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TOPIC #8A: NOVA PROGRAM FUNDING, OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PROJECTS (ORV)

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Approved by the Director: 

Proposed Action: Funding decision

Summary:

Twenty-three ORV projects requesting \$2,362,143 out of an available pool of \$2,255,555^[1] in Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) motor vehicle fuel tax funds and permit fees are presented for funding approval.

Staff Recommendation:

The advisory committee and staff recommend approval of funding for the projects listed in "*Table 1 - NOVA – Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2007.*"

- Each project meets program legal and procedural requirements,
- Each project was evaluated and ranked using the IAC Board approved criteria,
- Sufficient funds are available to support the recommended projects.

To assist the Board in considering funding these projects, Resolution #2005-42 (Attachment 1) is provided.

Background:

This is IAC's third ORV grants cycle since the March 2004 major update to the NOVA Act when new fund distribution percentages and eligible activities were adopted.

Projects in the ORV category provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain^[2] and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks.

The program is guided by RCW 46.09, WAC 286-26, the *NOVA Plan: 2005-2011*, and Policy Manual #14, *NOVA Program: Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-Road Vehicle Policies and Project Selection*. The Manual describes:

[1] Does not include "competitive dollars" (NOVA Policy Manual #14, page 8).

[2] ATVs – quads, etc.

- Eligible Applicants [Tribes, federal, state, and local governments, and nonprofit ORV organizations]
- Project Types [Land acquisition, development and/or renovation projects, maintenance and operation of facilities, and planning activities].
- Project Elements [Trails, trailheads, day-use areas, campgrounds, sports parks, intensive use areas, and support structures like sanitary facilities and utilities]
- Fund Assistance [There are no fund limits for capital/planning projects; M&O projects are limited to \$200,000 for a two-year grant or \$100,000 for a one-year grant; no matching share is required; evaluation criteria encourages matching contributions by awarding additional points].

Grants Process Timeline.

October 2005. Staff met with NOVA advisory committee members, in part, to discuss the upcoming grants cycle and review possible changes to IAC's NOVA policy manual.

February 2006. Staff conducted a well advertised series of workshops to help potential applicants understand the funding process, how to complete applications, and participate in project evaluations. IAC's grant program brochure, policy manuals, and related materials were provided on CD-ROM to interested parties.

May 2006. By the May 1 deadline, 29 applications had arrived. Because of applicant withdrawals, this number fell to 23 by the date of project evaluations. In July, the Evaluation Team read through the applications and provided written advice to project applicants.

September-October 2006. In September, information on each project (project narratives, costs estimates) was sent to the 15 member evaluation team for review in preparation for scoring. During the first week in October, the evaluation team dedicated three full days to listening to NOVA applicants respond to the program's evaluation questions (Attachment 2), asking questions, and scoring each project.

After all members had returned their scores to staff for compilation, the team met again later in the month to develop the funding recommendations described in this memo.

Advisory Committee/Evaluation Team.

This year's ORV Evaluation Team, in accord with RCW 46.09.280, were:

- *Mike Blankenship (Boyd)
- *Arlene Brooks (Auburn)
- Robert Brooke (Spanaway)
- *Rick Dahl (Olympia)
- *Paul Dahmer (Olympia)
- Richard Elkins (Mercer Island)
- Jonathan Guzzo (Seattle)
- *Ken Irwin (Yakima)
- Theresa Julius (Aberdeen)
- Jeff Lambert (Spokane)
- *James Horan (Olympia)
- *Pene Speaks (Olympia)
- John Spring (Mercer Island)
- *Vladimir Steblina (Wenatchee)
- *Art Tuftee (Seattle).

^[1] Member, ORV permit fee subgroup.

Analysis:

Funding. Chapter 46.09 RCW directs that NOVA dollars allocated to this category must be composed of *motor vehicle fuel tax revenues* and the *ORV permit fees* paid by ORV dealers and ORV recreationists. The statute further directs that the IAC administered portion of the fuel tax be divided among nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and ORV recreation. Each of these categories must receive "...not less than 30 percent..." of the fuel tax dollars. The remaining funds are called "competitive dollars".

