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STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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Item #11b: **NOVA, Nonmotorized Category**
Review and Approval of Grants

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Presented By: Greg Lovelady, Grant Services Program Manager

Approved by the Director:

Proposed Action: Decision

Program Description

The Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program helps develop and manage recreation opportunities for such activities as cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles.

The funds are distributed to four categories: Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) recreation, and Education and Enforcement. Staff will present funding recommendations in three of these categories by separate memo. This memo addresses proposed projects in the Nonhighway Road category.

Nonmotorized grants provide quality opportunities for equestrians, hikers, mountain bicyclists, and other trail recreationists. By statute, these activities must be accessed via a "Nonhighway Road," which means a road that is open to the public but not constructed with gasoline tax revenues.

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received twenty-two Nonmotorized (NM) projects to review for state fiscal year 2009 funding consideration. The requests total \$1,727,228. NOVA motor vehicle fuel tax funds for this category total \$474,368.



Staff Recommendation

The 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 Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2009.*”

Staff has provided Resolution #2008-057 for Board consideration.

Program Funding

Fuel tax revenues help fund the NOVA grants¹. Each year, the State Treasurer credits one percent of motor vehicle fuel tax revenues to NOVA programs. The Board receives 58.5 percent of those revenues for its recreation grants.²

Chapter 46.09 RCW directs the Board to divide NOVA recreation funds among three categories: 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 funds (10 percent) are called “competitive dollars,” and are supplemented by any excess funds from previous years.

Currently, the Board allocates NOVA fuel tax funds in the following order:

1. First, it awards 30 percent of fuel tax dollars to the top ranked projects in the *Education and Enforcement (E&E)* category.
2. The remaining 70 percent is allocated to the three recreation categories.
 - Each category receives 30 percent of the funds for the top-ranked projects.
 - The remaining ten percent are designated by the Board as “competitive” dollars.
 - The Board may waive any of the “not less than 30 percent” percentages if there are insufficient requests for funds or it believes that a project(s) has scored too low in evaluations.

In March 2008, the Board changed its policies about competitive dollars. Board policy now states that it will award competitive dollars first to the projects that received only partial funding. After they are fully funded, the additional competitive dollars are awarded to alternate projects. Funding priority is given, in descending order, to projects based on the number of NOVA recreationists served; the amount of non-state match in a project; and the number of unfunded projects in each category. If the three criteria result in projects with the same scores (ties), the original team scores are used as the tie-breaker.

¹ Revenue from off-road vehicle permit fees also are used to fund projects in the off-road vehicle category. See memo #11c for more detail.

² The Treasurer distributes the remainder of the funds for NOVA related programs as follows: Department of Natural Resources (36%), the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (3.5%), and State Parks (2%).

Any remaining funds from the fuel tax revenues are added to competitive pool for the next grant cycle.

Nonhighway Road Program Policies

Projects in this category provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

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*.

Eligible Applicants	Tribes, federal, state, and local governments
Eligible Project Types	Land acquisition, development and/or renovation projects, maintenance and operation of facilities, and planning activities
Match Requirements	No matching share is required, but evaluation criteria encourage matching contributions by awarding additional points
Funding Limits	Capital/planning projects are limited to \$100,000; Maintenance and operations projects are limited to \$100,000 for a two-year grant or \$50,000 for a one-year grant
Public Access	Required
Project Elements	Trails, trailheads, and structures like sanitary facilities and utilities that support nonmotorized trail recreation

Evaluation Summary

This year's nonmotorized evaluators, in accord with RCW 46.09.280, were:

Name	City or Agency	Area of Interest
Jeremy Blasdel	Pasco	Hunting and fishing
Arlene Brooks	Auburn	ORV -- 4x4
Rick Burk	Pasco	ORV -- Motorcycle
Louise Caywood	Spanaway	Equestrian
Paul Dahmer	WDFW	
Jonathan Guzzo	Seattle	Hiking
James Horan	Parks	
John Loomis	Seattle	Mountain biking
Mary O'Neil	Aberdeen	Non-highway road
Pene Speaks	DNR	
John Spring	Mercer Island	Non-highway road
Amie Tinderholdt	USFS	

In July, the evaluation team read the applications and provided advice to applicants to improve the projects. In September, staff sent project information to the evaluators for

review. Later, the team spent three days listening to applicant presentations, asking questions, and scoring projects. In October, the team met to confirm funding recommendations.

