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\$3.4 Million in Funding Approved for Trail Projects, Projects in 17 Counties Make List

OLYMPIA – Trail projects in 17 counties will receive state funding totaling nearly \$3.4 million, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

At its November meeting in Olympia, the Interagency Committee approved a list of 40 projects to be funded by Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) grants. NOVA grants are used to develop and manage recreation opportunities for cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles.

Projects in the following counties were approved for funding. For details, visit www.iac.wa.gov or (PDF link).

Chelan.....	\$377,048	Pend Oreille	\$30,000
Clallam	\$175,117	Pierce	\$190,952
Clark.....	\$138,389	Skagit	\$348,400
Ferry.....	\$112,943	Skamania	\$126,000
Grant	\$43,400	Snohomish	\$62,685
King.....	\$245,885	Thurston	\$228,952
Kittitas	\$599,471	Whatcom	\$4,765
Lewis	\$83,560	Yakima	\$282,520
Mason	\$342,660		

“Nearly 2 million Washingtonians use backcountry trails for everything from hiking, to picking berries, to cross-country skiing to motorcycling,” said Laura Johnson, director of

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the Interagency Committee. "These grants invest money in providing critical trail and campground construction and maintenance so that Washington can offer a variety of experiences for everyone venturing outdoors. The work accomplished with these grants may not be glamorous but it helps keep our trails and campgrounds open."

This year, the Interagency Committee received 54 applications requesting more than \$4 million in funding. Applicants requested nearly 20 percent more funding than was available. They also will contribute \$2 million in matching funds and other resources, making the total investment in trails nearly \$5.4 million.

Grant applications were reviewed in October by a 15-member evaluation team comprised of representatives of federal, state and local governments and recreationists, including hikers, anglers, equestrians, bicyclists and off-road vehicle users. The evaluation committee considered each project's needs, benefits and technical merits.

Funding comes from fuel taxes and fees paid to the state by those who benefit from the facilities. A summary of the grant program is at the Interagency Committee's Web site at: <http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/nova.htm>. Grants were given in three categories:

- Nonhighway road grants to serve recreationists such as boaters using canoes and kayaks, campers, sightseers, anglers, hunters, picnickers and people who cut firewood and gather berries and mushrooms.
- Nonmotorized trail grants to create and maintain opportunities for cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hiking and mountain bicycling in a backcountry environment.
- Off-road vehicle grants to create and maintain opportunities for all-terrain vehicles, four-wheel drives, and off-road motorcycle recreation in both backcountry and competition track environments.

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Chelan County

\$377,048

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District
Maintaining Campsites** **\$31,258**

The Forest Service will use this grant to fund maintenance and operation activities at 22 campsites and 10 dispersed camping areas. Work will include pumping and cleaning 28 restrooms, cleaning fire pits, picking up trash, repairing tables and facilities, maintaining bulletin boards and signs, testing water and maintaining hand pumps, and providing information and assistance to visitors. The Forest Service will contribute \$33,200 in cash and donated labor. (06-1630M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District
Maintaining Campgrounds** **\$31,046**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain and operate campgrounds. Work will include daily cleaning of restrooms, picking up trash, pumping restrooms, maintaining and repairing fire rings and picnic tables, testing water wells, and repairing bulletin boards and signs. The Wenatchee National Forest receives about 2.4 million visitors a year. The Entiat Ranger District provides campgrounds along the Entiat River with eight full-service campgrounds and more than 100 dispersed campsites. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,700. (06-1700M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District
Improving Echo Ridge Trails** **\$39,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to complete the third and final stage of improvements to Echo Ridge trails. Work will include building 3.6 miles of new intermediate ski trails, building and installing new trail signs and new traffic control gates, and treating noxious weeds. Previous stages saw the improvement of 6 miles and the addition of 4 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails at Echo Ridge primarily for beginner and skate skiers, improvement to the access road and two trailheads, and the addition of two trailheads. The new trails also provide a groomed cross-country ski route connecting the main Echo Ridge trails to the two northern ski trails, thereby removing cross-country skiers from a segment of a snowmobile trail. The Forest Service will contribute \$11,000. (06-1938D)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District
Restoring Ingalls Lake Campsites and Trails** **\$41,400**

