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State Awards \$1.5 Million in Grants for Trails

OLYMPIA – Projects to improve trails in 11 counties got a boost this week when the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) announced grant funding totaling more than \$1.5 million.

The grants support rehabilitation and maintenance of backcountry trails. Projects in the following counties were approved for funding. (*For details, click on the county.*)

Chelan.....	\$198,000	Pend Oreille	\$74,600
Clallam	\$72,000	Pierce	\$60,700
King	\$284,224	Snohomish	\$50,000
Kittitas	\$245,835	Whatcom	\$96,307
Lewis	\$87,500	Yakima	\$143,508
Okanogan.....	\$99,774	Statewide	\$125,000

“These grants provide much needed money to maintain the rich diversity of Washington’s recreational opportunities,” said Laura Johnson, director of the Office of the Interagency Committee. “Our surveys show that walking and hiking are the most popular activities in Washington. We need to ensure that the state’s trail systems are well maintained. It’s vital to our way of life and our economy.”

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IAC surveys peg the number of Washingtonians who hike at least once a year at nearly 5 percent, with another 8 percent venturing into the backcountry on bicycles, horses, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, four-wheel drive vehicles, snowshoes, cross-country skis, and snowmobiles.

IAC received 58 grant proposals requesting more than \$2.2 million in funding under the federal National Recreational Trails Program. Paid for by federal gasoline taxes, the National Recreational Trails Program funds projects that repair and maintain trails and facilities to provide a backcountry experience. IAC evaluates and ranks the proposals and manages the distribution of the federal funding. IAC was able to award 38 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million.

“Washington can be proud of the recreational facilities it offers,” Johnson said. “Keeping them well maintained and up-to-date takes the resources of many different groups, including the grant applicants themselves who are contributing more than \$2.3 million or 61 percent of the cost of the projects. It’s great to see that kind of commitment to keeping Washington a great place to live and play.”

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Grant Awards:

- National Recreational Trails Program
- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Chelan County Area Grants

\$198,000

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District \$10,000 Providing Snowmobile User Education

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to hire a ranger to educate snowmobile users on safe winter travel precautions, proper snowmobile operation, survival techniques, and ways to reduce impacts on wildlife. In addition to talking with visitors, the ranger will put up trail and interpretive signs, post bulletin boards with educational posters, and hand out informational brochures. The education program is aimed at reducing search and rescue activities and the human impacts on deer and Canadian lynx. The Forest Service will contribute \$10,000 in labor, equipment, and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1954E-FY07)

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

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire two teams of safety and education snowmobile patrols for the Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts, which see an estimated 40,000 snowmobilers each winter. Patrol teams contact snowmobilers, educating them on safe and courteous snowmobile operation, avalanche awareness, and winter survival. The teams also help maintain 250 safety signs, hand out information and area maps, assist in search and rescue efforts, and help with community snowmobile safety classes. The Forest Service will contribute \$13,500 in labor, donated equipment and labor, and a state grant. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1695E-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District Providing Snowmobile Wilderness Education \$9,900

The Forest Service will use this grant to develop signs for parking areas near wilderness areas to educate snowmobilers about restrictions. Snowmobiling areas in the Wenatchee River and Cle Elum Ranger Districts often are adjacent to wilderness areas, where snowmobiling is illegal. In late winter, trail grooming ends at lower elevations and many snowmobilers venture into wilderness areas. In addition to signs, the Forest Service will create riding maps, contact snowmobilers during peak use times, distribute information to snowmobile dealers, and have an education booth at the state snowmobile association convention. The Forest Service will contribute \$3,320 in cash and donated equipment and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1989E-FY07)



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- National Recreational Trails Program
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U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District Maintaining Wilderness Trails **\$40,500**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 350 miles of wilderness trails. Work will include removing downed trees and overgrown brush, clearing trails, fixing drainage structures, and rebuilding trail surfaces. A combination of contractors, paid youth crews, trail crews, and volunteers will do this work. The Forest Service will contribute \$34,368 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1629M-FY07)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$75,000** **Purchasing a Snow Groomer for the Lake Wenatchee Area**

