

# Recreation Grants AWARDED



## PROJECTS IN BENTON COUNTY

### Richland

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

#### Improving Claybell Park

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to develop 10 acres of Claybell Park. Crews will install two, full-sized, multi-sports fields, improve the existing softball field, build a restroom, create a half-mile paved trail, build a new entry road, and move the parking lot so it is located centrally and double its size. In addition, the city will remove two tennis courts and build four new tennis courts. Richland will contribute \$706,000 in cash and cash donations. The grants are from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the state Youth Athletic Facilities program. (11-1429)

## PROJECTS IN CHELAN COUNTY

### U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest

**Grant Awarded: \$10,000**

#### Providing for Cle Elum Wilderness Education

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to hire one wilderness ranger to help patrol trails, campsites, and lakeshores in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Rangers explain principles designed to reduce impacts on the environment and protect the trail and adjacent wilderness areas. They also explain regulations, provide information to the public, design brochures and trail head posters, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and maintenance needs. The Cle Elum Ranger District administers 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The wilderness and adjacent area contains 12 trail heads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 wilderness campsites. The area receives more than 27,000 visits a year. The ranger district will contribute \$10,500 in donated and staff labor. The \$10,000 grant will pay for work in Chelan, King, and Kittitas Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1281)

### U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest

**Grant Awarded: \$38,000**

#### Repairing Wildhorse and Whitepine Trails

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to pay for crews and equipment to maintain the Wildhorse and lower Whitepine trails. Many sections of the trails have become deeply eroded, extremely brushy, and unsafe. Also, several creek crossings have become difficult, with steep approaches and exits, very muddy sections of trail, and poor footing. Bringing this trail up to standard will allow for continued access to a very scenic and popular section of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, which is used by hikers, backpackers, horse riders, and hunters. The ranger district will contribute

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\$49,100 in cash, a federal grant, and donations of labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1432)

## PROJECTS IN CLALLAM COUNTY

### **Pacific Northwest Trail Association**

**Grant Awarded: \$70,911**

#### **Hiring an Olympic Youth Crew to Maintain Trails**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to support crews that maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on the Olympic Peninsula, through Jefferson and Clallam Counties. Crews will work from Snow Creek/Mount Zion through Gold Creek, the Upper Dungeness, and the Buckhorn Wilderness, to the Olympic National Park boundary; the High and Low Divide trails on the Upper Solduc; and the upper and lower Bogachiel River. The trail crews include the SKY Program for at-risk youth. This project is supported by the U.S. Forest Service; National Park Service; Chimicum, Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Forks School Districts; Jefferson and Clallam County commissioners; and the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. The trail association will contribute \$72,000 in donations of equipment and labor. The \$70,911 grant will pay for work in both Clallam and Jefferson Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1254)

### **Port Angeles**

**Grant Awarded: \$39,627**

#### **Building a New Shane Park Playground**

The City of Port Angeles, the Shane Park Committee, and the local Kiwanis Club are teaming together to build a new playground in Shane Park. City staff will assemble the structure and improve the sidewalks so they are accessible to people with disabilities. Volunteers will clear overgrown landscaping around the park to improve visibility and will prepare the playground site. Port Angeles will contribute \$100,546 in donations of cash, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. (11-1195)

## PROJECTS IN CLARK COUNTY

### **Jones Creek Trail Riders Association**

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

#### **Maintaining the Jones Creek ORV Trail**

The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will use this grant to maintain the Jones Creek ORV Trail in the Yacolt State Forest, which is near Vancouver. Crews will harden damaged sections of trail by adding blocks, rock, and erosion controls to stabilize the trails and eliminate damage to local streams and vegetation. Due to significantly increased use, the trail system is in need of more maintenance. The trail system includes 15 miles of double track trail, available to all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, hikers, and mountain bikers. The association will contribute \$10,000 in

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donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1342)

## PROJECTS IN COWLITZ COUNTY

### **U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest**      **Grant Awarded: \$39,757** **Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to support a four-person crew to maintain 180 miles of wilderness trail. The crew will repair drainage structures, remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, and repair trail surfaces. Each year, trails are damaged by storms and snow. Currently, the amount of annual maintenance needs exceeds staff and volunteer abilities. The ranger district will contribute \$39,768 in equipment, labor, and donations of labor. The 39,757 grant will pay for work in both Cowlitz and Lewis Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1196)

## PROJECTS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **Pacific Northwest Trail Association**      **Grant Awarded: \$70,911** **Hiring an Olympic Youth Crew to Maintain Trails**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to support crews that maintain 120 miles of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on the Olympic Peninsula, through Jefferson and Clallam Counties. Crews will work from Snow Creek/Mount Zion through Gold Creek, the Upper Dungeness, and the Buckhorn Wilderness, to the Olympic National Park boundary; the High and Low Divide trails on the Upper Solduc; and the upper and lower Bogachiel River. The trail crews include the SKY Program for at-risk youth. This project is supported by the U.S. Forest Service; National Park Service; Chemicum, Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Forks School Districts; Jefferson and Clallam County commissioners; and the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. The trail association will contribute \$72,000 in donations of equipment and labor. The \$70,911 grant will pay for work in both Clallam and Jefferson Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1254)

