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USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum ORV Education Program 2010-11

\$10,000

The Cle Elum RD has been successfully managing and maintaining OHV trails and access since 1985. Over the years, we have developed a working partnership with our users. Together, we manage over 400 miles of OHV trails. The District is divided into 6 regions. Of the six regions, five allow legal OHV riding and wheeling opportunities. Our proximity to the Puget Sound region along with our vast trail system makes us arguably the busiest ORV area in the Northwest. Our program is dependent on public involvement, and we are partnered with every major club and association in the Northwest. Our volunteers logged nearly 3,000 Education hours in 2008 (4,500 total hrs). As a crew, we work hard to establish partnerships through mutual goals. Our education efforts strive to achieve cooperation and inspire a sense of ownership on the public lands. Our program is innovative, creating first time programs such as the V-Team, and doubling our work force on weekends through resourceful hiring. We took two GS5 positions and divided it into four intermittent positions. This hiring program enables our crew to cover the entire District each weekend. They receive the same training as our full-time crew. Our program is proactive and innovative, with the main goal of serving our user groups, protecting the land, and keeping responsible OHV opportunities open for generations to come.

(09-1258)

USFS WNF Naches RD

Naches District OHV Education Rangers 2010

\$10,000

This request will fund one OHV Education Ranger on the Naches District in 2010 from 1 week before Memorial Day (May 24) through 1 week after Labor Day (September 10). The Naches District manages 250+ miles of motorized system single tread and four wheel drive trails for an estimated 70,000 annual motorized visitors and provides 10% of all the motorized trail opportunities available in Washington State. The OHV Ranger will specialize in motorized education and make field contacts at camp sites, staging areas, and on the trails. Volunteers have pledged over 37 days of public contact time for a 14% match. The Force Account match includes field contact time, front desk education, signing, and fuel costs for an additional 48% match.

(09-1177)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers 2010

\$10,000

This grant will fund a cooperative Snow Ranger/volunteer winter patrol. The Cle Elum Ranger District has built a reputation for working with volunteers, and the intent of this project is to expand upon previous efforts to develop more interaction and communication with all user groups. The Cle Elum Ranger District hosts a diverse population of winter recreation: Snowmobilers, Nordic Skiers, Backcountry Skiers, Dogsledders, Skijorers, Snowshoers, and Winter Campers. The ranger/ volunteer groups will patrol trails and areas with the intent of contacting recreationists, checking and maintaining signs as well as trail conditions. Because of

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its close proximity to the metropolitan areas of Seattle and Tacoma, many of the users who frequent the District are not local full-time residents. As more users compete for space for their pursuits, other users are increasingly affected. Current employees have knowledge of the types, amounts, locations of use on the district, but by talking and working with the public, we can better understand what the trends are and increase our ability to prevent conflicts by interacting early. Our Snow Rangers work with individuals and groups to identify areas of concern, and patrol those areas to educate all users. By working with volunteers through winter patrols together, we multiply our ability to communicate with the public on issues and prevent user conflicts in one of the busiest winter recreation areas in the state.

(09-1078)

**Backcountry Horsemen of WA
Minimum Impact Recreation 2010**

\$10,000

The scope of this project is to build and continue to implement an educational program for low impact camping. This grant will pay expenses for volunteers to continue to this educational program and in doing so will help protect our ecosystem. Expenses included are mileage, motel rooms and some meals. As with any educational program, materials and equipment are also needed on a yearly basis. These include printing costs, replacing worn out equipment, updating some equipment all to be used the displays and classes. The program is run entirely by volunteers. Besides yearly classes, this project is striving to produce educational DVDs that are area specific and represent the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. With past RCO funding for this project, BCHW has purchased audio/visual equipment to complete this task. We now need to put this all together and create the DVDs. BCHW has a trailer dedicated to this educational program that contains all the equipment. It is available to all 35 chapters and travels all over the state. Our LNT Master Stock Trainers not only spread the Ethics of LNT to adults, but are making contacts with the youth groups including the scouting programs and in some cases the public schools. BCHW is a 501c3 organization who supplied over 64,000 hours of volunteer work on the trails and over 2000 hours of LNT education to it's members and the general public in 2008.

