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TOPIC #8C: NOVA PROGRAM FUNDING, NONMOTOR PROJECTS (NM)

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Approved by the Director: LEJ

Proposed Action: Funding decision

Summary:

Twenty nonmotorized projects requesting \$1,384,199 out of an available pool of \$568,293 ^[1] in Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) motor vehicle fuel tax funds are presented for funding approval.

Staff Recommendation:

The advisory committee and staff recommend approval of funding for the projects listed in "Table 1 - NOVA – Nonmotor 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 #2006-44 (Attachment 2) is provided.

Background:

This is IAC's third 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 NM category provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized trail activities, including: equestrians, hikers, mountain bicyclists, and cross-country skiers.

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:

- Eligible Applicants [Tribes, federal, state, and local governments]
- Project Types [Land acquisition, development and/or renovation projects, maintenance and operation of facilities, and planning activities].
- Project Elements [Trails, trailheads, and structures like sanitary facilities and utilities that support nonmotorized trail recreation]

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



- Fund Assistance [Capital/planning projects are limited to \$100,000; M&O projects are limited to \$100,000 for a two-year grant or \$50,000 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, 20 applications had arrived. 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 NM Evaluation Team, in accord with RCW 46.09.280, included:

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

Analysis:

Funding. Chapter 46.09 RCW directs that IAC administered NOVA recreation funds must be divided among nonhighway road, nonmotorized, and ORV recreation. Each of these three categories must receive "...not less than 30 percent..." of the fuel tax dollars. The remaining 10 percent of these funds are called "competitive dollars".

By IAC policy ^[2], competitive dollars are first used to bring to full funding any project partially funded with the 30 percent funds. Remaining funds are applied to projects that directly benefit the most NOVA recreationists using information provided in the application. Following these guidelines, and as shown in Table 1, funding is recommended for the first eight projects, those ranked 1-8^[3] with the statutory minimum 30 percent dollars. The second project ranked eight (DNR, 06-1747) receives full funding with dollars from two subcategories: remaining 30 percent statutory minimum funds and "competitive dollars" per the policy noted above.

^[2] NOVA Manual 14, page 10.

^[3] Two projects have tied for eighth place on the ranked listing.

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

Table A - NM Funding, November 2006 (FY 2007)		
<i>Source</i>	<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Requests	20 projects, IAC NOVA funds	\$1,384,199
Carryover	"Returned" funds from prior years	2,447
Fuel Tax	Statutory minimum 30% NM	565,846
Fuel Tax	Competitive funds, for the second project ranked 8	76,124
Total	Recommended funding	\$644,417
Unfunded	Unfunded balance	\$-739,782

Next Steps:

