

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to renovate the severely deteriorated Lake Serene Trail. This hiking trail is the most heavily used trail in the district with an estimated 10,000 visitors a year. The trail provides a high quality, backcountry experience in the Mount Index Scenic Area and features spectacular views of deep forest, waterfalls, an alpine lake, and glacial valleys all nestled at the base of the iconic rock walls of Mount Index. The district will fix the poor trail conditions, which include nonfunctioning water drainage structures, mud holes, eroded trail segments, and stairway landings with 2-foot tall steps. Hikers tend to avoid these obstacles, resulting in the widening of the trail to as much as 6 feet and excessive damage to trailside plants. The work will be done by contract, Washington Trails Association volunteers, youth corps, and Forest Service crews. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$56,289 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1257](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Building New 4X4 Trails in Reiter Foothills Forest**

Grant Award: \$557,436

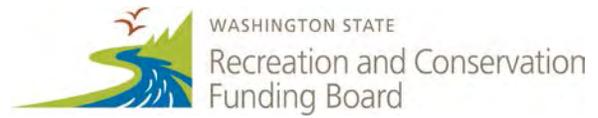
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design and build two, 4x4 challenge areas and about 2 miles of 4x4 technical trails in Reiter Foothills Forest Recreation Area, which is just east Gold Bar. The trails and challenge areas will link with and expand the first round of trail construction already completed in the 4x4 area of the trail system. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$29,339 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1556](#).

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Building New Motorcycle and All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Reiter Foothills Forest**

Grant Awarded: \$555,940

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design and build a trail bridge and up to 4 miles of new motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle trails in Reiter Foothills Forest Recreation Area, which is just east of Gold Bar. These trails will link with and expand the first round of trail construction already completed at Reiter. This project is a continuation of developing a trail system for motorized users in the forest as identified in the *2010 Reiter Forest Foothills Recreation Plan*. Reiter Foothills Forest includes about 10,000 acres of sub-alpine terrain in Snohomish County situated between the Skykomish River to the south and the Sultan River Basin to the north. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$29,260 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1274](#).

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Projects in Spokane County

Grants Awarded: \$246,001

Spokane County

Grant Awarded: \$120,001

Providing Education and Enforcement in Spokane County Parks

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to fund a full-time officer and provide the county park ranger with equipment. This grant will result in sheriff deputies and the park ranger providing more than 3,900 hours in Spokane County parks, contacting visitors to reduce illegal, destructive, and dangerous activities. Educational materials also will be developed and distributed to promote responsible recreational use. The goal of this grant is to ensure a positive recreational experience for off-road vehicle users, hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians using 8,000 acres of recreational trail sites. Spokane County will contribute \$121,094 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1562](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$88,500

Completing the Riverside Equestrian Campground

State Parks will use this grant to complete the Riverside State Park equestrian campground near Spokane by building five campsites, installing a toilet and picnic shelter, providing electrical service to 10 campsites, and adding additional corrals. The equestrian campground serves horse enthusiasts from all over the Inland Northwest and provides access to about 10,000 acres of park land, more than 50 miles of trails, and access to a riding arena. State Parks will contribute \$22,250 in agency equipment, labor, and materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1779](#).

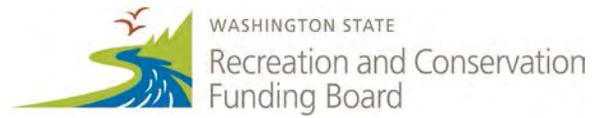
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$37,500

Maintaining Riverside Off-road Vehicle Park

State Parks will use this grant to fund a seasonal employee to help maintain facilities, protect resources, control noxious weeds, and provide customer service at Riverside Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park. The 600-acre park is diverse and has large, open sandy areas, steep hills, flats, and forested areas with trails for riders of all skills. The area is the only ORV park in the state park system and receives about 90,000 visitors a year. Historically, this area was staffed with two rangers and a seasonal park aide but is down to one, part-time ranger in the ORV area. The employee would perform routine maintenance, such as opening and closing gates, cleaning restrooms, controlling noxious weeds, maintaining fences, picking up garbage, mowing, and maintaining equipment. The employee also would respond to emergencies, answer questions, and help ORV users who get stuck or break down. State Parks will contribute \$9,500 in agency

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equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1842](#)

Projects in Stevens County **Grants Awarded: \$790,750**

Fort Colville Gun Club **Grant Awarded: \$42,000** **Buying Trap Machines**

The Fort Colville Gun Club will use this grant to buy nine trap machines and a target counter. The project will allow the club, which is 3 miles east of Colville in Stevens County, to expand shooting opportunities to the public. The new machines will replace four skeet machines and also add five machines to an existing skeet field to develop a five-stand sporting clays facility. A remote control target counting key card will be used with the new throwing machines. The Fort Colville Gun Club will contribute \$42,000. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1788](#).