(09-1063)

**USFS WNF Entiat RD
Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Rangers 2010**

\$10,000

This proposal, which has been funded through RTP over the last ten winter seasons starting in 1999, would again provide two teams of Safety/Education Snowmobile patrols three days per week (Fri. Sat. Sun.) for the peak winter recreation months starting January 1, running through March 2010. The goals of this project will be to educate winter snow trail travelers on safe and courteous operation, including safe travel speeds, avalanche awareness, winter survival, respect of other trail travelers, and to help minimize user conflicts between users. Teams will also help in the maintenance of over 250 safety signs and hand out tread lightly information and area maps. Patrol Rangers will assist the county in putting on snowmobile safety classes to the states youth and adults, both in Puyallup and Lake Wenatchee. We strongly feel that these patrol/education efforts over the last nine years have greatly reduced the number of serious accidents on this very

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popular trail system. The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts in Chelan County groom over 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly. This area provides snowmobilers a premier riding experience. During the 08-09 winter use season it was estimated that over 40,000 snowmobilers used this trail system and facilities. The USFS Safety/Education Snowmobile patrol teams made personal verbal contacts with over 7000 snowmobile trail travelers.

(09-1046)

**USFS WNF Cle Elum RD
Cle Elum Wilderness Patrol 2010**

\$9,800

This project will fund one wilderness ranger to patrol trails, campsites, and lakeshores in Alpine Lakes Wilderness. One-on-one educational contact is the primary duty of the rangers. Rangers explain and demonstrate Leave-No-Trace principles designed to reduce impacts and protect the trail and adjacent wilderness resources. They also explain regulations implemented to protect the resource. Rangers serve the public providing information and assistance. Rangers design brochures and trailhead posters, coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user group conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and maintenance needs. The Cle Elum Ranger District administers 86,000 acres of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Due to its outstanding scenic qualities, recreation opportunities, and close proximity to the Puget Sound Region, it is one of the most popular areas in Washington for backpacking, day hiking, horseback riding, horse packing, and mountaineering. The Wilderness and adjacent area contains 12 trailheads, 157 miles of trail, numerous high country routes, over 60 lake destinations, and over 750 wilderness campsites. The area receives greater than 27,000 visits per year. For the past decade, decreasing budgets have resulted in fewer ranger staff while wilderness day and overnight use has steadily increased. Additional funding is vital to protect the trail and wilderness resource and educate a stewardship ethic.

(09-1081)

**WA Water Trails Association
Shoreline Watertrails Leave No Trace Program**

\$7,500

The scope of this project is to provide recreational users of non-motorized boats and shoreline trailheads in Puget Sound with critical education on protecting shorelines and public access sites. The requested funds for 2010 would fund Washington Water Trails Association's award-winning Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker Team and supporting Leave No Trace Training program for one year. Recreation with non-motorized boats, particularly in canoes and kayaks, is projected to increase by over 30% in the next ten to fifteen years, while motorized boating is expected to remain essentially flat. With less than 10% of Puget Sound's shoreline accessible to the public for boat launch, this growth in water recreation will be concentrated to extremely limited areas, multiplying the impacts of users on shoreline erosion, wildlife disturbance, and water quality. To minimize these impacts, it is important for this growing population of boaters to be educated on the Leave No Trace practices of low impact recreation, wildlife viewing etiquette, and safe boating practices. WWTA has been highly successful in

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educating its program participants in Leave No Trace principles a 2007 NW Paddler survey found that knowledge of Leave No Trace principles increased by 72% in WWTA members. WWTA's SEA Kayaker Team has been particularly effective in reaching new audiences with Leave No Trace education, by targeting boaters and other people recreating on Puget Sound's shores at the destination sites, which the program aims to protect.

(09-1170)

USFS GPNF Mt Adams RD

Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger 09-10

\$10,000

The scope of this project is to fund a Snow Ranger. The Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger provides education and safety patrols throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest with a focus on snowmobilers. The Forest includes nearly all of the snow country of the southern Washington Cascades. With nearly 165 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and over 100 miles of cross-country ski trails, the Gifford Pinchot offers winter recreation opportunities to tens of thousands of visitors each year. The Snow Rangers work with volunteers from local clubs to increase the number of contacts made on the trails. They educate people on safe and responsible trail use, avalanche hazards, and respecting all user groups. The Snow Rangers and volunteers also work off-trail, signing Wilderness boundaries. The Snow Ranger increases uniformed Forest Service presence in the field during busy weekends, to better serve and secure the recreating public. While the Snow Ranger emphasis is on the Mt. Adams Ranger District, public contacts are also made on the Cowlitz Valley RD and the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

(09-1210)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD

Mountain Stewards 2010

\$10,000

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 3 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 12,000 visitor contacts during the past 7 seasons that they have been out on the trails. North Cascades Institute (NCI) partners with the FS for this project and contributes through recruitment of volunteers and assisting with training. The Mountain Steward coordinator would work with NCI to develop the training and would provide daily support for volunteers during the program.

