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**Washington Trails Association
WTA 2010 Volunteer Trail Maintenance**

\$75,000

The scope of this project is to provide trail maintenance activities on more than 80 trails across the state of Washington for a total of 350 days, in locations ranging from the North Cascades and Okanogan Highlands to the southern Washington coast and Columbia River Gorge. Washington Trails Association's focus is on trails that provide outstanding day hiking opportunities and family friendly outings. We work on trails with a backlog of maintenance needs created by a lack of funding or opportunity from previous years. This work includes log-out, brushing, tread repair and drainage structure maintenance. All work is accomplished by training volunteers in safety, proper tool use and basic trail maintenance skills and is completed to professional standards. Last year more than 2200 people volunteered with WTA, including 484 youth participants. One third of our volunteers return for more trips. We work in conjunction with other organizations, such as the Mountains to Sound Greenway, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and the Mount St. Helens Institute to maintain a collaborative culture of land stewardship across the state.

(09-1197)

**Dept of Natural Resources
Walker Valley ORV M&O 09**

\$74,450

The scope of this project will continue a productive maintenance program that is supported by the ORV community for the 36 mile, 6000 acre Walker Valley ORV trail system and trailhead facilities. Maintenance work will be identified by the department in collaboration with the Walker Valley ORV Advisory Group (established in 2004) the department will direct maintenance work consistent with the projects identified by the Advisory Group and will prioritize projects with the assistance from the Advisory Group. Trail maintenance activities include shaping the trail surface by hand and as well as with mechanized equipment, hardening small sections of trail (less than 100 feet in length) by applying crushed rock and/or concrete grid blocks, installing and maintaining culverts, drain-dips, water bars, and ditch-outs, inspecting and maintaining bridges, and brushing trail. Also included is trailhead maintenance, garbage pickup, upkeep for two vault toilets, and maintaining picnic facilities, bulletin boards and information and a system of ORV trail signs. This project will employ a Trail Manager/Worker dedicated to ORV maintenance and operations at Walker Valley and will work closely with the Walker Valley Advisory Group. Volunteers will provide 2000 hours of hand labor. Off-season forest firefighters and other seasonal personnel will provide as needed labor sources. A Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew of young adults assigned to our region will be providing three weeks of labor as donated match to the grant.

(09-1004)

**Washington Trails Association
WTA 2010 Backcountry Trail Teams**

\$75,000

The scope of this RTP grant is to provide critical support to federal and state land managers in maintaining backcountry hiking and equestrian trails. Washington Trails Association's backcountry schedule reflects the priorities of trail users and land managers in Washington. RTP funds will allow WTA to address maintenance problems on trails that lie beyond the reach of a single-day or weekend work party by supporting weeklong work parties to reconstruct turnpikes, log out miles of trail, or restore effective drainage structures to reduce erosion. WTA's Backcountry Trail Teams will maintain 50 trails totaling more than 100 miles, utilizing more than

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13,000 hours of donated labor. In one week, a crew of 12 motivated volunteers can remove and replace 120' of puncheon or relocate 100' of washed out trail or rebuild 130' of turnpike, project work often left undone by underfunded seasonal crews. WTA's Backcountry Trail Teams keep trails open and safe for users. With 16 years of experience in coordinating, leading and teaching trail maintenance skills to volunteer trail teams WTA is an effective partner in trail maintenance. With this grant, WTA will field more than 60 backcountry trail teams. Projects will be scheduled in Washington's five National Forests, three National Parks and Washington State Parks, spanning the state from northeast to southwest.

(09-1192)

USFS WNF Chelan RD

Chelan Uplake Trail Maintenance

\$75,000

The scope of this project is to provide trail maintenance on 190 miles of trails in the Chelan Ranger District and portions of the Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, the Sawtooth Roadless area, the Lucerne-Holden Village Scenic Corridor, and Domke Lake Roadless area. Annual log clearing, drainage cleaning, and loose rock removal will be done. In addition to routine annual maintenance, the highest priority backlogged trail maintenance work will be done. This includes 6 miles of brushing, 500 feet of spot tread reconstruction, 20 water bar repairs and reconstruction, 4 turnpike and culvert repairs, sign and bulletin board repairs, 2 footlog and bridge repairs, and 3 switchback repairs. Forty five (45) miles of these trails have been burnt over in the last 7 years and still have backlog trail maintenance work located on them.

(09-1071)

Hurricane Ridge Ed. Foundation

Hurricane Ridge Grooming

\$20,000

The Olympic Peninsula of Washington is a great recreational area except in the winter. Somewhat isolated in the winter, peninsula residents have few options for getting out of the drizzling rain and into the mountains. There is only one road that gets above 2000 ft. elevation and that is to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. At Hurricane Ridge, there are countless opportunities to take advantage of if only they were easier to access. The scope of this project is to groom Nordic and Alpine trails for the public to use on a free and fee basis. We have groomed the Nordic Trails in the past but have had to drop them in recent years due to funding. The National Park prohibits us from charging a fee to Nordic trail users to recoup our cost. The alpine trails will help beginners and intermediate skiers a chance to tackle the terrain, give the Hurricane Ridge Ski Team a place to train, and provide a route for backcountry users to get to the backcountry. We are looking to groom about 10 miles of trails total. We are looking for \$10,000 each year for the next two years to open our trails back up for winter use.