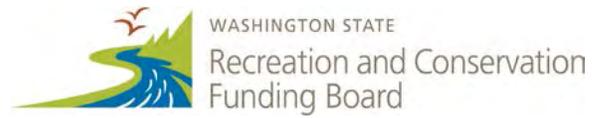
Kettle Falls Gun Club **Grant Awarded: \$89,550** **Expanding the Kettle Falls Gun Club**

The Kettle Falls Gun Club will use this grant to buy and develop 10 acres to expand the current shooting range, which is 2 miles south of Kettle Falls in Stevens County. The gun club will install utilities and build a new clubhouse, three trap fields, roads, and parking. This project replaces facilities that have lasted past their life cycle. By accomplishing this project, the gun club will provide a modern shooting range for its membership, the local high school shooting team, hunter safety classes, local law enforcement agencies, and other activities. The Kettle Falls Gun Club will contribute \$108,450 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, land, and materials. This grant is from the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation](#) program. For more details, click [12-1717](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$77,200** **Maintaining the Little Pend Oreille Trail System**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 25 miles of trail in the Little Pend Oreille Trail system, in northern Stevens County. The department will use staff, volunteers, contractors, or youth crews to remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair and harden trail surfaces, and maintain water drainage structures. In the past 20 years, off-road vehicle use has increased dramatically, causing heavier impacts to the trails requiring increased maintenance. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$11,800 in donated and staff labor and

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agency equipment. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1304](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$582,000** **Extending the Spokane River Centennial Trail**

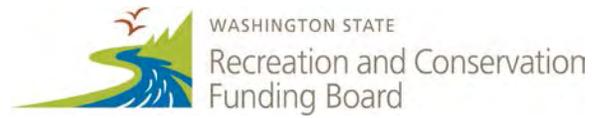
State Parks will use this grant to build a nearly 2-mile, 10-foot-wide, paved trail extending from Spokane's popular 37-mile Spokane River Centennial Trail and linking Avista Utilities' Nine Mile Resort on Lake Spokane with Spokane County's Sontag Park. In addition to expanding the regional trail system and linking recreational areas, the new segment will address the need for a trail for non-motorized uses in the Nine Mile community and neighborhood areas. Both Avista Utilities Corporation and Friends of the Centennial Trail are contributing money for this project. Beyond the trail development, State Parks also is planning a campground development project adjacent to the Avista Nine Mile Resort and the proposed trail extension, providing another recreational amenity in the area and another key link to the Centennial Trail. State Parks will contribute \$104,760 in donations of cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1240](#).

Projects in Thurston County **Grants Awarded: \$4,106,234**

Olympia **Grant Awarded: \$199,348** **Buying Land for Capitol Olympic Vista Park**

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy about 2.34 acres in downtown Olympia for the future Capitol Olympic Vista Park. The land is on the isthmus between Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet, and features magnificent views of Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains, and the State Capitol. This project exemplifies a cooperative venture between county, city, and state governments to expand the 1911 vision for the Washington State Capitol Campus. By acquiring this land, the City will expand its downtown recreation opportunities, preserve expansive views, and provide key connections to surrounding park properties and trails. Capitol Olympic View Park will be a hub for waterfront trails and will create more informal play and gathering opportunities. Local nonprofit and community groups such as Olympia Capitol Park Foundation and The Trust for Public Land have been vocal in their support for acquiring the site and have offered financial assistance for matching funds. The City of Olympia will contribute \$398,696 from local and private grants and cash. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1229](#).

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Port of Olympia Replacing Launch Ramp at Swantown Marina

Grant Awarded: \$153,536

The Port of Olympia will use this grant to replace a small boat launch ramp at Swantown Marina in Thurston County. The Port will replace the 30-year-old launch ramp floats with more environmentally friendly docks and also will replace the asphalt launching and staging areas. The launch is at the end of Puget Sound and is the closest launch ramp to Puget Sound for all recreational boats in the southern portion of the state, and for boats from California, Oregon, and several other regions of the southern United States. The Port of Olympia will contribute \$90,000 in cash and staff labor. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1766](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Renovating a Black Lake Boat Launch

Grant Awarded: \$490,000

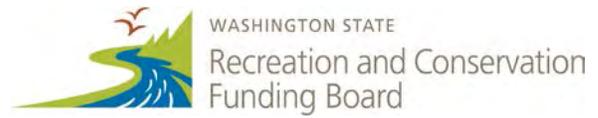
The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate a boat launch on Black Lake in Thurston County. The department will replace the boat launch with a concrete plank, double ramp with armoring, and a boat boarding float between the two ramps. The department also will replace the portable toilets with more permanent vault toilets; improve and increase parking; improve walkways to the boat ramp; and install an informational kiosk. This project will increase fishing opportunities for anglers with disabilities. Black Lake is a very popular, year-round recreational site for fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, kayaking, sailing, and using personal watercraft, such as Jet skis. Black Lake also hosts a hydroplane regatta each summer. This grant is from the [Boating Facilities Program](#). For more details, click [12-1223](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring South Puget Sound Prairie and Oak Woodland

Grant Awarded: \$324,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore several prairies and oak woodlands by collecting seeds and replanting the areas. The land includes the highest priority, glacial outwash prairie and oak woodland, and associated bald habitats on state lands in southern Puget Sound. Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie are home to rare plants, animals, and plant communities. They are being degraded by invading species. The department will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare areas for seeding by removing trees and burning the areas, plant seeds or plugs, and control exotic grasses and forbs. The Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Joint Base Lewis McChord, and the Center for Natural Land Management have built a partnership to provide a diversity of native species for direct seeding in grassland and oak woodland restoration in south Puget Sound. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1527](#).

