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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

October 17, 2007

TOPIC #16d: NOVA PROGRAM FUNDING, OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PROJECTS (ORV)

Approved by the Director:

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Prepared & Presented By: Greg Lovelady, Manager

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Proposed Action: Funding decision

Summary:

Nineteen ORV projects requesting \$2,895,676 out of an available pool of \$2,269,753 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 Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) staff and the NOVA advisory committee recommend approval of funding for the projects listed in "*Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2008.*"

- Each project meets program legal and procedural requirements,
- Each project was evaluated and ranked using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) approved criteria,
- Sufficient funds are available to support the recommended projects.

To assist the Board in considering funding these projects, Resolution #2007-35 (Attachment 1) is provided.

Background:

This is RCFB's fourth 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^[1] and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks.

This 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] 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 2006. Staff discusses the upcoming grants cycle with the advisory committee.

March 2007. Staff conducts workshops to help potential applicants understand the funding process.

May-July 2006. In May, applications are due. In July, the evaluation team reads the applications and provides advice to applicants.

September-October 2007. In September, project information is sent to evaluators for review. Later, the team spends four days listening to applicants, asking questions, and scoring projects. In October, the team meets to confirm funding recommendations.

Advisory Committee/Evaluation Team.

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

- *Mike Blankenship (Boysd)
- *Arlene Brooks (Auburn)
- Robert Brooke (Spanaway)
- *Gary Johnson (Yelm)
- *Paul Dahmer (Olympia)
- Richard Elkins (Mercer Island)
- Jonathan Guzzo (Seattle)
- *Ken Irwin (Yakima)
- Theressa Julius (Aberdeen)
- Jeff Lambert (Spokane)
- *James Horan (Olympia)
- *Pene Speaks (Olympia)
- John Spring (Mercer Island)
- *Amie Tinderholdt (Wenatchee)
- *Art Tuftee (Seattle).

* 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 RCFB 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 RCFB policy ^[2], 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

[2] NOVA Manual 14, page 9 and 10.

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, is 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 Amt" column of Table 1.

Next Steps:

After funding approval, RCFB 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 – Draft adoption resolution.
- Table 1 – Project listing in the order recommended for funding
- Attachment 2 – Evaluation criteria summary.
- Attachment 3 – Question-by-question summary of average evaluation scores.
- Attachment 4 – Project descriptions in advisory committee ranked order.

RESOLUTION #2007-35
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Off-Road Vehicle Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2008

WHEREAS, through the early months of 2007, until the May 1 application deadline, the staff of the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) 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, 19 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) projects were submitted to RCFB for funding consideration and subsequently evaluated by the statutorily mandated advisory/evaluation committee using RCFB-approved criteria; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that RCFB hereby approves the ranked listing in "*Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2008*"; and

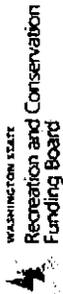
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCFB's Director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 2, 2007



**Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List
And Funding Recommendations**

NOVA Program - Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2008

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Cum Amt	30% Statutory Minimum	Recommended Funding Competitive Dollars	ORV Permit Amt
1 of 19	57.000	07-1279M	Straddleline ORV Park Maintenan	Grays Harbor County of	\$200,000	\$208,813	\$408,813	\$200,000	200,000		
2 of 19	55.933	07-1268M	Walker Valley ORV M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$181,164	\$82,236	\$263,400	\$381,164	181,164		
3 of 19	54.133	07-1277D	Tahuya/Green/Capitol SF ORV Bri	Natural Resources Dept of	\$186,000	\$22,700	\$208,700	\$567,164	186,000		
4 of 19	47.667	07-1241N	Sand Hill ORV Trailhead Planning	Natural Resources Dept of	\$76,300	\$12,000	\$88,300	\$643,464	76,300		
5 of 19	47.000	07-1267M	SW Washington ORV Trail M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$114,300	\$50,330	\$164,630	\$757,764	114,300		
6 of 19	46.400	07-1248N	Hoyt Trails Reroute Analysis	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$20,128		\$20,128	\$777,892	20,128		
7 of 19	45.933	07-1360M	Wildcat M&O	USFS UNF Walla Walla RD	\$27,214	\$15,534	\$42,748	\$805,106	16,464	10,750	9,441
8 of 19	44.933	07-1254M	CNF West Zone ATVs	USFS Colville National Forest	\$18,500	\$11,240	\$29,740	\$823,606		9,059	42,500
8 of 19	44.933	07-1210M	Trail Equipment Replacement	USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$42,500		\$42,500	\$866,106			333,250
10 of 19	44.200	07-1212D	Lower Mad River Trail 1409 Recon	USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$333,250		\$333,250	\$1,199,356			97,950
11 of 19	41.000	07-1316D	Stevens Ridge ATV Trail Complex	USFS UNF Pomeroy RD	\$97,950	\$35,100	\$133,050	\$1,297,306			150,000
12 of 19	38.200	07-1453D	Pend Oreille Sign Program	Pend Oreille County of	\$150,000	\$13,000	\$163,000	\$1,447,306			38,000
13 of 19	37.533	07-1301D	Safety Harbor Trail Pipeline	USFS WNF Chelan RD	\$38,000		\$38,000	\$1,485,306			13,622
14 of 19	36.200	07-1386N	Sawtooth Backcountry Facilities Pl	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$13,622		\$13,622	\$1,498,928			118,576
15 of 19	34.667	07-1335D	Straddleline Campsite & Spectator	Grays Harbor County of	\$118,576		\$118,576	\$1,617,504			7,750
16 of 19	34.533	07-1382M	Shaser ATV Maintenance 2008	USFS WNF Wenatchee River	\$7,750	\$1,000	\$8,750	\$1,625,254			416,122
17 of 19	33.067	07-1217D	Spokane ORV Park- Utilities Impro	Spokane County of	\$416,122	\$10,000	\$426,122	\$2,041,376			228,377
18 of 19	28.400	07-1464D	Horn Rapids ORV Bathroom & Car	Richland Parks & Rec	\$500,000	\$24,172	\$524,172	\$2,541,376			alternate
19 of 19	24.267	07-1397N	Blue Lake Quad & Trailbike Expan	USFS Gifford Pinchot NF	\$354,300	\$3,000	\$357,300	\$2,895,676			
					\$2,895,676	\$489,125	\$3,384,801		\$794,356	\$19,809	\$1,455,588

Total recommended for ORV category: \$2,269,753

P = Partial funding recommended

Note: \$2,269,753 is available this grants cycle, including fuel tax, permit fee, "returned, and "competitive" funds.

Attachment 2

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

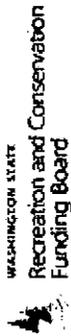
Off-Road Vehicle Category

ORV grants provide quality opportunities for ORV recreationists – opportunities that satisfy user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict among user groups. See RCFB NOVA Policy Manual 14 for more information.

NOVA – Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) 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
RCO staff	7	Matching shares	All	-/5	C-3, C-4
RCO staff	8	Population proximity	All	2	C-2
RCO staff	9	GMA preference	All	0	RCW 43.17.250
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE				67	

KEY:

- Team = Criteria scored by Advisory Committee/evaluation team
- RCO staff = Criteria scored by Recreation and Conservation Office
- All = Includes Acquisition, Development, Maintenance, or Planning
- A = Acquisition proposals
- D = Development proposals
- M = Maintenance proposals
- N = Plan proposals (architecture, engineering, master plans, feasibility studies, etc.)
- Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion
- Policy = See RCFB'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	Straddleline OR/Grays Ha	13.800	12.400	8.000	4.333	7.733	3.733	5.000	2.000	0.000	57.000
2	Walker Valley O/Natural	13.400	13.000	8.533	4.333	8.533	4.133	3.000	1.000	0.000	55.933
3	Tahuya/Green/Ca/Natural	13.400	13.800	8.800	4.067	7.467	3.600	1.000	2.000	0.000	54.133
4	Sand Hill ORV T/Natural	11.400	12.000	8.267	3.867	6.800	3.333	1.000	1.000	0.000	47.667
5	SW Washington O/Natural	10.000	10.800	7.467	4.000	7.067	2.667	3.000	2.000	0.000	47.000
6	Hoyt Trails Rer/USFS WNF	12.000	12.400	8.000	4.133	6.133	3.733	0.000	0.000	0.000	46.400
7	Wildcat M&O/USFS UNF	10.600	11.600	7.600	3.867	6.133	3.133	3.000	0.000	0.000	45.933
8	CNF West Zone /USFS Col	10.800	12.200	6.933	3.867	5.200	2.933	3.000	0.000	0.000	44.933
8	Trail Equipment/USFS WNF	11.400	12.800	8.133	4.200	4.800	3.600	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.933
10	Lower Mad River/USFS WNF	11.000	10.200	7.467	3.667	8.800	3.067	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.200
11	Stevens Ridge A/USFS UNF	10.400	9.800	6.667	3.800	5.333	3.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	41.000
12	Pend Oreille Sl/Pend Ore	10.200	10.800	6.667	3.067	6.000	2.467	0.000	0.000	-1.000	38.200
13	Safety Harbor T/USFS WNF	9.400	11.400	6.400	3.200	4.667	2.467	0.000	0.000	0.000	37.533
14	Sawtooth Backcoo/USFS OKN	9.400	9.400	6.533	3.733	4.267	2.867	0.000	0.000	0.000	36.200
15	Straddleline Ca/Grays Ha	7.200	8.000	5.600	3.533	6.000	2.333	0.000	2.000	0.000	34.667
16	Shaser ATV Main/USFS WNF	7.600	8.600	6.667	3.533	4.267	2.867	1.000	0.000	0.000	34.533
17	Spokane ORV Par/Spokane	8.000	8.600	5.467	2.933	4.800	2.267	0.000	2.000	-1.000	33.067
18	Horn Rapids ORV/Richland	6.400	7.600	4.800	2.733	3.600	2.267	0.000	1.000	0.000	28.400
19	Blue Lake Quad /USFS Gif	6.800	6.200	3.867	2.200	3.733	1.467	0.000	0.000	0.000	24.267

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-6
Prescore Questions: 7-9

Date Created: 10/09/2007

NOVA Program
Off-Road Vehicle Project Summaries
Ranked Order
Fiscal Year 2008

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle
Activities Program (NOVA)
Off-Road Vehicle Category**
State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects
(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Grant Request

Grays Harbor County **\$200,000**

Straddleline ORV Park Maintenance 08-09

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to maintain for two years Straddleline ORV Park, the only off-road vehicle park of its kind in western Washington. Work will include maintaining and repairing buildings, purchasing tools and supplies, repairing equipment, preparing for events, maintaining the grounds and managing volunteer work parties. This was the top ranked project of 19 competing in the off-road vehicle category of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities grant program. The county will contribute \$208,813 in cash, equipment and labor. (07-1279M)

Department of Natural Resources **\$181,164**

Walker Valley ORV M&O

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain the 36-mile, 6,000-acre Walker Valley off-road vehicle trail system. Work will include shaping the trail surface, applying gravel or concrete grid blocks to harden small sections of trail, installing and maintaining drainage structures such as culverts, inspecting and maintaining bridges and removing overgrown brush. The department will contribute \$82,236 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (07-1268M)

Department of Natural Resources **\$186,000**

Tahuya/Green/Capitol SF ORV Bridge

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to construct and install five off-road vehicle bridges in Tahuya, Green Mountain and Capitol State Forests. In Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, this grant will provide funds to replace four existing wooden stringer bridges nearing the end of their structural life expectancy. The bridges are on the Tahuya River, Wildcat and Howell Lake Trails. The grant also provides funds to replace a bridge in Capitol State Forest that was crushed by a falling tree. This bridge is near Middle Waddell Campground and Middle Waddell Trailhead. The department will contribute \$22,700 in labor and donated labor and materials. (07-1277D)

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Grant Request

Department of Natural Resources \$76,300
Sand Hill ORV Trailhead Planning

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to plan the relocation of an off-road vehicle trail head in the Tahuya State Forest. The department wants to relocate an off-road vehicle trail head from the Sand Hill Gravel Pit to a nearby, more suitable location. The gravel pit is both a trail head and active gravel pit. Work will include determining a location for the trail, completing engineering design for the trail head, identifying safe access routes and appropriate carrying capacity, preparing environmental and permit applications, locating and designing new trail connectors and identifying existing trails to be renovated or moved to access the new trail head. Relocating the trail head will improve public safety and continue to allow off-road vehicle access to the east side of the Tahuya State Forest. The department will contribute \$12,000 equipment, labor and donated labor. (07-1241N)