(09-1154)

Dept of Natural Resources

Elbe Hills 09 Non-Motorized M&O

\$65,648

Located in eastern Pierce County at the foot of Mount Rainier, Elbe Hills is home to the Nicholson Horse Trails, Sahara Creek Trailhead & Campground, Memorial Trailhead and Beaver Creek Trailhead. This grant will allow the DNR to maintain and repair the existing 40-mile horse/hiker trail system and trailheads, and provide regular maintenance in the associated



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trailheads during the peak use season. Both the trailheads and horse trails provide ADA accessible recreational opportunities. A Recreation Specialist and continued support by dedicated volunteers will accomplish this work. The Specialist will coordinate with and support volunteer projects on the trails throughout the system continuing our strong partnership with the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington and Western Washington Longears Club. Excellent progress was made with our existing M&O grant in improved maintenance and repair of existing trail structures within the Nicholson Horse Trail System. Access into Memorial Trailhead was improved with intensive maintenance creating renewed interest in the west end trails. Dispersal of trail use over the available mileage is critical to helping reduce the overuse of trails surrounding Sahara Creek Trailhead. Our current grant will complete in December 2009. Continuing this M&O grant will enable our partners and us to move forward with maintenance/repairs necessary to improve all trails in the Nicholson in continued efforts to more evenly distribute use throughout the system.

(09-1017)

Backcountry Horsemen of WA

BCHW- Maintenance of Neglected/Endangered Trails

\$75,000

BCHW will use this grant to fund trail maintenance, which includes removing dangerous trees, removal of overgrown brush, repair damaged drainage structures, maintain and restore trail surfaces. Activities include brushing, clearing, hauling gravel, reconstruction of tread, logging out downed timber, packing in work crews and materials, providing other trail surface repairs and drainage structure stabilization, another intended backcountry activity is weed suppression using an equine mounted sprayer on at least 25% of the trail miles. Volunteers will purchase tools, supplies, equipment, haul in supplies, and provide packing services on behalf of other trail repair groups (WTA), and for USFS/SKY Crews as may be required. Some of the trails to be included in the 1000 trail miles to be cleared are trails that have been listed as deferred maintenance by USFS. (Worksite #3) These trails have become increasingly eroded, compounded by accrued storm damage and downed trees, making routes impassable and unsafe. Due to the volume of downed and piled timber to be logged out, it will require an increased number of volunteers who are certified chainsaw and crosscut sawyers. It is intended that 75% of this trail maintenance project will focus on endangered or neglected trails. Two multichapter projects have already finished phase I and II repairs during 2007-2009, and it is intended that phase III 2010-2011 will see completion at worksite #1 and #2.

(09-1054)

USFS MBNF Skykomish RD

West Fork Foss Trail Bridge

\$ 75,000

This project is to construct 0.2 miles of approach trail and a 90' long trail bridge with steel I beams and wood decking over the West Fork Foss River on the West Fork Foss Trail upstream from the bridges washed out in the 2006 flood event. This project will restore access to this 7-mile long hiking trail which offers old-growth forest, scenic vistas, and five large subalpine lakes, which offer prime backpacker campsites and fishing. The old bridges at Milepost 0.5 were located in a braided flood plain and have received repeated damage in the flood events of 1990, 1995, 2003, and 2006. The new bridge site is located upstream of this braided flood prone area at a well-defined river channel with stable riverbanks. This trail is one of the most popular within the heavily used Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and this bridge is needed to restore access. The trailhead is readily accessible via Hwy. 2 and is within a 1 1/2 hour drive of the Seattle.



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Historically this trail provided a high quality backcountry experience for over 5,000 day and overnight users per year, but now with the bridges out and a hazardous river ford required use has dropped to less than 100. This project will provide a safe, long-term crossing. Bridge work will be accomplished by a Forest Service contractor, and the 0.2 miles of approach trail will be constructed by Washington Trails Association volunteers.

(09-1195)

**USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD
Wilderness Trails Maintenance GPNF**

\$46,004

The scope of this project is to perform annual maintenance (drainage, log clearing, brush clearing) on a 317 mile trail system. Maintenance may include minor repair of drainage systems and tread repair. Specific areas to receive maintenance will be identified as weather permits access to remote trail locations, particularly the high alpine trails, and from public input. Each year trail systems on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest experience significant damage due to weather events. Snow load, flooding, and wind storm events often prohibit use of popular wilderness trail systems. Cost estimates for each year's repair are typically \$130,000. Wilderness trails represent a unique challenge for maintenance due to remote locations, requirements for manual treatments, and access via non-motorized means of transportation. Currently the Gifford Pinchot National Forest faces trail maintenance backlogs on all districts. A robust volunteer program and fruitful partnerships with such groups as the Pacific Crest Trail Association, Washington Trails Association, and Backcountry Horsemen provide some annual maintenance needs. The scope of annual maintenance needs exceeds in-house capacities and volunteer abilities. Funding for this project will create shovel-ready jobs and ensure public safety and enjoyment. Properly maintained trails encourage people of all ages to get outdoors, experience the great landscapes of Washington State, and inspire future good stewards of the land.