The Forest Service will use this grant to restore five campsites along Ingalls Lake shoreline by planting plants, stabilizing other campsites to prevent erosion, and maintaining 2 miles of trail. Trail work will include trail hardening, drainage repair, removing encroaching brush, and building drainage structures. Located in the high



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country of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Ingalls Lake and Headlight Basin bare the scars from years of heavy recreational use. A typical weekend sees more than 100 people per day visiting this fragile subalpine lake. In the 1980s, a campfire ban was implemented to prevent users from hacking down scenic snags for firewood and a ½-mile camping setback from the lakeshore was established. However, numerous old campsites near the lakeshore remain that will not recover without active restoration treatments. The Forest Service will contribute \$43,468 in labor and donated equipment and labor. (06-1993M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District
Maintaining Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trails** **\$154,344**

The Forest Service will use this grant to support a trail crew for two years to maintain more than 195 miles of multiple-use trails and 11 trailheads. The 195 miles of trail includes 160 miles in the Entiat Ranger District and 35 miles in the Chelan Ranger District. These trails serve as the heart of a 220-mile trail network running from Lake Wenatchee to Lake Chelan. Trail maintenance work will include removing downed trees and encroaching brush, repairing water drainage structures to prevent erosion and excess trail damage, correcting safety items, cleaning and repairing culverts, and repairing trail signs and bulletin boards. The Forest Service will contribute 45,000 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. (06-1696M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District
Repairing the Alder Ridge Trail** **\$80,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to rehabilitate the 11-mile Alder Ridge Trail and adjacent sections of the Lower Chiwawa Off-road Vehicle Trail. Alder Ridge Trail has many drain dips that are no longer working, causing rutting. Sections of the Lower Chiwawa Trail are in a more degraded condition with long sections of severe rutting. Prompt renovation of drain dips, resetting of loose bank-stabilizing blocks, and rehabilitation of narrow and eroding tread will restore the trail, heading-off accelerating erosion and avoiding more expensive reconstruction in the future. (06-1725M)

Clallam County **\$175,117**

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Providing a Trail Crew in the Olympic Region** **\$175,117**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant for a trail crew that will maintain all of the department's Off-road Vehicle (ORV) trails in the Olympic Region. More than 8,000 visitors recreate each year in the places this grant will cover. The three-person crew will maintain and repair 36 miles of ORV trail in the Foothills and Sadie Creek systems, 2 miles of new 4x4 trail in Sadie Creek, as well as any other ORV



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trails. Work will include removing encroaching brush, repairing trail surfaces and drainage structures, maintaining bridges, and installing signs and drainage structures. The department will contribute \$46,550 in labor, equipment, and donated labor. (06-1865M)

Clark County \$138,389

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Planning for Non-motorized Recreation in the Yacolt Burn Forest 138,389

The Department of Natural Resources received two grants to develop a 10-year recreation plan for the Yacolt Burn Forest near Vancouver. More than 10,000 visitors use the trails annually for riding horses, hiking, riding off-road vehicles, and mountain biking. The plan will set recreation management objectives for the next 10 years, answering key questions such as what kinds of recreation will occur in what places and what types of facilities are needed. The department will contribute \$77,750 in labor, materials, and donated labor. (06-1875N) (06-1874N)

Ferry County \$112,943

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest

Creating an Off-highway Vehicle Plan for the Colville National Forest \$112,943

The Forest Service will use this grant to create, analyze, and define a complete off-highway vehicle system in the Three Rivers and Republic Ranger Districts. The plan will designate additional roads for off-highway vehicle travel, open roads that have been closed to that use, propose construction of short connector trails, and add approved user-created routes to the ranger district's official route system. This grant will scope and design projects that can be accomplished over the next three years and that will result in an extensive connected system that off-highway vehicle users can enjoy. It also will connect rural communities so off-highway vehicle riders can enjoy a system that accesses gas stations, restaurants, and overnight accommodations. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,400 in staff time, materials, and donated labor. (06-1844N)