Department of Natural Resources \$114,300
SW Washington ORV Trail M&O

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 18 miles of Off-road vehicle (ORV) trail and two trail heads serving trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman area for two years. These trails are the only two ORV forest riding opportunities near Vancouver and Portland. Crews will shape the trail surface, lay gravel or concrete blocks in small sections to harden the trail surface, install and maintain drainage structures, inspect and maintain bridges and remove brush. In addition, crews will maintain restrooms and signs, remove trash and pump toilets. The department will contribute \$50,330 in staff labor, materials, and donated labor. (07-1267M)

USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District \$20,128
Hoyt Trails Reroute Analysis

The forest service will use this grant to plan, survey and complete environmental analysis for building a bridge and rerouting trails in the Hoyt area of Taneum Creek. The area includes three multiple-use trails (Hoyt, Frost Creek and Frost Stock Driveway), which are part of several popular loops used mainly by motorcycles. They have various problems that make them increasingly difficult to ride and contribute to environmental damage. The trail head for all three requires crossing Taneum Creek via a steep, muddy ford and much of Frost Creek Trail is in wet areas along Frost Creek. All three trails include some very steep pitches that are getting deeper and wider every year. The forest service plans to install a bridge at the trail head and relocate the trail tread around the wet areas and steep pitches. (07-1248N)

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Grant Request

USFS, Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District **\$27,214**

Wildcar M&O

The forest service will use this grant to maintain 21 miles of trail in the Umatilla National Forest. Crews will maintain drainage structures and trail surfaces and remove fallen trees and overgrown brush encroaching on trails. The forest service will contribute \$15,534 in cash, equipment, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. (07-1360M)

USFS, Colville National Forest **\$18,500**

CNF West Zone ATV's

The forest service will use this grant to buy two all-terrain vehicles, a trailer for towing and safety equipment to help staff maintain off-highway vehicle routes, locate and map user-created trails, close and rehabilitate damaged areas, assess trails for maintenance needs and work with volunteers. The Three Rivers and Republic Ranger Districts' recreation program does not have any off-highway equipment to manage 152 miles of trail and 400 miles of roads. The forest service will contribute \$11,240 in labor and donated labor. (07-1254M)

USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$42,500**

Trail Equipment Replacement

The forest service will use this grant to replace aging, worn out, trail maintenance power equipment. The equipment has been used for more than 15 years. The forest service will buy three trail bikes, two tracked power carriers, one gas-powered rock drill and two chain saws. (07-1210M)

USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District **\$333,250**

Lower Mad River Trail 1409

The forest service will use this grant to complete the reconstruction and upgrading of the entire 14.5-mile Lower Mad River Trail #1409, running from Pine Flats Campground to Maverick Saddle. In 1994, the Tye fire burned most of the Lower Mad River multiple-use trail system and now the trail is sloughing into the river because of the loss of stabilizing trees and brush. Sections of the trail are impassible and unsafe. Work will include relocating 4.5 miles of trail away from floodplains, building 5.5 miles of new trail, rebuilding 9 miles of trail by improving drainage and trail surfaces and decommissioning and rehabilitating 4.5 miles of abandoned trail. (07-1212D)

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Grant Request

USFS, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District \$97,950

Stevens Ridge ATV Trail Complex

The forest service will use this grant to develop a looping, all-terrain vehicle trail on Stevens Ridge that will stretch 24 miles long and traverse about 1,600 acres. The Boundary Campground Area and the Rose Springs Sno-Park Area will be the access points for the new trail system. The forest service will contribute \$35,100 in staff labor, equipment, materials, a federal grant and donated labor. (07-1316D)