State Parks will use this grant to purchase a second snow groomer to improve and expand cross-country ski trails near Lake Wenatchee State Park. The park's trail system will grow to more than 31 miles. A second machine will enable crews to groom the entire system in one night, provide a backup when equipment fails, and allow more frequent grooming of the most popular trails. Currently, State Parks' sole machine and operator are working at capacity and incapable of grooming all trails to acceptable conditions. Lake Wenatchee State Park is a popular winter recreation area with more than 4,545 user days per season. The expansion plans will add more physically demanding trails, bringing a quality not available in the region and helping create a destination ski area. State Parks will contribute \$87,600 from a state grant. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1702M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District **\$52,600** **Maintaining Chelan Trails**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 192 miles of trails in the Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, the Lucerne Landing-Holden Village Corridor, and the Sawtooth Backcountry. Crews will clear logs and brush, clean and fix drainage structures, remove loose rock, and repair trail surfaces, bridges, switchbacks, barricades, and rock walls. The Forest Service will contribute \$49,400 from donated equipment and labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1966M-FY07)

Clallam County Area Grant **\$72,000**

National Park Service, Olympic National Park **\$72,000** **Renovating High Ridge-Sunrise Nature Trails**

The Park Service will use this grant to renovate two popular trails on Hurricane Ridge, the busiest destination in Olympic National Park. High Ridge and Sunrise Viewpoint



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Nature Trails see more than 10,000 visitors monthly during the summer and are experiencing problems. The asphalt is breaking, creating tripping hazards. Portions of the trails with natural surfacing have no defined borders so visitors are trampling nearby plants. Trail drainage problems are causing erosion. Parallel trails and switchbacks have developed resulting in plant and soil loss. Two viewpoints have expanded into large, sprawling areas. The Park Service will repair the trail surface, fix drainage problems, replant using native plants grown in the park greenhouse, define the viewpoints' perimeters to limit sprawl, and level the Sunrise viewpoint area. The Park Service will contribute \$48,500 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-2016D-FY07)

King County Area Grants

\$284,224

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District Supporting the Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program **\$10,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a seasonal program coordinator and provide subsistence for student interns for the volunteer ranger program. Volunteer rangers contact visitors to disseminate trail safety and resource protection information; maintain bulletin boards, trails, and campsites; assist in emergencies, and help with education programs including walks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and backcountry. Interns design educational programs and materials, and join on patrol. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,157 from labor and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1772E-FY07)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$75,000** **Repairing a Bridge on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to repair structural timbers and install safety railings on seven railroad trestles on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, the state's major east-west trail that stretches 100 miles from North Bend to the Columbia River. More than 150,000 hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers, and dogsledders use this trail yearly. Most of the trestles along the trail were installed more than 60 years ago, are in need of significant structural repairs, and lack safety railings. State Parks will contribute \$100,244. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1705D-FY07)



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- National Recreational Trails Program
- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Mountains to Sound Greenway \$59,500

Maintaining Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails

The Mountains to Sound Greenway will use this grant to provide materials, tools, staff, and conservation corps time to maintain more than 40 miles of trails in the greenway. The 800 miles of greenway trails are some of the heaviest used trails in the state, serving a population of more than 1.8 million people. Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$50,418 in cash, labor, a private grant, and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-2050M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District Supporting the Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance Crew \$64,000

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a five-person trail maintenance crew for one season. The crew will clear brush and repair drainage and trail surfaces along 125 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$57,704 in cash, equipment, labor, and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1773M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District Laying Gravel on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail \$25,824

The Forest Service will use this grant to lay gravel on about .4 mile of the Middle Fork Trail, where clay retains water and creates mud holes in the rainy season. Rainfall and increasing use are damaging exposed clay soils on the trail creating slumping and erosion. The gravel will cap and protect the clay soils from erosion and provide a sustainable trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$14,308 in labor and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1775D-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District Maintaining Backcountry Recreation Sites \$41,900