Next Steps

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

Attachments

Resolution 2008-057

Table 1 – *Ranked List of Projects in the NOVA Nonmotorized Category*

- A. Evaluation criteria summary
- B. Summary of evaluation scores
- C. Individual project summaries

RESOLUTION #2008-057

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Nonmotorized Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2009**

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, twenty-two Nonmotorized (NM) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these NM project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) adopted evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all 22 program projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the Board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized trail activities, such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2009*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's Director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding through February 28, 2009.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations

Resolution 2008-057

NOVA Program ~ Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2009

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amount	Sponsor Amount	Total Amount	Cum Amount	Recommended Funding 30% Fuel Tax	Competitive Dollars
1 of 22	61.000	08-1032M	SPS 08 Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintenance	Natural Resources Dept of	\$100,000	\$103,054	\$203,054	\$100,000	\$100,000	
2 of 22	56.417	08-1025M	DNR NW 08 NM TRAILS M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,919	\$67,428	\$167,347	\$199,919	\$99,919	
3 of 22	56.333	08-1033M	Capitol Forest 08 NM Trail M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,543	\$47,900	\$147,443	\$299,462	\$99,543	
4 of 22	55.750	08-1054D	Clallam County Adventure Route Trail	Clallam Co Public Works Dept	\$99,500	\$115,000	\$214,500	\$398,962	\$99,500	
5 of 22	55.500	08-1631M	Cle Elum NM Trails M&O 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$35,570	\$25,600	\$61,170	\$434,532	\$35,570	
6 of 22	55.333	08-1624M	Cle Elum Wilderness Trails M&O 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$30,235	\$21,184	\$51,419	\$464,767	\$30,235	
7 of 22	53.167	08-1174M	Naches Wilderness Trails M&O	USFS WNF Naches RD	\$77,586	\$34,890	\$112,476	\$542,353	\$9,601	\$67,985
8 of 22	51.500	08-1546D	N.Fork/Pyramid Mountain Trail Area Upgrades/Repair	USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$75,000	\$50,600	\$125,600	\$617,353		\$75,000
9 of 22	50.000	08-1541M	Wilderness Stewardship Crew	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	\$43,300	\$45,681	\$88,981	\$660,653		\$43,300
10 of 22	48.917	08-1026M	DNR NW 08 NM Facilities M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,944	\$67,142	\$167,086	\$760,597		
11 of 22	46.583	08-1810N	Robinson Creek Bridge	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$26,768		\$26,768	\$787,365		
12 of 22	42.667	08-1231D	Wallace Falls - Trail Improvements	State Parks	\$95,090	\$11,000	\$106,090	\$882,455		\$82,515
13 of 22	41.500	08-1765N	Monte Cristo Trail	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$932,455		
14 of 22	40.500	08-1276N	Iron Horse - Palouse Section Planning	State Parks	\$93,600	\$252,000	\$345,600	\$1,026,055		
14 of 22	40.500	08-1346N	West Peninsula Regional Trail Plan, Non-motorized	Kitsap County Parks and Rec	\$92,500	\$98,968	\$191,468	\$1,118,555		
16 of 22	39.667	08-1879N	Rommel Trail System Plan	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$49,418	\$20,498	\$69,916	\$1,167,973		
17 of 22	37.750	08-1854D	Iron Horse Campsites	State Parks	\$98,527	\$9,065	\$107,592	\$1,266,500		
18 of 22	36.333	08-1495D	Beckler Peak Trailhead	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$105,000	\$1,366,500		
19 of 22	36.250	08-1062D	Camp Govey Trail Development	Mason County	\$100,000	\$28,600	\$128,600	\$1,466,500		
20 of 22	31.000	08-1869D	Hoko River - Trail Development	State Parks	\$99,900	\$104,300	\$204,200	\$1,566,400		
21 of 22	30.500	08-1275N	Pearrygin Lake/Winthrop Trail Feasibility Study	State Parks	\$90,828	\$14,852	\$105,680	\$1,657,228		
22 of 22	12.917	08-1131N	McCleary Trails Planning	McCleary City of	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$1,727,228		
					\$1,727,228	\$1,142,762	\$2,869,990		\$474,368	\$268,800

