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**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE**

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**Item #9:** **National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP)**  
Review and Approval of Grants, Federal Fiscal Year 2009

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**Approved by the  
Director:**

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**Proposed Action: Decision**

**Program Description**

The National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP) provides funds to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience.

**Summary**

Seventy-seven projects (40 general category, 37 education category) requesting \$2.5 million out of an available pool of approximately \$1.67 million in NRTP funds are presented for funding approval.

**Staff Recommendation**

The Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) staff and the NRTP advisory committee recommend approval of funding for the projects listed in Table 1, *Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NRTP, Federal Fiscal Year 2009*.

Staff has provided Resolution #2008-055 for Board consideration.



## Program Policies

NRTP is a relatively small grant program, most recently awarding about \$1.5 million each year. This federal grant program provides grants for maintaining and re-routing recreational trails, developing trail-side and trail-head facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs. By Board policy (as outlined in Manual 16, *National Recreational Trails Program: Policies and Project Selection*), the primary emphasis of this grant program is trail maintenance.

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Nonprofit organizations Municipal subdivisions (cities, towns, counties, and port, park and recreation, and school districts) State and Tribal agencies Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.)
<b>Match Requirements</b>	Grant recipients must provide at least 20 percent in matching resources.
<b>Funding Limits</b>	The minimum fund request for a project is \$5,000 The maximum fund request is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$75,000 – development or maintenance project</li> <li>▪ \$10,000 - education project</li> </ul>
<b>Public Access</b>	Required
<b>Other Program Characteristics</b>	Because few motorized grant applications are received, nonmotorized applicants usually receive most of this program's funds.

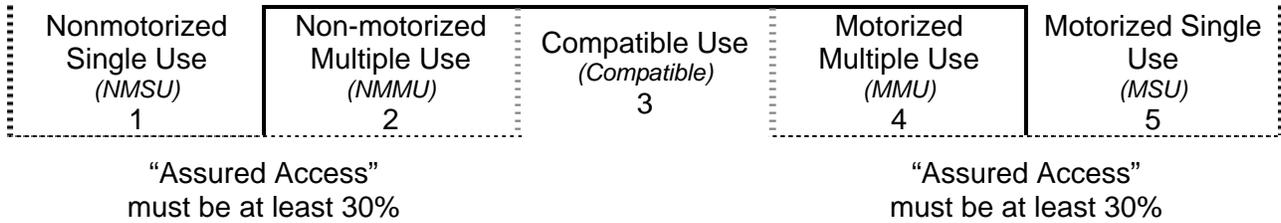
NRTP has five overlapping categories, as shown in the graphic below. Under the provisions of the NRTP governing act<sup>1</sup>, there are four requirements the Board must observe in awarding funds among the categories.

1. A minimum of 40 percent of the funds *must* be given to projects that serve diversified trail uses (i.e., Nonmotorized Multiple Use, Compatible Uses, and Motorized Multiple Use).
2. A minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation (categories 4 and 5). These are known as assured access.
3. A minimum of 30 percent also *must* be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation (categories 1 and 2). These also are known as assured access.
4. A state *may* allocate up to 5 percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection.

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<sup>1</sup> Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.

“Diversified trail use” must equal at least 40%



The following table shows the allocation that complies with the allocation rules, based on the availability of \$1,664,470 in FFY 2009.

Description	Categories	Required Percent	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
Diversified Uses	NMMU, Compatible, and MMU	40%	\$665,788	
Assured Access	NMSU, NMMU	30%	\$499,341	
	MMU, MSU	30%	\$499,341	
Education projects		n/a		\$89,487

### Evaluation Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has an NRTP advisory committee whose membership reflects a diverse set of trail users and land managers. This year’s evaluation team was:

Name	City	Position
Barb Bruell	Sammamish	At-large
Doug Conner	Pasco	Motorcycle
Greg Fowler	Kirkland	Mountain bike
Bob Gish	Deer Park	Equestrian
Lunell Haught	Spokane	Hiking
Gerry Hodge	Olympia	Water
James Horan	Olympia	State Parks
Ron Ingram	West Richland	At large
Gary Johnson	Yelm	All- terrain vehicles
John Keates	Mason Co	Local agencies
Kristen Kuykendall	Olympia	State Dept. Fish & wildlife
Dave McMains	Moses Lake	Four-wheel drive
Gary Paull	Darrington	Forest Service
Paula Reeves	Olympia	State Dept. of Transportation
Tom Windsor	Omak	Snowmobiles

In August, the advisory committee evaluated the 77 projects (40 general category, 37 education category) that were submitted. On October 7, the committee met to review a ranked listing of evaluated projects. After discussion, the members unanimously recommended the list in Table 1 to the Board for funding. In addition, the committee is asking the Board to fund the maximum number of high-ranking education category projects allowed.

RCO staff note that applicants submitted more nonmotorized than motorized projects. This is typical for this program, and likely is related to the limited number of trails open to motor vehicles in Washington. Further, the committee ranked many nonmotorized projects higher than motorized projects. The federal funding formula guarantees at least 30 percent of funds for both motorized and nonmotorized categories, and then allows funding of the remaining highest ranked projects. As a result, the ranking and recommendation from the committee would result in greater funding for nonmotorized projects in this cycle.

### **Next Steps**

Following Board approval of the ranked project listing in Table 1, RCO staff will ask the Federal Highway Administration to release this year's NRTP funds for Washington State. Staff also will ask successful sponsors to complete any post-approval requirements (for example, obtaining permits, etc.). On completion of the above, individual project agreements will be executed and project compliance monitoring will begin.

### **Attachments**

Resolution 2008-055

Table 1 – *National Recreational Trails Program – Federal Fiscal Year 2009*

- A. Evaluation criteria summary
- B. Summary of evaluation scores
- C. Project synopses, general
- D. Project synopses, education

**RESOLUTION #2008-055**

**Federal Fiscal Year 2009 National Recreational Trails Program Project Funding**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP); and

**WHEREAS**, for federal fiscal year 2009, 77 projects were submitted for funding from the NRTP; and

**WHEREAS**, these NRTP project applications were evaluated by the NRTP advisory committee using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the compilation of these evaluations occurred in an open 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 77 NRTP program projects meet federal and state program criteria, thus supporting the Board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds available for the federal fiscal year 2009 is estimated to be \$1,664,470; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailside facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, 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, NRTP, Federal Fiscal Year 2009*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director is instructed to seek authorization from the Federal Highway Administration to proceed with execution of applicable agreements and other appropriate steps to implement these projects, and on receipt of this authorization, to proceed with agreement execution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that because there are insufficient funds for all projects, excess funds from NRTP projects that finish before March 1, 2009, without using the full amount granted shall be applied toward funding projects on this ranked listing.

*Resolution moved by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Resolution seconded by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_



**Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List  
And Funding Recommendations  
National Recreational Trails Program (N RTP), State Fiscal Year 2009  
Federal Fiscal Year 2009**

Resolution 2008-055

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Org Name	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compat Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Recomm	Cumulative Amount
<b>GENERAL RECREATION PROJECTS</b>													
62.07	1	08-1582	M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2009 Volunteer Trail M	0	65,000	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	65,000
58.93	2	08-1191	D	USFS WNF Naches RD	Crow Creek Trail Bridge Re	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	95,000
58.33	3	08-1583	M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2009 Backcountry Tra	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	170,000
57.73	4	08-1611	D	USFS OKNF Methow RI	Larch Creek Trail Reconstru	0	73,400	0	0	0	73,400	73,400	243,400
57.67	5	08-1553	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	White River Trail Maintenan	0	0	60,000	0	0	60,000	60,000	303,400
57.40	6	08-1761	M	Mountains to Sound Gre	Mountains to Sound Trail M	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	378,400
57.27	7	08-1625	M	Pacific Northwest Trail A	North Cascades Youth Crev	0	69,161	0	0	0	69,161	69,161	447,561
57.13	8	08-1626	M	Pacific Northwest Trail A	Olympic Youth Crews 2009	0	64,405	0	0	0	64,405	64,405	511,966
56.40	9	08-1168	M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches District Wilderness	0	32,601	0	0	0	32,601	32,601	544,567
56.00	10	08-1197	M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Uplake Trails 09	0	0	0	75,000	0	75,000	75,000	619,567
56.00	10	08-1756	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintena	0	67,500	0	0	0	67,500	67,500	687,067
55.60	12	08-1597	M	State Parks	Mt. Baker/Methow & South t	0	0	0	0	62,101	62,101	62,101	749,168
55.33	13	08-1076	M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Clu	Salmon Ridge Ski Trails Ma	0	21,584	0	0	0	21,584	21,584	770,752
55.13	14	08-1701	M	USFS MBNF Darrington	Darrington Trail Maintenan	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	820,752
54.73	15	08-1125	M	USFS MBNF Mt Baker F	Mt. Baker Trail Maintenance	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	870,752
53.60	16	08-1830	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee	Wilderness Trail Maintenan	0	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	910,752
53.60	16	08-1878	D	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repa	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	985,752
52.80	18	08-1440	D	USFS OKNF Tonasket F	Honeymoon Pass Trail 08	0	25,961	0	0	0	25,961	25,961	1,011,713
52.80	18	08-1598	D	Backcountry Bicycle Tra	S Fork Snoqualmie Road to	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	1,086,713
52.67	20	08-1243	D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker F	Heliotrope Trail Bridge	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	1,101,713
52.60	21	08-1720	M	State Parks	Blewett and I-90 SM Trail G	0	0	0	0	56,830	56,830	56,830	1,158,543
52.53	22	08-1708	M	State Parks	Leavenworth/Chelan Regior	0	0	0	0	54,547	54,547	54,547	1,213,090
52.47	23	08-1661	M	Mount Tahoma Trails As	Mt. Tahoma Trails Maintena	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	1,263,090
51.87	24	08-1665	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Non-Motorized Tra	0	71,140	0	0	0	71,140	71,140	1,334,230
51.87	24	08-1712	M	State Parks	Taneum/Manastash & Stem	0	0	0	0	33,013	33,013	33,013	1,367,243
51.67	26	08-1745	M	State Parks	Inland NE/SE Region Snow	0	0	0	0	50,083	50,083	50,083	1,417,326
51.13	27	08-1646	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Wilderness Trails	0	58,069	0	0	0	58,069	31,177	1,448,503
51.07	28	08-1711	M	State Parks	Greenwater/Yakima Region	0	0	0	0	59,251	59,251	59,251	1,507,754
50.20	29	08-1621	M	Mountaineers	Mountaineers Groomer Proj	0	49,000	0	0	0	49,000	Alternate	1,507,754
49.93	30	08-1776	M	Backcountry Bicycle Tra	BBTC Multi-Use Volunteer T	0	29,630	0	0	0	29,630	Alternate	1,507,754
49.00	31	08-1772	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Snowmobile Trail	0	0	0	0	67,229	67,229	67,229	1,574,983
48.67	32	08-1294	M	Hurricane Ridge Ed. Fou	Hurricane Hill Cross Countr	0	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	Alternate	1,574,983

47.80	33	08-1167	M	Loup Loup Ski Educatio	Loup Trail Maintenance	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	Alternate	1,574,983
47.80	33	08-1172	M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Nordic Multi-Use Tr	0	16,940	0	0	0	16,940	Alternate	1,574,983
47.60	35	08-1170	D	Natural Resources Dept	West Tiger Mtn NRCA Trail	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983
47.00	36	08-1376	M	King County DNR & Par	King County Parks Backcou	0	35,000	0	0	0	35,000	Alternate	1,574,983
46.87	37	08-1845	D	USFS ONF Pacific RD -	Sol Duc Valley Trail Connec	0	62,000	0	0	0	62,000	Alternate	1,574,983
44.80	38	08-1868	M	State Parks	I-90 Snoqualmie Non-Motor	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983
43.87	39	08-1667	M	Mount Tahoma Trails As	Grooming Vehicle Trailer an	0	70,000	0	0	0	70,000	Alternate	1,574,983
33.47	40	08-1499	M	WA State Snowmobile A	WSSA Snowmobile Trail G	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983

**Acronyms:**

NMSU: Nonmotorized single use

NMMU: Nonmotorized multiple use

Compatible: Combines motor and nonmotor uses

MMU: Motorized multiple use

MSU: Motorized single use

The project ranked #27 (08-1711) would be partially funded.