Grant County \$43,400

Grant County

Maintaining Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Areas \$43,400

The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to provide safe, unrestricted, public access to ORV areas. Work will include implementing a proposed maintenance and operations program that includes maintaining restrooms, emptying dumpsters, providing



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portable toilets during major use weekends, and maintaining signs and fencing. Grant County will contribute \$42,768 in donated labor. (06-2019M)

King County \$245,885

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Improving Federation Forest Trails \$100,000

State Parks will use this grant to renovate the Picnic Area Boardwalk Trail and the East Loop Trail in Federation Forest. The trails and boardwalks are at the end of their useful life. The boardwalk is slippery, has difficult stairs, and sits on creosote timbers in a White River tributary. The East Loop Trail has deteriorated to the point where large roots and rocks make it difficult to navigate. The relatively gentle topography in the park lends itself easily to a barrier-free trail. The Picnic Area Boardwalk Trail will be reconstructed with ramps instead of stairs, and the East Loop Trail will be renovated using a raised trail base to allow barrier-free access to the old growth forest. This project also will centralize the park's trailheads behind the interpretive center to allow for easy navigation. Federation Forest State Park is 619 acres of old growth forest, an interpretive center, and trails through the forest, including the historic Naches Trail, one of the first pioneer trails between eastern Washington and Puget Sound. State Parks will contribute \$629,000. (06-1975D)

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

Maintaining Campsites and Trailheads \$45,885

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain trailheads and campsites in the Skykomish Ranger District to prevent further damage to sensitive riparian areas, wetlands, and stream habitats. Work will include cleaning, replacing, and relocating restrooms at some trailheads; pumping restrooms; picking up trash; cleaning fire pits and campsites; repairing trailhead facilities; providing information to users; and repairing signs. There are 23 trailheads and nearly 200 user-built campsites that serve 48,500 hikers, equestrians, campers, kayakers, and rafters. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,250 in staff time and donated labor. (06-1655M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Snoqualmie Unit Trails \$100,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 108 miles of non-motorized trails in the Snoqualmie Unit, which includes Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, Tiger Mountain, and Mid-Fork Snoqualmie State Forests. The department will hire a trail maintenance crew for two years to remove downed trees and encroaching brush, repair trail bridges, reconstruct trail surfaces, rebuild drainage structures, and coordinate volunteers. Deferred



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maintenance on the trail system has resulted in a backlog of projects that require routine maintenance, skilled labor, and funds for repairing structures. The department will contribute \$73,920 in labor, equipment, and donated labor and materials. (06-1747M)

Kittitas County \$599,471

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Planning for Campsites in the Upper Cle Elum River Valley \$48,650**

The Forest Service will use this grant to complete planning necessary to provide camping along the Cle Elum River while restoring the ecological function of the floodplain. In the Upper Cle Elum River Valley, which runs along 13 miles of the Cle Elum River, vehicle traffic has destroyed ground vegetation, and campfire wood cutting has removed almost all woody debris. Soil compaction has weakened the trees, threatening visitor safety. The floodplain degradation is harming fish habitat. Left unchecked, the negative effects on the ecosystem could lead to an area closure. The Forest Service wants to improve the recreational experience, encourage lawful behavior by campers, protect water quality, enhance floodplain soil and vegetation conditions, and protect fish habitat in the Cle Elum River. This project is the second in a three-phase effort to improve camping opportunities and restore the floodplain. Partners include Title II, National Forest Foundation, Plum Creek Foundation, Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, RIDGE, and Suncadia. The Forest Service will contribute \$47,050. (06-1754N)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Rerouting Way Creek Trail \$42,100**