(09-1307)

**USFS MBNF Darrington RD
Darrington Trail Maintenance 10/11**

\$50,000

The scope of this project is to implement 100 miles of annual and backlog trail maintenance on the Darrington Ranger District. These trails provide for overnight and multiple day trips into the backcountry, within close proximity of Seattle and Everett. This project includes trails off the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway, portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and some of its access trails. Many of these trails have not been damaged by floods and have received consistent maintenance. Others have had difficult road access and have fallen into the maintenance backlog. Others have been repaired and now need annual maintenance or backlog maintenance. Many of these trails begin at low elevation and climb steep slopes. Many are within wilderness or enter wilderness at some point. Maintenance costs are high due to a combination of high use, poor soils, wet climate and steep rugged slopes. Winter storm damage can sometimes be extensive while windfall is numerous and large and brush fast growing. Volunteers work on the lower portions of many of these trails but are often unable to reach the upper mileages. Funding is critical to reducing the maintenance backlog in these more challenging backcountry areas. Maintenance work will include windfall removal and brushing as well as minor structure maintenance such as reinstalling turpike sidepoles or repairing bridge



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handrails. Work will also include trail retreads, minor relocations and drainage maintenance such as the cleaning of ditches, culverts and waterbars.

(09-1214)

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance 2010

\$75,000

The scope of this project is to conduct maintenance on 55 miles of trails in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, some of the most heavily used trails in the state. This proposal requests funds for materials, tools, staffing and Washington Conservation Corps crew time to conduct trail maintenance. Work includes clearing wind-fallen timber, brushing, sign replacement, tread and drainage repairs, and minor trail structure repairs. Trails to be maintained include the Mt Si and Little Si Trails, the West Tiger #3 Trail, Rattlesnake Ledge and Rattlesnake Mountain Trails and Swamp & Big Tree Trails. Other trails to be maintained include the Twin Falls Trail, additional trails on Tiger Mountain, and the first two miles of some USFS trails in the South and Middle Forks of the Snoqualmie River as well as the remainder of the trails in the Mount Si NRCA. Conservation corps members would have a large role in this program and be further leveraged by 4,800 of hours of donated labor. The wildland trails system in the Greenway consists of over 1,000 miles of trails and has a service area population of over 3.3 million people. To assist in management of this system, the Greenway Trust has built a trails program with land managers and key stakeholders in the I-90 corridor. This group assists in prioritizing and further leveraging maintenance an activity ensuring there is no conflict between this and other existing and pending grants.

(09-1207)

Pacific Northwest Trail Assn

Olympic Youth Crews 2010

\$69,715

The scope of this project is to fund a SKY Youth Crew on the Olympic Peninsula for continued maintenance along the Pacific Northwest Trail, through the Olympic National Forest and the Olympic National Park. Work will be done in the following areas: from the USFS boundary at Snow Creek, over Mt. Zion, along the Gold Creek Trail, the Doghair Trail Upper Dungeoness, and through the Buckhorn Wilderness, all on the Hood Canal Ranger District. The Hi and Low Divide areas on the Solduc River, and the upper and lower Bogachiel segment within the National Park. The Bogachiel Rain Forest Trail, Mt. Mueller and Snider Ridge Trails on the Pacific Ranger District, and the First Beach Trail on the Quileute Reservation. Our volunteers on both the east and west side of the peninsula will play a large part in working with the Youth Crew on the trails. Work will consist of yearly brushing, logout, drainage issues, and tread stabilization. The PNTA has routinely been supported over the last 9 years by Jefferson and Clallam Counties, the Buckhorn Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen, Quillyute School District in Forks, Chimum School District in Port Hadlock, the USFS and NPS, Peninsula Trails Coalition, Quimper Trails Association, Washington State University 4-H, and Port Angeles School District, and Workforce OESD 114.

(09-1225)



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**USFS OKNF Tonasket RD
Bonaparte Lookout Trail**

\$12,156

The scope of this project is to perform needed maintenance on the Bonaparte Lookout Trail. This trail is a favorite destination on the Tonasket Ranger District. The trail needs maintenance however, and is temporarily closed for motorized use because of safety concerns. In recent years, all terrain vehicles (ATVs) have pushed the thin soils down slope, exposing a treacherous bedrock stair step. Users have braided the trail as they go around the rocks, and several ATVs have somersaulted when descending the mountain. The needed maintenance will restore the trail to a single track for motorcycles and to make it friendly for horseback riders, hikers, skiers and snowmobilers. ATVs are not appropriate for the terrain and will not be allowed use this trail. The forest will be working with the SKY youth corps of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association and several local clubs to acheive the level of work that needs to be accomplished.

(09-1090)

**USFS WNF Cle Elum RD
Cle Elum Backcountry Trails M&O 2010-2011**

\$37,000

The scope of this project is to continue to decrease the overall backlog of maintenance needs on the district's 298 miles of non-motorized trails for hikers, mountain bikers and stock users. The forest will use grant funds on non-motorized trails that see moderate to heavy use annually. The project will benefit the public's access to and use of trails as well as protect adjacent resources. Work will include log removal, brushing and limbing, repair/maintenance of puncheons, turnpikes, rock and log cribbing construction and maintenance of drainage structures, drain dips, grade dips, drainage ditches, log and rock water bars and check dams. Additional work will include trail tread restoration and the manufacture and installation of trail signs.