## PROJECTS IN KING COUNTY

### **Bothell**      **Grant Awarded: \$109,000** **Expanding North Creek Forest**

The City of Bothell will use this grant to buy nearly 6 acres of a 64-acre forest known as North Creek Forest along Interstate 405. The land contains a mature forest that is home to at least two priority bird species, the pileated woodpecker and band-tailed pigeon,

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and sits above North Creek, a stream used by Chinook salmon, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. The property is near the University of Washington Bothell campus and its 54-acre wetland restoration project. Combined the two areas provide more than 100 acres of diverse habitat for 9,000 students. Bothell will contribute \$109,000 in conservation futures<sup>1</sup>. This grant is from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. (11-1359)

## **Earthcorps**

**Grant Awarded: \$35,425**

### **Funding Wilderness Trail Maintenance**

Earthcorps will use this grant to support four, six- to seven-person crews to maintain 8 miles of trail for two years. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes and fix drainage structures in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The crews will complete trail maintenance on the Surprise Mountain Trail, Deception Creek Trail, and a 3.5-mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail. The corps will contribute \$35,456 from a state grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1186)

## **EarthCorps**

**Grant Awarded: \$10,774**

### **Maintaining the Dutch Miller Gap Trail**

EarthCorps will use this grant to support a six-person crew to maintain the 7.4-mile Dutch Miller Gap Trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area for two years. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, clear drainage structures, and fix trail surfaces. This trail maintenance is critical to protect the natural resources of the surrounding wilderness from further damage. The remote location of the trail and tight budgets make it difficult for the Forest Service to perform annual maintenance. The trail has not been maintained in the past three years. EarthCorps will contribute \$10,860 from a state grant and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1217)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

### **Hiring a Crew for Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to hire a four-person crew and pay for supplies, equipment, and tools to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, repair trail surfaces, and fix drainage structures. There has been little to no federal money for trail maintenance for several years. The ranger district will contribute \$115,000 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1293)

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<sup>1</sup> 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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## **U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trails**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 125 miles of trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Crews will include staff and non-profit organizations and volunteers including Mountains to Sound Greenway, EarthCorps, Washington Trails Association, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Boy Scouts, and local school groups. Work will include removing overgrown bushes, repairing drainage structures, and fixing trail surfaces. The work will mean safer trails, reduced erosion and plant loss, preservation of trail structures, longer life for trail facilities, and enhanced public access for outdoor recreation activities. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system each year. The ranger district will contribute \$64,805 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1249)

## **U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing for Cle Elum Wilderness Education**

**Grant Awarded: \$10,000**

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## **PROJECTS IN KITTITAS COUNTY**

### **U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing for Cle Elum Wilderness Education**

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## **U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest** **Grant Awarded: \$8,424** **Providing Snoqualmie Pass Winter Education Patrol**

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to pay for two backcountry rangers at Snoqualmie Pass. The rangers will provide information on sno-parks and talk with backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, snowboarders, sledders, hikers, climbers, and snowshoers using the trails. They also will lead educational snowshoe walks into the backcountry with the goal of teaching users about winter safety, avalanche danger, route finding, and winter ecology. One of the rangers will serve as the volunteer coordinator, supervising up to 20 volunteers. Common problems in the winter backcountry are lack of avalanche training, oversized groups in the Alpine Lake Wilderness, winter preparedness and safety, and a need for general route finding and sno-park information. Fatalities and injuries from avalanches and lost winter recreationists have increased the need for more education. The ranger district will contribute \$10,111 in donated and staff labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1412)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Awarded: \$47,065** **Grooming Snowmobile Trails from Snoqualmie Pass to Blewett Pass**

State Parks will use this grant to groom 402 miles of snowmobile trails in the central Cascade Mountains of eastern King and western Kittitas Counties between Snoqualmie and Blewett Passes. Typically, trails are groomed at least once or twice a week or more in the winter. It is expected that up to 9,506 grooming miles will be logged each winter. The trail systems in this area are in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The number of registered snowmobiles has declined in the past few years, and grooming funds will be reduced by up to 19 percent. State Parks will contribute \$188,260. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1233)

## **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission** **Grant Awarded: \$50,484** **Grooming the Greenwater-Naches-Ahtanum Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to groom 402 miles of snowmobile trails astride the Cascade Mountains in eastern King County and western Kittitas and Yakima Counties. Typically, trails are groomed at least once or twice a week or more in the winter. For this area, it is expected that up to 9,616 grooming miles will be logged each winter. The trail systems in this area are in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests and the Ahtanum State Forest. The number of registered snowmobiles