- Competitive Dollars.

A subset of the fuel tax dollars are the "10 percent competitive dollars" that remain after distribution of the "...not less than 30 percent..." fuel tax dollars. By IAC policy [3], competitive dollars are first used to bring to full funding any project partially funded with the 30 percent funds. In applying the competitive dollars, priority is given, in descending order, to projects that directly benefit the most NOVA recreationists, using information provided in the application.

- Permit Fees.

Another source of funds, in this category only, are ORV permit fees. In accord with RCW 46.09.280(2):

"...the advisory committee's ORV and mountain biking recreationists, governmental representatives, and land managers will make recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds received under RCW 46.09.110...", the ORV permit fee provisions.

At the Advisory Committee's post-evaluation meeting, the above described ORV permit fee subgroup provided the recommendations for allocation of funds received from the sale of ORV use permits and ORV dealer permits. These recommendations are provided in the "ORV Permit Rec Amt" column of Table 1.

Table A summarizes requests and funds available for distribution to fiscal year (FY) 2007 projects.

Table A - ORV Funding, November 2005 (FY 2006)		
Source	Explanation	Amount
Requests	23 projects, IAC NOVA funds	\$-2,362,143
Carryover	"Returned" from prior years	359,573
Fuel Tax	Statutory minimum 30% ORV	565,846
Fuel Tax	Competitive funds, to bring project #11 close to 100%	112,492
Fuel Tax	Left over from last grants cycle	231,125
Permit fees	"Returned" from prior years	3,649
Permit fees	Available to complete funding all remaining ORV projects	\$1,094,995
	<i>Total available</i>	\$2,367,680
Total	Recommended funding	\$2,362,143
Carryover	Permit fee monies not needed, move to next grants cycle	\$5,537

[3] NOVA Manual 14, page 10.

Next Steps:

After funding approval, IAC staff will ensure funded applicants complete any post approval requirements (for example, obtaining permits, etc.), ensure project agreements are executed, and monitor compliance.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – State map showing project locations, and
- Attachment 2 – Draft adoption resolution.
- Table 1 – Project listing in the order recommended for funding
- Attachment 3 – Evaluation criteria summary.
- Attachment 4 – Question-by-question summary of average evaluation scores.
- Summaries of each project submitted, in recommended funding order.

RESOLUTION #2006-42
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Off-Road Vehicle Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2007

WHEREAS, through the early months of 2006, until the May 1 application deadline, the staff of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to communicate to interested parties the benefits and application procedures for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, in answer to these efforts, 23 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) projects were submitted to IAC for funding consideration and subsequently evaluated by the statutorily mandated advisory/evaluation committee using IAC-approved criteria; and

WHEREAS, all projects meet the program requirements stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranked listing in "*Table 1 – NOVA – Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2007*"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC's Director is authorized to execute the necessary project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution Moved By: _____

Resolution Seconded By:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 16, 2006



Preliminary Evaluation Ranked List And Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation

Table 1 - Nonhighway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities - Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2007