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a six-person crew to maintain backcountry recreation facilities including campsites, signs, toilets, and trails. Crews will maintain facilities in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, and Clearwater Wilderness Areas and surrounding backcountry. The 300,000-acre district has more than 400 miles of trails, more than 100 alpine lakes, and more than 100,000 visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$36,416 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-2047M-FY07)



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- National Recreational Trails Program
- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Hi Country Snowmobile Club \$8,000

Clearing Trails in Stampede Pass, Salmon la Sac, and Kachess Lake Areas

The Hi Country Snowmobile Club will use this grant to clear brush along 140 miles of Forest Service roads in the Stampede Pass, Kachess Ridge-Lake Kachess, and Salmon La Sac areas. The roads are getting very narrow because vine maple and alder brush are growing over the roads, making it difficult for the club's snowmobile groomers to pass. The club will use this grant to lease equipment to cut the brush. The club will contribute \$50,000. This grant is part of a \$16,000 grant that includes work in Kittitas County. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1596M-FY07)

Kittitas County Area Grants \$245,835

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

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire six education and safety snow rangers. Cle Elum Ranger District has more than one-third of the snowmobile use in Washington, according to recent studies. Education and safety rangers patrol about 21 sno-parks and trailheads, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of off-trail riding areas. They educate trail users on safe and courteous operation, winter survival, avalanche awareness, respect for the wilderness, and trail etiquette. In addition, snow rangers help minimize conflicts, disseminate information, maintain sno-park and trail signs, and aid in search and rescue efforts. The Forest Service will contribute \$33,373 in equipment, labor, materials, and a state grant. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1719E-FY07)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$75,000

State Parks will use this grant to repair structural timbers and install safety railings on seven railroad trestles along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, which is the state's major east-west trail stretching 110 miles from North Bend to the Columbia River. More than 150,000 hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers, and dogsledders use the trail annually. Most of the trestles were installed more than 60 years ago, are in need of significant structural repairs, and lack safety railings. State Parks is contributing \$115,220. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1706D-FY07)

Kittitas County Parks and Recreation District #1 \$70,420

Building Evergreen Park Trailhead
The Kittitas Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to design and build a trailhead and park. The 5-acre site borders a Forest Service road, and will provide



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parking, restrooms, and access to public lands south of the Yakima River near Cle Elum. The trailhead will be designed for use by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, snowshoers, and snowmobilers. Kittitas County Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$37,580 in donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1898D-FY07)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$36,415 **Expanding a Sno-Park**

State Parks will use this grant to expand parking at the Easton Reload Sno-Park. Two major groomed snowmobile trail systems, Stampede Pass and Taneum Manastash, can be accessed from this site. There are very few opportunities to develop winter parking in the area. Nearby Crystal Springs Sno-Park, the largest Sno-Park in the state, is usually full. The Easton Reload Sno-Park accommodates 10 vehicles with trailers and would be expanded to accommodate 60 vehicles with trailers, providing users with another way to access the same trail systems available from Crystal Springs. Work will include clearing brush, grading, laying gravel on 1.5 acres, and installing gates. State Parks will contribute \$12,235 in labor and donated equipment and labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1955D-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District **Maintaining Wilderness Trails \$46,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain some of the 157 miles of Alpine Lakes Wilderness trails. Work will include removing downed trees, cutting brush, fixing drainage and other structures, and rebuilding trail surfaces. The highest priorities will be high-use trails like Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest Trails. Work will be accomplished by a combination of Forest Service trail crews, wilderness ranger crews, volunteers, youth corps crews, and contracts. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1637M-FY07)

Hi Country Snowmobile Club \$8,000 **Clearing Trails in Stampede Pass, Salmon la Sac, and Kachess Lake Areas**