**EDUCATION PROJECTS**

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Org Name	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compat Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Recomm	Cumulative Amount
18.13	1	08-1691	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volun	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
17.73	2	08-1544	E	USFS GPNF Mt Adams R	Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000
17.67	3	08-1657	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	North Cascade Rangers	0	9,840	0	0	0	9,840	9,840	29,840
17.67	3	08-1692	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 2	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	39,840
17.53	5	08-1173	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches OHV Education Range	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	49,840
17.47	6	08-1693	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Backcountry Trail Ed	0	0	9,000	0	0	9,000	9,000	58,840
17.00	7	08-1757	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	68,840
16.87	8	08-1694	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers	0	9,000	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	77,840
16.80	9	08-1448	E	Backcountry Horsemen of	Minimum Impact Recreation 2	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	77,840
16.47	10	08-1193	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Mt. Baker Climbing Program C	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	77,840
16.47	10	08-1540	E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Range	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	87,840
16.07	12	08-1171	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Snowmobile Rangers I	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
16.00	13	08-1673	E	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 2C	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
15.80	14	08-1543	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	Mountain Bike / ATV Patrolle	0	0	0	9,292	0	9,292	Alternate	87,840
15.53	15	08-1656	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Winter Rangers	0	0	0	0	9,323	9,323	Alternate	87,840
15.47	16	08-1034	E	WA Water Trails Associat	Shore Leave No Trace Progran	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
15.33	17	08-1542	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	Wilderness Snowmobile Educa	0	0	0	0	9,225	9,225	Alternate	87,840
14.80	18	08-1194	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Mountain Stewards Volunteer	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
14.13	19	08-1883	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	WRRD Wilderness High Use /	0	9,619	0	0	0	9,619	Alternate	87,840
13.93	20	08-1077	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Steward #	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.67	21	08-1906	E	USFS Colville National Fc	Newport & Sullivan Lake Sno	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.53	22	08-1079	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
13.47	23	08-1123	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SPS 08 Winter Trail Stev	0	9,900	0	0	0	9,900	Alternate	87,840
13.27	24	08-1903	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Visitor Information and Educa	0	0	9,661	0	0	9,661	Alternate	87,840
13.13	25	08-1859	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW Off-Road Vehicle	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.07	26	08-1126	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Trail Stew	0	0	0	0	9,885	9,885	Alternate	87,840
13.07	26	08-1899	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Phase 1 Snowmobile Replacen	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
12.93	28	08-1411	E	USFS Olympic National F	Hood Canal RD Backcountry ε	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
12.27	29	08-1837	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Sno-Parks Snowmobile Replac	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.60	30	08-1875	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Wilderness Education Snowm	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.33	31	08-1078	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Steward #	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.33	31	08-1793	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Educational Touch Screen Kio	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.27	33	08-1113	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
11.27	33	08-1114	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
11.13	35	08-1127	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Trail Stew	0	0	0	0	9,885	9,885	Alternate	87,840
11.00	36	08-1671	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW Snowmobile	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
10.87	37	08-1904	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Phase 2 Snowmobile Replacen	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840

**All proposals (77) total =** 75,000 1,523,750 118,661 172,447 606,372 2,496,230

## Attachment A: Evaluation Criteria Summary

*First adopted by RCFB in February 1999 and updated in 2000, 2001, and 2002.*

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary General (Development and Maintenance) Projects				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	D/M
Team	1	Need	3/15	D/M
Team	2	Need satisfaction	3/15	D/M
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Maintenance	2/10	M
Team	5	Readiness to proceed	1/5	D/M
Team	6	Cost-benefit	1/5	D/M
Team	7	Non-government contribution	1/5	D/M
Team	8	Project support	2/10	D/M
RCO Staff	9	Matching shares	2/10	D/M
RCO Staff	10	GMA preference	-/(-1)	D/M
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Development = 75 Maintenance = 75				

NRTP Evaluation Criteria Summary Education (Safety-Environmental Awareness) Projects			
Scoring	#	<i>Describe the...</i>	Mult./Max.
Team	1	Need for this project.	1/5
Team	2	Extent to which the project satisfies this need.	1/5
Team	3	Applicant's ability to accomplish the project.	1/5
Team	4	Project's cost-benefit.	1/5
Team	5	Support for the project.	1/5
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			25

### KEY TO TABLES:

Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team      Item = Criteria title  
 Prescore = Criterion prescored by RCO staff      Mult/Mx = *M*ultiplier and *m*aximum pts  
 D/M = Criterion applicable to either development or maintenance projects



## Preliminary Evaluation Summary

### National Recreational Trails Program 2008 General Projects

Item 9, Attachment B

Rank	Question Name: Question #	Need 1	Need Satisfaction 2	Project Design 3	Maintenance 4	Ready to Proceed 5	Cost Benefit 6	Govt. Contrib. 7	Project Support 8	Match 9	GMA Pref. 10	Total
1	WTA 2009 Volunt/WA Trail	12.400	11.400		7.333	4.267	4.200	4.733	7.733	10.000	0.000	62.067
2	Crow Creek Trai/USFS WNF	12.200	13.000	9.067		4.133	3.600	3.467	7.467	6.000	0.000	58.933
3	WTA 2009 Backco/WA Trail	11.200	10.400		7.067	4.000	3.933	4.533	7.200	10.000	0.000	58.333
4	Larch Creek Tra/USFS OKN	11.400	11.800	7.867		3.800	3.267	2.800	6.800	10.000	0.000	57.733
5	White River Tra/USFS MBN	11.000	11.600		7.333	3.800	3.533	4.000	6.400	10.000	0.000	57.667
6	Mountains to So/Mountain	12.000	10.600		7.467	3.933	3.333	3.400	6.667	10.000	0.000	57.400
7	North Cascades /Pacific	11.200	10.400		6.533	4.133	3.733	3.800	7.467	10.000	0.000	57.267
8	Olympic Youth C/Pacific	11.200	10.600		6.667	4.133	3.333	3.467	7.733	10.000	0.000	57.133
9	Naches District/USFS WNF	11.800	10.800		7.467	3.667	3.333	3.067	6.267	10.000	0.000	56.400
10	Chelan Uplake T/USFS WNF	10.200	10.600		7.467	4.200	3.400	3.600	6.533	10.000	0.000	56.000
10	Alpine Lakes Tr/USFS MBN	11.800	10.600		6.933	4.000	3.333	2.933	6.400	10.000	0.000	56.000
12	Mt. Baker/Metho/State Pa	10.400	11.200		6.933	4.533	3.400	2.733	6.400	10.000	0.000	55.600
13	Salmon Ridge Sk/Nooksack	10.600	11.000		6.267	4.200	3.067	3.533	6.667	10.000	0.000	55.333
14	Darrington Trai/USFS MBN	11.400	11.200		7.733	4.000	3.200	2.400	5.200	10.000	0.000	55.133
15	Mt. Baker Trail/USFS MBN	10.600	10.200		6.800	4.267	3.267	3.733	5.867	10.000	0.000	54.733
16	Wilderness Trai/USFS WNF	10.800	10.800		6.800	3.800	3.200	2.333	5.867	10.000	0.000	53.600
16	Snoqualmie Lake/USFS MBN	10.800	11.000	6.667		3.867	2.933	2.333	6.000	10.000	0.000	53.600
18	S Fork Snoqualm/Backcoun	10.600	10.200	6.800		3.533	2.600	2.933	6.133	10.000	0.000	52.800
18	Honeymoon Pass /USFS OKN	10.000	11.200	6.533		3.667	2.933	2.867	5.600	10.000	0.000	52.800
20	Heliotrope Trai/USFS MBN	11.600	11.400	7.200		3.467	3.333	1.533	4.133	10.000	0.000	52.667
21	Blewett and I-9/State Pa	11.000	10.000		5.867	4.000	3.333	2.400	6.000	10.000	0.000	52.600
22	Leavenworth/Che/State Pa	10.600	9.600		6.133	4.067	3.400	2.333	6.400	10.000	0.000	52.533
23	Mt. Tahoma Trai/Mount Ta	10.000	9.200		5.867	3.800	3.133	3.400	7.067	10.000	0.000	52.467
24	Cle Elum Non-Mo/USFS WNF	11.200	10.600		7.067	3.800	3.200	2.667	5.333	8.000	0.000	51.867
24	Taneum/Manastas/State Pa	10.000	10.000		6.133	4.067	3.467	2.200	6.000	10.000	0.000	51.867
26	Inland NE/SE Re/State Pa	10.200	10.000		5.867	4.067	3.267	2.267	6.000	10.000	0.000	51.667
27	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	10.000	9.400		7.333	4.333	3.200	3.133	5.733	8.000	0.000	51.133
28	Greenwater/Yaki/State Pa	10.200	9.600		5.733	3.933	3.133	2.333	6.133	10.000	0.000	51.067
29	Mountaineers Gr/Mountain	8.800	10.000		5.600	4.000	2.467	3.467	5.867	10.000	0.000	50.200
30	BBTC Multi-Use /Backcoun	9.200	8.400		5.733	3.200	3.133	3.333	6.933	10.000	0.000	49.933
31	Cle Elum Snowmo/USFS WNF	8.600	9.400		5.733	3.667	2.667	2.000	6.933	10.000	0.000	49.000