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	IAC Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	30% Statutory Minimum	Recommended Funding Competitive Dollars	ORV Permit Amt	Cum Amt
1 of 23	55.533	06-1722M	Tahuya/Green ORV Tra	Natural Resources Dept o	199,960	89,000	288,960	199,960			199,960
2 of 23	54.933	06-1757M	Capitol Forest ORV Tra	Natural Resources Dept o	138,952	62,600	201,552	138,952			338,912
3 of 23	53.867	06-1936D	Walker Valley Trail Impi	Natural Resources Dept o	169,202	44,990	214,192	169,202			508,114
4 of 23	52.933	06-2019M	Grant County Sheriff Mt	Grant County Sheriff Dept	43,400	42,768	86,168	43,400			551,514
5 of 23	52.533	06-1715M	Evans Creek ORV M&C	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	95,340	50,500	145,840	95,340			646,854
6 of 23	51.667	06-1721D	Tahuya Bridge Replace	Natural Resources Dept o	142,700	5,100	147,800	142,700			789,554
7 of 23	50.667	06-1948M	Elbe Hills 4X4 M&O	Natural Resources Dept o	95,612	43,000	138,612	95,612			885,166
8 of 23	49.200	06-1696M	Entiat & Chelan Multiple	USFS WNF Entiat RD	154,344	45,000	199,344	154,344			1,039,510
8 of 23	49.200	06-1566D	Way Cr. Trail Reroutes	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	42,100		42,100	42,100			1,081,610
10 of 23	48.600	06-1874N	Yacolt Burn ORV Recre	Natural Resources Dept o	74,568	33,503	108,071	74,568			1,156,178
11 of 23	45.800	06-1616M	Cle Elum South Zone O	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	193,140	30,000	223,140	366	112,492	80,282	1,349,318
12 of 23	45.533	06-2037N	Rimrock 4 x 4 Rock Cra	USFS WNF Naches RD	16,000	3,000	19,000			16,000	1,365,318
13 of 23	45.133	06-1565D	Gooseberry Trail Rerou	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	8,200		8,200			8,200	1,373,518
14 of 23	44.933	06-1844N	Colville NF OHV Route	USFS Colville National Fo	112,943	25,400	138,343			112,943	1,486,461
15 of 23	44.800	06-1567D	Boulder-DeRoux Trail R	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	82,600		82,600			82,600	1,569,061
16 of 23	44.600	06-1795M	Naches R.D. Motorized	USFS WNF Naches RD	199,624	22,500	222,124			199,624	1,768,685
17 of 23	44.467	06-1865M	Olympic Region M & O	Natural Resources Dept o	175,117	46,550	221,667			175,117	1,943,802
18 of 23	43.800	06-1615M	Cle Elum North Zone O	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	176,411	25,000	201,411			176,411	2,120,213
19 of 23	43.667	06-1693M	Gifford Pinchot NF Motc	USFS GPNF Cowitz Valle	83,560	45,259	128,819			83,560	2,203,773
20 of 23	42.133	06-1745M	Pend Oreille Valley ATV	USFS CNF Newport RD	30,000	9,500	39,500			30,000	2,233,773
21 of 23	39.800	06-1612N	Table Mountain Reroute	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	26,370		26,370			26,370	2,260,143
22 of 23	34.333	06-1725M	Alder Ridge Trail	USFS WNF Wenatchee F	80,000		80,000			80,000	2,340,143
23 of 23	33.933	06-1716M	Cle Elum ORV Maintent	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	22,000		22,000			22,000	2,362,143
					2,362,143	623,670	2,985,813	1,156,544	112,492	1,093,107	2,362,143

\$565,846 (2006 funds)
 + \$359,573 ("returned")
 + \$231,125 (carryover from 2005)

 \$1,098,664 available
 [[\$1,094,995 (2006) + \$3,649 "returns"]
 Leaves \$5,557 carry to 2007]

Attachment 3

Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program Evaluation Criteria

Off-Road Vehicle Category

ORV grants provide quality opportunities for ORV recreationists – opportunities that satisfy user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict among user groups.

Applicants provide oral responses to the following team-scored (1-6) evaluation criteria. See IAC NOVA Policy Manual 14 and Application Manual 5n for more information.

NOVA – Off-Road Vehicle Criteria Summary					
Scored by:	#	Title	Type	Mult/Mx	NOVA Plan Policy
Team	1	Need	All	3/15	A-1, C-7
Team	2	Need fulfillment	All	3/15	A-1, C-7
Team	3a	Site suitability	A	2/10	C-5
Team	3b	Project design	D	2/10	C-5, C-14
Team	3c	Maintenance	M	2/10	C-7
Team	3d	Planning	N	2/10	A-3, C-6
Team	4	Readiness to proceed	All	-/5	C-8
Team	5	Project support	All	2/10	A-1, C-3
Team	6	Cost – benefit	All	-/5	C-11
IAC staff	7	Matching shares	All	-/5	C-3, C-4
IAC staff	8	Population proximity	All	2	C-2
IAC staff	9	GMA preference	All	0	RCW 43.17.250
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE				67	