(09-1067)

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USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 2010

\$10,000

This project would fund six education/safety Snow Rangers to patrol the district each day of the week from mid-December through March. The ability to spread out over the district and work all days maximizes our ability to meet the variety of users when they are recreating. Uniformed Snow Rangers contact users with information about specific trail conditions, safe and courteous operation, winter survival and travel techniques, avalanche awareness, respect for wilderness, and etiquette in order to prevent user conflicts. These rangers also maintain Sno-park signing, ensure the availability of maps and information, and assist with Search and Rescue when called. Forest Service presence in Washington State's busiest winter recreation area helps preserve riding opportunities and is a benefit to all winter enthusiasts. The Cle Elum Ranger District is located in Kittitas County, which according to recent studies, supports more than a third of all snowmobile use in Washington State. The Cle Elum Education and Safety Rangers patrol approximately 21 sno-parks and staging areas, 500 miles of groomed trails, and thousands of acres of snowmobile off-trail riding areas. With thousands of users on system trails, safety and education is a high priority.

(09-1079)

USFS WNF Chelan RD

Chelan Winter Ranger 2009-2010

\$10,000

This project would provide a program to improve environmental messages and promote personal safety education to thousands of snowmobilers, skiers, snowshoers and skijorers to help reduce accidents. A Winter Ranger would contact users at all trailheads and trails and coordinate with local winter recreation clubs. Program Goals: increase safety and enjoyment for all winter recreationists through education and interpretation; reduce accidents and thus need for winter search and rescue via apt messages; reduce snowmobiles riding on plowed roads; reduce human impacts on mule deer in designated critical winter range and Canadian lynx in designated lynx - core habitat. Safety promotion by winter ranger: hypothermia/travel plan/short days/survival techniques; safe snowmobile operation; safety messages posted at ski and snowmobile warming huts and trail bulletin boards; respect all winter recreationists for safe and welcoming travel ways. Environmental Messages: environmental education topics will be fitted to winter recreation users contacted at specific trailheads and trails; human activity effects on wildlife are critical in winter. Ways to reduce impacts on Mule Deer and Canada Lynx. Area specific interpretive signing posted at key points and suitable brochures handed out during public contacts. Chelan Ranger District manages 24 miles of groomed ski trails and 149 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Both high elevation trail systems are very popular with winter users.

(09-1105)



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**USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD
Mt. Baker Climbing Rangers**

\$10,000

The Climbing Program on Mt. Baker Ranger District presently funds only one ranger. One ranger working alone cannot safely access all the areas on Mt. Baker where climbing activity occurs. This grant proposal would provide a second ranger to collaborate with the first ranger. Together, they would be able to safely work as a rope team on the mountain. As a rope team, the two rangers would be able to access camps and routes, and the summit to interact with the climbing public. Due to the sheer number of climbers on the mountain, there are concerns about climbing safety issues such as unroped climbers, and resource management issues such as human waste and campsite impacts. As a skilled and experienced rope team, the rangers would contact the public and educate them on Leave No Trace techniques, including proper waste disposal and campsite selection, and safe climbing practices such as roping up on the glaciers. Thousand of climbers attempt the Mt. Baker summit (10,781') each season. The climb is physically challenging and all the routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel and crevasse rescue, proficient at route finding and have proper equipment before attempting the summit. There are many approaches and varying degrees of technical difficulty for the routes. Experienced climbing rangers would work together as a team and would interact with the public to reduce resource degradation, promote proper climber preparedness and increase safe climbing practices on Mt. Baker.

(09-1068)

**USFS WNF Naches RD
Naches RD Snowmobile Education Rangers**

\$10,000

This is a request to fund two Snowmobile Rangers for 30 days each (total of 60 days) to educate snowmobilers on the Naches Ranger District at 16 motorized Sno-Parks and on 150 miles of groomed snowmobile trail. The Snowmobile Rangers will make personal public contacts at the Sno-Parks and on the 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 responsible trail etiquette/behavior. Trail signing and conditions will be monitored. Wilderness boundaries will be monitored in areas susceptible to snowmobile incursions. Local volunteers and Yakima County Sheriff Deputies (not RCO funded OHV Deputies) will also educate snowmobilers in the field, supplementing the Snow Rangers for an additional 15 days to provide a volunteer education match (12% of total project cost). The Force Account match includes an additional 24 days of field time, Snow Ranger transportation, and 5 days at the front desk educating walk-ins and phone callers (57% of project total cost).