The Forest Service will use this grant to reroute sections of the 1.5-mile Way Creek Trail, which follows a tributary of the middle fork of the Teanaway River. The trail contains numerous sections that are either too steep and eroding badly or are along Way Creek and contributing to sedimentation. These sections get worse every year, and without help eventually will make the trail impassable. The trail will be rerouted and bridges installed to put the trail in a location that can be maintained. (06-1566D)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Hiring a Trail Maintenance Crew \$193,140**

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a three-person crew to maintain trails in the Taneum and Manastash areas. Work will include removing downed trees, correcting safety problems, maintaining and installing drainage structures and bridges, revitalizing trail surfaces, correcting resource damage caused by inappropriate off-road vehicle use, and maintaining trailheads and signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$30,000 in donated labor and staff time. (06-1616M)



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**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Rerouting Gooseberry Trail \$8,200**

The Forest Service will use this grant to reroute portions of the 1-mile Gooseberry Flat Trail, which follows an old skid road from the Taneum Junction camping area to the Gooseberry Flat camping area. Portions of this trail are too steep for the heavy motorcycle use, and are eroding badly. Ruts get deeper and more difficult to traverse every year. The reroutes will move the trail to a lower grade that will be maintainable, but will keep the character and difficulty of the trail. (06-1565D)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Rerouting Boulder-DeRoux Trail \$82,600**

The Forest Service will use this grant to reroute portions of the Boulder-DeRoux Trail, a popular multi-use trail running 8 miles between the upper Cle Elum and upper Teanaway valleys. At the head of Boulder Creek, the trail traverses about 0.5 mile of wet meadows. It is deeply rutted, slimy, and continually delivering silt to Boulder Creek. Meadow damage worsens as users create new trails trying to avoid the mud. The reroute includes six bridges and three drainage structures. (06-1567D)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Hiring a Trail Maintenance Crew \$176,411**

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire a three-person crew to maintain the motorized trails north of Interstate 90. Work will include removing downed trees, correcting safety problems, maintaining and installing drainage structures and bridges, revitalizing trail surfaces, correcting resource damage caused by inappropriate off-road vehicle use, and maintaining trailheads and signs. The Forest Service will contribute \$25,000 in donated labor and staff time. (06-1615M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Planning for Rerouting Table Mountain Trails \$26,370**

The Forest Service will use this grant to do the required surveys and environmental impact analysis for a series of trail reroutes on Table Mountain. Overall trail use is increasing, and as a result several multiple-use trails are deteriorating. Parts of these trails pass through wet meadows and areas with high water tables, while other stretches have grades that are too steep for their current level of use. These situations are causing a variety of problems such as putting sediment into streams and causing users to pioneer their own bypass trails to avoid muddy areas. The problem areas, which vary in length from 300 feet to about 2,500 feet, cannot be fixed by annual maintenance alone, but can be alleviated by relocating stretches to lower grades or drier locations. (06-1612N)



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**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District
Purchasing Cle Elum Off-road Vehicle Maintenance Equipment \$22,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to buy a Kubota utility vehicle for maintenance on off-road vehicle trails and trailheads. The machine will be used on trail projects that include fixing drainage problems, repairing or building bridges, removing downed trees, and hauling materials. The machine has tracks for more stability, traction, and clearance. (06-1716M)

Lewis County \$83,560

**U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District
Maintaining ORV Trails in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest \$83,560**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 160 miles of Off-road Vehicle (ORV) trails each year for two years in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. In addition to trail maintenance, the grant will support operation and maintenance of several developed recreation facilities used primarily by ORV users. Work will include removing downed trees and encroaching brush, repairing safety hazards, fixing drainage structures, and repairing trail surfaces and signs. Maintenance will decrease resource damage, minimize conflicts between users, and extend the life of the trails. To accomplish the maintenance, the Forest Service will hire two trail crew members. Volunteer groups will contribute 600 hours annually. The Forest Service will contribute 445,259 in staff time, equipment, and donated labor. (06-1693M)