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing the Woodard Bay Access

Grant Awarded: \$317,750

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. The department will create safe access to the beach, develop an interpretive program including an environmental learning shelter, upgrade the parking lot and kayak and canoe launch, and restore the Woodard Bay and Chapman Bay estuaries. The primary beach access area has steep slopes and eroding banks that expose industrial materials, such as rusting pipes and cables, which are remnants from the site's history as a log dump. To improve the safety of the beach access, the department will remove metals and other dangerous materials. This project is part of a larger effort to restore beach habitat and to enhance low-impact recreation and environmental education at the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. Located in Thurston County, the conservation area encompasses 865 acres of forests, estuaries, and tidelands in Puget Sound. It is at the end of the 22-mile Chehalis-Western Trail, which links Olympia to Yelm. The conservation area's three hiking trails provide panoramic views of Woodard Bay, Chapman Bay, and Henderson Inlet as well as views of priority wildlife populations like harbor seals, yuma myotis and little brown bats, and great blue herons. The conservation area also offers primitive beach access and the only seasonal, non-motorized public boat access to Henderson Inlet. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1121](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Awarded: \$770,550

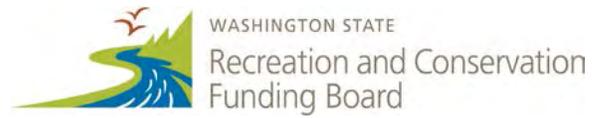
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 47 acres to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, conserving wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. The department will buy shoreline along Henderson Inlet, Woodard Creek, and tributary streams. Buying the land will ensure that the land continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, a significant heron rookery, and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1185](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving the Middle Waddell ORV Campground and Trailhead

Grant Awarded: \$317,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve the Middle Waddell ORV Campground and trailhead. The department will install restrooms, an entrance gate, a picnic shelter in the day-use area, as well as fencing to mark the campground and campsite areas. The department also will renovate campsites for people with disabilities, fix an overflow parking area, and install utilities at the camp host site. The Middle Waddell area has been a camping area

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since the late 1970s and the current campground was built 16 years ago. Middle Waddell is one of only two off-road vehicle campgrounds in the 100,000-acre Capitol Forest, which is near Olympia. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$13,000 in donated and staff labor and agency equipment and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1292](#).

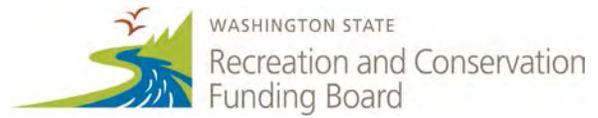
Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$878,900** **Improving Waterfront Access at Woodard Bay Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve its interpretive program by adding an environmental learning shelter, upgrading the parking lot and non-motorized boat launch, buying 31 acres nearby, and providing safe access to the beach in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. Work also will include restoring the Woodard Bay and Chapman Bay estuaries. The work is part of a larger effort to protect and restore the conservation area and to enhance recreation and environmental education there. Located in Thurston County, the conservation area encompasses 865 acres of forests, estuaries, and tidelands in Puget Sound. It is at the end of the Chehalis-Western Trail, which is a 22-mile, multi-use trail that links Olympia to Yelm. The conservation area's three hiking trails provide panoramic views of Woodard Bay, Chapman Bay, and Henderson Inlet as well as views of harbor seals, yuma myotis, little brown bats, and great blue herons. The conservation area also offers primitive beach access and the only seasonal, non-motorized public boat launch to Henderson Inlet. The department will contribute \$918,000 from another Recreation and Conservation Office grant. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1120](#).

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

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain trails in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia. Crews will remove overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, lay crushed rock to harden sections of trail, re-route small sections of trail, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, remove trash, and maintain and repair restrooms, fencing, corrals, and manure bins. The high use mixed with clay soils means the trails need intensive maintenance. In addition, many of these trails cross salmon-bearing streams making routine maintenance critical to protect salmon. The work will be accomplished by department staff, prison crews, and volunteers. Capitol Forest trails are open year-around and used by mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and trail runners. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$96,050 in agency equipment and staff labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1196](#).

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in Capitol Forest

Grant Awarded: \$170,950

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will remove overgrown brush, maintain culverts and drainage structures, harden small sections of trail with crushed rock, re-route small sections of trail, and inspect and maintain bridges and signs. At trailheads, the department will remove garbage and maintain and repair restrooms and signs. With high off-road vehicle use and clay soils, the trails for motorized uses in Capitol Forest require an ongoing, intensive maintenance program to ensure they remain useable. Many miles of trail cross salmon streams, where maintenance is critical. The department will use staff, volunteers, and crews from the Washington Conservation Corps and Cedar Creek Correctional Facility to accomplish the work. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$114,050 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1193](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Providing Education and Enforcement in the Capitol Forest

Grant Awarded: \$146,000

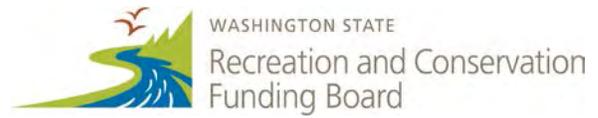
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant for education and enforcement efforts in the 100,000-acre Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The forest provides recreational opportunities ranging from off-road vehicle use, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, trail running, and camping. The department will use the grant to hire a full-time recreation steward to patrol 143 miles of trail, 7 campgrounds, 5 trailheads, and 500 miles of forest roads open year-round. This position will identify and address potential health, safety, and resource damage concerns and provide an in-field enforcement presence. Additionally, this steward will help manage more than 30 trail events. Funding from this proposal also will provide labor, signs, a new computer, supplies, and transportation for the steward and volunteers in their efforts to educate visitors about rules and principles of good stewardship. It is estimated that about 800,000 people visit the forest each year. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$97,400 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1279](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Replacing Capitol Forest Trail Bridges

Grant Awarded: \$241,700

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design, permit, purchase, and install five replacement trail bridges on 82 miles of trail for motorized uses in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. This project will allow for the replacement of two bridges, which are too narrow for most all-terrain vehicles, the replacement of two aging wooden stringer bridges, and the

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construction of a bridge to replace a culvert, which currently blocks fish passage. The bridges will help protect salmon habitat and maintain the continuity of the trail system. Although the trail system is used primarily by motorized users, mountain bikers and trail running enthusiasts frequent the trails as well. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$27,300 in donated and staff labor, and agency equipment and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1293](#).