32	Hurricane Hill /Hurrigan	9.000	9.200		5.600	3.867	2.533	3.400	5.067	10.000	0.000	48.667
33	Loup Trail Main/Loup Lou	9.400	10.400		6.000	3.333	2.933	3.067	4.667	8.000	0.000	47.800
33	Naches Nordic M/USFS WNF	9.000	9.200		6.267	3.800	2.400	2.067	5.067	10.000	0.000	47.800
35	West Tiger Mtn /Natural	10.600	10.200	6.800		3.400	2.600	2.800	5.200	6.000	0.000	47.600
36	King County Par/King Cou	9.200	8.200		5.333	3.467	2.867	2.467	5.467	10.000	0.000	47.000
37	Sol Duc Valley /USFS ONF	10.400	10.600	6.933		3.467	2.867	2.067	6.533	4.000	0.000	46.867
38	I-90 Snoqualmie/State Pa	9.800	10.000		5.867	3.933	2.733	1.800	6.667	4.000	0.000	44.800
39	Grooming Vehicl/Mount Ta	8.000	6.800		4.800	3.133	2.600	2.533	6.000	10.000	0.000	43.867
40	WSSA Snowmobile/WA State	6.400	7.400		5.200	4.200	2.333	2.600	5.333	0.000	0.000	33.467

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Evaluators Score Questions: #1-8

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RCO Staff Scores Questions: #9-10

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## Preliminary Evaluation Summary National Recreational Trails Program 2008 Education Projects

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Rank	Question #	Need for this project    Extent to which project satisfies this need    Applicant's ability to accomplish this project    Project's cost -benefit    Support for this project					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
	<b>Name/Sponsor</b>						
1	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.467	3.467	3.933	3.467	3.800	18.133
2	Gifford Pinchot/USFS GPN	3.600	3.733	4.000	3.200	3.200	17.733
3	Cle Elum Winter/USFS WNF	3.333	3.667	3.867	3.400	3.400	17.667
3	North Cascade R/USFS OKN	3.600	3.667	3.933	2.867	3.600	17.667
5	Naches OHV Educ/USFS WNF	3.933	3.467	3.933	3.400	2.800	17.533
6	Cle Elum Backco/USFS WNF	3.600	3.600	3.733	3.067	3.467	17.467
7	Snoqualmie Volu/USFS MBN	3.733	3.533	3.733	3.600	2.400	17.000
8	Cle Elum Wilder/USFS WNF	3.467	3.400	3.933	2.800	3.267	16.867
9	Minimum Impact /Backcoun	3.533	3.533	3.667	2.867	3.200	16.800
10	Lake Wen. Entia/USFS WNF	3.200	3.333	3.800	3.067	3.067	16.467
10	Mt. Baker Climb/USFS MBN	3.267	3.400	3.467	3.000	3.333	16.467
12	Naches Snowmobi/USFS WNF	3.467	3.400	3.400	3.200	2.600	16.067
13	Chelan Snowmobi/USFS WNF	3.267	3.000	3.667	2.800	3.267	16.000
14	Mountain Bike //USFS WNF	3.533	3.067	3.600	2.933	2.667	15.800
15	Methow Winter R/USFS OKN	3.400	3.267	3.733	2.733	2.400	15.533
16	Shore Leave No /WA Water	2.867	2.867	3.667	2.933	3.133	15.467
17	Wilderness Snow/USFS WNF	3.267	3.200	3.533	2.467	2.867	15.333
18	Mountain Stewar/USFS MBN	2.733	3.067	3.133	3.000	2.867	14.800
19	WRRD Wilderness/USFS WNF	3.200	2.733	3.267	2.533	2.400	14.133
20	DNR NE 08 Winte/Natural	3.133	2.800	3.200	2.467	2.333	13.933
21	Newport & Sulli/USFS Col	2.733	2.800	3.133	2.467	2.533	13.667
22	DNR SE 08 Winte/Natural	2.933	2.800	3.000	2.467	2.333	13.533
23	DNR SPS 08 Wint/Natural	2.867	2.667	3.200	2.467	2.267	13.467
24	Visitor Informa/USFS MBN	2.400	2.400	3.400	2.933	2.133	13.267
25	WDFW Off-Road V/Fish & W	2.733	2.867	3.400	2.000	2.133	13.133
26	Phase 1 Snowmob/USFS MBN	2.733	2.600	3.133	2.467	2.133	13.067
26	DNR NE 08 Winte/Natural	2.800	2.733	2.933	2.400	2.200	13.067
28	Hood Canal RD B/USFS Oly	3.000	2.867	2.667	2.333	2.067	12.933
29	Sno-Parks Snowm/USFS MBN	2.467	2.467	3.133	2.067	2.133	12.267
30	Wilderness Educ/USFS MBN	2.200	2.267	2.933	2.067	2.133	11.600
31	Educational Tou/USFS MBN	2.333	2.267	2.733	2.267	1.733	11.333
31	DNR NE 08 Winte/Natural	2.333	2.200	2.733	2.067	2.000	11.333
33	DNR SE 08 Winte/Natural	2.200	2.267	2.667	2.067	2.067	11.267
33	DNR SE 08 Winte/Natural	2.267	2.267	2.667	2.000	2.067	11.267
35	DNR NE 08 Winte/Natural	2.267	2.333	2.667	1.933	1.933	11.133
36	WDFW Snowmobile/Fish & W	2.067	2.067	2.667	1.933	2.267	11.000
37	Phase 2 Snowmob/USFS MBN	2.000	2.133	2.800	2.133	1.800	10.867

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November 2008  
Attachment C

**National Recreational Trails Program  
General  
Federal Fiscal Year 2009  
Project Synopses**

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$390,125	\$325,125	\$65,000

**Washington Trails Association**

**Washington Trails Association 2009 Volunteer Trail Maintenance**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to provide volunteer crews to maintain more than 175 miles on 80 trails across the state. The crews will focus on trails that provide day-hiking opportunities. Crews will clean drainage structures, remove downed trees and brush, and repair trail surfaces. An association volunteer hour costs less than \$6, including everything from arranging projects to recruiting volunteers to getting the work done on the ground. The association also matches every grant dollar with cash contributions, which are in turn leveraged by volunteer hours, for a total return of \$5 for every grant dollar invested. The association will contribute \$325,125 in donations of cash and labor. This project was the top ranked project of 39 completing for funding in the general category of the national Recreation Trails Program. (08-1582M)

Rank (1 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$47,104	\$17,104	\$30,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District**

**Crow Creek Trail Bridge Reconstruction**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to replace a trail bridge on a heavily used, motorized trail, once part of a heavily used loop system, in the Little Naches drainage. The bridge, on Trail #952, was destroyed in the winter of 2005 when a large tree fell on it. The crossing and about 1 mile of the trail was closed to the public. The bridge remnants washed away in the winter of 2007. This bridge was used by motorcyclists, mountain bikers, and hikers. The new, 65-foot bridge will be made of steel with wood decking, and will be about 10 feet longer and 4 feet higher than the previous bridge. Replacing the bridge will allow the trail to be reopened, reestablishing unlimited trail loop opportunities in the Little Naches drainage. The forest service will contribute \$17,104 in cash and donations of cash and labor. (08-1191D)

Rank (2 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$315,000	\$240,000	\$75,000

**Washington Trails Association**

**Washington Trails Association 2009 Backcountry Trail Teams**

The Washington Trails Association will use this grant to provide teams to maintain 100 miles of trail deep in the backcountry, addressing problems that lie beyond the reach of a single day-trip. Crews will maintain more than 50 trails with 45, week-long trips and seven, three-day trips. Teams will log more than 13,000 hours of time in many of the state's premiere backpacking locations: Mount Rainier, the Enchantments, Bird Creek Meadows, and the Paysaten Wilderness. The association will contribute \$240,000 in donations of cash and labor. (08-1583M)

Rank (3 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$174,404	\$101,004	\$73,400

**U.S. Forest Service Okanogan National Forest Methow Ranger District  
Larch Creek Trail Reconstruction**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to rebuild more than 15 miles of the Larch Creek Trail in the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest. The trail is the primary route into the central area of the Pasayten Wilderness for both hikers and stock users and is part of a popular loop trip. Lack of maintenance has resulted in trail widening and erosion. Crews will rebuild drainage structures and blast some of the rock, which has been exposed and makes portions of the trail difficult for stock. The forest service will contribute \$101,004 in cash and donated labor. (08-1611D)

Rank (4 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$180,142	\$120,142	\$60,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District  
White River Trail Maintenance 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire a seasonal trail crew to maintain 230 miles of multi-use trails in Mount Baker National Forest. Funds will be used to hire three to four people, purchase supplies and materials, support local volunteer organizations, and fund a small maintenance contract. The forest service will contribute \$120,142 in equipment, labor, materials, and donated labor. (08-1553M)

Rank (5 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

**Mountains to Sound Greenway  
08-1761M Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance-2009**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway will use this grant to maintain 60 miles of trail in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, some of the most heavily used trails in the state. The grant will help provide materials, tools, staff, and conservation corps crew time. Crews will work on trails including the following: Mount Si and Little Si Trails, the West Tiger #3 Trail, Rattlesnake Ledge and Rattlesnake Mountain Trails, Swamp & Big Tree Trails, Twin Falls Trail, and additional trails on Tiger Mountain, along the Snoqualmie River, and in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area. Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$75,000 in labor, local and private grants, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. (08-1761M)

Rank (6 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$139,161	\$70,000	\$69,161

**Pacific Northwest Trail Association  
North Cascades Youth Crews 2009**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to fund a youth crew and support volunteers to maintain the Pacific Northwest Trail through Interstate land, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. Work will be done on the following sections: from the

Keystone Ferry Landing, through Deception Pass State Park, across state lands on Blanchard, Anderson, and Lyman Mountains; along the south fork of the Nooksack River at Bell Pass and Swift Creek; and on the Hannegan Pass Trail, Chilliwack River Basin Trail, West Bank Trail, Happy Panther Trail, and the East Bank Trail. This work is supported by the Whatcom Chapter of the Backcountry Horseman, Sedro-Wooley School District, Cascade Job Corps, Boy Scouts, and Interstate land, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. The association will contribute \$70,000 in donations of equipment and labor. (08-1625M)

Rank (7 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$121,405	\$57,000	\$64,405

**Pacific Northwest Trail Association  
Olympic Youth Crews 2009**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to fund a youth crew for continued trail maintenance along the Pacific Northwest Trail, through the Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park. The crews will work in the following areas: 1) from the Gold Creek Trailhead, through the Buckhorn Wilderness, and into the Dosewallips River Valley; 2) in the High Divide and Low Divide areas on the Solduc River and the upper and lower Bogachiel River in the national park; and 3) along the lower Bogachiel River. This program has been very successful during the past eight years in getting at-risk youth outdoors, working on trails, and learning outdoor etiquette, team work skills, and respect for nature. The association will contribute \$57,000 in donations of equipment and labor. (08-1626M)

Rank (8 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$60,609	\$28,008	\$32,601

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

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to fund a crew team to maintain portions of the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and the Goat Rocks wilderness areas. The grant will pay for a crew leader, two crew members, and transportation for two years. The crew will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and repair trail surfaces. The crews hope to clear about 75 percent of the trails (285 miles) each year, and complete more complicated repairs on about 25 percent of the trails (95 miles) over the two years. Staff at the Naches Ranger District manages about 380 miles of backcountry trails used by more than 30,000 stock and foot travelers annually. All work will be done using hand tools only. The forest service will contribute \$28,008 in cash and donated labor. (08-1168M)