(09-1179)



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USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD

Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger Program 2010

\$10,000

The scope of this project will be to fund salary, per diem, and supplies for the Volunteer Ranger program for one year. Proximity to Seattle and outstanding backcountry recreation opportunities contribute to the area's popularity and challenge land stewards attempting to protect resource and recreation values. Permits and trail registers indicate over 100,000 visitors use trails on the Snoqualmie Ranger District each year. For the past 10 years, 40 to 60 volunteers have donated between 3000 and 5000 hours each season. Uniformed volunteer rangers contact thousands of visitors each season, making a major contribution to resource protection and environmental education efforts in the backcountry. Funds will be used to hire a seasonal program coordinator. The program coordinator recruits, trains, supervises, and provides logistical support for volunteer rangers patrolling the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and backcountry. The volunteer coordinator and volunteers design educational programs and materials, and patrol. In addition, volunteer rangers contact visitors to disseminate trail safety and resource protection information, maintain bulletin boards, trails and campsites, and assist in emergencies. Volunteers also help with interpretive, environmental education, and community outreach programs including walks, talks, work parties, slide shows, and visitor center displays.

(09-1299)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

Cle Elum Backcountry Education 2010

\$9,800

The proposal is for one backcountry trail use education ranger on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The need for the program is due to the large and diverse number of trail users on the district including mountain bikers, hikers, motorcycles, and equestrians. Numbers of equestrians, mountain bikers, and motorcyclists have increased markedly in past few years, resulting in more problem areas and the need for more education. This ranger will broaden the trail related education program by patrolling multiuse trails and adjacent areas on foot and occasionally horseback. Some patrol time will also be spent on mountain bikes. Patrol will occur on some 400 miles of non-wilderness trails. This ranger will also allow us to patrol some non-motorized multiuse trails where problems and user conflicts persist. One-on-one educational contact is the primary duty of the ranger. Rangers explain and demonstrate Leave-No-Trace and Tread Lightly principles designed to reduce impacts and protect the trail and adjacent backcountry resources. Rangers explain regulations implemented to limit trail and backcountry resource degradation. In addition, the ranger will coordinate volunteers, teach trail etiquette to minimize user group conflicts, and demonstrate safe backcountry travel techniques. Other duties include documenting trail conditions to address safety concerns and assisting search and rescue efforts.

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**USFS OKNF Methow RD
Methow Valley Wilderness Education**

\$10,000

The scope of this project is to fund a USFS ranger and volunteer ranger to patrol trails, lakes, and other destinations within the Pasayten and Lake Chelan - Sawtooth Wildernesses. Rangers will provide education through one-on-one contact in the field. Rangers will explain and demonstrate minimum impact techniques and foster wilderness ethics to prevent and reduce impacts to wilderness resources. Rangers will seek compliance with wilderness regulations through educational information regarding trails and campsite conditions, water availability, etc. Decreased appropriated funding has resulted in little to no ranger presence in some areas of the wildernesses. Additional funding is critical to protect wilderness resource. The Methow Valley Ranger District and Tonasket Ranger Districts administer over 600,000 acres of the Pasayten and Lake Chelan - Sawtooth Wildernesses. These areas contain over 800 miles of trail, 35 trailheads, and over 650 campsites. The areas offer popular destinations for horseback riding, horse packing, backpackers, day hikers, and mountaineers. Both the Pasayten and Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wildernesses and surrounding areas receive 8 to 9 times more equestrian based visits than other districts on the Okanogan - Wenatchee Forest and several other National Forests in the state of Washington. The areas receive over 100,000 visits per year, 30% of the visits are equestrian users and 70% are hikers.

(09-1087)

**USFS OKNF Methow RD
Methow Winter Rangers 2009**

\$9,173

The scope of this project is to fund two rangers to patrol and educate trail users in all aspects of winter travel and safety. The rangers will be making one-on-one contact at the trailheads and on the trails. Information and education provided will 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 areas and conditions. The rangers will work in cooperation with local snowmobilers and skiers to maintain trail and closure signs, including Sno-Park bulletin boards, and patrol the backcountry. 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. 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.