(09-1201)

**USFS OKNF Methow RD
Methow Valley Trail Maintenance 2010-11**

\$75,000

The scope of this project will consist primarily of removing blowdown (trees) on approximately 325 miles of trail, with brushing, tread and drainage maintenance as funding allows on trails in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan/Sawtooth (LCS) Wilderness Areas and the North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor. This is one of the most visited areas in Washington State, and highly prized by residents and visitors from around the world. These areas provide recreationist with trail opportunities from day hikes along the North Cascades Scenic Highway to multi-day recreation experiences in the LCS and Pasayten Wilderness areas. With over 1200 miles of system trails, current appropriated and Rec. Fee funding will allow only about 150 miles of trails to be cleared of blowdown (trees). The District has experienced several large wildfires that continue to be a problem in keeping trails cleared within those areas and the winter of 2008-09 caused several avalanches that have covered the trail with debris and obliterated trails. Crews have had to return up to five times on the same trail to maintain safety and limit resource damage. Implementation of this two-year project will be accomplished using volunteers,

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contracts and Forest Service trail crews. Priority for this funding is to remove blowdown to allow access. Any remaining funding will then be used for tread and drainage maintenance. This proposal will ensure that visitors will be able to access the premier wilderness destination points in Washington State.

(09-1096)

USFS WNF Entiat RD

Entiat Non-Motorized Trail M&O 2010 -11

\$73,360

The scope of this project is to complete a two-season yearly maintenance program along the district's non-motorized trail system, consisting of 44 miles of non-motorized non-wilderness trails (North Fork/Pyramid Mountain areas), and 56 miles of wilderness trails (Entiat Meadows, Larch Lakes, & Ice Lake area), and 5 miles of Hiker Only Trails. Maintenance activities will include: trail Log-out & clearing, yearly drainage maintenance, and minor tread repairs. Durring the summer of 2006, 32 miles of the district's wilderness trail system was severely damaged by the Tinpan Fire. During the next two years the district is expecting heavy down-fall along the effected trails to be many times that of normal, due to fire killed trees. Trail erosion and additional tread damage is also expected in this area, as a result of the fire. The 32 miles affected by the Tinpan Fire will receive additional heavy trail log-out, increased drainage structures maintenance and repairs, and tread repairs to correct the tread surface damaged by the fire. This will provide trail users with a well maintained trail system completed to the original trail design standards.

(09-1048)

Dept of Natural Resources

SW WA ORV Trail M & O

\$57,150

The scope of this project is to provide maintenance for 18 miles of ORV trail and the two primary trailheads serving trails located within the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Elochoman landscape. These trails receive very heavy use because they are the only two ORV forest riding opportunities in close proximity to the Vancouver/Portland metropolitan area. Maintenance is required to protect natural resources and allow the department to continue to provide a safe riding opportunity. Volunteers, DNR staff, inmate crews, and potentially a Washington Conservation (WCC) crew will do maintenance. Trail maintenance activities include (but are not limited to) shaping the trail surface by hand as well as with the local unit's excavator, hardening sections of trail by applying crushed rock and/or concrete or plastic grid blocks, installing and maintaining culverts, drain dips, and ditch outs, inspecting and maintaining bridges, and brushing trail. Trailhead upkeep will include (but is not limited to) restroom and sign maintenance, litter removal, and toilet pumping. This project proposal provides maintenance for DNR's designated trails and their associated facilities for one year. It is estimated that this project will benefit more than 5,000 recreationists per year (most of which are ATV and motorcycle riders). The DNR's designated trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest are open from May 1 to November 30 and designated trails in the Elochoman are open year-round as weather permits.

(09-1044)



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USFS OKNF Methow RD

Sawtooth Motorized and NM Trails O and M 2010-11

\$16,000

The scope of this project consists of volunteers (Coulee Riders) clearing blowdown, minor brushing, and assisting with heavy rock removal, by hand and with a Forest Blaster using explosives. Late summer drainage and tread maintenance would be completed by force account crews or contract. Rock removal with hand tools and the use of explosives on Martin Creek and Eagle Lakes trails is needed due to rocky nature of the terrain and high erosion from use by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and motorbike enthusiasts requiring this maintenance activity for a safe trail experience. This two-year project will maintain approximately 20.7 miles of motorized trails and maintenance to 9.8 miles of non-motorized trails on the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD), the only motorized trails on the MVRD. Located in the Sawtooth Backcountry on the east slope of the North Cascades and is adjacent to the Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Area. The project provides access to the majority of trail users for motorized and non-motorized recreational visitors to trails administered by the Chelan Ranger District via Horsehead Pass. RCO has funded maintenance of the motorized portion of the project for nearly two decades. This ongoing work has decreased the difficulty of these trails, thus increasing the diversity of age groups and skill levels of trail users. Without these funds the annual tread and drainage maintenance, as well as the rock blasting, would not have been possible. This work makes these trails easy to enjoy.