More Projects: There are more projects in Thurston County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Wahkiakum County

There is one project in Wahkiakum County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Whatcom County

Grants Awarded: \$500,066

Bellingham

Grant Awarded: \$330,066

Buying Whirlwind Beach

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy about 20 acres on northeast Bellingham Bay and 200 acres of state tidelands. These tidelands are popular with kiteboarders, skimboarders, and for wading, birding, beach walking, and picnicking. The land provides stunning views of Bellingham Bay and offers a wide variety of water-based recreational activities. The land lies on the wildest shoreline on Bellingham Bay and the beach is the bay's largest and sandiest, nourished and secluded by bluffs and forested slopes to be bought under this project. The project protects bluffs and sloping upper beach areas, and anchors two city greenways on the bay shore. The acquisition is part of an ongoing effort to provide direct and visual access to Bellingham Bay via public trails and parks. The City will contribute \$330,066 from a voter-approved levy. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1545](#).

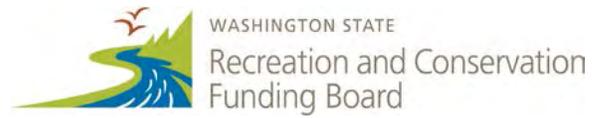
Bellingham

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Restoring Bloedel Donovan Park Shoreline

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop and restore the shoreline of Lake Whatcom at Bloedel Donovan Park. The City will remove a failing concrete bulkhead, enhance the beach, and build a new trail at Bloedel Donovan Park. This project will improve water quality and beach access and stabilize the shoreline. Bloedel Donovan is a

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28-acre, city-owned park adjacent to Lake Whatcom. The park is a popular destination for boating, fishing, off-leash dog areas, and community events. The Lake Whatcom reservoir is the primary source of drinking water for Bellingham and portions of Whatcom County. It has low dissolved oxygen levels and high levels of bacteria from human and animal waste and is listed as an impaired water body. The City will contribute \$150,000. This grant was funded through the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#) program. For more details, click: [12-1172](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Paying for Mount Baker Climbing Rangers **Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a second ranger in its Climbing Program. One ranger working alone cannot safely get to all the climbing areas on Mount Baker. Two rangers, however, can work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit. As a skilled and experienced rope team, the rangers will educate the public on proper waste disposal, promote proper climber preparedness, and increase safe climbing practices. Thousands of climbers attempt the Mount Baker summit each season. The climb is physically challenging and all the routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficient at route finding, and have proper equipment before attempting the summit. The Mount Baker Ranger District will contribute \$28,425 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1047](#).

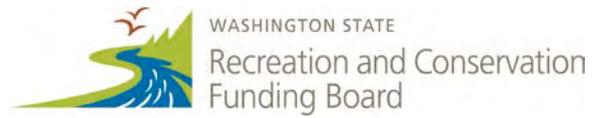
There is one more project in Whatcom County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning on Page 80.

Projects in Whitman County **Grant Awarded: \$100,000**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$100,000** **Developing the Malden to Rosalia Segment of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to level the grade of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail at five sites and lay crushed rock along a 9-mile section of trail from Malden to Rosalia. This section of trail remains in the same condition as when the railroad surplused the land more than 20 years ago. This section of trail is near U.S. Highway 195 and is easily accessible to Spokane and Pullman. This project will be combined with a State Parks' project to develop trailheads at Malden and Rosalia, and will create a complete trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians in the east-central part of Washington. State Parks will contribute \$231,800 in cash donations. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1780](#).

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Projects in Yakima County

Grants Awarded: \$4,250,439

Columbia Land Trust Conserving Trout Lake Valley Farms

Grant Awarded: \$1,114,785

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to protect 288 acres on two organic dairy farms. The farmland is in the shadow of Mount Adams, along the wild and scenic White Salmon River in the Trout Lake valley in Klickitat County. The valley is ideal for agriculture because of an abundance of water, prime agricultural soils, temperate climate, and isolation from pollution. It has a rich history of agriculture since the 1880s. The valley is renowned for its beauty, productive farm and forestlands, abundant wildlife, and recreation. Those same features make it desirable for development. Development when mixed with farmland eventually eliminates farmland. Complaints of dust, noise, odors, traffic, trespassing, and water conflicts overwhelm farming. The grant will help preserve farming on one of the state's unique and valued farmland, forever protecting its rural landscape and economic viability. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmers to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.1 million in donated property interest. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1463](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Campgrounds in the Naches Area