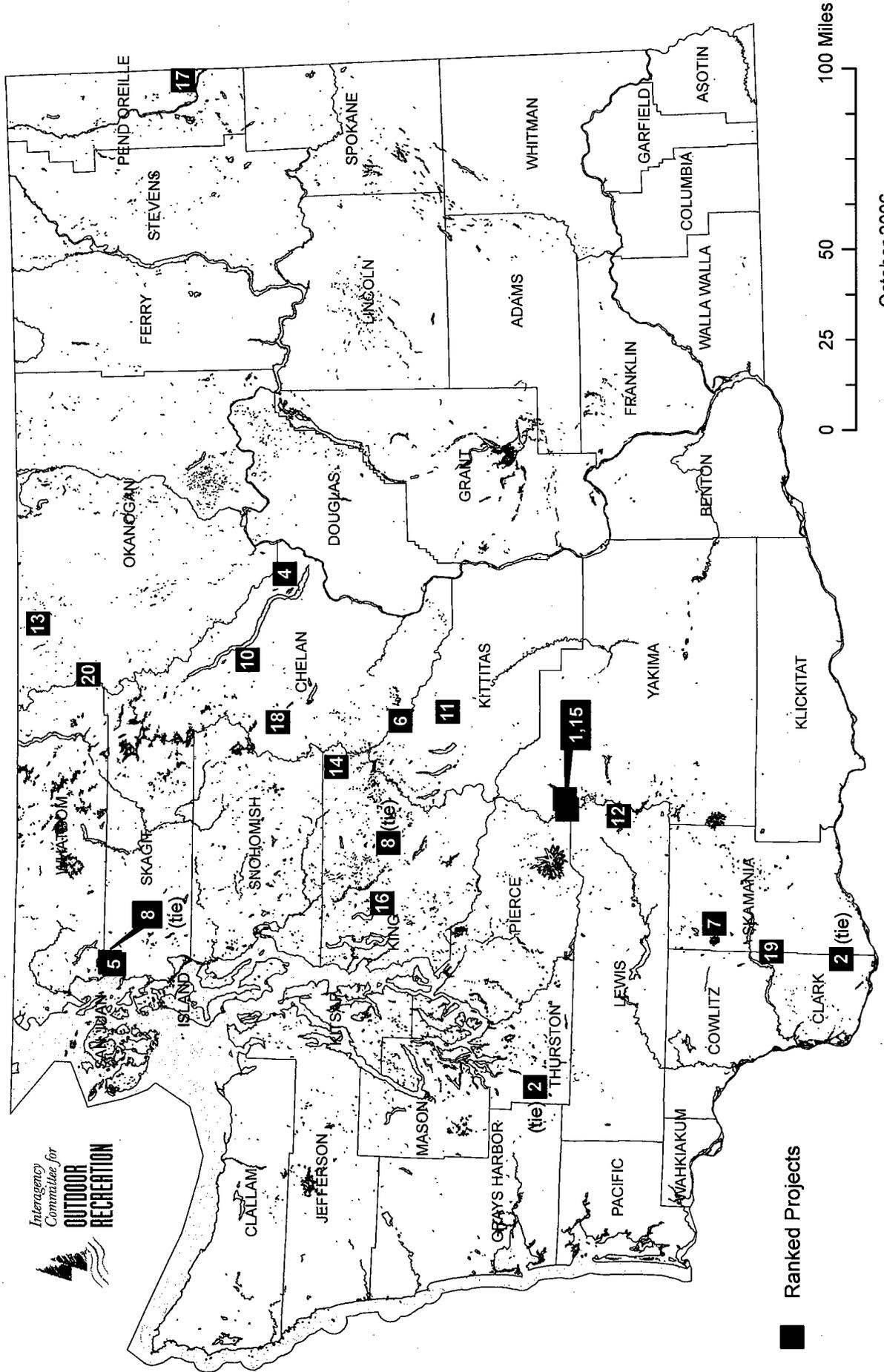
After funding approval, IAC staff will ensure funded applicants complete any post approval requirements (for example, obtaining permits, etc.), ensure project agreements are executed, and monitor compliance.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – State map showing project locations
- 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.

Nonhighway Off-road Vehicle (NOVA) Program - NM

SFY 2007 Ranked Projects



RESOLUTION #2006-44
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Nonmotorized 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, 20 Nonmotorized (NM) 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 – Nonmotorized Projects, Funding Recommendations, 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



Resolution: #2006-44

**Preliminary Evaluation Ranked List
And Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations**

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

Rank	Score Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	IAC Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Recommended Funding 30% Statutory Minimum	Competitive Dollars	Cum Amt
1 of 20	52.533	06-1838M	Three Wilderness M & O	USFS WNF Naches RD	66,896	55,000	121,896	-	66,896
2 of 20	51.800	06-1875N	Yacolt Burn NM Recreation Pla	Natural Resources Dept of	63,821	44,250	108,071	-	130,717
2 of 20	51.800	06-1876M	Capitol Forest NM Trail M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	90,000	39,555	129,555	-	220,717
4 of 20	51.667	06-1938D	Echo Improvements - Final Sta	USFS WNF Chelan RD	39,000	11,000	50,000	-	259,717
5 of 20	51.467	06-1866M	DNR Northwest NM M&O 1 (Tr	Natural Resources Dept of	100,000	51,053	151,053	-	359,717
6 of 20	50.533	06-1993M	Ingalls Lake Restoration	USFS WNF Wenatchee River I	41,400	43,468	84,868	-	401,117
7 of 20	50.333	06-1850M	Non-motorized Trails Maintena	USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	48,000	103,440	151,440	-	449,117
8 of 20	50.067	06-1868M	DNR Northwest NM M&O 2 (Re	Natural Resources Dept of	95,300	46,647	141,947	-	544,417
8 of 20	50.067	06-1747M	Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintene	Natural Resources Dept of	100,000	73,920	173,920	76,124	644,417
10 of 20	49.267	06-1881M	N.Fork/Pyramid Mtn Tr Area Hc	USFS WNF Entiat RD	65,915	29,200	95,115	-	710,332
11 of 20	49.000	06-1618M	Cle Elum Non-motorized M&O	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	82,000	48,000	130,000	-	792,332
12 of 20	48.667	06-1587M	Gifford Pinchot Wilderness Tra	USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RC	99,250	83,148	182,398	-	891,582
13 of 20	47.533	06-1854M	Pasayten Campsite and Trail R	USFS OKNF Methow RD	44,976	34,848	79,824	-	936,558
14 of 20	46.733	06-1609N	Iron Goat-Horseshoe Trail Plan	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	21,750	36,000	57,750	-	958,308
15 of 20	45.800	06-1755D	Bumping Lake Trail #971 Reco	USFS WNF Naches RD	42,338	14,500	56,838	-	1,000,646
16 of 20	42.600	06-1742D	Swamp and Big Tree Trails Rei	Issaquah City of	100,000	25,000	125,000	-	1,100,646
17 of 20	42.400	06-1660M	Bead Lake Trail Reconstructor	USFS CNF Newport RD	30,000	8,000	38,000	-	1,130,646
18 of 20	42.267	06-2020M	White River Indian Creek Loop	USFS WNF Wenatchee River I	100,000	27,000	127,000	-	1,230,646
19 of 20	42.000	06-1848M	DNR SW Non-Motorized Trail I	Natural Resources Dept of	100,000	44,924	144,924	-	1,330,646
20 of 20	41.067	06-1960N	Harts Pass Trailhead Parking	USFS OKNF Methow RD	53,553	53,553	53,553	-	1,384,199
				1,384,199	818,953	2,203,152	568,293	76,124	