Mason County \$342,660

**Washington Department of Natural Resources \$199,960
Maintaining Tahuya State Forest and Green Mountain ORV Trails**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 101 miles of trail in the heavily used Tahuya State Forest with targeted trail work on 13 miles of trail on Green Mountain. Work will include maintaining four Off-road Vehicle (ORV) recreation facilities. The department will contribute \$89,000 in staff time, equipment, and donated labor. (06-1722M)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources \$142,700
Replacing the Tahuya Bridge**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace a failing 10-year-old, 60-foot metal bridge over Mission Creek in the Tahuya State Forest. A recent log jam has widened Mission Creek dramatically and caused severe undercutting of the soil surrounding the abutments of the bridge. The bridge, which is closed for safety, was



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used by people traveling the Overland Trail, which is an integral part of the main trail system within the state forest. Users now must travel 5 miles to use the next available stream crossing. The new, longer bridge will alleviate the erosion of the abutment. The bridge's closure is increasing the stress on other trails and bridges. The department will use the grant to pay for the design, permitting, purchasing, fabrication, and installation of the new 85-foot-long bridge and removal of the existing bridge, which will be reused elsewhere in the forest. The department will contribute \$5,100 in donated labor and staff time. (06-1721D)

Pend Oreille County \$30,000

U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District \$30,000
Purchasing Equipment for the Pend Oreille Valley Backcountry Trails Program

The Forest Service will use this grant to purchase two all-terrain vehicles, two off-road motorcycles, a trailer for towing, a trail builder, and safety equipment for use by the district in its off-highway vehicle trails program. The ranger district does not have any equipment for use on its off-highway vehicle trail system, which includes 79 miles of motorcycle trail and more than 250 miles of dual-use roads. Pend Oreille County has designated additional county routes to make connections to the Forest Service trail systems, which is expected to increase the use of these trails. The ranger district is not fully prepared to manage this increase. The new equipment will allow staff to safely maintain existing routes, locate and map user-created trails, close and rehabilitate damaged areas, assess work to be done on existing trails, and provide information and law enforcement for trail users. The Forest Service will contribute \$9,500 in equipment and staff time. (06-1745M)

Pierce County \$190,952

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District \$95,340
Maintaining Evans Creek ORV Area

The Forest Service will use this grant for maintenance and operation of the Evans Creek Off-road Vehicle (ORV) area for two years. The Forest Service will hire two staff to administer the daily field operations of the ORV program and to coordinate volunteer efforts. In addition, the Forest Service will purchase an all-terrain vehicle and trailer, supplies, signs, materials, professional services, equipment rentals, communications, and water monitoring. Demands for ORV recreation have increased with no increases in opportunities, stressing the existing ORV areas. Evans Creek is one of the few ORV areas in western Washington. The Forest Service will contribute \$50,500 in staff time, materials, a state grant, and donated labor. (06-1715M)



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Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Elbe Hills 4X4 Trails **\$95,612**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain the 4X4 trails in Elbe Hills State Forest. The state forest is unique in that it strives to provide an exceptional 4x4 experience while also being open to other off-road vehicle uses. Elbe Hills is open year-round, and has 13.5 miles of 4x4 trails and one campground. The grant will pay for two workers, tools, and trail maintenance materials. Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association will provide volunteers. The department will contribute \$43,000 in staff time, equipment, and donated labor. (06-1948M)

Skagit County **\$348,400**

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Northwest Region Recreation Areas **\$41,078**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant for staff and materials to maintain the Samish Overlook, the W.C. Dearinger Campground, and Reflection Ponds in the Upper Sultan Basin Natural Resource Conservation Area. The grant also will provide funding for portable toilets at the Samish Overlook, which is used by hang gliders and paragliders. The staff will clean and maintain toilets, clean fire rings, picnic tables, and benches; remove litter and dangerous trees; maintain signs; mow vegetation; repair parking lots; and performing other general maintenance activities. The department will contribute \$18,280 in equipment, materials, staff time, and donated labor. (06-2012M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Northwest Region Trails **\$100,000**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain about 80 miles of non-motorized trails within the department's northwest region. Work will include repairing trail surfaces; removing encroaching brush and downed trees; maintaining signs, drainage structures, and bridges; and rerouting trail segments. By reducing the maintenance backlog and providing timely trail maintenance, this grant allows the department to protect natural resources, enhance the longevity of trails, and preserve opportunities for 70,000 visitors a year. The department will contribute \$51,053 in staff time, materials, and donated labor. (06-1866M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Maintaining Northwest Region Trailheads and Campgrounds **\$38,120**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain six non-motorized trailheads and ten backcountry campgrounds (50 campsites) in Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish Counties. Work will include cleaning