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

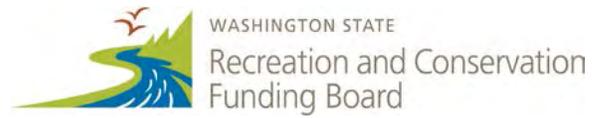
The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund three seasonal employees for two years to maintain campsites in the portion of the national forest in Yakima County. The ranger district also will use the grant to buy supplies, including lumber for bulletin boards. Maintenance crews will remove hazardous trees, remove garbage, and fix picnic tables, toilets, signs, traffic controls, and fire grills. The Naches Ranger District has more than 100 campsites and more than 1,900 primitive camp areas that serve 63,000 visitors a year. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$205,000 in cash, donated labor, and district equipment, staff labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1754](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Motorcycle and Four-Wheel Drive Trails

Grant Awarded: \$117,774

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain more than 250 miles of trail for motorcycle and four-wheel drive vehicles in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The ranger district plans to clear all 250 miles of trail and complete maintenance activities, such as trimming

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overgrown brush, cleaning and fixing drainage structures, repairing trail surfaces, and maintaining signs on 35 percent (88 miles) of the trail system in each of the next two years. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. This grant will pay for a three-person trail crew, crew leader, transportation, and supplies. The ranger district's trails for motorized use receive an estimated 80,000 recreationists each year. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$137,752 in state funding, donated labor, district equipment, and a grant from the Recreational Trails Program. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1752](#).

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

Grant Awarded: \$92,700

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for a four-person, seasonal crew for two years to maintain more than 340 miles of non-motorized wilderness and backcountry trails and trailheads in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The trails are in and near the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas in Yakima County. The crews will trim overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, repair signs, fix trail surfaces, and educate visitors. The trails primarily are used by hikers and stock users. The trails host about 30,000 visits a year. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$112,664 in donated and staff labor, district equipment and materials, and a state grant from the Recreational Trails Program. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1753](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Oak Creek Forest through Logging and Fire

Grant Awarded: \$380,000

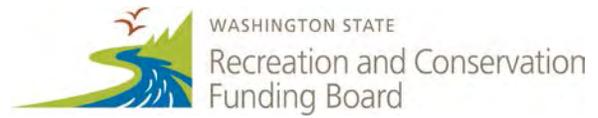
The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore the Oak Creek forest by thinning and burning 940 acres owned by the department in the Tieton unit of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. The Tieton unit consists of 10,000 acres of shrub-steppe habitat, oak woodlands, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forests, cliffs and talus slopes, and nearly 8 miles along the Tieton River. The department will thin 500 acres and burn 440 acres. The lands proposed for treatment are interspersed with U.S. Forest Service lands. The department will contribute \$25,000 from a private grant. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1226](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails and Campgrounds in Ahtanum State Forest

Grant Awarded: \$180,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a seasonal, two-person crew to maintain trails and facilities in the Ahtanum State Forest and southern Yakima County. The crew

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will repair and harden trail surfaces, maintain culverts and water drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, and remove downed trees and overgrown bushes. The crew will maintain 12 recreation sites, the Grey Rock Trail, and dispersed campsites in the state forest. The Ahtanum State Forest received an estimated 86,800 visitors last winter. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$45,500 in donated and staff labor, and agency equipment and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1348](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Klickitat Canyon Forest and Meadow

Grant Awarded: \$72,500

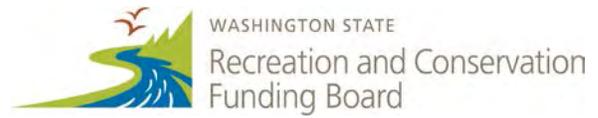
The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore meadow and dry forest habitats in the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area to benefit three plant and animal species. The conservation area is 3 miles northeast of Glenwood and includes a 3-mile stretch of the free-flowing Klickitat River, talus habitats, a unique meadow and ponderosa pine complex, and mixed coniferous forest. The department will restore about 55 acres of meadow and stream bank habitat and 250 acres of open ponderosa pine forest used by greater sandhill cranes and the mardon skipper butterfly, both state endangered species. One of only five sandhill crane nesting areas within Washington is near the project site, which provides important foraging habitat during the nesting season. The open forest and meadow habitats are used by the mardon skipper, and the forested area supports a population of the state sensitive plant, long-bearded sego lily. Areas within these habitats have been degraded in the past by ditching, road building, logging, livestock grazing, and invasions by non-native species. The department will restore the meadow by removing flood control structures to allow seasonal flooding to improve habitat for native plants. The department also will collect seeds from native plants, thin encroaching trees and shrubs from the meadow and from long-bearded sego-lily habitat, replant the area, and control invading plants. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1349](#).

Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Cowiche Basin Rangelands

Grant Awarded: \$2,192,680

The Washington State Conservation Commission, in cooperation with the North Yakima Conservation District, will use this grant to protect 4,516 acres of pasture. The land is west of Yakima, in the Cowiche and Reynolds Creek areas, and is used for grazing cows. The land also is home to many plants and animals listed as threatened and endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, including basalt daisy, sage grouse, and steelhead. Protecting the land from development will protect the water quality in the upper watershed, preserve vistas, and maintain hunting and other recreational opportunities, all of which bring money into the local community. The Conservation Commission will protect the land with a voluntary, land

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preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains available for agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowner to continue ranching and the government to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Conservation Commission will contribute \$10,021 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For more details, click [12-1531](#).

More Projects: There are more projects in Yakima County. For a description, see the section titled "Projects in Multiple Counties," beginning below.