Rank (9 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$137,782	\$62,782	\$75,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Chelan Ranger District  
Chelan Uplake Trails 09**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 192 miles of trail in the Chelan Ranger District's portions of the Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, the Sawtooth roadless area, the Lucerne-Holden Village scenic corridor, and Dome Lake roadless area. Crews will remove fallen trees, clean drainage structures, and remove loose rock. In addition to routine maintenance, crews will remove brush, rebuild trail surfaces, fix drainage structures, repair culverts and signs, and repair bridges along 6 miles of trail, most of which have been burnt in the past 7 years. The forest service will contribute \$62,782 in labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1197M)

Rank (10 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$125,432	\$57,932	\$67,500

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District  
Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 125 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Crews will clear the trails, remove overgrown brush, fix drainage structures, and repair trail surfaces on trails within the watersheds of the north, middle, and south forks of the Snoqualmie River, including trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 100,000 visitors use this trail system each year. The forest service will contribute \$57,932 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1756M)

Rank (10 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$310,505	\$248,404	\$62,101

**Washington State Parks**

**Mount. Baker/Methow & South Cascades Regions Snowmobile Trail Grooming**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 13,417 miles of snowmobile trails in the Mount Baker-Methow-South Cascade area. Trail grooming will be done between December 1 and March 31, or earlier if there is enough snow. State Parks will contribute \$248,404 from a state grant. (08-1597M)

Rank (12 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$39,664	\$18,080	\$21,584

**Nooksack Nordic Ski Club**

**Salmon Ridge Ski Trails Maintenance 2008-2010**

The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will use this grant to groom and maintain 22 miles of ski trails in the Salmon Ridge trail system during the next 2 years. Salmon Ridge Cross-country Ski Area and SnoPark provides the only groomed and tracked ski trails in western Washington north of Stevens Pass. The ski area, which is on the flank of Mount

Baker, attracts more than 5,800 visits each winter. The ski club, a 65-member volunteer organization, takes care of the 22-mile trail system. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club will contribute \$18,080 in a state grant and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1076M)

Rank (13 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Darrington Ranger District  
Darrington Trail Maintenance 09/10**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 150 miles of backcountry trails for two years, including trails within the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and its access trails. Many of these trails begin at low elevation and climb steep slopes, and are within wilderness areas. Maintenance costs are high because of a combination of high use, poor soils, wet climate, and steep, rugged slopes. Volunteers work on the lower portions of many of these trails but are unable to reach the higher elevations. This grant will help the forest service hire maintenance workers to assist volunteer and youth crews, as well as complete projects in remote and difficult areas. The forest service will contribute \$50,000 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the national Recreation Trails Program. (08-1701)

Rank (14 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$140,000	\$90,000	\$50,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mount Baker Ranger District  
Mount. Baker Trail Maintenance 2009-10**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 90 miles of hiker and stock trail in the backcountry of the northern Cascade Mountains over two years. The trails are near Bellingham, Vancouver B.C., Seattle, Everett, and Mount Vernon. These trails see an estimated 100,000 visitors annually. Crews will remove overgrown brush and downed trees, and repair drainage structures and trail surfaces. Completion of this project will reduce the ranger district's deferred trail maintenance by 35 percent. The forest service will contribute \$90,000 in cash and donated labor. (08-1125M)

Rank (15 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$74,880	\$34,880	\$40,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District  
Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 400 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails in the Wenatchee River Ranger District. Crews will clear trails and remove downed trees. Interstate addition, they will remove overgrown brush and repair drainage structures and trail surfaces on a few select miles. The forest service will contribute \$34,880 in cash and donated labor. (08-1830M)

Rank (16 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$161,908	\$86,908	\$75,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District  
Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repair Phase 2**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to rebuild the Snoqualmie Lake Trail from its trail head to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness boundary and from Snoqualmie Lake to the district boundary, where it becomes the Lake Dorothy Trail #1072. Both Snoqualmie Lake and the Lake Dorothy Trail are used heavily as access points to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The first 6.3 miles are on an old road. Crews will maintain drainage structures and reconstruct the trail through two avalanche slides. On the upper portion, from Snoqualmie Lake to the district boundary, crews will replace drainage structures, repair the slumping trail head, and reroute short segments around wetlands. The trail is unsafe, difficult to maintain, and damaging the resource. The forest service will contribute \$86,908 in cash and donated labor. (08-1878D)

Rank (16 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$55,697	\$29,736	\$25,961

**U.S. Forest Service Okanogan National Forest Tonasket Ranger District  
Honeymoon Pass Trail 08**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to relocate 3 miles of Honeymoon Pass Trail to the base of the ridge. The trail follows the north fork of Salmon Creek and is popular with horseback riders, hikers, and snowmobilers. About 1,800 people use the trail each year. Originally built as path for sheep drives about 100 years ago, Honeymoon Pass Trail has been maintained by users, including snowmobilers, hikers, and horseback riders, for the past 30 years. Each spring, sections of the trail become so wet that horses get bogged to their bellies in mud, a situation dangerous to horse and rider and ecologically unsustainable. The trail is safely passable by September, but users often try to pass through in the muddy times, degrading the wet areas and widening the problem spots. Crews will move the trail from the spruce bog bottom to the base of the ridge. Partners include the Okanogan Trail Riders, the Backcountry Horsemen, Okanogan Butte Busters, and the Pacific Northwest Trail Association. The forest service will contribute \$29,736 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. (08-1440D)

Rank (18 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$152,600	\$77,600	\$75,000

**Backcountry Bicycle Trail Club  
S Fork Snoqualmie Road to Trail Conversion, Phase 1**

The Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club will use this grant to help design and develop a network of multi-use trails, following road decommissioning in the South Fork Snoqualmie River Basin, along the south side of Interstate 90 between Olallie State Park to the west and Hansen Creek to the east. Development is expected to take place in three phases and will create a 22-mile network of backcountry trails, all located off forest service roads. This trail network will dramatically increase the total mileage of trails open to mountain bikes along the freeway corridor and tie into the existing John Wayne Pioneer Trail and the soon-to-be-built Mount Washington Trail in Olallie State

Park. This project was proposed in 1995 and has received support from agencies including Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Washington Trails Association. Since the initial proposal, the forest service has acquired all needed land and has scheduled 50 miles of roads for decommissioning beginning in 2009. The Backcountry Bicycle Trail Club will contribute \$77,600 from a federal grant and in donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the national Recreation Trails Program. (08-1598)

Rank (18 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$32,000	\$17,000	\$15,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mount Baker Ranger District  
Heliotrope Trail Bridge**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to replace the 18-year-old log Heliotrope Trail Bridge that failed under snow this past winter. The bridge crosses Grouse Creek and accesses the Heliotrope Trail, a major portal to the Mount Baker Wilderness and the climbing route on Mount Baker. The new bridge will be made of steel with cedar decking and handrails. About 9,000 people hike the Heliotrope Trail from May through September. The forest service will contribute \$17,000 in equipment, materials, and donated labor. (08-1243D)

Rank (20 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$284,151	\$227,321	\$56,830

**Washington State Parks  
Blewett and Interstate-90 Snowmobile Trail Grooming Systems**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 13,195 miles of snowmobile trails in the Blewett and Interstate-90 area. Crews will groom trails between December 1 and March 31, or earlier if enough snow falls. State Parks will contribute \$227,321 from a state grant. (08-1720M)

Rank (21 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$272,737	\$218,190	\$54,547

**Washington State Parks  
Leavenworth/Chelan Region Snowmobile Trail Grooming**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 10,528 miles of snowmobile trails in the Leavenworth-Chelan area. The trails will be groomed between December 1 and March 31 or earlier if enough snow falls. State Parks will contribute \$218,190 from a state grant. (08-1708M)

Rank (22 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$115,000	\$65,000	\$50,000

**Mount Tahoma Trails Association  
Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance**

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association will use this grant to maintain more than 40 miles of trails that link three backcountry huts for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and are used by hikers and mountain bikers in the summer. Crews will groom the trails in the winter, clear them of overgrown brush and trees in the summer, install signs, and maintain snow cats and snowmobiles. An estimated 8,000 people use the trails each season. The association will contribute \$65,000 in donated labor. (08-1661M)

Rank (23 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$122,340	\$51,200	\$71,140

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Non-Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operation 09-10**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users. Crews will remove downed trees, cut brush and trees limbs encroaching on the trail, repair and build drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and install trail signs. The forest service will contribute \$51,200 in labor and donated labor. (08-1665M)

Rank (24 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$165,067	\$132,054	\$33,013

**Washington State Parks  
Taneum/Manastash and Stemilt/Collockum Snowmobile Trail Grooming Systems**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 6,372 miles of snowmobile trails in the Tanemum-Manastash and Stemilt-Collockum areas. Crews will groom trails December 1 through March 31, or earlier if enough snow falls. State Parks will contribute \$132,054 from a state grant. (08-1712M)

Rank (24 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$250,414	\$200,331	\$50,083

**Washington State Parks  
Interstate land Northeast/Southeast Region Snowmobile Trail Grooming**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 11,169 miles of snowmobile trails in the Interstate land Northeast and Southeast areas. Crews will groom trails between December 1 and March 31, or earlier if enough snow has fallen. State Parks will contribute \$200,331 from a state grant. (08-1745M)

Rank (26 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$102,569	\$44,500	\$58,069

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Wilderness Trails Maintenance & Operation 09-10**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to maintain and repair 157 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Crews will include remove downed trees, cut brush and tree limbs encroaching on trails, repair drainage structures and trail surfaces, and build and install signs. Crews will tackle high-use trails, such as Waptus River, Pete Lake, Rachel Lake, Deception Pass, and Pacific Crest. The forest service will contribute \$44,500 in labor and donated labor. (08-1646M)

Rank (27 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$296,256	\$237,005	\$59,251

**Washington State Parks**

**Greenwater/Yakima Region Snowmobile Trail Grooming**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to groom 11,436 miles of snowmobile trails in the Greenwater-Yakima area. Crews will groom trails between December 1 and March 31, or earlier if enough snow falls. State Parks will contribute \$237,005 from a state grant. (08-1711M)

Rank (28 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$159,575	\$92,346	\$67,229

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Snowmobile Trail Maintenance 2008-2010**

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District  
Hiring Snow Rangers to Develop a Snowmobile Trails Sign Plan

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire two snow rangers to design and implement a snowmobile safety and maintenance plan for the ranger district. Snow rangers will inventory snowmobile trails and create a sign plan, creating a consistent sign standard that will increase safety. The rangers will create system maps with photos. Snowmobile club volunteers will build and install signs and maintain trails to bolster the rangers' efforts. The Cle Elum Ranger District provides more than 500 miles of groomed, snowmobile trails that are accessible easily from Interstate 90, and consequently the most heavily used in Washington. The forest service will contribute \$92,346 in materials and a state grant. (08-1772M)

Rank (31 of 40)

## Alternates

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	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
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### **Mountaineers**