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has declined in the past few years, and grooming funds may be reduced by up to 20 percent as a result. State Parks will contribute \$201,938. The \$50,484 grant will pay for work in both Kittitas and Yakima Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1229)

## PROJECTS IN LEWIS COUNTY

### **Mossyrock**

**Grant Awarded: \$335,575**

#### **Developing Klickitat Prairie Park**

The Town of Mossyrock will use this grant to build a play and fitness area, parking, walking trails, community gardens, and picnic areas at Klickitat Prairie Park. The park connects to the community center, city hall and police department and provides access to Klickitat Creek, which runs through the property. Mossyrock will contribute \$335,575 in cash and a local grant. This grant is from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. (11-1191)

### **U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$39,757**

#### **Maintaining Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to support a four-person crew to maintain 180 miles of wilderness trail. The crew will repair drainage structures, remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, and repair trail surfaces. Each year, trails are damaged by storms and snow. Currently, the amount of annual maintenance needs exceeds staff and volunteer abilities. The ranger district will contribute \$39,768 in equipment, labor, and donations of labor. The \$39,757 grant will pay for work in both Lewis and Cowlitz Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1196)

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Grant Awarded: \$20,304**

#### **Grooming the South Cascades Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks will use this grant to groom 282 miles of snowmobile trails in the Cascade Mountains of eastern Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, and extensively in Skamania County near Mount Saint Helens and Mount Adams. Typically, trails are groomed at least once or twice a week or more in the winter. It is expected that up to 3,868 grooming miles will be logged each winter. All of the trail systems in this area are in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The number of registered snowmobiles has declined in the past few years, and grooming funds will be reduced by up to 19 percent as a result. State Parks will contribute \$81,218. The \$20,304 grant will pay for work in both Lewis and Skamania Counties. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1226)

## PROJECTS IN SKAGIT COUNTY

### Northwest Glacier Cruisers

**Grant Awarded: \$12,153**

#### Grooming and Maintaining Mount Baker Trails

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers will use this grant to increase the amount of grooming of snowmobile trails in the Skagit Program (Mount Baker National Recreation Area, Anderson Creek/Watson, Finney Creek, and Segelsen Creek) in Skagit and Whatcom Counties and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The area historically receives the first snow of the season and the deepest snowfall, extending the season longer than any area in the state. The Skagit Program is unique because the 165 miles of trails access more than 16,000 acres of backcountry, used by snowmobilers, snowshoers, dog sledgers, hikers, and skiers. All users get to the backcountry via the groomed trails. Increased grooming will improve safety and user satisfaction. The Northwest Glacier Cruisers will contribute \$9,959 in material, equipment, and labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1222)

## PROJECTS IN SKAMANIA COUNTY

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## PROJECTS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

### U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker National Forest

**Grant Awarded: \$50,000**

#### Maintaining Darrington Trails

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of trails off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and its access trails. Many of these trails begin at low elevation and climb steep slopes or enter wilderness areas at some point. Maintenance costs are high due to a combination of high use, poor soils, wet climate, and steep, rugged slopes. Volunteers work on the lower portions of many of these trails but often are unable to reach the upper areas.

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Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown bushes, repair bridge handrails and trail surfaces, move small sections of trail, and maintain drainage structures. The ranger district will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donations of labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1223)

## PROJECTS IN WHATCOM COUNTY

### **Nooksack Nordic Ski Club**

**Grant Awarded: \$21,300**

#### **Maintaining Salmon Ridge Ski Trails**

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to groom and maintain 15 miles of ski trails and maintain 3 miles of snowshoe trails in the Salmon Ridge trail system during the next two years. Crews will clear brush and overhanging branches, mow, repair drainage systems, and install trail signs. The Salmon Ridge Trail system provides the only groomed and tracked cross-country ski trails in western Washington north of Stevens Pass. Additionally, it has become a popular site for snowshoers. This area is on the flank of Mount Baker and attracts more than 7,200 visits each winter. The 15-mile trail system is taken care of by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. This is the club's 19th season as stewards of the Salmon Ridge Ski area. The ski club will contribute \$19,900 from a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1221)

## PROJECTS IN YAKIMA COUNTY

### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

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## PROJECTS STATEWIDE

### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance**

**Grant Awarded: \$29,000**

### **Supporting a Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program**

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to support and expand its statewide volunteer trail maintenance program. Evergreen will provide at least 4,500 hours of volunteer labor for popular trails important to mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians covering more than 100 miles of trails across the state. Because of a lack of funding, many of these trails receive no maintenance beyond what the mountain bike community performs. The alliance will contribute \$82,500 in equipment, labor, and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the federal Recreational Trails Program. (11-1259)