(09-1097)

Methow Valley Sport Trail Assn

Methow Community Trail Suspension Bridge

\$75,000

The Tawlks-Foster Suspension Bridge, at the northern end of the Methow Community Trail (30 km section connecting the towns of Winthrop and Mazama) has reached a point in its lifespan that an upgrade project is recommended. The bridge is currently a safe bridge, but a recent inspection from the original designer outlines a phased plan to upgrade the decking and towers of the bridge, with the highest priority item (tower reinforcement) occurring within the next year. The completion of the recommended upgrade will give the bridge a lifespan of another 30-40 years. MVSTA is requesting grant funds specifically for the tower reinforcement. The bridge was originally built 15 years ago with the use of WWRP funding. Since that time, material and design standards have been improved. The first priority in the upgrade is tower stabilization with steel/iron reinforcement, where there is concern that the strength of the wood may be compromised due to natural shrinking processes in the wood. The Tawlks-Foster Suspension Bridge is a critical link of the Methow Community trail, which is the heart of the Methow Trail System of over 200 km of groomed cross-country ski trails in winter, and hike/bike trails in summer. The Methow Valley is the second largest nordic ski area in the country, and is the primary source of economic health for the Valley. 165 private landowners have granted trail easements through their property to make the Methow Community Trail possible, making it the only community-based trail of its kind in the country.

(09-1055)



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USFS WNF Naches RD

Naches Winter Nonmotorized Trails M&O

\$15,500

This request will allow for consistent winter grooming of 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.

(09-1180)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD

White River Trail Maintenance 2010

\$65,000

The scope of this project includes the ongoing annual trail maintenance on 230 miles of multi-use trail system on the White River portion of the Snoqualmie Ranger District. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Funds will be used to employ a four-person seasonal force-account trail crew, along with purchasing the necessary supplies and materials to support the crew and various volunteer organizations and individuals. This includes but is not limited to Washington Trails Association, Backcountry Horseman, Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association, and Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club. There will also be a small maintenance and repair contract for wilderness trail maintenance. Forest Service staff will work independently and in partnership with the volunteer organizations to accomplish annual maintenance and repair work. Force account salary equipment and supplies along with volunteer donations and contributions though the Northwest Forest Pass collections will be used as sponsor match. As federal appropriations remain limited, the RTP grant program remains a vital funding component in accomplishing trail maintenance on National Forest Lands. This assures a quality trail system that is safe for the public enjoyment and has minimal impact to the resources.

(09-1024)

Loup Loup Ski Education

Loup Loup Trail Maintenance 2010

\$22,000

The Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation (LLSEF) requests funding to be used for acquisition of equipment (snowmobile, trailer, and grooming attachments) to upgrade maintenance and grooming on the Nordic Trail system and shared use snowmobile access trails 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, 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



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system experiences approximately 5,000 skier days each winter. During the summer the trails are used by mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians.

(09-1291)

**Pacific Northwest Trail Assn
North Cascades Youth Crew 2010**

\$71,015

The scope of this project will be the continued maintenance of the Pacific Northwest Trail through Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. This will be accomplished by the hiring of a SKY Youth Crew and the utilization of our large volunteer work force. Included will be that section of the Pacific Northwest Trail from the Keystone Ferry Landing, through Deception Pass State Park, Across WA Department of Natural Resource lands on Blanchard, Anderson, and Lyman Mountains, through USFS lands along the South Fork of the Nooksack River, the Mt. Baker Wilderness, Hannegan Pass, and through the North Cascades National Park (including the Chilliwack River Basin, the West Bank, Happy Panther, and East Bank Trails. Due to yearly trends of reduced budgets by our agency partners, there is a direct need for volunteers and SKY Youth Crews to help with trail maintenance. Not only does this give much needed help to the agencies, it creates a hands-on experience for at-risk youth who may not otherwise have the opportunity to work in a natural setting, learn about the environment, and ultimately become stewards of the environment. Work will consist of yearly brushing, logout, drainage, and tread stabilization. This work has routinely been supported by WA State Parks, WA Department of Natural Resources, USFS, National Park, Whatcom Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen, Sedro-Woolley School District, Cascade Job Corps, Boy Scouts of America, and Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties.

(09-1224)

**USFS WNF Chelan RD
Echo Winter & Summer Trails 10-11**

\$49,800

This project provides year round maintenance of the 26 miles of non-motorized trails on Echo Ridge. In the winter the trail are used by cross-country skiers, snowshoers, winter walkers, Christmas tree cutters and winter scenery viewers. In the spring-summer-fall the trails are used by mountain bikers, day hikers and horse riders. In the winter, this project provides snow plowing & sanding of access road & parking lots, 2 additional accessible sanicans, 12.1 miles of groomed skate ski trails with a classic track on one side, 6.8 miles of groomed classic ski trails, 5.0 miles of groomed trails open to x-c skiing, snowshoeing, walking, & dog trails, 2.4 miles of ungroomed trails open to snowshoeing, scenic walking, and dog walking, but not for x-c skiing, and a fee collection system, Trailheads and trail signs are maintained all year long (for 2 years) including: a) 2 accessible vault toilets, b) kiosks, bulletin boards, and posters c) trailhead and trail junction signs, and d) 30 traffic control/barrier gates. In the spring-summer-fall, the project also provides trail clearing, and treatment of noxious weeds. In the fall the tails area also mowed by a tractor with an orchard mower, so that winter grooming and skiing can start with only a shallow snowpack.