#### **Mountaineers Groomer Project 08**

The Mountaineers will use this grant to buy a snow groomer and a narrow track snow vehicle, with a blade to groom 2.7 miles of trail linking several non-motorized trails in the Crystal Springs Sno-Park area. The Mountaineers will use the equipment to provide an 8-foot-wide trail with a cross-country track and a flat track for skiers and snowshoers. Skiers and snowshoers have no groomed trails at Crystal Springs. The trail also will provide access to a lodge, food, and restrooms. The Mountaineers will contribute \$41,400 in equipment, a state grant, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1621M)

Rank (29 of 40)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
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### **Backcountry Bicycle Trail Club**

#### **Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club Multi-Use Volunteer Trail Maintenance 2009**

The Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club will use this grant to pay for a part-time crew leader to increase the capacity of volunteer crews. The bicycle club has used volunteer crews and crew leaders to provide trail maintenance since 1989. The club will provide volunteer teams to counties, Washington Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Crews will focus on heavily used trails that have deferred maintenance or storm damage, such as East Tiger Mountain, the forest service trails off Highway 410 near Greenwater, Saint Edward State Park, and the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Trail. A paid crew leader will be better able to prepare work sites, stage equipment, and coordinate volunteer teams. The club will contribute \$39,783 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the National Recreation Trails Program. (08-1776)

Rank (30 of 40)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
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### **Hurricane Ridge Education Foundation**

#### **Hurricane Hill Cross Country Trail Grooming**

The Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports club has plowed a ramp and the first two miles of a cross country ski trail at Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park, a couple of times a season after grooming the downhill ski slopes. The ski club has lost money in each of the last 6 years and can no longer provide this limited free service. This will leave the 100,000 people of the peninsula without a groomed backcountry trail. The Hurricane Ridge Education Foundation, with the help of this grant, would like to get this winter backcountry trail open all winter long. Hurricane Ridge's high winds and snowfall make for large drifts of snow that make the trail very difficult to use and the drifts, together with the National Parks snow removal equipment working to get the parking lot cleared,

make a huge wall at the entrance to the trail. With the help of this grant we can make a snow ramp and smoothed trail to enable people of all ages and levels of experience and physical abilities to experience the winter backcountry of the Olympic National Park. With this trail groomed and open all through the winter, we expect the usage to soar to 100 plus people per day, each day the area is open. There are no other options for people to get this high (5200 ft.) in the Olympic National Park and have this snow covered winter wonderland experience. (08-1294M)

Rank (32 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$42,120	\$17,120	\$25,000

**Loup Loup Ski Education  
Loup Trail Maintenance**

The scope of this project is for acquisition of equipment (snowmobile, trailer, grooming attachments, and gate) to upgrade maintenance and grooming on the Nordic Trail system at the Loup Loup Summit (South Summit and North Summit - Loup Loup Ski Area). The grant will be matched by the LLSEF through a combination of a maintenance grant, and donated labor and materials (summer trail maintenance; sign materials, construction and maintenance; equipment maintenance, equipment donations).

With the new equipment it is anticipated that an additional 5 miles of trail could be groomed and all 40 miles of trail will be groomed at least twice a week during the season. Because the trails are at and above 4,000 feet, users are able to use groomed trails to access backcountry opportunities in logged over areas and on slopes between trails. The trail system experiences approximately 5,000 skier days each winter. (08-1167M)

Rank (33 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$31,808	\$14,868	\$16,940

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District  
Naches Nordic Multi-Use Trail Maintenance & Operation**

This request is for funding to maintain 18 miles of cross country ski and snowshoe trail on the Naches Ranger District. The trails are also used in the summer for mountain biking and hiking.

Clearing, brushing, structure maintenance, signing, winter grooming, and Nordic track setting will be implemented on the 18 miles of nonmotorized trail. The trails are managed in the winter for Nordic skiing and snow shoeing. During the snow free season, they provide a family oriented mountain biking opportunity. They are attractive to oversized groups (skiers, hikers, scouts, and stock users) because they lie outside of designated Wilderness, where party size is limited.

The trails provide a backcountry type experience, although they are easily accessible, lying within 3 miles of Highway 12 and close to Highway 410. The trails are also easily

divided into varying loops of different lengths, which enable use by recreationist of all ages and varying abilities. (08-1172M)

Rank (33 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$115,612	\$40,612	\$75,000

**Department of Natural Resources**

**West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail Renovation**

The scope of this project is to renovate an approx. 6-mile segment of the 14-mile cross mountain Tiger Mountain Trail (TMT). This segment of trail is located within the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (Natural Resources Conservation Area), Tiger Mountain State Forest. The full length of the TMT extends from the High Point Trailhead, located at Interstate-90 Exit #20, south to Tiger Mountain/Hobart Roads, however this project encompasses the renovation of the trail as it traverses the Natural Resources Conservation Area. The TMT is a popular alternative to the West Tiger #3 trail as the TMT provides access to West Tiger #2, and provides a hiking loop opportunity between the TMT and West Tiger #3 trails.

These trails are popular destination trails for hikers from the Puget Sound metropolitan area for several reasons: easy access from Interstate-90 and the High Point Trailhead as it is located approx. 20 miles east on Interstate-90 from the Seattle/Puget Sound Metropolitan area; use as a conditioning route; and on a clear day the West Tiger #2 summit provides spectacular views south to Mount. Rainier and north east to the Cascade Range. Moreover, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails Assessment, June 2005, note that "significant tread re-excavation and relocation are recommended for the trail." Additionally due to the widely variable construction techniques used on the trail, complete renovation is needed to offset current water drainage and resource impacts to the trail and surrounding forest. (08-1170D)

Rank (35 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$118,000	\$83,000	\$35,000

**King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks**

**King County Parks Backcountry Trails Blitz**

King County Parks has 180 parks, 25,000 acres, 175 miles of regional trails, and more than 130 miles of backcountry trails, making King County one of the largest local agencies in the state providing outdoor recreation. Located next to the growing population centers around Seattle, King County's parks and open spaces offer convenient, year-round hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian experiences for the county's 1.8 million residents. Parks' trail inventory and needs assessment have identified maintenance priorities, including clearing trails and repairing dip drains, culverts, bridges, turnpikes, and tread. Interstate 2009, Parks will concentrate maintenance efforts at 4 of the highest traffic sites in its system: Tolt-MacDonald, Cougar Mountain, Soaring Eagle, and Pinnacle Peak (Mount Peak). Building on the dedicated backcountry trails crew established in 2008 in part with NRTP assistance, Parks will utilize 2009 NRTP funding to hire 2 seasonal employees to work on the

backcountry crew and with trail volunteers. Focusing on the heavily used trails in the parks identified above will greatly improve users' experiences, address safety concerns, and improve habitat conditions, especially in wet areas. These maintenance efforts will be further leveraged by Parks' volunteer program and collaborations with partners, such as Washington Trails Association, Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club, People for a Rural King County, and other user groups and public agencies. (08-1376M)

Rank (36 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>\$94,111</b>	<b>\$32,111</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>

**U.S. Forest Service Olympic National Forest Pacific Ranger District - Forks Sol Duc Valley Trail Connections**

The Mount Muller Trail System includes 23 miles of trail. The center of the system is the 12 mile Mount. Muller - Littleton Loop trail that climbs from the valley floor, up to the high elevation meadows of diverse wildflowers and spectacular scenery of Mount. Olympus and the Olympics, Lake Crescent, and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Secondary trails connecting to the Mount. Muller Trail System includes Snider Ridge, linking Kloshe Nanitch Lookout and Snider Work Center. While Mount Muller is a heavily used bike and horse trail, Snider Ridge Trail was only designed for hikers. This project will upgrade Snider Ridge and the primitive 3040 trail to accommodate horse and mountain bike use. The District built a small trailhead to access Clallam County's Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) at the west end of the valley and the Littleton Horse Camp near Mount. Muller Trailhead at the east end. This project will add improvements to both trailheads, including a vault toilet at the ODT trailhead that will allow for a small bike camp.

This NRTP project combines development of new connector trails with renovation of existing trail to create more opportunities linked to the Mount. Muller, Pyramid Peak and Olympic Discovery Trail systems. These trail connectors will greatly increase the recreation opportunities for both mountain bikers and horse groups. Interstate also provides better access for users, increasing safety and addressing impacts of use on routes that have not been constructed to standard designs. (08-1845D)

Rank (37 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>\$112,000</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Washington State Parks Interstate-90 Snoqualmie Non-Motorized Grooming '08/'09**

There are over 35 map miles of highly used groomed cross-country ski and dog sled trails along the Interstate-90 Corridor and throughout the Snoqualmie area. This proposal would allow the State Parks Winter Recreation (non-snowmobile) Sports Program to continue to provide approximately 4,700 miles of grooming, on over 35 map miles of trail, in the 2008-09 winter seasons, which typically is December 1 through March 31.

The demand for non-motorized winter sport recreational opportunities along the Interstate-90 Corridor has increased significantly, and staff anticipates a continued growth over the next several years. During the 2007-08 winter seasons, approximately 100,000 users were reported using the Interstate-90 Corridor non-motorized trail system. Due to high trail use, continued grooming is imperative for a safe and enjoyable recreational experience.

The Winter Recreation Sports Sno-Park program is funded by the sale of One-day, Seasonal, and Special Groomed Trails Sno-Park permits. Statewide demands for non-motorized services-parking areas, groomed trails, signing, mapping, etc.-far exceed the funding available; therefore, NRTP funds are needed to sustain the current level of grooming in the Interstate-90 Corridor-Snoqualmie Pass area. (08-1868M)  
Rank (38 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$161,000	\$91,000	\$70,000

**Mount Tahoma Trails Association  
Grooming Vehicle Trailer and Truck**

The Mount Tahoma Trails is a system of 2 backcountry cabins and a yurt, linked by over 40 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, 25 miles of which are groomed. MTTA has a dedicated group of volunteers who donate over 9,000 hours a year maintaining the trails with snow cats and snowmobiles. This proposal is to buy a heavy-duty truck with a snow plow and two covered trailers for snowmobiles. MTTA has a North District and a South District, separated by twenty miles of road, so two sets of equipment are required. The truck will haul the snowmobiles where needed, and transport the volunteers, while keeping the grooming access area cleared.

MTTA relies on grants for capital equipment funding. The project scope is to provide safe and accessible winter recreation for thousands of outdoor enthusiasts from around the state. The trail system has been in operation for 18 years and has been used by over 100,000 winter recreationists in the past 18 years.

MTTA is actively supported by hundreds of volunteers and trail users, as well as the local business community, the Department of Natural Resources, the Peninsula Wilderness Club, and the Mountaineers. The expected benefits are the consistent grooming of trails, the attraction of many skiers and snowshoers to a depressed local economy, and the assurance of a safe trail experience for the 8,000 day users and 2,300 overnights who use the trails each winter. (08-1667M)  
Rank (39 of 40)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$95,152	\$20,152	\$75,000

**Washington State Snowmobile Association  
Washington State Snowmobile Association Snowmobile Trail Grooming**

The Washington State Snowmobile Association will provide trail grooming services during the 2008 - 2009 season (December to approximately April 15) at five identified

worksites in Yakima, Pierce, Kittitas and Pend Oreille/Stevens counties. Interstate approved this project will provide an estimated 1185 miles of trail grooming services at five separate work sites on a 152 miles of trail.