Pend Oreille County \$150,000

Pend Oreille Sign Program

Pend Oreille County will use this grant to buy and install signs and route markers for all county and forest service routes available for off-highway vehicles in Pend Oreille County. There are more than 100 miles of routes available on county roads that are not signed. The forest service has published a map allowing people to ride more than 300 miles of designated roads, but none of these routes have been signed for use. This project will develop a comprehensive sign program for both county and federal off-highway vehicle routes in the Pend Oreille Valley. It will provide regulatory signs, indicate which routes are available for use, show which type of off-highway vehicle is allowed where and provide directional signs to help people get from one riding area to another. The county will contribute \$13,000 equipment, labor, materials and donated labor. (07-1453D)

USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District \$38,000

Safety Harbor Trail Pipeline

The forest service will use this grant to remove a section of decaying irrigation pipe under the Safety Harbor Creek trail in the Sawtooth backcountry. The pipe, which was made of creosote-treated wood wrapped with metal rings, was part of the aquaduct that supplied irrigation water for the Manson and Chelan orchards until fires damaged it in 1970. Wooden pieces of the pipe are rotting and creating deep holes in the trail surface and exposing metal rings, which poses serious safety hazards for motorcycle, horse, and mountain bike riders. Work will include removing a segment of pipeline, boulders and noxious weeds and reseeding the trail area. (07-1301D)

USFS, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District \$13,622

Sawtooth Backcountry Facilities Plan

The forest service will use this grant to develop a plan for trail facilities and to complete environmental review for the Sawtooth backcountry motorized trail system. Currently, there are only a few facilities along the trails and at the campsites to protect the environment and enhance the recreation experience. Trail head parking is often full and needs to be redesign to better accommodate use. The plan will look at facilities such as

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adequate trailside parking, backcountry toilets and campsites to reduce environmental impacts and user conflicts. (07-1386N)

Grays Harbor County \$118,576

Straddleline Campsite & Spectator

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to renovate the grandstands and camping area of Straddleline ORV Park, the only off-road vehicle park of its kind in western Washington. Work will include renovating the grandstands to provide seating for 2,500 spectators; adding bleachers to the new motocross area; replacing old, broken-down picnic tables; adding fire rings; replacing the main entrance sign, visible from the highway, with an electronic reader board; and installing ten small signs throughout the park to communicate rules and regulations. (07-1335D)

USFS, Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District \$7,750
Shaser ATV Maintenance 2008

The forest service will use this grant to grade and remove brush from Shaser Creek roads, which are the only authorized all-terrain vehicle trails in the ranger district. Increased use in recent years has degraded the roads and maintenance is now necessary. The forest service will contribute \$1,000. (07-1382M)

Spokane County \$416,122

Spokane ORV Park - Utilities

Spokane County will use this grant to renovate the leaking .75-mile main water line along the entrance road to the Spokane County ORV Park. Recent field tests revealed that 2,400 gallons a day are lost from the line, with all valves closed. The private contractor operating the park keeps the water line turned off, does not irrigate the grounds, has drilled a separate well to water the trails in the park and uses portable toilets instead of the built facilities for all but large events. The leaking water line supplies the only potable water. The grant will allow expanded use of the park's motocross events, 4x4 course, mud bog, sand drags and oval motorcycle racing. Spokane County will contribute \$10,000. (07-1217D)

Richland Parks & Recreation \$500,000

Horn Rapids ORV Bathroom &

Richland will use this grant to develop a campground and bathroom in the pit area near the motocross track. Work will include installing 75 full electrical and water hookups, fire rings, and a sewer dump station. The new bathroom will include six stalls and showers. All elements will be accessible to people with disabilities. Richland will contribute \$24,172. (07-1464D)



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Alternates

USFS Gifford Pinchot NF

\$354,300

Blue Lake Quad & Trailbike Expansion

The scope of this project is to fund an Environmental Analysis (EA) and plan for expanded ORV opportunities in the Blue Lake, Cowlitz Valley area. The planning will take two years. The scope of the planning will include widening some trailbike trails to quad width, allowing ORV use on some roads and the construction of connector trails. The EA team will be composed of all the needed specialists and input will also be gathered from various user groups. The existing trail system of 22 miles of quad route could be expanded by widening 32 miles of trailbike route and the construction of about 10 miles of connector trail. Sixty-four miles of gravel roads would be considered for either closing to motor vehicles for exclusive ORV use or allowing mixed use by motor vehicles and ORVs. (07-1397N)