(09-1092)

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USFS OKNF Methow RD
Robinson Creek Trail Bridge

\$54,000

The scope of this project is for the replacement of the Robinson Creek Trail Bridge, located on Robinson Creek Trail #478. The trail is the primary route for equestrians into the central and western portions of the Pasayten Wilderness. The bridge was built in 1984 with native materials and was closed to stock use in 2007 due to damage to two of the log stringers. A ford was reconstructed nearby as an alternate crossing, but is usable for only a short period in late summer and early fall due to high water flow and the need for frequent maintenance. The only other equestrian access to the area is via Harts Pass trailhead, which is only accessible with a stock truck, trailers not allowed. As the majority of equestrians transport stock with horse trailers, lack of a bridge on Robinson Creek prevents equestrian use of a large area in the western Pasayten for much of the season. Equestrian use is about 33 percent of the total use which is estimated from permits to be 400 to 550 recreationists total annually, variation due to wildfires. The Robinson Creek trail is also popular with hikers throughout the season and provides early season access to the Pasayten, as this route is snow free earlier than others in the vicinity. Hunters also use this trail during high hunt season. The damaged bridge will need to be removed soon, due to its deteriorating condition. This project is critical to providing season long access for both equestrians and hikers to this large area of the Pasayten.

(09-1106)

Dept of Natural Resources
DNR NW 09 NM TRAILS M&O

\$48,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials necessary to maintain approximately 80 miles of non-motorized trails within the Department of Natural Resources' Northwest Region. These trails are located in close proximity to population centers within Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. Trail maintenance includes activities such as tread repair/reshaping/hardening rehabilitating areas of braided trail brushing encroaching vegetation sign maintenance removal of downed/hazard trees inspecting/maintaining drainage structures and bridges rerouting trail segments and other improvements where needed. Work will be accomplished by volunteers and a full-time maintenance crew consisting of DNR staff and WCC members. The crew is currently funded through three RCO M&O grants. This grant provides a portion (41%) of the ongoing funding needed to staff the crew and meet maintenance needs. By providing timely trail maintenance, this project allows the DNR to protect natural resources, enhance the longevity of our trail assets, and preserve opportunities for approximately 80,000 visitors/year, while providing a year-round trail experience that is safe and enjoyable. This request will provide for trail maintenance and operations for 12 months.

(09-1007)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD
Evans Creek ORV Maintenance and Operation

\$75,000

The purpose of this project is to maintain facilities and trails that support an ORV backcountry experience unique to Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Funds are requested to implement the newly completed Evans Creek ORV Improvement Plan Environmental Assessment completed 3/09. Evans Creek serves a large population base of ORV enthusiasts in and



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around the Seattle/Tacoma area. Demand for improved ORV facilities and trails that meet user needs and challenge has increased drastically over the past decade. The existing facilities Current trail and facility conditions were not meeting state and federal standards and guidelines for resource protection and public safety. Inconsistent trail maintenance on 4x4 trails which requires heavy equipment to accomplish contributed to the deteriorated trail conditions. District trail hand crews'™ intermittent volunteer efforts were not sufficient to accomplish all the work necessary to meet standards. This proposal will purchase a small 32 HP tractor with loader and excavator and trailer for transport. Funding will also employ two full time seasonal employees trail crew dedicated to operate equipment in the reconstruction and repair Evans Creek trails and two full time seasonal to maintain existing facilities and volunteer coordination. This request will also fund other heavy equipment such as small track hoe and dumpster rental, vault toilet pumping, water sampling and purchase of all tread materials, lumber and tools and supplies to accomplish reconstruction and maintenance.

(09-1026)

**Evergreen Mt Bike Alliance
2010 Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program**

\$ 25,000

RTP funding will provide vital maintenance on more than 25 trails throughout King, Snohomish, Kittitas, Pierce, Kitsap, Whatcom, Cowlitz and Clark counties. Evergreen trail maintenance focuses on 1) trail brushing and clearing to ensure basic access to trails each year 2) tread repair and erosion control to ensure that trails are sustainable and do not negatively impact the surrounding environment 3) emergency maintenance following storms that cause trail damage or blockage. Evergreen's™ standards draw from best practices established by Whistler, IMBA and the US Forest Service. These help to ensure a high quality backcountry experience for mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians, and to protect Washington's trail resources for generations to come. Our trail maintenance program provides essential safety and maintenance training for each volunteer, resulting in high quality projects and a long term trail ethic for hundreds of volunteers each year. During this period of budget cuts, Evergreen will strengthen and expand our commitments with federal, state and local land managers in order to alleviate budgetary pressures and the back-log of trail needs. Lastly, Evergreen is developing a youth education and stewardship program and will create opportunities for youth and parent/child work parties to engage in trail maintenance.

(09-1287)

**USFS WNF Entiat RD
Entiat/Lk.Wen Snowmobile Trail Mtc - 2010 & 2011**

\$64,800

This project proposal would add to the current grooming program by providing for needed trail brushing of approximately 20 miles of trail per year. Funding would also provide labor to complete log-out of winter blow down trees on approximately 100 trail miles each year, including the clearing of culverts and repairs to minor trail wash-outs. Additionally, there would also be the installation and removal of over 250 trail way signs and route safety markers as well as the fabrication of new signs and route markers as needed. The Entiat and Lake Wenatchee Ranger Districts grooms over 200 miles of snowmobile trails weekly during the winter months. This weekly grooming is made possible through grants provided by WA State Parks totaling approximately \$150,000 each year. Estimated visits on this trail system are well over 36,000 annually. This 10 year ongoing maintenance project which has proven to be a key component



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in the success of this extremely popular groomed snowmobile trail system that runs from the Lake Wenatchee area just east of Stevens Pass into the Entiat Valley. For years, this groomed trail system has been voted as one of top snowmobiling areas in Washington State. Without this needed yearly route maintenance, it would take but just a few years before much of the system would be impassable by the groomers, making many miles of this system non-usable. Thus losing this valuable recreation resource.