Projects in Multiple Counties **Grants Awarded: \$1,970,819**

Projects in Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$50,000** **Maintaining Off-Road Vehicle Trails in the Umatilla National Forest**

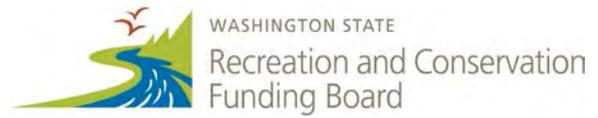
The Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts will use this grant to maintain off-road vehicle trails in the Umatilla National Forest, in Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia Counties. The ranger district will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, fix and harden trail surfaces, maintain culverts and water drainage structures, and inspect and maintain trail bridges. The Pomeroy District and Walla Walla trail systems provide the only off-road vehicle recreation opportunities on federal lands in the Blue Mountains. The Pomeroy Ranger District will contribute \$95,739 in cash, donated and staff labor, and agency equipment and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1565](#).

Projects in Clallam and Jefferson Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association **Grant Awarded: \$146,740** **Funding the Olympic Youth Trail Maintenance Crew**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to fund youth crews and volunteers for two years to maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and its feeder trails in Jefferson and Clallam Counties on the Olympic Peninsula. The association's SKY Program has been very successful in the past 12 years in offering young people a chance to get outdoors, work in a natural setting, and learn outdoor etiquette, team work skills, and respect for the environment. The crews will maintain the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail from Snow Creek/Mount Zion through Gold Creek, the Dungeness, and the Buckhorn Wilderness on the east side, and the Upper Solduc, Hi-Divide, Upper and Lower Bogachiel, and Mount Mueller Trail system on the west side. This project is supported by the U.S. Forest Service; National Park

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Service; Chemicum, Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Forks School Districts; commissioners from Jefferson and Clallam Counties; and the Back Country Horseman of Washington. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$146,000 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1756](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$103,704** **Reestablishing the Education and Enforcement Program in the Olympic Region**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to reestablish an education and enforcement program in its Olympic Region. This grant will fund two seasonal recreation wardens to patrol the Straits District, which covers portions of Clallam and Jefferson Counties along the Strait of Juan da Fuca. The wardens also will help establish and support a Forest Watch program. The Olympic Region is home to the Foothills, Sadie Creek, Little River, and Striped Peak Trails. The Straits District also has the Lyre River Campground (11 sites) and the Murdock Beach Access. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$46,140 in agency equipment and labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1219](#).

Projects in Clark and Wahkiakum Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Awarded: \$140,000** **Maintaining Off-Road Vehicle Trails in Southwest Washington**

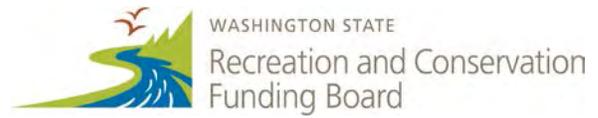
The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund work crews to maintain off-road vehicle trails and trailheads in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman landscape, in Clark and Wahkiakum Counties. The crew will repair and harden trail surfaces, maintain culverts and water drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges, remove downed trees and overgrown bushes, maintain restrooms and signs, and remove garbage. The trails are used by motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle users. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$49,200 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1263](#).

Projects in Cowlitz and Lewis Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$139,799** **Grooming Snowmobile Trails in the South Cascade Mountain Range**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at 11 sno-parks and groom about 282 miles of snowmobile trails for two years in the Cascade Mountain Range in eastern Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, and extensively in Skamania County in the foothills near

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Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams. State Parks will plow sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least once a week. The south Cascades provide a very diverse riding environment, dominated by the presence of Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams. State Parks will contribute \$139,799 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1474](#).

Projects in Grays Harbor and Thurston Counties

Grays Harbor County

Grant Awarded: \$79,000

Buying Maintenance Equipment for Straddleline ORV Park

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to buy a used water truck and used compact tractor to help maintain the 155-acre Straddleline ORV Park. The water truck being used at the park is more than 25 years old, is unreliable, and needs more than \$6,000 in parts for repair. The water truck is used to wet the dirt so that dust doesn't impair riders' vision and drift onto Highway 8 and neighbors' yards. The tractor will allow staff and volunteers to groom trails and tracks and will allow the use of the donated rock hound to aide in rock removal. Grading and grooming throughout the park is an ongoing maintenance issue. The park serves 25,000 motorized vehicle users annually. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$20,400 in donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1821](#).

Grays Harbor County

Grant Award: \$35,792

Improving the Arena and 4x4 Area at Straddleline ORV Park

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to replace the watering system, resurface the main arena, place spectator safety barriers in the 4x4 area, light the entrance sign, and install a culvert at Straddleline ORV Park, near McCleary. The watering system does not produce enough water pressure for the track nor is the track surface safe for users to ride because of extremely rocky soils. To improve safety, the County will install spectator safety blocks in the 4x4 area to identify clearly where the viewing public should be and install lights at the main entrance sign to increase visibility. Finally, the County will install a culvert from the second retention pond to the third pond, which will eliminate the need for pumping rain water from one to the other, saving \$600 month in fuel. The 155-acre park serves about 25,000 motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders annually. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$76,800 in donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1820](#).