(09-1107)

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**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
High Use Area Ranger**

\$9,900

The scope of this project is to fund one seasonal ranger to patrol high use areas and events within the Wenatchee River Ranger District. This ranger will perform educational in-field contacts, promote leave-no-trace techniques and help to develop more targeted bulletin board postings and brochures. The project costs will cover salary, uniforms and tools, camp-out per diem, transportation, and project support and administration. By focusing a field-going ranger on our high-use areas, this position will allow us to reach large numbers of visitors, especially those less experienced recreationists for whom such contacts are particularly needed. The Wenatchee River Ranger District encompasses some of the most popular day hiking, backpacking, and horse packing destinations in the State of Washington. Areas such as Eightmile Lake, Stuart Lake, Spider Meadows, Lake Valhalla, Merritt Lake, and Ingalls Lake have all been popularized in numerous guidebooks as well as in newspaper and magazine articles. Other areas, such as Buck Creek Pass, Boulder Pass, and Frosty Pass, receive heavy use from pack and saddle stock users, particularly during hunting season. Similarly, the annual Salmon Festival, Bird Fest, and various cycling, rock climbing, and kayaking events cause pulses of high use, drawing visitors from all over the State.

(09-1138)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
Mill Valley + Wilderness Boundary Snowmobile Ptrl**

\$9,940

This grant would enable a concerted effort to make educational contacts with snowmobilers during the Mill Valley snowmobile season, and would provide for improved wilderness boundary signing and patrol elsewhere on the District where snowmobile use occurs outside the groomed trail system. District staff would also boundary postings and do late-winter patrols of problem boundary areas. The Wenatchee River Ranger District has become host to a de-facto snowmobiling festival each year at Mill Valley. When the Stevens Pass Ski Area ends operations in mid-April, Mill Valley becomes open to snowmobile use because of its high elevation, and the fact that avalanche control work has occurred over the winter, the area sees a large influx of use - the Stevens Pass Nordic Center parking lot typically overflows for 3-5 weekends, with repeated instances of vehicles parking and unloading snowmobiles on Highway 2. However, because it is not part of the Snow-Park or groomed trail system, it has not been patrolled through the education grants, which allow for E&E snowmobile efforts elsewhere on our District. Likewise, much of our actual snowmobile use occurs on un-groomed roads and routes, which are not patrolled through our existing E&E grants. Many of these un-groomed routes lead into designated wilderness. This has led to numerous public complaints from snowmobilers and non-motorized winter recreationists alike, and an apparent trend of growing illegal snowmobile incursions into wilderness.

(09-1133)

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**USFS Colville National Forest
Caribou Recovery Area Education Project 2010**

\$10,000

This project would continue to fund two snow rangers who would make contacts with snowmobilers during peak use times (weekends and holidays) to explain regulations concerning snowmobile use in threatened and endangered wildlife habitat on the Sullivan Lake Ranger District. The district, which lies in northern Pend Oreille County, is the only location in the state of Washington that the endangered Woodland Caribou resides in and which contains recovery habitat. In order to allow continued use in this recovery zone, the Colville National Forest (CNF) has taken a proactive approach in actively educating snowmobilers on what type of activities are compatible for the protection of this endangered species as well as reducing the probability of conflicts between users and the animals. This proactive approach to educate the public has allowed the CNF to continue to operate its snowmobile program unlike the adjacent national forest, which has been involved in litigation, which has resulted in area closures for the snowmobile users. This project would also provide snowmobilers with information on avalanche awareness, current snowmobile regulations, and trail etiquette and winter survival methods. The snow rangers would continue to educate the snowmobile users of this area as well as maintain trail signs, monitor use, maintain information boards and provide informational maps and brochures.

(09-1174)

**Dept of Natural Resources
DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #1**

\$9,385

This project will help fund part of a much-needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region throughout 5 sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. DNR wants to continue to provide winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to ensure that we are providing a safe and sustainable experience. DNR Southeast Region potentially will not be able to renew sno-park contracts unless adequate funding is provided this year. This project provides an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists 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. They 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 help fund some Trail Steward time, materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational handout materials. It is one of three proposals which are each a stand alone component of a much needed winter recreation education program.