The Hi Country Snowmobile Club will use this grant to clear brush along 140 miles of Forest Service roads in the Stampede Pass, Kachess Ridge-Lake Kachess, and Salmon La Sac areas. The roads are getting very narrow because vine maple and alder brush are growing over the roads, making it difficult for the club's snowmobile groomers to pass. The club will use this grant to lease equipment to cut the brush. The club will contribute \$50,000. This grant is part of a \$16,000 grant that includes work in King County. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1596M-FY07)



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- National Recreational Trails Program
- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Lewis County Area Grants \$87,500

Mount Tahoma Trails Association \$75,000
Purchasing Snow Vehicles

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to purchase a snowmobile and groomer to help keep 40 miles of ski trails that link four backcountry ski huts open during the winter for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The association will groom the trails using utility snowmobiles and snowcats that pull groomers. Groomed trails are critically essential to the maintenance of this trail system, which provides recreation for 8,000 day users and 2,300 overnights. Mount Tahoma Trails Association will contribute \$105,000 in cash, a state grant, donations, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-2063M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District \$12,500
Maintaining Trails in the Naches Wilderness

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails in the William O. Douglas, Norse Peak, and Goat Rocks wilderness areas. Crews will clear trails of downed trees and brush, repair drainage problems, and fix trail surfaces. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is part of a \$25,000 grant with some of the work being performed in Yakima County. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1828M-FY07)

Okanogan County Area Grants \$99,774

Methow Valley Sport Trails Association \$63,000
Constructing a Bridge on the Methow Community Trail

The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association will use this grant to build a pedestrian suspension bridge, linking two sections of the Methow Community Trail in Mazama. The bridge will span an 80-foot-wide river, making the trail accessible year-round. The current trail is unusable in the spring when the channel is full and when the channel is dry, the riverbed is unsafe because of large rocks. The Methow Valley is a recreation destination, with more than 500,000 visitors a year. The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association will contribute \$93,000 in cash and donated labor and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1635D-FY07)



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- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Mountain Trails Grooming Association \$36,774

Purchasing a Truck to Transport Trail Grooming Equipment

The Mountain Trails Grooming Association grooms 175 miles of mountainous, multi-use winter trails. The association will use this grant to purchase a truck to haul its 7.5-ton trail groomer and equipment to seven different winter parking areas along Methow Valley trails. The parking lots access more than 30,700 acres of Forest Service land and more than 500,000 people yearly visit the Methow Valley. Mountain Trails Grooming Association will contribute \$33,929 in cash and donated equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1594M-FY07)

Pend Oreille County Area Grants \$74,600

Spokane Winter Knights \$25,950

Building a Groomer Shelter at Kings Lake Sno-Park

The Spokane Winter Knights will use this grant to construct a storage building for two snow groomers at the Kings Lake Sno-Park. Currently, the group stores and maintains its groomers outside, which makes routine inspections, maintenance, and repairs difficult. In addition, the current storage area is on private property, which has been sold. Constructing this building would provide a secure facility to house the groomers as well as allow the groomer operator to perform needed maintenance indoors. Kings Lake Sno-Park provides access to 132 miles of snowmobile trails with an average use of 4,500 snowmobiles a year. Spokane Winter Knights will contribute \$7,110 in materials and donated equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1988D-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest \$48,650

Building the Muddy Creek Trailhead

The Forest Service will use this grant to develop a snowmobile trailhead for up to 10 vehicles at the north end of Pend Oreille County. Work will include installing a restroom and a kiosk where maps and other information will be displayed. Snowmobilers currently park their vehicles on a wide spot off the county road. The Forest Service will contribute \$15,000 in donated materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-2036D-FY07)



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- National Recreational Trails Program
- Boating Infrastructure Grants