Note: projects in **bold type** are those eligible to be scored for competition dollars.

Attachment A: Evaluation Criteria Summary

Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program

Nonmotorized Category

Nonmotorized grants provide quality opportunities for equestrians, bikers, mountain bicyclists, and other trail recreationists – opportunities that satisfy user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict among user groups.

Applicants must provide oral responses to the following team-scored (1-7) evaluation criteria. See RCFB 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-6, C-7
Team	3a	Site Suitability	A	2/10	C-15
Team	3b	Project Design	D	2/10	C-1, C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Team	3c	Maintenance	M	2/10	C-5, C-7, C-8, C-14
Team	3d	Planning	N	2/10	C-6, C-15
Team	4	Readiness to Proceed	All	-/5	-
Team	5	Predominately Natural	All	-/5	C-13
Team	6	Project Support	All	2/10	C-3, C-4
Team	7	Cost-Benefit	All	-/5	A-1, C-3
RCO staff	8	Matching Shares	All	-/5	C-4
RCO staff	9	Population Proximity	All	-/2	C-2, RCW 79A.25.250
RCO staff	10	GMA Preference	All	-/0	RCW 43.17.250
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE				72	
Supplemental Questions for Allocation of Competitive and Excess Funds Only					
RCO staff	A	NOVA Recreationists Served		-/5	3/27/08 RCFB meeting
RCO staff	B	Amount of Non-State Match		-/5	3/27/08 RCFB meeting
RCO staff	C	Unfunded Projects in Category		-/5	3/27/08 RCFB meeting

KEY:

- Team = Criteria scored by Advisory Committee/evaluation team
- RCO staff = Criteria scored by RCO 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 RCFB's *NOVA Plan* (2005-2011)