KEY:

- Team = Criteria scored by Advisory Committee/evaluation team
- IAC staff = Criteria scored by IAC staff
- All = Includes Acquisition, Development, Maintenance, or Planning
- A = Acquisition proposals
- D = Development proposals
- M = Maintenance proposals
- N = Planning proposals (architect. and engineering, master plans, feasibility studies, etc.)
- Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion
- Policy = See IAC's *NOVA Plan* (2005-2011)



Preliminary Evaluation Summary

NOVA - Off-Road Vehicle Category

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
		Need	Need Fulfillment	Maint.- Planning- Developm.	Readiness to Proceed	Project Support	Cost-Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Mgt	
1	Tahuya/Green OR/Natural	12.800	13.000	8.400	4.533	8.800	4.000	3.000	1.000	0.000	55.533
2	Capitol Forest /Natural	12.400	12.400	8.133	4.267	8.667	4.067	3.000	2.000	0.000	54.933
3	Walker Valley T/Natural	13.000	13.200	8.800	3.800	8.133	3.933	2.000	1.000	0.000	53.867
4	Grant County Sh/Grant Co	13.000	12.400	8.267	4.467	6.667	4.133	4.000	0.000	0.000	52.933
5	Evans Creek ORV/USFS MBN	13.000	11.400	7.867	4.400	7.200	3.667	3.000	2.000	0.000	52.533
6	Tahuya Bridge R/Natural	13.400	13.600	8.267	3.600	8.000	3.800	0.000	1.000	0.000	51.667
7	Elbe Hills 4X4 /Natural	12.000	11.800	8.133	3.867	7.733	3.133	3.000	1.000	0.000	50.667
8	Entiat & Chelan/USFS WNF	11.800	12.800	7.867	4.200	6.667	3.867	2.000	0.000	0.000	49.200
8	Way Cr. Trail R/USFS WNF	13.000	13.400	8.800	4.533	5.867	3.600	0.000	0.000	0.000	49.200
10	Yacolt Burn ORV/Natural	11.200	11.400	7.200	3.333	7.067	3.400	3.000	2.000	0.000	48.600
11	Cle Elum South /USFS WNF	11.600	12.000	7.467	4.267	6.133	3.333	1.000	0.000	0.000	45.800
12	Rimrock 4 x 4 R/USFS WNF	10.200	12.000	7.333	3.733	7.867	3.400	1.000	0.000	0.000	45.533
13	Gooseberry Trail/USFS WNF	10.000	12.600	8.133	4.533	5.867	4.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	45.133
14	Colville NF OHV/USFS Col	10.600	11.200	6.933	4.200	7.467	3.533	1.000	0.000	0.000	44.933
15	Boulder-DeRoux /USFS WNF	12.200	12.800	7.600	3.467	5.600	3.133	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.800
16	Naches R.D. Mot/USFS WNF	11.000	11.400	7.333	4.067	6.267	3.533	1.000	0.000	0.000	44.600
17	Olympic Region /Natural	10.000	11.000	7.600	4.267	6.800	2.800	2.000	0.000	0.000	44.467
18	Cle Elum North /USFS WNF	10.600	11.400	7.200	4.267	6.133	3.200	1.000	0.000	0.000	43.800
19	Gifford Pinchot/USFS GPN	9.600	10.400	6.800	4.133	6.267	3.467	3.000	0.000	0.000	43.667
20	Pend Oreille Va/USFS CNF	10.600	10.800	6.533	3.667	5.333	3.200	2.000	0.000	0.000	42.133
21	Table Mountain /USFS WNF	9.800	10.400	6.933	3.533	4.933	3.200	0.000	1.000	0.000	39.800
22	Alder Ridge Tra/USFS WNF	8.200	9.400	6.533	3.533	4.267	2.400	0.000	0.000	0.000	34.333
23	Cle Elum ORV Ma/USFS WNF	7.400	8.800	6.133	4.267	4.800	2.533	0.000	0.000	0.000	33.933