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and maintaining toilets; mowing vegetation; removing litter and manure; maintaining signs, picnic tables, and fire rings; painting; and repairing parking areas and roads. The department will contribute \$18,659 in equipment, materials, staff time, and donated labor and materials. (06-1868M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Improving Walker Valley Trails

\$169,202

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to make trail improvements, build a new trail, and develop an area for 4X4 use in Walker Valley. Specifically, the department will improve nearly 0.5 mile of trail on three different all-terrain vehicle and motorcycle trails. Work will include repairing, relocating, and rebuilding damaged portions of the existing off-road vehicle trail system to reduce soil loss and impacts to water quality and to improve rider safety and enjoyment. The department also will build 3 miles of new trail for motorcycles, reducing the need for motorcycles to travel on forest roads. Finally, the department will development a 4x4 practice and skill building area. Walker Valley receives about 30,000 off-road vehicle riders yearly. The department will contribute \$44,990 in staff time and donated labor. (06-1936D)

Skamania County

\$126,000

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Maintaining Recreation Facilities

\$48,000

The Forest Service will use this grant to hire four staff to increase maintenance at 45 popular recreation sites on the flanks of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Work will include repairing picnic tables, painting restrooms, maintaining information kiosks, and replacing signs and doors. The Forest Service will contribute \$173,180 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (06-2027M)

North Bonneville

Developing Strawberry Island Trailhead Parking

\$30,000

North Bonneville will use this grant to develop a parking area for the historic Lewis and Clark Strawberry Island trailhead, located on the edge of town. This trailhead provides access to a 2.9-mile nature trail loop with opportunities to view wildlife at the Pierce Wildlife Refuge and vistas of the Columbia River Gorge, Hamilton Mountain, Table Mountain, and Aldridge Butte. Strawberry Island provides one of the only opportunities for a relatively easy hike that delivers these sweeping views. Paving the trailhead will allow the city to organize parking for the growing number of visitors. The grant also will pay for two interpretive signs providing information regarding the history of Strawberry Island. North Bonneville will contribute \$3,400 in equipment and staff time. (06-2071D)



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U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Maintaining Non-motorized Trails **\$48,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to expand maintenance on 357 miles of backcountry, non-motorized trails in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Gifford Pinchot Forest. Work will include removing downed trees and encroaching brush and repairing drainage structures, bridges, and trail surfaces. The grant will help the Forest Service complete backlog maintenance projects on popular trails that are difficult to reach. The work will be performed primarily by youth crews and volunteers from the Mount St. Helens Institute conservation corps. The Forest Service will contribute \$103,440 in, equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor and equipment. (06-1850M)

Snohomish County **\$62,685**

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$52,415**
Maintaining Northwest Region Trailheads and Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain six non-motorized trailheads and ten backcountry campgrounds (50 campsites) in Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish Counties. Work will include cleaning and maintaining toilets; mowing vegetation; removing litter and manure; maintaining signs, picnic tables, and fire rings; painting; and repairing parking areas and roads. The department will contribute \$25,656 in equipment, materials, staff time, and donated labor and materials. (06-1868M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Maintaining Northwest Region Recreation Areas **\$10,270**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant for staff and materials to maintain the Samish Overlook, the W.C. Dearinger Campground, and Reflection Ponds in the Upper Sultan Basin Natural Resource Conservation Area. The grant also will provide funding for portable toilets at the Samish Overlook, which is used by hang gliders and paragliders. The staff will clean and maintain toilets, clean fire rings, picnic tables, and benches; remove litter and dangerous trees; maintain signs; mow vegetation; repair parking lots; and performing other general maintenance activities. The department will contribute \$4,570 in equipment, materials, staff time, and donated labor. (06-2012M)