Preliminary Evaluation Summary NOVA - Nonmotorized Category

	Need	Need Fulfillment	Maint.- Planning- Developm.	Readiness to Proceed	Predominantly Natural	Project Support	Cost- Benefit	Matching Shares	Population Proximity	Growth Mgt	
Name/Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1 SPS 08 Snoqualm/Natural	13.250	12.250	8.000	4.417	3.833	8.167	4.083	5.000	2.000	0.000	61.000
2 DNR NW 08 NM TR/Natural	11.000	11.000	8.167	4.583	3.917	8.000	3.750	4.000	2.000	0.000	56.417
3 Capitol Forest /Natural	12.750	12.000	7.333	4.083	3.417	8.167	3.583	3.000	2.000	0.000	56.333
4 Clallam County /Clallam	11.750	12.000	7.833	4.000	3.583	8.667	3.917	5.000	0.000	-1.000	55.750
5 Cle Elum NM Tra/USFS WNF	11.500	11.750	7.833	4.000	4.250	6.833	4.333	4.000	1.000	0.000	55.500
6 Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	11.000	11.750	7.333	4.250	5.000	6.833	4.167	4.000	1.000	0.000	55.333
7 Naches Wilderne/USFS WNF	10.750	11.500	6.667	4.250	4.833	7.500	3.667	3.000	1.000	0.000	53.167
8 N.Fork/Pyramid /USFS WNF	10.500	10.500	7.000	3.750	4.583	6.500	3.667	4.000	1.000	0.000	51.500
9 Wilderness Stew/USFS WNF	9.000	9.500	6.167	3.917	4.583	6.333	3.500	5.000	2.000	0.000	50.000
10 DNR NW 08 NM Fa/Natural	8.750	9.250	6.833	4.333	3.500	7.333	2.917	4.000	2.000	0.000	48.917
11 Robinson Creek /USFS OKN	11.500	11.500	6.833	4.167	4.417	5.333	2.833	0.000	0.000	0.000	46.583
12 Wallace Falls -/State Pa	10.250	9.250	6.167	3.667	3.750	5.167	2.417	1.000	1.000	0.000	42.667
13 Monte Cristo Tr/USFS MBN	8.500	8.250	5.833	3.833	3.583	5.667	2.833	2.000	1.000	0.000	41.500
14 Iron Horse - Pa/State Pa	7.000	7.500	6.167	3.667	2.833	5.833	2.500	5.000	0.000	0.000	40.500
14 West Peninsula /Kitsap C	7.500	7.250	4.500	2.583	3.333	5.833	2.500	5.000	2.000	0.000	40.500
16 Remmel Trail Sy/USFS OKN	8.250	8.750	5.667	3.750	4.667	4.500	2.083	2.000	0.000	0.000	39.667
17 Iron Horse Camp/State Pa	7.750	9.500	6.667	3.583	2.833	4.167	2.250	0.000	1.000	0.000	37.750
18 Beckler Peak Tr/USFS MBN	7.500	7.250	5.167	3.750	3.917	5.167	2.583	0.000	1.000	0.000	36.333
19 Camp Govey Trai/Mason Co	8.250	6.750	6.000	3.167	2.833	4.833	2.417	2.000	1.000	-1.000	36.250
20 Hoko River - Tr/State Pa	4.000	4.750	4.167	3.250	2.333	5.500	2.000	5.000	0.000	0.000	31.000
21 Pearrygin Lake//State Pa	5.250	6.250	4.333	3.750	2.250	5.667	2.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	30.500
22 McCleary Trails/McCleary	2.000	2.500	2.333	1.583	1.250	2.167	1.083	0.000	0.000	0.000	12.917

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-7

Prescore Questions: 8-10

NOVA Nonmotorized Category

Fiscal Year 2009

Individual Project Summaries

NONMOTORIZED CATEGORY

State Fiscal Year 2009, In Ranked Order

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$203,054	\$103,054	\$100,000

Department of Natural Resources

South Puget Sound Region 08 Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintenance

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to fund a crew for two years to maintain 108 miles of non-motorized trail in the department's Snoqualmie Unit, which includes Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, and Tiger Mountain and Mid-Fork Snoqualmie State Forests. The crew will remove downed trees, repair bridges, rebuild trail surfaces and drainage structures, clear encroaching plants, and coordinate volunteers. 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. The department will contribute \$103,054 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This was the top ranked project of 22 projects competing for funding in the non-motorized category of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities grant program. (08-1032M) (08-1032)

Rank (1 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$167,347	\$67,428	\$99,919

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources Northwest 08 Nonmotorized Maintenance and Operation

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain about 80 miles of non-motorized trail within the department's Northwest Region for two years. Crews will repair trail surfaces; remove encroaching brush and downed or hazardous trees; maintain signs, water drainage structures, and bridges; and move trail segments. The department will contribute \$67,428 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor, this grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1025M)

Rank (2 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$147,443	\$47,900	\$99,543

Department of Natural Resources

Capitol Forest 08 Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance and Operation

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials to maintain 80 miles of non-motorized trail and three trailheads in Capitol State Forest near Olympia. Crews will shape trail surfaces, lay crushed rock on small sections of trail, install and maintain culverts and water drainage structures, remove encroaching brush, inspect and maintain bridges and signs, pick up litter, and maintain and repair restrooms, fencing, and corrals. An estimated 20,000 non-motorized recreationists use the forest annually. The department will contribute \$47,900 in labor,

materials, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1033)

Rank (3 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$214,500	\$115,000	\$99,500