Projects in King and Kittitas Counties

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

Maintaining Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to fund conservation corps crews, staff, materials, and tools to maintain at least 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, each year for two years, in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. Trail maintenance will be completed on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, King County, and the City of Seattle. The crews will clear fallen trees and overgrown brush, replace signs, repair trail surfaces and water drainage structures, and make minor repairs to trail structures. The wild land trail system in the Greenway consists of more than 1,000 miles of trails, which include some of the most heavily-used trails in the state. The Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor, grants, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1017](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$149,000

Grooming Snowmobile Trails between Snoqualmie and Blewett Passes

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at nine sno-parks and groom about 402 miles of snowmobile trails in the central Cascade Mountains of eastern King and western Kittitas Counties between Snoqualmie and Blewett Passes. State Parks will plow sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least once a week. The Snoqualmie to Blewett Pass area includes trail systems that are part of the most popular riding area of the state – the south central region. State Parks will contribute \$383,306 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1481](#).

Projects in King, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties

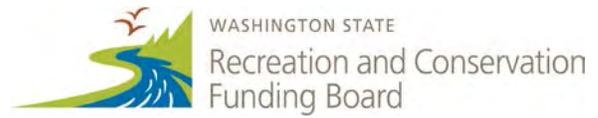
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Awarded: \$149,790

Maintaining Snowmobile Trails from Greenwater to Yakima

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at 19 sno-parks and groom about 403 miles of snowmobile trails for two years in the Cascade Mountains in King, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties. State Parks will plow sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least once a week. The trails in this area are in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, and Wenatchee National Forests, and the Ahtanum State Forest. This area is the core of the most popular riding area in the state, tying together trail systems from the west and east sides of the Cascade Mountains, and centrally located between population centers of Puget Sound,

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Ellensburg, and Yakima. State Parks will contribute \$349,512 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1476](#).

Projects in King and Pierce Counties

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

Providing Front Country Patrols

Grant Awarded: \$132,078

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to fund four seasonal forest protection officers and the costs for two senior volunteers during the summer. The district encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible to a broad range of recreationists. There are more than 50 trailheads, 6 developed sites, 26 outhouses and thousands of campsites. During the past several years, declining budgets and employee retirements have decreased the ranger district's ability to respond to recreation needs. Recreation Pass dollars have taken the place of appropriated funding for trail maintenance, education, enforcement, and maintenance of recreation facilities. In addition, the district has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break-ins and a host of various infractions. Increased, visible presence for education, enforcement, and assistance has helped curb this activity. The Snoqualmie Ranger District will contribute \$192,394 in cash and staff and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1840](#).

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

Replacing Worn Out Trail Maintenance Equipment

Grant Awarded: \$35,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to buy four power wheelbarrows, a compressor, and an air drill for trail maintenance and construction projects. Power wheelbarrows are used by trail crews, volunteers, and partners weekly to haul materials, rocks, gravel, tools, and equipment. The ranger district's four power wheelbarrows are more than 20 years old, have thousands of hours of use, and require constant investment to keep running. The ranger district also will replace its two, 30-year-old pionjars and rock drills, which are difficult to start, hard to operate, and expensive to maintain, with a portable compressor-powered air drill, which will drills holes in rocks in half the time and will be safer for the operator. The new equipment would be shared across the ranger district and used to maintain trails for motorized vehicles. The Snoqualmie Ranger District will contribute \$7,500 in staff labor and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1828](#).

Projects in Kitsap and Mason Counties

Washington Department of Natural Resources Designing Water Access in Mason and Kitsap Counties

Grant Awarded: \$97,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to evaluate and design ways for people to get to the water in the Tahuya, Green Mountain, and Hood Canal State Forests, which are in Mason and Kitsap Counties. The department will evaluate water access sites; gather public comments; and determine site suitability, agency capacity for maintenance, primary use designations and restrictions, overnight locations, and day-use locations. The department also will create schematic designs, obtain hydraulic permits, and complete environmental checklists for the top two projects. This project will allow the department to expand recreational opportunities for users in these state forests by providing well planned and designed water access areas. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$11,200 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1262](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Maintaining Trails in the Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests

Grant Awarded: \$199,960

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain trails and facilities in the Tahuya State Forest in Mason County, the Green Mountain State Forest in Kitsap County, and additional off-road vehicle recreation facilities. The crew will focus on the more heavily traveled two-track, off-road vehicle and 4x4 multiple-use trail networks, campgrounds, trailheads, and day-use facilities. In addition, volunteers and a 10-person prison crew will support the trail crew in the routine maintenance of the trails and recreation facilities. This grant provides funds for some of the materials, tools, equipment, and transportation costs for the crew. The Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests receive more than 250,000 user visits annually. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$136,110 in donated labor and agency equipment and labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1067](#).

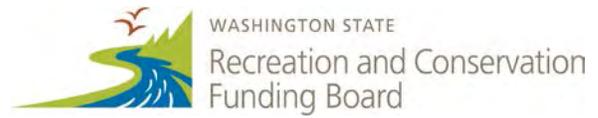
Projects in Kittitas and Yakima Counties

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Educating Trail Visitors in Central Washington

Grant Awarded: \$98,264

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to pay for three rangers to educate motorcycle and off-road vehicle users on the more than 250 miles of trail in Yakima and Kittitas Counties, including the Little Naches and Divide Ridge areas. The grant also will cover transportation costs

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and supplies. The rangers will educate visitors using motorized vehicles, more than 70 percent of which come from outside the local area. The Naches District trail system provides an estimated 10 percent of all motorized trail opportunities in Washington. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$108,881 in cash, district labor and materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the state [Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities](#) program. For more details, click [12-1751](#).