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-6

Prescore Questions: 7-9

NOVA Program

Off-Road Vehicle Project Summaries

Ranked Order

Fiscal Year 2007



**Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
(NOVA)**

State Fiscal Year 2007 Off-Road Vehicle Projects

Dept of Natural Resources	\$199,960	\$89,000	\$288,960
Tahuya/Green ORV Trail Maintenance			

This project will provide much needed trail maintenance in the heavily used Tahuya State Forest with targeted trail work on Green Mountain. Work will be accomplished by a fully equipped four to five person trail crew. The trail crew will perform maintenance on approximately 101 miles of the 170 mile Tahuya trail system, the 13 mile Green Mountain trail system; and maintain four ORV recreation facilities. The trail crew will provide highly skilled trail maintenance techniques to meet identified stewardship and safety goals. In addition, committed volunteer workers and a 10-person correctional crew have agreed to support the trail crew in the routine maintenance of the heavily traveled trail system. (06-1722M)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$138,952	\$62,600	\$201,552
Capitol Forest ORV Trail M & O			

This project provides for the maintenance of 87 miles of ORV trail, two trailheads and one ORV campground located within the Capitol State Forest near Olympia Washington. The motorized trails within Capitol Forest need an ongoing maintenance program because they receive high ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike use from April to October and the areas' clay based soils require intensive maintenance. Additionally, many miles of these trails cross streams so proper trail maintenance is critical in these areas to protect natural resources. Trail maintenance activities include shaping the trail surface using a mini excavator, hardening small sections of trail by applying crushed rock/or concrete grid blocks, installing and maintaining culverts, drain dips and ditch-outs; brushing encroaching vegetation, inspecting and maintaining bridges. Maintenance activities within the trailheads and ORV campground will include litter pick-up, repairing fencing and sign boards, painting restrooms, toilet pumping and general site repairs and maintenance. Work will be accomplished by DNR staff, Cedar Creek Correctional Crews, individual volunteers, and/or clubs that utilize the trail system and facilities. This is a 22 month project and will benefit approximately 25,000 visitors per year (15,000 motorized users, 9,000 mountain bike riders and 1,000 hiker/mtn runners). (06-1757M)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$169,202	\$44,990	\$214,192
Walker Valley Trail Improvement			

This proposal builds upon past IAC-funded successes with trail improvements in Walker Valley, and has 3 primary elements. Element #1: The scope of work includes 2500 feet of trail improvements on 3 different ATV/motorcycle trails. The nature of the work includes repair, relocation, and rebuilding of damaged portions of the existing ORV trail system. The objective of this project is to reduce soil loss and impacts to water quality and improve rider safety and enjoyment. Element #2: This is a connector trail project. This element involves construction of approximately 3 miles of new motorcycle trail and replacement trail, including where logging roads have been built over old trails. Nine connector trail segments have been identified. The trails have been flagged in the field and are ready for construction. This project will improve rider safety by reducing the need for motorcycles to travel on forest roads. Element #3: This is the development of a 4x4 practice and skill building area. A potential site has been identified at Walker Valley that needs to be designed and developed. Access via 4x4 trail to the practice area will require some additional trail improvements along approximately 3000 feet of trail. Walker Valley receives approximately 20,000 - 30,000 ORV riders every year. (06-1936D)

Grant County Sheriff Dept	\$43,400	\$42,768	\$86,168
Grant County Sheriff M&O 07			

Funding for this project will assist in providing a safe, unrestricted, public access to existing ORV areas in Grant County. This project will also improve amenities and maintenance at these recreational sites. By implementing the proposed maintenance and operations program, the Sheriff's Office will be capable of maintaining two vault toilets and two large dumpsters throughout the ORV season. In addition, portable sanicans will be available during major use weekends. This project also provides for the maintaining of informational signing and fencing which is required for our land use agreements. (06-2019M)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	\$95,340	\$50,500	\$145,840
Evans Creek ORV M&O2007-2008			

This project is a two year funding request for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Evans Creek ORV area. The project involves employing a full time seasonal and assistant to administer the day to day field operations of the District ORV program along with coordinating and supporting volunteer efforts in the