(09-1050)

Evergreen Mt Bike Alliance

S.Fork Snoqualmie Road to Trail Conversion, Ph 2

\$75,000

This RTP grant will fund the Phase 2 construction of 3 miles of multi-use trails following road decommissioning in the South Fork Snoqualmie River Basin. The project is authorized by the US Forest Service. The overall project will yield a 22-mile network of backcountry trails all located within the road prism of forest roads. Phase 1 of this project, funded by RCO for 2009, will create up to 6 miles of new trail by the end of 2009. Total project development will be in multiple phases in coordination with road decommissioning by Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust. The trail network will dramatically increase total trail mileage open to mountain bikers and other users along the I-90 corridor and connect with the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Olallie Trail System, currently in development by State Parks, Evergreen and the Greenway. This Phase 2 grant will ensure that we are able to continue efforts to transform existing roads into a significant recreational outlet for the growing population centers in Washington and the Puget Sound. The project is supported by the Greenway Trust, the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Washington Trails Association.

(09-1226)

USFS MBNF Skykomish RD

Iron Goat Trail/Martin Creek Bridge

\$75,000

This project is phase two of the construction of the Horseshoe Tunnel Extension of the Iron Goat Trail. The extension is a connector trail that will link the Kelley Creek Trail to the Martin Creek Trailhead of the Iron Goat Trail. The linkage is essential to increase hiker use of the Kelley Creek Trail. The scope of this project is to construct a footbridge across Martin Creek and a .25 mile section of trail from the bridge landing on the east side of Martin Creek to the site of the lower portal of the Horseshoe Tunnel. The trail is proximate to Hwy. 2, designated as a National Stevens Pass Greenway. It will provide enhanced access to the Wild Sky Wilderness or Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, while continuing the Iron Goat Trail mission of accessing and interpreting the history of the Great Northern Railroad in the Stevens Pass area. \$68,000 federal funding for the project will be provided by federal stimulus funds appropriated to the Forest Service for trail construction. The project is in partnership with Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, more than 70 recreation and conservation groups, historical agencies and organizations, educational institutions and professional societies, federal, state and local government, and the private sector. Ten miles of the Iron Goat Trail have been built including 3 trailheads and over 50 interpretive signs. More than 2,500 volunteers have contributed over 100,000 hours on the project.

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USFS MBNF Darrington RD

Darrington Backcountry Rec. Site Maintenance 10-11

\$50,000

The Darrington Ranger District will use this grant to help fund two GS-5 positions over two years to perform heavy backcountry trail maintenance projects and recreation site maintenance along 50 miles of trails in the Boulder River, Henry M. Jackson, and Glacier Peak Wilderness areas, the Lake 22 Research Natural Area, and surrounding backcountry, including the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Backcountry sites to be maintained include degraded, high-use trails, campsites, fire rings, day-use sites, social trails, pit toilets, and signs in locations such as Boulder River, Lake 22, Heather Lake, Mt Pilchuck, and North Fork Sauk. These locations are accessed by trails that offer overnight and multiple-day trips into the backcountry of the Cascades within close proximity of Everett and Seattle. Thirty thousand visitors per year sign in at trailhead registration boxes in the Darrington RD, and many more go uncounted. The Mountain Loop Scenic Byway receives approximately 300,000 - 400,000 visitors annually, many of whom go on to seek backcountry experiences along 350 miles of trails. Public safety, sanitation, and visitor satisfaction are not well served in backcountry settings by the current shortfalls in the Forest Service budget. Expected trail maintenance budgets do not allow intensive trail rehabilitation in high-use areas, large structure construction, and backcountry site protection this grant will allow these needs to be better met, and natural resources to be protected and preserved for future generations.

(09-1028)

USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD

Snoqualmie RD Front Country Patrol 2008 -2009

\$75,000

This project will allow the Snoqualmie Ranger District to supplement allocated funds in support of the District's trailhead recreation program. Over the past several years declining budgets and employee retirements have decreased our ability to respond to recreation needs on the District. Northwest Pass dollars have taken the place of appropriated funding for trail maintenance and maintenance of recreation facilities including all the trailheads throughout the District. With assistance from an RCO grant during the 2007 field season and again in 2008 the district was able to fund an additional four seasonal trailhead maintenance rangers and volunteer per diem for two senior volunteers from May through September. This supplemented the two person crew that funds were allocated for. A grant in 2009 will allow us to maintain the high quality level of service that was provided during the past two seasons. This grant will enable us to have three pairs of maintenance staff providing increased services to the Districts trailheads. The District encompasses 300,000 acres of which 189,000 are non-wilderness and accessible to a broad range of recreationist. There are over 50 trailheads, 6 developed sites that are not operated by concessionaire, 24 outhouses and literally thousands of dispersed campsites. The District has been plagued with vandalism ranging from littering to car break ins. Increased, visible presence for maintenance and repair will reduce this problem and provide a quality trailhead experience to trail visitors.