Pierce County Area Grant

\$60,700

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District Maintaining the White River Ranger District Trails **\$60,700**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 230 miles of multiple use trails on the steep western slopes of the Cascade Mountains in the Snoqualmie/White River Ranger District. Forest Service staff and seasonal trail crews will work with nonprofit organizations such as Northwest Youthcorps, Washington Trails Association, and the Backcountry Horsemen, to accomplish the annual trail maintenance. The Forest Service will contribute \$91,366 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1714M-FY07)

Snohomish County Area Grants

\$144,500

Port of Everett **\$94,500**

Upgrading Electrical Service at the North Guest Moorage

The Port of Everett will use this grant to update electrical service at a guest moorage float to accommodate the needs of today's larger boats. The port's marina has three guest moorage floats with 20 and 30 amp power. One of the floats, the north float, is used by large boats measuring 40 feet to 100 feet long. The float's electrical power was installed in 1979 and has not been updated. The Port of Everett will contribute \$31,500. This grant is from the Boating Infrastructure Grant program. (06-2234D-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Darrington Ranger District Maintaining Darrington Trails **\$50,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 100 miles of trail in the Darrington Ranger District. The trails are off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and some of its access trails. Most of these trails begin at low elevations and climb steep slopes. Maintenance costs are high because of a combination high use, poor soils, wet climate, and steep rugged slopes. Volunteers have worked on the lower portions of many of these trails but are unable to reach the upper sections. The grant will be used to hire workers to assist volunteers and youth crews in completing the needed trail work. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1894M-FY07)



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Whatcom County Area Grants \$96,307

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District Providing Mountain Stewards \$10,000

The Forest Service will use this grant to support its Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project, a volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on three of the busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker Ranger District. The volunteers educate visitors about wilderness ethics, environmental protection, forest regulations, and safety, and provide general information about the area, such as camp locations. In the past four seasons, volunteers made more than 5,000 visitor contacts. The volunteers will work on trails in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area and around the Heather Meadows area. Forest Service staff will coordinate training sessions, volunteer schedules, daily check-ins, and program support materials. The North Cascades Institute, in partnership with the Forest Service, recruits and trains the volunteers. The Forest Service will contribute \$12,700 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1946E-FY07)

Nooksack Nordic Ski Club \$15,900 Maintaining the Salmon Ridge Ski Trails

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to groom and maintain 32 miles of ski trails, a winter parking area, and trailhead access points to the Salmon Ridge trail system during the next two years. The Salmon Ridge cross-country ski area and snowpark provides the only groomed and tracked ski trails in western Washington north of Stevens Pass. Located on the flank of Mount Baker, the ski area attracts more than 5,100 visits each winter and provides summer recreation opportunities as well. Salmon Ridge is a collaborative project coordinated by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club in conjunction with eight other organizations. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club is contributing \$15,860 in a state grant and donated equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1628M-FY07)

Pacific Northwest Trail Association \$20,407 Supporting the North Cascades Youth Crew

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to have a youth crew maintain trails in the Mount Baker Ranger District, on state lands, and in the North Cascades National Recreation Area, along sections of the Pacific Northwest Trail. Crews will remove brush and downed trees, repair trail surfaces, control drainage, repair turnpikes, and remove user-made trails. Work will be concentrated in two areas, Hi Divide and Damifino Trails. Pacific Northwest Trails Association will contribute \$27,000 in donated



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equipment and labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program.

(06-1713M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District Providing Mount Baker Trail Maintenance \$50,000

The Forest Service will use this grant to provide two years of maintenance on 125 miles of hiker and stock trail in the Mount Baker Ranger District. These trails provide trips into the North Cascades backcountry with a combined estimated annual use of more than 100,000 visitors. Heavy use of the trails occurring over a relatively short, snow-free season, combined with a wet climate, fast growing brush, and windstorms has resulted in trail damage. Work will include removal of brush and downed trees and repair of drainage structures and trail surfaces. Completion of this work would reduce the district's deferred trail maintenance by 40 percent. Work will be done through a combination of staff, contracts, as well as continuing partnerships with a variety of organizations including Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Northwest Youth Corps, Backcountry Horsemen, Sierra Club, Mountaineers, and individuals. The Forest Service will contribute \$98,000 in cash, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program.