(09-1014)



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**Dept of Fish & Wildlife
WDFW ESA Snowmobile**

\$10,000

The scope of this project is to acquire a snowmobile to be used to support the Winter Recreation program on the 700 miles of groomed snowmobile routes and various winter recreation play areas within the tri-county area of Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties which includes the Colville National Forest, Washington Department of Natural Resources lands and adjacent private corporation timberlands within northeastern Washington. Also included in this area would be Mount Spokane State Park. There are 11 designated snow parks, and 10 non-designated parking areas. WDFW contacts over 8000 winter recreational users each season. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is the lead agency for education and enforcement for winter recreation. 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 search and rescue, as well as state and federal cooperators. This project will provide a needed service to the recreating public. Much of the area in controversy is sensitive caribou recovery habitat in North Pend Oreille County. Currently WDFW does not have the equipment needed to patrol these areas, this project would enable WDFW to conduct education patrol in these sensitive areas with other cooperators.

(09-1269)

**Dept of Natural Resources
DNR NE 09 Winter Steward #1**

\$10,000

This NRTTP education and safety project will fund part of 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 DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional 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 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 with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or without the required snow-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. They 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. It will help fund some Trail Steward time, materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational handout materials. It is one of four proposals which are each a standalone component of a much needed winter recreation education program.

(09-1005)

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**Dept of Fish & Wildlife
WDFW OHV**

\$10,000

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 lead to Federal and State Lands as well as private corporation timberlands. Many 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's 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/OHV regulations and which areas are 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 companies 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.

(09-1266)

**Dept of Natural Resources
DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #2**

\$9,328

This project will help fund part of a much-needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region throughout 5 sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. DNR wants to continue to provide winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to ensure that we are providing a safe and sustainable experience. DNR Southeast Region potentially will not be able to renew sno-park contracts unless adequate funding is provided this year. This project provides an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists 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. They 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 help fund some Trail Steward time, materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational handout materials. It is one of three proposals which are each a standalone component of a much needed winter recreation education program.

(09-1039)

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**USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD
Education Program Snowmobile Replacement**

\$10,000

The scope of this project is to request funding for a snowmobile for use by FS snow rangers. A RAC grant will be submitted to request funding for a second snowmobile. The two present District snowmobiles are vintage 1991 and are no longer reliable to travel in the popular back country areas where riders are active. The Mount Baker Ranger District is host to five WA State Snowmobile SnoParks which access 171 miles of groomed Snowmobile trails on National Forest lands. The Mt. Baker National Recreation Area along with numerous other backcountry snowmobile play areas are accessed from the snow trails. Deep snowfall and glacier fields provide the longest snowmobile riding season in Washington. The Mt. Baker NRA alone receives over 10,000 snowmobile visitors each winter. Three designated Wilderness Areas on the ranger district abut the snowmobile riding areas. There continues to be a strong need to present riders with first hand information on rider safety, regulations and leave no trace stewardship. A continue field presence by snow rangers is needed to inform and educate riders about hazards such as glacier crevasses and avalanches. Repetitive reports by the public of snowmobile encroachments into designated Wilderness areas reinforce the need to educate snowmobile riders of Wilderness regulations. The growing sport strains the ability of snow rangers attempting to interact with the users to provide educational information in person at locations where the riders are spending most of their recreation time.

(09-1303)

**Dept of Natural Resources
DNR SE 09 Winter Trail Steward #3**

\$9,385

This project will help fund part of a much-needed Winter Trail Steward presence for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southeast Region throughout 5 sno-parks and 250+ miles of groomed trails. DNR wants to continue to provide winter recreation opportunities for visitors. However, we need an agency presence in our sno-parks to ensure that we are providing a safe and sustainable experience. DNR Southeast Region potentially will not be able to renew sno-park contracts unless adequate funding is provided this year. This project provides an on the ground point of contact to interact with recreationists 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. They 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 help fund some Trail Steward time, materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational handout materials. It is one of three proposals which are each a standalone component of a much needed winter recreation education program.

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Grant Applicant

Grant Request

Dept of Natural Resources
DNR NE 09 Winter Trail Steward #3

\$9,885

This NRTP education and safety project will fund part of 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 DNR is committed to providing these opportunities for visitors. However, without additional 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 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 with unlicensed snowmobiles and/or without the required sno-park pass, by creating a helpful, informative and friendly in-field presence. They 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. It will help fund some Trail Steward time, materials and supplies such as uniforms, transportation between facilities, signs and informational handout materials. It is one of four proposals which are each a standalone component of a much needed winter recreation education program.

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Dept of Natural Resources
DNR NE 09 Winter Steward #2

\$10,000

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Grant Applicant

Grant Request

Dept of Natural Resources

DNR NE 09 Winter Trail Steward #4

\$9,885

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