\$565,846 (2006 funds) plus
\$2,447 (carryover from 2005)

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Attachment 3

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Evaluation Criteria
Nonmotorized Category**

Nonmotorized grants provide quality opportunities for equestrians, hikers, mountain bicyclists, and other trail recreationists – opportunities that satisfy user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict among user groups. See IAC NOVA Policy Manual 14 for more information.

NOVA – Nonmotorized (NM) Criteria Summary					
Scored by:	#	Title	Type	Mult/Max	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-4
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	Predominantly Natural	All	-/5	C-13
Team	6	Project Support	All	2/10	A-1, C3
Team	7	Cost-Benefit	All	-/5	C-11
IAC staff	8	Matching Shares	All	-/5	C-3, C-4
IAC staff	9	Population Proximity	All	2	C-2
IAC staff	10	GMA Preference	All	0	RCW 43.17.250
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE				72	

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/Max = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion
- Policy = See IAC's *NOVA Plan* (2005)



Preliminary Evaluation Summary

NOVA - Nonmotor Category

Rank	Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
		Need	Need Fulfillment	Maint.-Planning-Developm.	Readiness to Proceed	Predom. Natural	Project Support	Cost-Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Mgt	
1	Three Wildernes/USFS WNF	11.200	11.800	7.333	3.733	4.267	6.533	3.667	4.000	0.000	0.000	52.533
2	Yacolt Burn NM /Natural	10.400	11.000	6.933	3.667	3.333	7.200	3.267	4.000	2.000	0.000	51.800
2	Capitol Forest /Natural	10.400	11.000	7.333	3.933	2.800	7.867	3.467	3.000	2.000	0.000	51.800
4	Echo Improvement/USFS WNF	10.600	12.400	8.400	4.267	3.333	7.333	3.333	2.000	0.000	0.000	51.667
5	DNR Northwest N/Natural	10.800	10.800	7.467	4.267	3.600	7.200	3.333	3.000	1.000	0.000	51.467
6	Ingalls Lake Re/USFS WNF	8.200	10.600	7.600	4.000	4.933	7.200	3.000	5.000	0.000	0.000	50.533
7	Non-motorized T/USFS Gif	10.200	9.800	6.533	4.000	4.600	6.133	4.067	5.000	0.000	0.000	50.333
8	DNR Northwest N/Natural	9.800	11.000	6.933	4.200	3.133	6.667	3.333	3.000	2.000	0.000	50.067
8	Snoqualmie Unit/Natural	11.000	10.200	6.000	3.667	3.200	7.067	2.933	4.000	2.000	0.000	50.067
10	N.Fork/Pyramid /USFS WNF	9.800	11.600	7.333	4.000	4.800	5.333	3.400	3.000	0.000	0.000	49.267
11	Cle Elum Non-mo/USFS WNF	10.400	10.800	7.200	3.867	4.000	6.267	3.467	3.000	0.000	0.000	49.000
12	Gifford Pinchot/USFS GPN	9.000	9.400	6.933	4.200	4.867	6.533	3.733	4.000	0.000	0.000	48.667
13	Pasayten Campsi/USFS OKN	9.600	10.200	6.867	3.867	4.533	5.333	3.333	4.000	0.000	0.000	47.533
14	Iron Goat-Horse/USFS MBN	7.800	9.600	6.133	3.467	3.800	6.933	3.000	5.000	1.000	0.000	46.733
15	Bumping Lake Tr/USFS WNF	9.200	10.200	6.800	3.933	4.400	6.267	3.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	45.800
16	Swamp and Big T/Issaquah	9.600	9.600	6.000	2.267	3.333	6.267	2.533	1.000	2.000	0.000	42.600
17	Bead Lake Trail/USFS CNF	8.600	10.400	6.133	3.133	3.867	4.933	3.333	2.000	0.000	0.000	42.400
18	White River Ind/USFS WNF	9.200	8.800	6.533	3.333	4.800	5.067	2.533	2.000	0.000	0.000	42.267
19	DNR SW Non-Moto/Natural	7.000	9.000	5.867	3.467	3.533	7.067	3.067	3.000	0.000	0.000	42.000
20	Harts Pass Trail/USFS OKN	8.800	10.800	6.667	3.667	4.000	4.400	2.733	0.000	0.000	0.000	41.067