Additional grooming is needed at Greenwater, Chewelah, Yakima, and Taneum Manashtash. Because of the level of snowmobile usage the present grooming frequency is not adequate to maintain these snowmobile trails in a satisfactory condition. Numerous complaints have been received because the trails are rough and may constitute a safety hazard. The extremely rough trails diminish the enjoyment of snowmobilers and other recreationists. Grooming of short connector routes to existing trails are needed at Shadow Creek, Tucker Creek, Peaches Ridge and Teanaway to provide better access to a play areas. The need for trail grooming at these sites has been endorsed and approved by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee, which is a state-wide committee that provides advice on the Snowmobile Program to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Interstate is the goal of this project to provide better quality trails for enjoyment of winter activities. This project is strongly supported by supported by snowmobilers, several snowmobile clubs and Washington State Snowmobile Association. (08-1499M)

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**National Recreational Trails Program  
Education  
Federal Fiscal Year 2009  
Project Synopses**

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$22,102	\$12,102	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers 2008-2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to support volunteer winter patrols along trails and in backcountry areas where multiple users, such as skiers, snowshoers, dog mushers, and snowmobile riders, visit. Snow rangers will work with volunteers to assess changing user patterns and proactively stop conflicts. The forest service will contribute \$12,102 in labor and donated labor. This was the highest ranked project of 37 competing in the education and enforcement category of the national Recreation Trails Program. (08-1691E)

Rank (1 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$28,858	\$18,858	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt Adams Ranger District  
Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 2008-2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to provide a snow ranger in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Snow rangers provide education and safety patrols with a focus on snowmobilers. The forest includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascade Mountains and contains nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile trail and more than 100 miles of cross-country ski trail. Snow rangers work with volunteers to educate people on safe and responsible trail use, avalanche hazards, and respect for all trail users. They also install off-trail signs in wilderness areas. The forest service will contribute \$18,858 in cash and donated labor. (08-1544E)

Rank (2 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$21,270	\$11,430	\$9,840

**U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Methow Ranger District  
North Cascade Rangers**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire a backcountry ranger to patrol trail heads, trails, lake shores, climbing and snowmobiling areas, and campsites within the North Cascade Scenic and Harts Pass Areas. The ranger will educate visitors about minimizing environmental impact, regulations, and trail and destination conditions, as well as maintain trail head bulletin boards and signs. The area covered by the ranger contains 10 trail heads and 119 miles of trail. The forest service will contribute \$11,430 in cash, labor, and donations of cash and labor. (08-1657E)

Rank (3 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$34,873	\$24,873	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 2008-2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to provide full staffing of six snow rangers on weekends and up to five rangers on weekdays. The district is the busiest winter sports destination in Washington. Snow rangers patrol 21 sno-parks and winter staging areas, 500 miles of groomed snowmobile trail, and about 300,000 acres of snowmobile riding areas. Snow rangers will educate trail users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, safe travel speeds, winter survival, avalanches, respect for wilderness, and trail etiquette. Snow rangers also help minimize conflicts. The forest service will contribute \$24,873 from a state grant. (08-1692E)

Rank (3 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$29,402	\$19,402	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District  
Naches Off Highway Vehicle Education Rangers**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire two, off-highway vehicle rangers and provide transportation for them to patrol 250 miles of motorized trail, trailheads, and campsites in the Naches Ranger District. The rangers will educate motorized trail users during weekends, holidays, and other heavy use times during the snow free season. They will educate visitors about safe riding habits, reducing environmental impacts, and regulations. More than 70 percent of motorized recreationists visiting the district come from outside the local area, and many are unfamiliar with safe riding practices and how their activities can damage the environment. The forest service will contribute \$19,402 in labor, materials, and donations of equipment and labor. (08-1173E)

Rank (5 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$18,000	\$9,000	\$9,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Backcountry Trail Education 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to provide a backcountry trail education ranger, who will patrol 400 miles of non-wilderness trail in the Cle Elum Ranger District. The ranger will patrol on foot, horseback, and mountain bike. Rangers educate users on ways to reduce environmental damage, explain regulations, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize visitor conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting unsafe trails and assisting with rescue efforts. The forest service will contribute \$9,000 in labor and a state grant. (08-1693E)

Rank (6 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$41,452	\$31,452	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District  
Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to support the volunteer ranger program for one year. Funds will be used to hire a seasonal program coordinator. The coordinator recruit, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and backcountry. The coordinator and volunteers design educational programs, provide visitors with trail safety and resource protection information, assist in emergencies, and maintain bulletin boards, trails, and campsites. Volunteers also help with community outreach programs including walks, work parties, and visitor center displays. More than 100,000 visitors use trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District each year. For the past 10 years, 40 to 60 volunteers have donated between 3,000 and 5,000 hours each season. The forest service will contribute \$31,452 in cash, labor, and donations of equipment and labor. (08-1757E)

Rank (7 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$18,000	\$9,000	\$9,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District  
Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers 09**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire a wilderness ranger to patrol trails, campsites, and lake shores in 86,000-acre Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The wilderness and adjacent area contain 12 trail heads, 157 miles of trail, more than 60 lake destinations, and more than 750 campsites. The area typically receives more than 25,000 visits a year because of its outstanding scenic views, recreation opportunities, and closeness to the Puget Sound. Rangers will educate visitors on ways to minimize environmental impacts and on forest service regulations. They also design brochures and posters for trail heads, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user conflicts, demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques, and document trail conditions to address safety and maintenance needs. For the past decade, decreasing budgets have resulted in fewer rangers while visitation has increased. The forest service will contribute \$9,000 in labor and a state grant. (08-1694E)

Rank (8 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$29,950	\$19,950	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Entiat Ranger District  
Lake Wenatchee Entiat Snow Rangers 08-09**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire two teams of safety and education snowmobile patrols on winter weekends. The teams will educate visitors on safe and courteous snowmobile operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, and trail etiquette. Teams will help maintain more than 250 signs, hand out information and maps, and put on snowmobile safety classes. The Entiat and Lake

Wenatchee Ranger Districts groom more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly, providing for the estimated 45,000 snowmobilers who use the trail system and facilities. The forest service will contribute \$19,950 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donated labor. (08-1540E)

Rank (10 of 37)

**Alternates**

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<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,925	\$2,925	\$10,000

**Backcountry Horsemen of Washington  
Minimum Impact Recreation 2009**

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to help pay for pamphlets, banners, and supplies for trainers teaching an educational program for low impact camping. The Backcountry Horsemen have taught people to respect the environment for 30 years. The program’s goals are to develop DVDs that are specific to different types of terrain and to hold yearly classes to educate people venturing into forests and mountains about how use minimum impact techniques. The Backcountry Horsemen will contribute \$2,925 in donated labor. This grant is from the national Recreation Trails Program. (08-1448E)

Rank (9 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$21,052	\$11,052	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District  
Mt. Baker Climbing Program 2009**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire a second ranger for the Mount Baker Ranger District’s climbing program. The district currently has only one ranger, who cannot work alone and safely access all the areas where climbers are. Together, they will work as a rope team on the mountain and access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with climbers. They will contact the public and educate them on minimizing environmental impacts, proper waste disposal, and safe climbing practices. The 10,781-foot summit of Mount Baker is attempted by thousand of climbers each season, creating concerns about climbing safety issues, such as unroped climbers, and resource management issues, such as human waste and campsite impacts. The forest service will contribute \$11,052 in labor and donated labor. (08-1193E)

Rank (10 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$23,000	\$13,000	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District  
Naches Snowmobile Rangers Education/Safety**

This is a request to fund two Snowmobile Rangers and transportation for the motorized winter education program on the Naches Ranger District. Two Snowmobile Rangers will educate the public at motorized sno-parks and on snowmobile trails 2-3 days per

week including weekends, holidays and during other heavy use periods. Contacts will occur during the snow grooming season, typically from mid-December through March. Education will center on safety topics and appropriate/responsible snowmobiler behavior. Topics will include avalanche awareness, winter survival, appropriate speeds, current weather conditions, trail etiquette between snowmobilers and nonmotorized users, general outdoor knowledge, current State and Forest regulations, excessive noise, low impact wildlife encounters, and respecting Wilderness boundaries. Trail signing and conditions will be monitored on approximately 150 miles of snowmobile trails with 16 sno-parks. Wilderness boundaries will also be signed and monitored in areas susceptible to snowmobile incursions. (08-1171E)

Rank (12 of 37)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Chelan Ranger District Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 2008-2009</b>			

The Greater Lake Chelan Area contains 149 miles of very scenic, well-groomed snowmobile trails on the Chelan Ranger District and southern portion of the Methow Valley Ranger District. This project would provide a needed snowmobile user education program on this popular snowmobile trail loop system linking three ranger districts: Methow, Chelan, and Entiat. Overall program goals include: increasing safety and enjoyment for snowmobilers; reducing need for winter search and rescue operations through education; reducing riding on plowed roads (safety hazard); and reducing snowmobiler and x-country skier conflicts through education. The SnoRanger will patrol high use weekends and holidays on trailheads and trails; and coordinate with local jurisdictions. (08-1673E)

Rank (13 of 37)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$15,747	\$6,455	\$9,292
<b>U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District Mountain Bike / All Terrain Vehicle Patroller</b>			

While the Wenatchee River Ranger District has for many years had active ranger programs making educational contacts with hikers, horse riders, and motorcycle riders, we have until recently paid little attention to mountain bike users. On the one hand, the construction of illegal trail structures such as jumps, and other problems associated with unregulated mountain bike use, has raised public safety and liability concerns for the Forest Service. On the other hand, mountain bikers seem to feel that the Forest Service fails to understand their needs, and has not done enough to accommodate this rapidly growing sport.

A mountain bike patrol ranger would facilitate a cooperative relationship with the local mountain bike community, helping to make the Forest Service more aware of user needs and desires and helping to make users more aware of Forest Service concerns, policies, and regulations. The ranger would patrol both system and non-system trails used by mountain bikers, develop signing specific to mountain bike trails and users, and

provide the District with a better understanding of where mountain bike use is occurring and what issues are arising.

The District would also use the position funded by this grant to continue our efforts at educating ATV users in the Shaser Creek area, working with the private land owner in this mixed-ownership area to make visitor contacts, maintain signing, and maintain an informational bulletin board at the road gate. (08-1543E)

Rank (14 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$14,373	\$5,050	\$9,323

**U.S. Forest Service Okanogan National Forest Methow Ranger District  
Methow Winter Rangers**

The Methow Valley Ranger District has over 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails which also provide access to acres of "play areas" and ungroomed snowmobile routes. There are over 10,000 snowmobile visits annually. Additionally, the area is nationally known for its cross-country and backcountry skiing opportunities which utilize some of the same routes and areas, particularly the North Cascade Scenic Area. Annual snowmobile incursions into wilderness and other closed areas, due to lack of education and signing, have been reported to the district with increased frequency.