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Thurston County \$228,952

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$90,000
Maintaining Capitol Forest Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of non-motorized trails and three trailheads in Capitol State Forest. Trail work will include shaping the trail surface, hardening small sections of trail by applying crushed rock; installing and maintaining drainage structures; removing encroaching brush; and inspecting and maintaining bridges and signs. Trailhead work will include picking up litter and maintaining and repairing restrooms, signs, and the facility. Department staff, prison crews, and volunteers will do the work. This maintenance is needed to preserve recreation opportunities and protect natural resources. The non-motorized trail system is used by 20,000 people annually for horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking, and mountain running. The predominantly clay soil and the many trail segments that cross streams make maintenance a critical factor in protecting the environment. The department will contribute \$39,555 in staff time and donated labor. (06-1876M)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$138,952
Maintaining Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Trails

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 87 miles of ORV trails, two trailheads, and one ORV campground in the Capitol State Forest. Trail work will include shaping the trail surface using a mini excavator, hardening small sections of trail by applying crushed rock or concrete blocks, installing and maintaining drainage structures, removing encroaching brush, and inspecting and maintaining bridges. Work at the trailheads and ORV campground will include picking up litter, repairing fences and signs, painting restrooms, and pumping toilets. Department staff, prison crews, and volunteers will do the work. The department will contribute \$62,600 in materials, staff time, and donated labor. (06-1757M)

Whatcom County \$4,765

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$4,765
Maintaining Northwest Region Trailheads and Campgrounds

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain six non-motorized trailheads and ten backcountry campgrounds (50 campsites) in Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties. Work will include cleaning and maintaining toilets; mowing vegetation; removing litter and manure; maintaining signs, picnic tables, and fire rings; painting; and repairing parking areas and roads. The department will contribute \$2,332 in equipment, materials, staff time, and donated labor and materials. (06-1868M)



Trail Grants Awarded
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program

Yakima County \$282,520

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District
Maintaining Trails in Three Wilderness Areas \$66,896**

The Forest Service will use this grant to maintain more than 380 miles of trails in the William O. Douglas, Norse Peak, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas. Work will include clearing the trail system, which is an ongoing challenge because of a combination of wet volcanic soils, heavy snowfall, and a widespread decaying forest. Drainage issues and tread work also will be addressed. An estimated 30,000 visitors use the wilderness areas annually. The Forest Service will contribute \$55,000 in cash, a state grant, and donated labor. (06-1838M)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District
Planning a 4x4 Rock Crawl \$16,000**

The Forest Service will use this grant to plan a rock crawl challenge course in the Cold Creek Sno-Park, redirecting off-highway vehicle users to an area away from sensitive resources. The course would simulate popular 4x4 trails like Upper Hellorado in Utah or Rubicon Trail in California. It will have trails for users with varying levels of experience and varying levels of vehicle capabilities. Boulders will be placed along a 100-yard-long course that also will be near 4x4 trails in the Rimrock area, creating a central area for 4x4 enthusiasts. Centralizing this activity will make it easier for rangers to contact people. Off-highway vehicle use is an ever increasing pastime. When recreationists look for trails early in the spring, many are under snow. Recreationists often will find mud holes or wet meadows instead, damaging resources. The Forest Service will contribute \$3,000 in donated labor. (06-2037N)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District
Maintaining Naches Ranger District Motorized Trails \$199,624**

The Forest Service will use this grant for a seven-person crew and equipment to maintain 250 miles of motorized trail in the Naches Ranger District. Work will include clearing trails as early in the season as possible and performing routine sign maintenance. Motorized trail use continues to increase on the Naches trail system. Due to steep slopes, poor soils, and heavy use, annual maintenance is essential to maintain the trail system. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,500 in donated labor. (06-1795M)