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maintenance of campground facilities and trail system. The funding request is also for the purchase of an ATV & trailer for much needed jeep trail patrols, supplies, signage and materials, professional services, equipment rental, vehicle use, communications and water monitoring. Demands for ORV recreation has increased in recent years with no corresponding increases in opportunities. This has caused increased pressure and impacts on the existing ORV areas with Evans Creek being one of the few opportunities in western Washington. A recent NOVA Improvement grant was awarded to establish a quality long range plan that will help Evans Creek meet the ever increasing demands while providing restoration of current conditions and ensuring resource protection in the future. The continued support of volunteers from the various ORV affiliations along with the NOVA Funds has greatly contributed to minimizing resource impacts in the past while providing a rare opportunity for the motorized recreationist. This continued support is essential to ensure a quality ORV opportunity will continue into the future. (06-1715M)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$142,700	\$5,100	\$147,800
Tahuya Bridge Replacement			

This project will replace a failing ten year old 60 foot metal bridge with an 85 foot metal bridge over Mission Creek, located in the Tahuya State Forest. Due to a recent upstream log jam, Mission Creek has widened dramatically and caused the severe undercutting of the soil surrounding the abutments of the existing bridge. Currently, the bridge is temporarily closed due to potential hazards to recreationists and environmental degradation. The installation of a new longer bridge will alleviate the erosion of the abutment and provide a long term solution to this immediate need. This particular bridge is utilized by the Overland Trail, which an integral part of the main trail system within the Tahuya State Forest. This temporary closure is causing increasing pressure on the trail system and increasing the stress on other trails and bridges. Currently, NOVA recreationists are rerouted 5 miles to utilize the next available stream crossing. From our latest trail counter information, there are approximately 150,000 users a year that utilize the Tahuya State Forest. This project scope includes design, permitting, purchasing, fabrication and installation (including concrete footings and approaches) of the proposed bridge and removal of the existing bridge. The removed bridge will then be utilized in the Tahuya State Forest trail system at a later date. Due to the location of the site and the length of the bridge, a helicopter will have to be utilized for removal and installation. (06-1721D)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$95,612	\$43,000	\$138,612
Elbe Hills 4X4 M&O			

The objective of this project is to provide regular maintenance in the Elbe Hills State Forest in order to maintain visitor experience, environmental conditions, and to protect the 30 years of volunteer contributions already made. This maintenance will also support the goals identified in the Elbe Hills ORV Assessment. The Elbe Hills State Forest is unique in that it strives to provide an exceptional 4x4 experience while also being open to other ORV uses. Located in Pierce County, Elbe Hills is conveniently accessed from several population centers. Open year-round, Elbe supports ORV recreation on 13.5 miles of 4x4 trail and in one campground. The Elbe Hills ORV Campground has 10 tent-sites, room for 6 RVs and a shelter with 2 fireplaces. The trail system primarily draws visitors from a 75-mile radius that includes Seattle and Tacoma, but visitors also travel across state boundaries to experience it. The goals and objectives for maintaining the Elbe Hills State Forest will be met with 2 workers, each to provide 12 months of much needed maintenance. Project dollars will also be used for tools and trail maintenance materials to support the maintenance work. Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association will provide volunteer contributions. (06-1948M)

USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$154,344	\$45,000	\$199,344
Entiat & Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O			

This ongoing two-year project proposal provides for a reduced Forest Service Trail Crew organization and a 7 person AmeriCorps Crew devoted solely to the yearly maintenance of over 195 miles of our heaviest used multiple-use trails and 11 trailheads during the 2007 and 2008 field seasons. The 195 miles of trail includes 160 miles on the Entiat Ranger District and 35 miles on the Chelan Ranger District. These trails serve as the heart of the interconnected trail network of over 220 miles running from Lake Wenatchee to Lake Chelan. Trail maintenance / heavy maintenance program will focus on the maintenance of trails and trailheads to USFS design standards. Tasks include: 1) Performing the earliest possible log-out to provide for the longest possible use season; 2) Maintaining water drainage structures to prevent erosion and excess trail damage; 3) Correcting any needed safety items; 4) Brushing trails out as needed; 5) Culvert cleaning and repair; 6) Routine maintenance of 11 trailheads; 7) Maintaining trail signs and bulletin boards to established standards; 9) Performing mid and late season log-out to remove trees that have fallen after early season removal. Forest