Two rangers would be funded by this project to patrol and educate trail users in all aspects of winter travel and safety. The rangers would be making one on one contacts at the trailheads and on the trails. Information and education provided would include courteous and safe snowmobile operations, respect for other trail users, Forest Travel Plan routes and designated closures, avalanche awareness, wildlife or other resource concerns, and knowledge of local area and conditions. The rangers would work in cooperation with local snowmobilers and skiers to maintain trail and closure signs, including Sno-Park bulletin boards, and patrol the backcountry.

The district has not had dedicated winter rangers in the past due to budget constraints. Presence in the field has been very limited. Funding of this project is critical to better serve winter trail users and protect resources. (08-1656E)

Rank (15 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$27,744	\$17,744	\$10,000

**Washington Water Trails Association  
Shore Leave No Trace Program - Puget Sound**

This grant will continue the SEA Kayaker Team which works summer weekends during peak boating months for two years - \$5000. Per year - to provide Leave No Trace messages and education to non-motorized boaters and others.

Less than 10 percent of Puget Sound shoreline is accessible by the public, concentrating use on extremely limited shoreland areas. Washington Water Trails Association (WWTA) has a proven and effective Leave No Trace program that educates

people using shores and waters in the areas of low impact recreation practices, wildlife viewing etiquette, and safe boating practices. A 2007 NW Paddler Survey demonstrated a Leave No Trace knowledge increase in 72 percent of WWTAs members compared with 60 percent of involved Northwest paddlers. The potential to reach casual boaters, youth, and people enjoying Puget Sound shores increases dramatically in the summer when most boating recreation occurs.

The Shore Leave No Trace Program - Puget Sound complements the efforts of many other organizations working to save Puget Sound. WWTAs is directing its efforts to those people who care about backcountry experience on the nation's second largest estuary and protecting the Salish Sea's rich maritime history. The Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker Team brings well-researched materials and experiential education to people actively recreating on Puget Sound waters and shores. (08-1034E)

Rank (16 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>\$14,579</b>	<b>\$5,354</b>	<b>\$9,225</b>

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District Wilderness Snowmobile Education**

The Wenatchee River Ranger and Cle Elum Ranger Districts offer an extensive system of groomed trails and ungroomed areas where snowmobilers may legally recreate. However, complaints from skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers regarding illegal motorized incursions into wilderness areas and other sites of concern have become commonplace. While snow ranger patrols of groomed snowmobile areas have been on-going for years, these other areas have traditionally received little from Forest Service personnel, in part because the seasonal ranger workforce is laid off during these critical months.

This project would fund patrol of our more remote areas where issues of public safety and illegal activity have become problematic. Patrols would strengthen current educational efforts and improve signing of wilderness boundaries. Rangers will make direct public contacts in these areas during peak use times, during weekends in late winter and spring. Rangers will emphasize both public safety and resource management concerns. A brochure and wilderness boundary map explaining snowmobile use and wilderness issues will be distributed to users during in-field contacts and through regional snowmobile dealers, clubs, and the Washington State Snowmobile Association Convention. Area specific posters have been designed and will be placed on bulletin boards at access points to areas such as Mill Valley, Icicle Creek, and the Teanaway River. (08-1542E)

Rank (17 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$22,210	\$12,210	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District Mountain Stewards Volunteer Project 2009**

This grant would provide for a volunteer coordinator to support the Mountain Stewards Program volunteers. Without this grant there would not be a volunteer coordinator available to coordinate the volunteers who want to provide this service to the Forest Service (FS).

The Mountain Steward Program is an adult based volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on three of the busiest trail systems on the Mt. Baker Ranger District. These trails, located in the Mt. Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area, and around the Heather Meadows area, are extremely popular and receive heavy use from a diverse public. Mountain Stewards are on these trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, Leave No Trace, forest regulations and to provide information about the areas such as camp locations. Specialized training allows volunteers to interact with forest visitors and help them understand how to reduce their recreational impact on the resources and on other visitors. Volunteers have engaged in over 9500 visitor contacts during the past 6 seasons that they have been out on the trails.

North Cascades Institute (NCI) would partner with the FS for this project and would contribute through recruitment of volunteers and assisting with training. The Mountain Steward volunteer coordinator would work with NCI to develop the training and would provide daily support for volunteers during the program. (08-1194E)

Rank (18 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$17,881	\$8,262	\$9,619

**U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee River Ranger District Wenatchee River Ranger District Wilderness High Use Area Ranger**

This proposal will fund a wilderness ranger whose main focus will be making visitor contacts on high use areas outside of the Enchantment Permit Area of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Because of our need to administer a restricted-use permit system in the Enchantments, that area has come to take up most of our ranger crew's time. Nevertheless, other areas are sustaining much higher use and much more use-related impacts than the Enchantments. Many of these other high impact areas are relatively close to trailheads and have moderate elevation gains, making them popular with families and hikers with beginning to intermediate skill levels. At the Spider Meadows and Ingalls Lake trailheads, it is not uncommon to have between 60-80 cars on the weekends. A wilderness ranger focused on these high impact areas would engage visitors they meet and educate and inform them on "leave no trace", wilderness ethics, pertinent regulations, and safety concerns. A regular presence at these heavily used sites and access trails areas will help instill a wilderness ethic into these users and minimize the impacts of recreational use. (08-1883E)

Rank (19 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$13,020	\$3,020	\$10,000

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Northeast Region 2008 Winter Steward #1**

This NRTP education and safety project will partially fund a Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Region snowmobile trails and facilities.

The demand for outdoor winter recreation opportunities is increasing in this area and the DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional staff resources to manage the impacts of increased use we will be unable to manage these trails and facilities in a safe and sustainable way.

This project will provide an in-field, one-on-one presence to interact with users and educate and inform them about safety, appropriate use, program information and other recreational opportunities. The Winter Trail Steward will work with volunteer resources to coordinate, implement and oversee organized trail patrols. They will educate riders with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or visitors without the required sno-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the necessary Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1077E)

Rank (20 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$14,650	\$4,650	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Colville National Forest  
Newport and Sullivan Lake Snowmobile**

The scope of this project is to acquire funding for a second snowmobile to be used to support the Winter (snowmobile) Recreation program on the Colville National Forest and in particular on the Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts. Currently, the ranger districts do not have snowmobiles to access and monitor the 650 miles of designated, groomed snowmobile trails on the forest as well as the numerous miles of undesignated trails and play areas. At the present time the ranger districts only have one snowmobile which is capable of doing patrols. It was purchased with RCO funding. Due to safety concerns during the winter, Forest Service personnel work in pairs. If this project was funded, it would enable the ranger districts to purchase an additional snowmobile for monitoring purposes as well as educational contacts. (08-1906E)

Rank (21 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$11,705	\$2,320	\$9,385

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Southeast 2008 Winter Trail Steward #1**

This NRTP education and safety project will fund part of a much needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region throughout five sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. The Southeast Region wants to continue providing winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to help ensure that the experience we are providing is safe and sustainable. This proposal will provide a portion of the resources necessary for creating this presence during the high winter use season.

This project will provide an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists in the field and educate and inform them about safety and appropriate use. The Winter Trail Steward will coordinate organized trail patrols with volunteers. They will inform riders with unlicensed snowmobiles, and/or visitors without the required sno-park passes, about the winter recreation funding program and direct them to permit vendors. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1079E)

Rank (22 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,500	\$2,600	\$9,900

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources South Puget Sound 2008 Winter Trail Steward**

This NRTP education and safety project will fund a portion of the Winter Trail Steward presence needed in the Department of Natural Resources' South Puget Sound Region including; 70 miles of non-motorized trail, two sno-parks and four overnight huts. The demand for outdoor winter recreation opportunities in this area is increasing and the DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional staff resources to manage the impacts of increased use we will be unable to manage these trails and facilities in a safe and sustainable way.

This project will provide an in-field presence to interact one-on-one with users and educate and inform them about safety, appropriate use, program information and other recreational opportunities. The Winter Trail Steward will work with volunteer resources to coordinate, implement and oversee organized trail patrols. They will educate visitors without the required sno-park pass and create a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other

enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal provides some Winter Trail Steward labor, as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1123E)

Rank (23 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$40,891	\$31,230	\$9,661

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District Visitor Information and Education Steward**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District has two distinct office locations. The administrative site is in North Bend and is fully funded with a full time visitor information/education assistant. The satellite office in Enumclaw is set to reduce staffing and hours of operation for the Enumclaw office by 2009. Concurrently the City of Enumclaw, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service and the Forest Service will be relocating to a new "Gateway Visitor Center" in Enumclaw that will be built with appropriated dollars from Federal Highways. The new Visitor Center will be a beautiful, state of the art building and will be a hub for information for recreationist and tourist that will be visiting the Snoqualmie National Forest and Mt. Rainier National Park. The center will have a spacious interpretive area and a conference room. We are looking for funding to offset salary for a professional education and information specialist that will assist at the visitor center. This position, in addition to providing visitor information, will be responsible for scheduling and coordinating volunteer work parties, training volunteers and assisting with the logistics to support volunteer groups. With this assistance the District will continue to be the lead District on the Forest increasing our capacity to work with volunteers and youth in the National Forest. (08-1903E)

Rank (24 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$15,040	\$5,040	\$10,000

**Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Department of Fish and Wildlife Off-Road Vehicle**

The scope of this project is to help acquire the needed equipment to support the tri-county ORV programs in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties. These counties are opening a large continuum of public roadways to ORV users. Many of the roadways often lead to Federal and State Lands as well as private corporation timber lands. Some of these areas are open to ORV use and some are not. WDFW has historically been the lead agency in recreational ORV user contacts. First and foremost these user contacts have been educational and information based. WDFW does have some agency purchased ORV that have been used for public contact in these areas; however, they are aging and in need of replacement. WDFW dedicates many hours annually to ORV patrols. The equipment requested is needed now more than ever for the following reasons: the public for the most part, is unaware of the changing ORV regulations and open and closed areas to recreate; making contacts with users ensures that ORV users

are recreating safely, legally, and in a non-destructive manner. Many agencies and private timber corporations are threatening to completely close their areas due to the users that disregard the common sense approach to ORVing; and erosion, wildlife harassment and habitat destruction. Having an additional ORV for use in making contacts in both areas open and closed to ORV use would greatly benefit the recreating public and increase the general understanding of the ever-changing ORV regulations. (08-1859E)

Rank (25 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,905	\$3,020	\$9,885

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Northeast 2008 Winter Trail Steward #3**

This NRTP education and safety project will partially fund a Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Region snowmobile trails and facilities. The demand for outdoor winter recreation opportunities is increasing in this area and the DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional staff resources to manage the impacts of increased use we will be unable to manage these trails and facilities in a safe and sustainable way.