**Clallam County Public Works Department
Clallam County Adventure Route Trail**

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to build 10 miles of backcountry trail to complete the Adventure Route Segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail between the Elwha River near Port Angeles and the Spruce Railroad Trail at Lake Crescent. The trail will provide an off road route for the segments of the Adventure Route that currently use gravel logging roads. Clallam County's Adventure Route Segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail consists of 10 miles of trail for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bike riders and 10 miles of logging road. The county will contribute \$115,000 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1054)

Rank (4 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$61,170	\$25,600	\$35,570

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District
Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trails Maintenance and Operation 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain the district's 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers and stock users. Crews will include remove downed trees and encroaching brush and limbs, repair damaged trail and drainage structures, and install signs. The forest service will contribute \$25,600 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1631)

Rank (5 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$51,419	\$21,184	\$30,235

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District
Cle Elum Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operation 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to support trail maintenance in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Crews will remove downed trees and encroaching brush and limbs, repair and maintain trail and water drainage structures, check dams, restore trail surfaces, and make and install signs. Crews will focus on high-use trails, such as Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest. The forest service will contribute \$21,184 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1624)

Rank (6 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$112,476	\$34,890	\$77,586

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District
Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operation**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to fund a four-person crew and transportation costs for two years to maintain trails in the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas. The crews will clear trails, remove encroaching brush, and fix water drainage structures and trail surfaces. The forest service hopes to clear 285 miles of trail annually and complete more complex maintenance on 152 miles over the two years. All work will be done using hand tools only. The Naches District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest manages about 380 miles of backcountry trails used by more than 30,000 stock and foot travelers annually. Volunteers, such as the Cascadians and Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, will provide more than 1,100 hours of labor. The forest service will contribute \$34,890 in cash and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1174)

Rank (7 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$125,600	\$50,600	\$75,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Entiat Ranger District
North Fork/Pyramid Mountain Trail Area Upgrades/Repair**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to support trail crews repairing 15 miles of trail, including North Fork Trail #1437, Pyramid Mountain Trail #1433, Pyramid Mountain Viewpoint Trail #1441, and Pyramid Creek Trail #1439. Crews will grade trails, build drainage structures, replace six bridges, repair creek fords, and relocate small sections of trail. The forest service will contribute \$50,600 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1546)

Rank (8 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$88,981	\$45,681	\$43,300

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District
Wilderness Stewardship Crew**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire a wilderness stewardship crew in partnership with the Student Conservation Association, to fix trails in the Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, and the Henry Jackson Wilderness areas. The crew will repair trail surfaces and plant native plants at Ingalls Lake, maintain restrooms and fix trail surface in the heavily-used Enchantment Lakes area, and fix trails and deal with erosion on trail sections near Aasgard Pass and Snow Lake. Additionally, the crew will spend several weeks removing noxious weeds at trail heads and near Eight Mile Lake. The forest service will contribute \$45,681 in cash, labor, and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1541)

Rank (9 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$106,090	\$11,000	\$95,090

**Washington State Parks
Wallace Falls - Trail Improvements**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to add a restroom, a new retaining wall with railings, improved trail surfaces, and new stair treads along the trail at Wallace Falls State Park. Serving about 150,000 visitors annually, the main trail to Wallace Falls was built in 1977. Many of the original trail structures are now failing. State will contribute \$11,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities program. (08-1231)

Rank (12 of 22)

Alternates

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$167,086	\$67,142	\$99,944

**Department of Natural Resources
Department of Natural Resources Northwest 08 Nonmotorized Facilities
Maintenance and Operation**

The scope of this grant is to provide 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 fire rings; 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 Department of Natural Resources staff and WCC members. This crew is currently funded by three existing RCO Maintenance & Operation 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 Department of Natural Resources 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 24 months. (08-1026M)

Rank (10 of 22)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$26,768	\$0	\$26,768