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opportunities. With previous IAC grant funding the crew completed maintenance and repair of all 36 miles of ORV trail in the Foothills and Sadie Creek systems, and this grant will also include the 2 miles of new 4x4 trail in Sadie Creek as well as any other designated ORV trails. The three-person crew will work two nine-month seasons. We are anticipating that the majority of their time will be spent on the Foothills Trail and the Sadie Creek Trail systems, with a small amount of time on other designated trails in the region. Using materials already onhand, proposed work will include brushing, tread repair, drainage structure and bridge maintenance, an increased signage program, and culvert and drainage structure installations as needed. (06-1865M)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD \$176,411 \$25,000 \$201,411

Cle Elum North Zone ORV Trail Crew

This proposal supports a crew leader and a two person crew who will perform trail maintenance on the motorized trails north of I-90 on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The need for this maintenance is due to the increased amount of ORV use on this trail system. The crews would be dedicated to these areas for eight months each year and would emphasize the following tasks: 1) Logging out the trail system in a timely manor so as to prevent resource damage. 2) Correcting safety problems. 3) Maintaining and installing water drainage structures, bridges and selected sites for hardening. 4) Revitalizing tread with trail excavators. 5) Correcting resource damage caused by inappropriate ORV use. 6) Keeping the signing needs up to date. (06-1615M)

USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD \$83,560 \$45,259 \$128,819

Gifford Pinchot NF Motorized Trail M&O

This two year NOVA Off Road Vehicle (ORV) project will be leveraged with Forest Service funding and volunteer labor to perform annual maintenance on over 160 miles, on a rotational basis, out of 232 miles of system trail across the Forest, in each of the two years. This trail system consists of 194 miles of motorized, multiple-use trail on the Cowlitz Valley RD and an additional 38 miles of trail on the south end of the Forest. In addition to trail mainanence this project will support the O&M of several developed recreation facilities used primarily by motorized users. This includes trailhead and overnight camping locations. Annual maintenance consists of logging out, brushing, repairing safety hazards, maintenance of drainage structures, maintenance of tread and signing. Regular maintenance will decrease resource damage, minimize conflicts between user groups, and extend the life of the trails. This project will be accomplished by hiring two motorized trail crew members and will be leverage by Forest Service staff funded with Northwest Forest Pass revenues and appropriated funds who maintain the trailheads and overnight camping locations. Volunteer groups will also contribute 600 hours of volunteer labor annually. This IAC grant proposal has wide support from the motorized users who ride on the Gifford Pinchot NF. Many of these riders also volunteer with trail clearing and maintenance each year. (06-1693M)

USFS CNF Newport RD \$30,000 \$9,500 \$39,500

Pend Oreille Valley ATV's

This grant would be used to purchase two Honda quads (aka ATV's), two Honda off-road motorcycles, a trailer for towing, an OHV trail builder and safety equipment for use by the district in its OHV trails program. The Pend Oreille Valley (POV) Ranger District's recreation program currently does not have any OHV management equipment. The Pend Oreille Valley has 79 miles of single track motorcycle trail, and has added over 250 miles of designated dual use roads to the OHV trail system for the FS in the last year. Pend Oreille county has designated additional county routes to make connections from town to the FS trail systems. These great improvments to OHV access will make the Pend Oreille Valley very attractive, which will increase use considerably. A large increase in use will occur in the next year, and the POV is not fully prepared to manage this increase in the short or long run. For district recreation staff to perform any work associated with the ATV trails, we borrow other departments equipment when available. The recreation program does have two 1982 motorcycles that are at the end of their service life. We are requesting two of each so that we can access both single and double track trail 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 help in public contacts as well as education and enforcement patrols on its extensive OHV trail system. This equipment will be used ongoing within the OHV program. (06-1745M)