This project will provide an in-field, one-on-one presence to interact with users and educate and inform them about safety, appropriate use, program information and other recreational opportunities. The Winter Trail Steward will work with volunteer resources to coordinate, implement and oversee organized trail patrols. They will educate riders with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or visitors without the required sno-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the necessary Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1126E)

Rank (26 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$14,654	\$4,654	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District Phase 1 Snowmobile Replacement**

The Snoqualmie Ranger District has a need to replace one 1990 snowmobile in order to continue to provide a quality winter recreation program. The District is home to the most popular Snowmobile Sno-Park in western Washington. The Greenwater Sno-Park has several thousand visitors annually. The groomed trail system that begins at mile post 10 on Forest Service road 70, accesses 240 miles of groomed trails and numerous open meadows and opportunities for high marking. The Snoqualmie Ranger District

has historically received grants from State Parks Winter Rec for Education and Enforcement. The District also has great volunteer support from local snowmobile clubs (snojammers and Polar Bears) and the community. (Over 1000 hours annually) Sno-Park rangers spend most of their time at the sno-parks doing compliance checks and providing information and educational to visitors. Several times a month the Sno-Park rangers will ride the trails to check signing and conditions, maintain the restroom and cabin at Government Meadows and assist the public with educational/informational materials. This presence is essential to the overall success of the winter recreation trail program. Currently the District has 2, 1990 snowmobiles that are showing their age and are no longer reliable. This application is for the replacement of one snowmobile. (08-1899E)

Rank (26 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$20,065	\$10,065	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Olympic National Forest  
Hood Canal Ranger District Backcountry and Wilderness Patrol**

The Hood Canal Ranger District is located on the east side of the Olympic Peninsula, and runs from the Wynoochee Recreation Area near Montesano to the Dungeness/Gray Wolf Recreation Area near Sequim. There are 205 miles of trail on the district, of which 66 miles are located in 4 wilderness areas. The scenic beauty of the Olympic Mountains and forests, along with the close proximity to urban populations brings individuals and organized groups looking for a variety of recreational trail opportunities including day hikes, overnight backpack trips, access to Olympic National Park trails, mountain climbing, horseback riding, motorcycle and mountain bike riding.

This project will fund a full-time wilderness ranger, and would contribute part-time funding for two additional employees. They will patrol trails, lakeshores, and campsites in the backcountry and explain and demonstrate Leave-No-Trace ethics to reduce impacts and protect the resources. In addition, the ranger will coordinate volunteer rangers, teach trail etiquette to organized groups, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. The ranger will update trail condition reports, monitor trail degradation, and update trailhead posters and trail signs.

Decreasing budgets over the last decade have resulted in fewer trail and wilderness staff to administer an expanded area with steadily increasing use. Additional funding is needed to put rangers on the trails to protect the trail and wilderness resource and pass on a stewardship ethic to the users. (08-1411E)

Rank (28 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$18,098	\$8,098	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District  
Sno-Parks Snowmobile Replacement**

This project proposal is for the replacement of two seventeen year old snowmobiles used for education and law enforcement in the Mt. Baker Ranger District's snopark program. The District's snoparks program consists of five Washington State Parks and

Winter Recreation snoparks and includes 171 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. The District hosts approximately 24,000 snowmobile visits annually throughout the snoparks.

The ability to interact with snowmobile users is significantly diminished by the use of outdated and worn out snowmobiles that are not capable of accessing difficult terrain utilized by the snowmobiling public. Snowmobile use has increased over the years, and it has become critical that Forest Service personnel have the ability to reach the public to provide information regarding resource protection, safety issues, wilderness boundaries, and to enforce existing State and Federal regulations. Modern snowmobiles would facilitate those goals.

The USFS safety policy for snowmobile travel requires that agency personnel travel in pairs. Two snowmobile grants would be sought through the NRTP grant program to satisfy the safety policy, allowing two people to safely patrol groomed snowmobile trails, dispersed play areas, and monitor and enforce wilderness boundaries violations. (08-1837E)

Rank (29 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$18,098	\$8,098	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Mt Baker Ranger District  
Wilderness Education Snowmobile Replacement**

This project proposal is for the replacement of two seventeen year old snowmobiles used for education and law enforcement in the Mt. Baker Ranger District's winter recreation snowmobile program. Two designated Wilderness Areas are accessible from four Sno-Parks located on the District. Motorized use is not allowed in Wilderness. The District's Sno-Parks program consists of five Washington State Parks and Winter Recreation Sno-Parks and includes 171 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and adjoining riding areas. The District hosts approximately 24,000 snowmobile visits annually throughout the Sno-Parks.

The ability to interact with snowmobile users is significantly diminished by the use of outdated and worn out snowmobiles that are not capable of accessing difficult terrain utilized and enjoyed by the snowmobiling public. Snowmobile use has increased over the years, and it has become critical that Forest Service personnel have the ability to reach the public to provide information regarding resource protection, safety issues, Wilderness boundaries, and to enforce existing State and Federal regulations. Modern snowmobiles would facilitate those goals.

The USFS safety policy for snowmobile travel requires that agency personnel travel in pairs. Two snowmobile grants will be sought through the NRTP grant program to satisfy the safety policy, allowing two people to safely access Wilderness boundaries and terrain concurrently with patrol of groomed snowmobile trails and dispersed play areas. (08-1875E)

Rank (30 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$13,020	\$3,020	\$10,000

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Northeast 2008 Winter Steward #2**

This NRTP education and safety project will partially fund a Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Region snowmobile trails and facilities. The demand for outdoor winter recreation opportunities is increasing in this area and the DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional staff resources to manage the impacts of increased use we will be unable to manage these trails and facilities in a safe and sustainable way.

This project will provide an in-field, one-on-one presence to interact with users and educate and inform them about safety, appropriate use, program information and other recreational opportunities. The Winter Trail Steward will work with volunteer resources to coordinate, implement and oversee organized trail patrols. They will educate riders with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or visitors without the required sno-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the necessary Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1078E)

Rank (31 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$15,850	\$5,850	\$10,000

**U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District Educational Touch Screen Kiosk**

This project is to aid in the education of Forest visitors. The Kiosk will be available for visitors with visual aid of actual sites including the district map with recreation opportunity locations. Selecting a location, with a touch, will produce a description, rules and requirements, and pictures that will allow the visitor to see points of interest at that site. Recreation opportunities will include hiking, bicycling, off road vehicles, pack animal uses, camping, hunting, fishing, and ADA accessible areas. With the declining budget and reduction of free publication hand outs, The Kiosk will increase outdoor use and knowledge of the forest. The Kiosk will help visitors from getting lost and frustrated. A grant for the purchase of this Kiosk will help aid the visitors during busy times when the wait is long for talking with a Forest Service Employee and also will allow the visitor to have a visual idea before setting out into the Forest or Wilderness. The Enumclaw Office supports 300,000 acres of Forest and Wilderness and approximately 2,000,000 forest users annually. Pictures of the selected recreation sites will be used and placed on the intranet for the kiosk. This will aid visitors to recognize their surroundings and be confident that they have arrived at the correct destination. Also the actual site pictures

will aid the visitors to know if they are interested in that particular area and spark their interest in outdoor recreation. The pictures will be taken of the trail head, interests along way and final destinations. (08-1793E)

Rank (31 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$11,705	\$2,320	\$9,385

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Southeast 2008 Winter Trail Steward #2**

This NRTP education and safety project will fund part of a much needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region throughout five sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. The Southeast Region wants to continue providing winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to help ensure that the experience we are providing is safe and sustainable. This proposal will provide a portion of the resources necessary for creating this presence during the high winter use season.

This project will provide an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists in the field and educate and inform them about safety and appropriate use. The Winter Trail Steward will coordinate organized trail patrols with volunteers. They will inform riders with unlicensed snowmobiles, and/or visitors without the required sno-park passes, about the winter recreation funding program and direct them to permit vendors. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1113E)

Rank (33 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$11,705	\$2,320	\$9,385

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region 2008 Winter Trail Steward #3**

This NRTP education and safety project will fund part of a much needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region throughout five sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. The Southeast Region wants to continue providing winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to help ensure that the experience we are providing is safe and sustainable. This proposal will provide a portion of the resources necessary for creating this presence during the high winter use season.

This project will provide an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists in the field and educate and inform them about safety and appropriate use. The Winter Trail Steward will coordinate organized trail patrols with volunteers. They will inform

riders with unlicensed snowmobiles, and/or visitors without the required sno-park passes, about the winter recreation funding program and direct them to permit vendors. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1114E)

Rank (33 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,905	\$3,020	\$9,885

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Natural Resources Northeast Region 2008 Winter Trail Steward #4**

This NRTP education and safety project will partially fund a Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Region snowmobile trails and facilities. The demand for outdoor winter recreation opportunities is increasing in this area and the DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional staff resources to manage the impacts of increased use we will be unable to manage these trails and facilities in a safe and sustainable way.

This project will provide an in-field, one-on-one presence to interact with users and educate and inform them about safety, appropriate use, program information and other recreational opportunities. The Winter Trail Steward will work with volunteer resources to coordinate, implement and oversee organized trail patrols. They will educate riders with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or visitors without the required sno-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. The Winter Trail Steward will be responsible for reporting concerns and violations to the appropriate DNR Enforcement Services Division staff or other enforcement agencies. This proposal is designed to help minimize conflicts, resource damage and inappropriate use through collaborative, educational outreach efforts.

This proposal will provide funds for some of the necessary Winter Trail Steward time as well as materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational hand-out materials. (08-1127E)

Rank (35 of 37)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$14,270	\$4,270	\$10,000

**Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Snowmobile**

The scope of this project is to acquire a snowmobile to be used to support the Winter Recreation program on the 800 miles of groomed snowmobile routes and various winter recreation play areas within the Colville National Forest, Washington Department of

Natural Resource lands, Mount Spokane State Park and adjacent private corporation timberlands within northeastern Washington. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is the lead agency for education for motorized winter recreation in Spokane, Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties. At the present time WDFW does not have the needed snowmobiles to monitor snowmobiling activities nor make educational contacts with its users within this four county area. If this project is funded, it will enable WDFW to maintain a good working relationship with area snowmobile clubs, environmental interest groups as well as state and federal cooperators. This project will provide a needed service to the recreating public. (08-1671E)

Rank (36 of 37)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$14,654	\$4,654	\$10,000
<b>U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District Phase 2 Snowmobile Replacement</b>			

The Snoqualmie Ranger District has a need to replace one 1990 snowmobile in order to continue to provide a quality winter recreation program. The District is home to the most popular Snowmobile Sno-Park in western Washington. The Greenwater Sno-Park has several thousand visitors annually. The groomed trail system that begins at mile post 10 on Forest Service road 70, accesses 240 miles of groomed trails and numerous open meadows and opportunities for high marking. The Snoqualmie Ranger District has historically received grants from State Parks Winter Rec for Education and Enforcement. The District also has great volunteer support from local snowmobile clubs (snojammers and Polar Bears) and the community (over 1000 hours annually). Sno-Park rangers spend most of their time at the sno-parks doing compliance checks and providing information and education to visitors. Several times a month the Sno-Park rangers will ride the trails to check signing and conditions, maintain the restroom and cabin at Government Meadows and assist the public with educational/informational materials. This presence is essential to the overall success of the winter recreation trail program. In addition we are in the process of evaluating opportunities for additional Sno-Parks along the I-90 corridor. The combination of the two Districts and the additional ground to cover during the winter recreation season has put wear and tear on the two ancient snowmobiles that we have and we are looking to improve our ability to serve the winter recreationists. (08-1904E)

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