**US Forest Service Okanogan National Forest Methow Ranger District
Robinson Creek Bridge**

This project would fund the survey, design, and contract preparation to replace the Robinson Creek Bridge. The Robinson Creek Bridge is located on the Robinson Creek Trail #478, approximately 1.5 miles from the Robinson Creek trailhead. Robinson Creek trail is the primary route for equestrians into the central and western portions of the Pasayten Wilderness. The bridge was built in 1984 with native materials and was closed to stock use in 2007 due to poor condition of the log stringers. A ford was

reconstructed nearby as an alternate crossing, but that has proven usable for only a short season in late summer and fall due to water flow. The only other equestrian access to the area is via Harts Pass trailhead, which is only accessible with a stock truck. As the majority of equestrians transport stock with horse trailers, lack of a bridge on Robinson Creek prevents equestrian use of a large area in the western Pasayten for much of the season. Equestrian use is about 33 percent of the total use which is estimated from permits to be 400 to 550 recreationists total annually, variation due to wildfires etc.

The Robinson Creek trail is also popular with hikers throughout the season and provides early season access to the Pasayten as this route is snow free earlier than others in the vicinity. Restricting use of the bridge by hikers, as well as equestrians, is a possibility if the bridge is not replaced. This project is critical to providing season long access for both equestrians and hikers to this area of the Pasayten. (08-1810N)

Rank (11 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$70,000	\$20,000	\$50,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Darrington Ranger District
Monte Cristo Trail**

This project is for planning and permitting to construct a four mile trail from the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway to the Monte Cristo Area via the historical wagon road location on the north side of the Sauk River.

Trail access into the Monte Cristo area has been via the Monte Cristo Road, a Snohomish County Road on United States Forest Service Land via easement. Vehicle access was limited to a small number of landowners, Monte Cristo Preservation Association (MCPA) members, Snohomish County and the United States Forest Service. The majority of road users were non-motorized recreationists. The November 2006 flood caused the road to slump into the river and the vehicle bridge across the Sauk River was damaged. The road is now impassable to vehicles and hikers pick their way across the sliding blue clay slope before crossing the Sauk River on various downed logs. This is an unsafe situation at best.

The Monte Cristo Road was also damaged during a flood in the late 1990's. Major repairs were made by the Forest Service in cooperation with Snohomish County. These repairs did not hold up to the November 2006 floods and Snohomish County has determined the road to be unrepairable. This project will evaluate alternative trail access options and private and public users' needs. Monte Cristo road accessed private residences, numerous hiking trails, camping and picnic sites, the historic Monte Cristo townsite and the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Area. (08-1765N)

Rank (13 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$345,600	\$252,000	\$93,600

**Washington State Parks
Iron Horse - Palouse Section Planning**

State Parks received the trail corridor property from Department of Natural Resources, but no development plans were ever established. A planning/design effort is required to address trail user needs, as well as those of the adjacent landowners and the communities associated with the corridor.

This project consists of the following: 1) Preparing the Trail master plan for the section from Malden to the Idaho border, and 2) completing design/permitting for Phase 1 Development (Malden to Rosaila), 10 miles of trail improvements and trailheads at Malden and Rosaila. (08-1276N)

Rank (14 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$191,468	\$98,968	\$92,500

**Kitsap County Parks and Recreation
West Peninsula Regional Trail Plan, Nonmotorized**

The scope of this multi-agency project is a plan for non-motorized trails on public lands in Western Kitsap Peninsula. The project includes Kitsap and Mason County lands, Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests, Bremerton Utility lands, and portions of a U.S. Navy-owned railroad right-of-way.

Trail opportunities in Western Kitsap Peninsula are an important amenity for the growing population in the Urban Growth Area near Bremerton. Coordinating trail opportunities on the various-and often contiguous-public lands in the area will help each public entity make decisions and will lead to enhanced and expanded opportunities for the public. This project is primarily a high-level planning effort, focusing on determining where non-motorized trails and trailheads should be. The project will inventory and evaluate existing facilities and trails, and identify and evaluate proposed ones. The project will create a conceptual non-motorized trails master plan for the region; guidelines for coordinated development and management of an integrated, multi-agency trail system; and recommendations for actions by the partner agencies. More detailed planning for some specific trailheads may be included as well.