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-7

Prescore Questions: 8-10

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NOVA Program

Nonmotorized Project Summaries

Ranked Order

Fiscal Year 2007



**Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
(NOVA)
State Fiscal Year 2007 Nonmotorized Projects**

a groomed x-c skier route connecting the main Echo Ridge trails to the two northern ski trails, thereby removing x-c skiers from a 0.4 mile segment of snowmobile trail. Last year Echo Ridge had 7,800 visitor days (6,800 from non-motorized users and 1,000 from non-highway users). Last winter, the first year of completed stage 1 trails, use was 50% higher than ever before. We expect use to double in the next 10 years. (06-1938D)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$51,053	\$151,053
DNR Northwest NM M&O 1 (Trails)			

Over the years, recreational use of state lands has increased dramatically, while maintenance resources declined. The result is a maintenance backlog on over 140 miles of trails managed by DNR's Northwest Region. This grant will supply funding to continue a current IAC sponsored project, providing staff and materials to reduce backlogs and maintain approximately 80 miles of non-motorized trails within the region. These trails are located in close proximity of population centers in Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. Trail maintenance activities include tread repair/reshaping/hardening; rehabilitating areas of braided trail; brushing encroaching vegetation; sign maintenance; removal of downed/hazard trees; inspecting/maintaining drainage structures and bridges; rerouting trail segments; and other improvements where needed. Work will be accomplished by volunteers and a full-time maintenance crew consisting of DNR staff and WCC members. The crew is currently funded through three IAC M&O grants. This grant provides a portion (43%) of the ongoing funding needed to staff the crew and meet maintenance commitments. By reducing our maintenance backlog and providing timely trail maintenance, this project allows the DNR to protect natural resources, enhance the longevity of our trail assets, and preserve opportunities for approximately 70,000 visitors/year, while providing a year-round trail experience that is safe and enjoyable. This request will provide for trail maintenance and operations for 22 months. (06-1866M)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	\$41,400	\$43,468	\$84,868
Ingalls Lake Restoration			

Located in the high country of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Ingalls Lake and Headlight Basin bear the scars from years of heavy recreational use. The trailhead is accessible for day use from the Puget Sound, Yakima, and Ellensburg areas. A typical weekend sees over 60 cars parked at the trailhead each day with over 100 people per day on the trail and visiting this fragile subalpine lake. In the 1980's a campfire ban was implemented to prevent users from hacking down scenic snags for firewood. A 1/2 mile camping setback from the lakeshore was also established. However, numerous old campsites near the lakeshore remain that will not recover without active restoration treatments. Visitors camp in nearby Headlight Basin. The trail system is eroded and muddy in places, with a need for additional heavy maintenance. This 2 year project would fund campsite and trail improvements. Five campsites along the lakeshore will be restored with native vegetation, resulting in improving the foreground view and halting further resource degradation. Remaining campsites will be stabilized as needed to prevent erosion and provide for ongoing use. Two miles of trail will receive heavy maintenance including trail hardening, drainage, brushing, and building cairns as needed. Rock cairns will be rebuilt along a steep eroding climber bootpath ascending towards Ingalls Peak. (06-1993M)

USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	\$48,000	\$103,440	\$151,440
Non-motorized Trails Maintenance			

The scope of this project is to expand back country non-motorized trail maintenance on Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Gifford Pinchot Forest. A total of 357 miles of trail work will include trail logout, brushing, drainages, tread repair and structure maintenance (bridges, turnpikes, pucheons). Trails of emphasis are those that receive heavy use and high profile including the north, east and south sides of Mount St. Helens and the Pacific Crest Trail outside of Wilderness. IAC grant funds will be used to complete backlog maintenance on popular trails that volunteers and Forest Service force account crews have not been able to perform primarily because of challenging access. The maintenance work will be performed by primarily by youth crews and volunteers from the Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) conservation corps. Grant funds would be used primarily for funding the youth crew and a seasonal MSHI crew leader. The youth crew would likely come from the Americorp sponsored NW Service Academy in Trout Lake, WA. The youth crews would be focussed on performing trail maintenance on hard to reach trails from back country camps. Trails around Mount St. Helens receive high use and are challenging to maintain. Even though many of the trails were constructed within the last 15-20 years, debris on the trails area common due to recovering vegetation and the areas pumice soils. Other trails in this proposal are difficult to access. (06-1850M)



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

State Fiscal Year 2007 Nonmotorized Projects

Dept of Natural Resources	\$95,300	\$46,647	\$141,947
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DNR Northwest NM M&O 2 (Rec Sites)

Over the years, recreational use of state lands has increased, while maintenance resources declined. The result is a maintenance backlog at the DNR's Northwest Region non-motorized recreation facilities. This grant will supply funding to continue a current IAC sponsored project, which provides staff and materials to reduce maintenance backlogs and maintain six non-motorized trailheads and ten backcountry campgrounds (fifty campsites). These facilities are located in close proximity of population centers in Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. Maintenance activities include cleaning and maintaining toilets (front and backcountry); mowing vegetation; removing litter and manure; maintaining signs, picnic tables and firerings; painting; maintaining accessible facilities; parking area and road repairs; and other general site maintenance. Work will be accomplished by volunteers and a full-time crew comprised of DNR staff and WCC members. The crew is currently funded by three existing IAC M&O grants. This grant provides a portion (41%) of the ongoing funding needed to staff the crew and meet maintenance commitments. By reducing our maintenance backlog and providing timely routine maintenance, this project allows the DNR to protect natural resources, enhance longevity of our recreation assets, and preserve opportunities for approximately 70,000 visitors/year, while providing a year-round recreation experience that is safe and enjoyable. This request will provide for site maintenance and operations for 22 months. (06-1868M)

Dept of Natural Resources	\$100,000	\$73,920	\$173,920
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Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintenance

This project proposal seeks trail maintenance funding for 108 miles of non-motorized trails within the Snoqualmie Unit of the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). The Snoqualmie Unit includes Mt. Si Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA), Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, Tiger Mountain, and Mid-Fork Snoqualmie State Forests. The proposed project includes hiring trail maintenance crew members for activities such as: removal of downed trees; repairing of trail bridges; reconstruction of trail tread and graveling; rebuilding of water bars, drain dips and other trail structures; cleaning of parallel ditches; side-clearing of vegetation along the trail tread, and coordinating volunteers. Due to the Snoqualmie Unit's location within the I-90 corridor/Mountains to Sound Greenway, the trail system is easily accessible from the Puget Sound Metropolitan Area, which results in a heavily impacted system (high public use). With this use and resulting impacts to the trail system, DNR proposes to hire a trail maintenance crew. DNR would also continue to coordinate with the many volunteer groups (e.g, MTSG, BBTC, WTA, IATC & the Backcountry Horsmen) who contribute valuable and necessary trail maintenance work through out the unit. Deferred maintenance on the trail system has resulted in a backlog of projects that require routine maintenance work as well as skilled labor and funds for repairing structures. This grant proposal would continue the trail maintenance crew in the Snoqualmie Unit for an additional two-year period. (06-1747M)

USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$65,915	\$29,200	\$95,115
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N.Fork/Pyramid Mtn Tr Area Heavy Repairs