(06-1806M-FY07)

Yakima County Area Grants \$143,508

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

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a snow ranger to provide education and safety patrols. The snow ranger will work with volunteers from local clubs to educate visitors on safe and responsible trail use and install signs at wilderness boundaries. The snow ranger will patrol the Mount Adams Ranger District, the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. With nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile routes and more than 100 miles of cross-county ski trail, the Gifford Pinchot offers winter recreation opportunities to tens of thousands of visitors each year. The Forest Service will contribute \$18,494 in labor, materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1921E-FY07)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$75,000 Grooming Trails in Yakima County

State Parks will use this grant to groom about 11,200 miles of trail yearly for two years in Yakima County, including the Ahtanum, Chinook Pass, and White Pass areas. During



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the 2005-06 winter, more than 75,000 user days were reported for Yakima County groomed snowmobile trail systems. State Parks will contribute \$390,368. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1845M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District \$16,558 Maintaining Naches Nordic and Mountain Bike Trails

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 18 miles of Nordic and mountain bike trails. Work will include clearing logs and brush, maintaining structures and signs, grooming, setting tracks, and updating maps to improve visitor safety. These trails are primarily for cross-country skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and stock groups. The Forest Service will contribute \$13,756 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1707M-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District \$29,450 Rebuilding the Little Rattlesnake 4X4 Trail

The Forest Service will use this grant to rebuild the Little Rattlesnake Four Wheel Trail, which was closed in 2000 because of adverse effects on mid-Columbia steelhead. The Forest Service will rebuild the trail 40 feet to 250 feet upslope from the creek, rehabilitate the abandoned route, and improve the remainder of the trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$35,514 in materials and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1857D-FY07)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District \$12,500 Maintaining Trails in the Naches Wilderness

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails in the William O. Douglas, Norse Peak, and Goat Rocks wilderness areas. Crews will clear trails of downed trees and brush, repair drainage problems, and fix trail surfaces. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in cash and donated labor. This grant is part of a \$25,000 grant with some of the work being performed in Lewis County. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1828M-FY07)

Statewide Grants \$125,000

Washington State Snowmobile Association \$10,000 Providing a Trailer for a Snowmobile Safety Program

The Washington State Snowmobile Association will use this grant to purchase a trailer to carry and store snowmobiles and the safety education program materials. The



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snowmobile association has led a safety program for more than 20 years and now will begin an effort to expand the program. The group plans to have trained snowmobilers teach all aspects of the sport in snowmobiling areas as well as at state conventions and events. The Washington State Snowmobile Association will contribute \$28,000 in labor, another grant, cash donations, and donated materials. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1671E-FY07)

Washington Trails Association

\$50,000

Providing Backcountry Trail Maintenance Teams

The trail association will use this grant to manage at least two dozen volunteer teams in backcountry locations throughout the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. The teams will maintain more than 100 miles of trail. The teams work on trails that lie beyond the reach of a single day trip. Each team sets up base camp and focuses on a particular area for several days, sometimes even weeks. This allows teams to tackle complicated maintenance projects so that the backcountry can be opened as soon as possible after snowmelt. Project work will occur in Chelan, Clallum, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, and Yakima counties. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$171,710 in donations and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program.

(06-1711M-FY07)

Washington Trails Association

\$65,000

Supporting Volunteer Trail Maintenance

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to manage more than 250 work parties (totaling more than 20,000 volunteer hours) on trails throughout the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Work crews will focus on popular day hike routes, accessible from major urban areas of Puget Sound and southwest Washington. Volunteers will clear drain dips, repair failing trail surfaces, clear brush and fallen trees, and perform other maintenance tasks. More than 1,500 volunteers annually contribute to the association's trail maintenance program. The Washington Trails Association will contribute \$305,700 in cash donations and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreational Trails Program. (06-1710M-FY07)