Public input and involvement, including a trails recreation planning committee, is a key part of the project. Also, the project will be done in conjunction with the West Peninsula Trail Plan, Motorized, which addresses similar issues for motorized trails on the peninsula. (08-1346N)

Rank (14 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$69,916	\$20,498	\$49,418

**U.S. Forest Service Okanogan National Forest Methow Ranger District
Rommel Trail System Plan**

This project would fund the survey, design, and NEPA for a trail system that would meet wilderness objectives and provide access to popular destinations in the Rommel Lake and Spanish Camp area within the Pasayten Wilderness. This project is critical to the

survey and design of a trail system which can accommodate use and protect the wilderness resource as mandated by the Wilderness Act and Forest Service Policy.

In the project area, there has developed a confusing maze of non-system and system trails throughout the area. It is estimated that there are 10 to 12 miles of non-system or unmaintained trails and 10 miles of system trails. Many of the non-system trails are poorly located through wet meadows, steep slopes, and sensitive plant habitats. Non-system trails are not eligible for maintenance funds which have resulted in downcutting, widening of tread, multiple treads, and trampling in some locations. A trail plan would determine which non-system trails may be appropriate to convert to maintained system trails and others would be designated for restoration.

The Rimmel Lake and Spanish Camp area is a regionally known destination for stock recreationists. Annually, it is the most highly visited area by stock recreationists in the Pasayten Wilderness. (08-1879N)

Rank (16 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$107,592	\$9,065	\$98,527

**Washington State Parks
Iron Horse Campsites**

This project will construct a remote campsite area in Iron Horse State Park. The campsite will be at mile 2079.5 of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, near the Yakima River between Cle Elum and Thorp. The campsite is intended for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians who use the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

The Iron Horse State Park Master Plan calls for a series of campsites, spaced every few miles along the trail. Most of the proposed campsites have been constructed, and this is one of the last proposed sites. The master plan calls for each campsite to have a vault toilet, 3-5 picnic tables, 2-3 small gravel tent pads associated with each picnic table, and access to water or a stream. This campsite will have 4 picnic tables with 3 tent pads associated with each. It will also have hitching rails and bike racks.

The purpose of the campsites is to provide trail users with convenient, on-trail overnight stopping points. These campsites offer opportunities for novice, young, or physically challenged users to hike a few miles from a trailhead to enjoy a quiet, backcountry camping experience. (08-1854D)

Rank (17 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$105,000	\$5,000	\$100,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Skykomish Ranger District
Beckler Peak Trailhead**

This project will fund the construction of a trailhead and complete the Beckler Peak Trail, a supreme 3.7 mile new day use hike near the Stevens Pass National Scenic Byway. The trail climbs through old growth forests to a rocky peak with panoramic

views of the Skykomish River valley and the Wild Sky Wilderness. Construction on the last 2.2 miles of the trail, from the end of an old logging road to Beckler Peak began the autumn of 2007, and is under contract for completion in the summer of 2008. Over 5,000 visitors per year are expected.

Specifically, this project will provide a trailhead with parking for 20 vehicles, a toilet, and a bulletin board. Work would be completed by contractors with assistance from volunteer groups.

Without a developed trailhead, the existing roadside parking can only accommodate 5 vehicles, which would lead to congestion and accidents. A trailhead will also benefit future phases of the project, namely a loop trail for mountain bikers and hikers via the flower meadows of Alpine Baldy. (08-1495D)

Rank (18 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$128,600	\$28,600	\$100,000

Mason County

Camp Govey Trail Development

This project would be a continuation of the RCO project that was funded in 2008 for the Camp Govey Backcountry Trail planning and feasibility. Mason County, working in cooperation with the Green Diamond Resource Company will begin the development of the Camp Govey Trail System. This trail system, when completed, will include an approximate 4 mile loop using a portion of the old logging railroad right of way, Vance Creek Trestle and forestland in riparian zones of Green Diamond Resource Company forestland.