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$116,752** **Maintaining Motorcycle and Four-wheel-drive Trails**

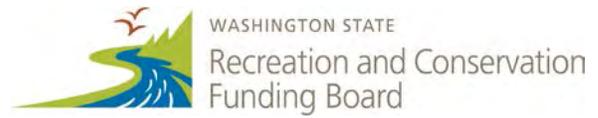
The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four-person trail crew and supplies for two years to maintain more than 250 miles of trails for motorcycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The ranger district plans to clear all the trails, and on 75 miles of trail each year, remove overgrown brush, fix water drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and maintain signs. Regular maintenance reduces the need for costly reconstruction projects. An estimated 80,000 people use the trails for motorized vehicles each year. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$121,688 in state funding, donated labor, and district staff labor and equipment. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1749](#).

Projects in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties

Pacific Northwest Trail Association **Grant Awarded: \$147,940** **Funding the North Cascade Youth Crew**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to maintain 220 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and its major feeder trails through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties for two years. The association will fund a six-person youth crew this summer and use volunteers. Maintenance work will be done on trails in Deception Pass State Park; North Cascades National Park; Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Washington Department of Natural Resources' lands on Blanchard, Anderson, and Lyman Mountains; and Sierra Pacific and Longview Timber lands on Lyman and Josephine Mountains. Community support for this program and these projects comes from Starbucks, REI, Puget Sound Energy, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, U.S. Navy, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, local school districts, Cascade Job Corps, Boy Scouts, and commissioners from all three counties. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$146,000 in donated equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1755](#).

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Statewide Projects **Grants Awarded: \$1,437,967**

Back Country Horsemen of Washington **Grant Awarded: \$1,967** **Educating the Public about Minimum Impact Camping**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to print pamphlets and banners, buy educational supplies, and provide expenses for volunteers in its low impact camping education program called Minimum Impact Recreation. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington has been teaching people to respect the environment for 30 years and it holds yearly classes to educate both front and back country users about how to minimize their impact on the land. The organization will deliver its Minimum Impact Recreation educational program at public events, horse expos, retail stores, and youth group gatherings. The organization develops educational materials that are specific to different ecosystems in Washington. Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$492 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1187](#).

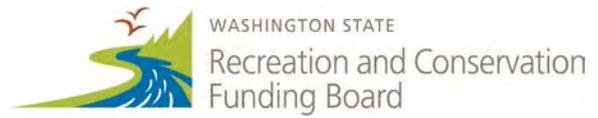
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance **Grant Awarded: \$66,000** **Funding Volunteer Trail Maintenance Crews**

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide at least 10,200 hours of volunteer labor over two years in its statewide trail maintenance program. Evergreen volunteers will maintain more than 125 miles of trails of critical importance to mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians across the state. Many of these trails receive little or no maintenance beyond what is provided by Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance volunteers. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$170,000 in staff labor and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1758](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000** **Buying Inholdings and Land next to State Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to buy up to 104 acres within or adjacent to the boundaries of existing state parks. From time-to-time during each biennium, State Parks learns of desirable adjacent or inholding properties. Some of these properties are small and would not score well in a competitive grant process. Others require immediate response to buy the property. This grant will help State Parks respond more quickly to acquisition opportunities as they arise. In the past, these grants have been used to purchase property to remove undesirable neighbors (a tavern) from a park, to obtain legal access to a park, to acquire desirable property listed with a real estate agent, and to acquire sites with high, natural resource value. This grant is from the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program](#). For details, click [12-1246](#).

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Washington Trails Association Funding Youth Trail Maintenance Crews

Grant Awarded: \$70,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to fund youth volunteers to maintain 60 miles of hiking trails in locations like the Wild Sky Wilderness, Mount Rainier National Park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, and Cape Disappointment State Park. The association will recruit youth volunteers to complete 12,000 hours of trail maintenance. This project gives youth a chance to get outdoors and get involved in taking care of trails. 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 trails safe and accessible. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$201,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1296](#).

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Backcountry Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

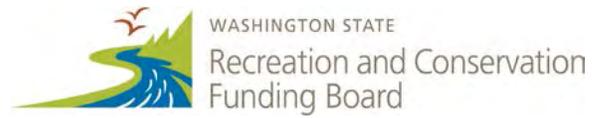
The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to support teams to maintain 190 miles of hiking trails that lie beyond the reach of a day work party throughout the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, and eastern Washington. The teams will maintain dozens of backcountry trails that take hikers, backpackers, and equestrians to places like the flanks of Mount Baker and Mount Olympus, the popular Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and the remote Salmo-Priest Wilderness. The association will recruit volunteers for 70 teams to complete 24,000 hours of maintenance. The teams will repair trail and drainage structures, repair trail surfaces, and remove downed trees. The association's backcountry trail teams help keep some of the state's most iconic backcountry destinations open, which is why this project is strongly supported by hikers, backpackers, and association volunteers. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$446,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1295](#).

Washington Trails Association Maintaining Popular Front Country Trails

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of hiking trails in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, and in eastern Washington. The association will engage thousands of volunteers, year-round, to improve trails for more than 1.2 million hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers from the major urban areas of Puget Sound and Spokane, as well as smaller communities statewide. The association will recruit volunteers to complete 50,000 hours of trail maintenance on 500 day work parties. Most trails will receive routine maintenance including removal of encroaching vegetation, clearing of drainage structures, and removal of

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downed trees. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$750,000 in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). For more details, click [12-1294](#).