This heavy trail repair proposal within the North Fork of the Entiat / Pyramid Mountain trail area will focus its efforts over 18 miles of trail. Work under this grant will be performed by the Northwest Service Academy a 7 person AmeriCorps team, made up with members of college students and graduates 21 to 26 year of age. Heavy repair work will take place on the North Fork Trail #1437, Pyramid Mtn Trail #1433, Pyramid Mtn Viewpoint Trail #1441, and Pyramid Creek Trail #1439. Repair work will consist of trail tread regarding, drainage structure construction, replacement of 6 short span punching bridges, creek ford repairs, trail way turnpiking reconstruction and construction, and minor trail relocations as needed. If funded this AmeriCorps team will spend 9 weeks each year (2007 & 2008) working on this project. Through an additional IAC NOVA grant proposal (Entiat and Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O #06-1696) would provide additional 9 weeks each year. Enabling the Entiat District, to sponsor a full AmeriCorp team, starting June 1 and running through October greatly reducing operating costs. Sponsor match for this project proposal would be \$29,200 in donated labor with that coming from \$25,000 provided from AmeriCorp and \$4,200 or 350 volunteer hours being provided by local Horsemen, BCH and the Entiat Trails and Saddle Club. (06-1881M)



**Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
(NOVA)
State Fiscal Year 2007 Nonmotorized Projects**

Trailhead improvements will be done with this project by adding hitching posts and placing gravel in the parking area. (06-1660M)

USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD \$100,000 \$27,000 \$127,000

White River Indian Creek Loop

The White River and Indian Creek trails leave from a common trailhead and access the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT). Together with a 2 mile stretch of the PCT, these trails provide hikers and stock users with a 28 mile loop. Both trails pass through impressive stands of valley bottom old growth timber and expansive meadows before entering the subalpine zone along the PCT. While the lower portions of these two trails have received normal annual maintenance in recent years, upper portions of the loop have not. Heavy brush and severely braided, eroded tread are found for several miles when descending from Indian Pass, and narrow eroded tread, heavy brush, and several failed bridges, leaving difficult fords, are found in the 7 mile stretch from Lower White Pass descending to Thunder Creek. The trail between Lower White Pass and Foam Creek is in particularly poor condition, with narrow tread on steep side slopes, leaving the loop no longer suitable for most stock users. Six major river or creek crossings along the White River trail no longer have constructed footlogs or bridges. This project proposes heavy maintenance and reconstruction for about 10 miles of the upper trail, with some smaller areas of additional heavy maintenance along the remainder of the 28 mile loop. Youth Corps crews will be used on most portions of the trail, along with a force account trail crew that will be used as needed. (06-2020M)

Dept of Natural Resources \$100,000 \$44,924 \$144,924

DNR SW Non-Motorized Trail M & O

This project will provide for the maintenance of 48 miles of nonmotorized trail and 5 trailheads located within the Yacolt Burn and Siouxon State Forests. This project is needed to continue work on the backlog of maintenance items identified through an IAC funded trail and bridge assessment. This project will provide for user safety, by repairing damaged sections of trail and will help to protect natural resources by fixing problems that could have a negative impact upon the environment during extreme weather events. Trail maintenance activities include shaping the trail surface, hardening small sections of trail (<100 feet in length) by applying crushed rock, installing and maintaining culverts, drain dips and ditch-outs, brushing encroaching vegetation, inspecting and maintaining bridges and wet crossings. Trailhead maintenance will include the upkeep of restrooms, litter pick-up and general site repair. This project will be accomplished by DNR staff, Larch Correctional Crews and/or volunteer labor. The project includes labor and materials necessary for trail and site maintenance for two years. It is estimated that this project will benefit approximately 10,000 visitors per year. Of the 10,000 visitors, 38% of these are horseback riders, 30% are mountain bike riders, 30% are hikers and 2% are secondary/other users. (06-1848M)

USFS OKNF Methow RD \$53,553 \$0 \$53,553

Harts Pass Trailhead Parking

This project would fund the design and analysis for improving parking in the Harts Pass area. The Pacific Crest Trail passes directly through the area, along with two major trails leading into the Pasayten Wilderness (Buckskin Ridge and West Fork Pasayten). There is currently only one small trailhead providing parking for 10 vehicles and it is primarily used by stock vehicles. Typically 60 to 80 vehicles park in the area each summer weekend day. People hiking on the trail park on the shoulders of the roads, narrowing the roadways, and creating a safety problem for drivers and hikers. This project would design new parking areas, and expansion of the existing trailhead to accommodate the use, while meeting all management direction and environmental constraints. NEPA would be completed by an interdisciplinary team. Funding for construction of the new trailheads would be sought after the design and NEPA are done. (06-1960N)