This particular project will begin work on the loop trail system. This non-motorized trail will be open for hikers and walkers to begin with and will be opened to equestrians and bicycles as the system develops. Work on the trail will begin by developing segment towards the Fir Creek Falls overlook, which is approximately .80 miles. The County is already working with Green Diamond Resource Company on the Vance Creek Bridge conversion.

The trail system will be diverse and very scenic when completed. The trail will meander through riparian timberland with views of Vance Creek, Fir Creek, and two waterfalls. The trail will be long enough to provide a good day hike experience and will also include interpretative opportunities for wildlife, the natural environment, and the past rich logging history from the days when logging camps and logging by rail were a common practice in Mason County. (08-1062D)

Rank (19 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$204,200	\$104,300	\$99,900

**Washington State Parks
Hoko River - Trail Development**

Hoko River State Park is a mostly undeveloped park located in eastern Clallam County on the Olympic Peninsula. The collection of properties now totaling 1011 acres contains significant natural, cultural and historic resources. The properties, once developed, will provide a wide-range of outdoor recreational pursuits, while preserving varied natural and cultural resources.

The park has recently completed its formal classification and management planning process. During this process, one of the four key issues was the need for a trails network within the park as well as local and regional connections. The first step in achieving this goal is the development of the initial trail within the main area known as the Cowan Ranch Heritage Area. The proposed trail along the Little Hoko River will be constructed as an ADA trunk line along the existing park access road. In addition several interpretive trail loops off the main trail will be included. The trail will originate from the Historic Ranch that includes significant structures. These structures are currently undergoing stabilization and rehabilitation for future interpretive use.

Major project elements include an accessible pedestrian bridge over the Little Hoko River from the Trail Head, a vault toilet, and a box culvert over an existing washed out stream crossing. Once completed, the main trail will function as an ADA one-way trail with interpretive trail loops and picnic sites. Future plans include another river crossing to allow for expanded loops within the Ranch Area. (08-1869D)

Rank (20 of 22)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$105,680	\$14,852	\$90,828

**Washington State Parks
Pearrygin Lake/Winthrop Trail Feasibility Study**

This project will complete a Trails Feasibility Study for Pearrygin Lake State Park area over lands owned by State Parks, WDFW, a private campground, and several privately owned parcels between the Park and the town of Winthrop. The Feasibility Study will:

1. Complete an inventory and documentation of existing managed and user developed trails,
2. Identify potential trail alignments to create a network of trails to go around Pearrygin Lk., link recreation facilities together, and provide a trail link to the town of Winthrop
3. Identify environmental constraints and opportunities analysis (incl. local zoning, cultural resources, etc.),
4. Identify options for acquisition, easements, or other agreements necessary for future trail construction on non-public lands
5. Develop a prioritized action plan for implementation, and
6. Identify and evaluate future trail management/maintenance options.

Trail uses will be limited to non-motorized uses, including hiking, mountain biking and equestrian, as well as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The Trails plan will address single and multiple-use trails.

The planning project will be completed by a consultant, managed by State Parks, and include input and reviews by WDFW, regional trail user groups, public agencies, and citizens of the Methow Valley community. The Trails Feasibility Study is a by-product of the State Parks Commission approved 2006 Classification and Management Plan for Pearrygin Lake State Park, which included extensive public input and review. (08-1275N)

Rank (21 of 22)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of McCleary	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
McCleary Trails Planning			

This project will complete a Trails Feasibility Study for the City of McCleary and surrounding area, which will include: lands owned by City of McCleary, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Simpson Door Plant, and several privately owned parcels. The residents of the City and surrounding area have identified trails planning and trails as the #2 priority in the city's Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. The Feasibility Study will identify options for acquisition, easements or other agreements necessary for future trail construction, identify potential trail alignments to create a network of trails to go in and around the area of the City of McCleary; connect residential and recreation areas together and provide a possible trail connection to the Capitol State Forest; identify environmental constraints and opportunities; develop a prioritized action plan for implementation; and identify and evaluate future trail management/maintenance options. (08-1131N)

Rank (22 of 22)