(09-1498)



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**USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD
Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance 2010**

\$67,770

This proposal will provide funds for seasonal trail maintenance in 2010. Work will include clearing, brushing, drainage and tread repair along 125 miles of recreation trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness (ALW) and surrounding backcountry. Trail maintenance will be accomplished on Forest Service trails within the watersheds of the North, Middle and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, including trails along the I-90 corridor. Thirty-five percent of the trail miles are non-motorized / multiple use. Sixty-five percent are hiker only. Funding will be used to support trail maintenance performed by contractors, force account crews, non-profit organizations and volunteers including MTSG, EarthCorps, WTA, VOW, NYC, SCA, PNTA, Backcountry Horsemen, Boy Scouts and local school groups. Benefits include fewer safety hazards, reduced erosion and vegetation loss, preservation of trail structures, longer life span for trail facilities, and enhanced public access for outdoor recreation activities. Over 100,000 visitors utilize this trail system each year.

(09-1300)

**Dept of Natural Resources
Yakima Maintenance Crew 09**

\$50,600

This proposal will allow the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to maintain recreational opportunities in the Ahtanum State Forest, located approximately 25 miles west of Yakima, WA. The DNR owns approximately 77,000 acres in the State Forest. Additionally, DNR is negotiating land transactions in Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima Counties that will add approximately 55,000-forested acres to DNR's land base in these counties. Recreational demand is rapidly increasing in these areas, as are the associated impacts from it. The scope of this project will renew funding for a seasonal two-person recreation crew, based out of the Yakima Area. The crew will maintain six Nonhighway Road recreation sites, the motorized multiple use Grey Rock Trail, dispersed recreation activities, forest access road/information signs, the Ahtanum State Forest, and other NHR eligible recreation sites including areas in Kittitas and Klickitat Counties. In addition, this grant will also partially fund a volunteer coordinator that will support volunteer activities in the areas referenced above. These DNR facilities, and associated roads, receive intense use due to their close proximity to major population centers and the fact that there are few other similar recreational opportunities in the area. Benefits of this crew will include improved recreational opportunities and fully maintained facilities, while providing a safer recreation experience as use continues to increase on DNR managed lands.

(09-1013)

**USFS WNF Cle Elum RD
Naneum-Wilson Trail Reroutes**

\$24,600

The scope of this project is to construct a series of reroutes totaling two miles, and build four new bridges on the eight-mile-long Naneum-Wilson trail #1371, which is a popular multi-use trail traversing Table Mountain in Kittitas County. There are numerous problem areas on this trail, including steep eroding slopes, and muddy creek crossings. This trail was the subject of a NOVA-funded analysis (project # 06-1612), which addressed these numerous problems. That analysis resulted in a decision notice which concluded that a series of reroutes and bridges



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would put this trail in a sustainable condition and reduce sediment delivery to the creeks. This proposal would provide the funds to implement the project.

(09-1311)

EarthCorps

EarthCorps Wilderness Trail Maintenance

\$28,996

The scope of this 2-year project will complete nearly 3,000 hours of on the ground critical backlog trail maintenance working with the USDA Forest Service- Skykomish Ranger District in the Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest. At a cost of less than \$10.00/ hour EarthCorps will field four 7-person crews (AmeriCorps & International volunteers, crew leader, and project manager) to conduct priority trail maintenance (logging out, brushing, drainage clearing) on the popular Necklace Valley Trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Additional trail maintenance activities include tread maintenance as well as brushing in and closing parallel trails. EarthCorps is committed to providing over \$18,400 in volunteer labor primarily from International participants ages 18-25 who dedicate 6-months of their life to learn conservation skills in the region. Furthermore EarthCorps will donate overall programmatic support through crewmember recruitment and training. Additionally the USDA Forest Service will donate \$14,400 worth of support with their field personnel for a total match of over \$32,800. In conclusion, support for this proposal will reduce maintenance backlog, increase user safety, protect the natural resource, and provide an opportunity to train young adults in conservation work skills.

(09-1094)

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Mountains to Sound Backcountry Trails 2010

\$30,000

This project will provide maintenance on 30 miles of the most popular, scenic and heavily used backcountry trails in the state these trails are greater than two miles from roads and trailheads in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. 65% of the trails in the Greenway are not accessible to daylong volunteer work parties. This project will enable Washington Conservation Corps crews and volunteers to spike camp in the backcountry and complete maintenance on these hard to access trails. The work will include clearing of windfallen timber, brushing, replacement of trail signs, tread and drainage maintenance and repair, and minor trail structure repair. Many of the trails that will benefit from this project are trails within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and/or difficult to access locations in Mount Baker Snoqualmie Forest in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Such trails include the very popular Ira Spring Trail, Dingford Creek Trail and Granite Mountain Trail. The backcountry trails in the Greenway are easily accessible to a service area of over 3.3 million people. To assist in the management of this popular and heavily used trail system, the Greenway has built a trails program with land managers and key stakeholders in the I-90 corridor. The Greenway works closely with land managers and stakeholders to ensure that maintenance resources are effectively used to meet the many needs of the trail network, and that there are no conflicts between this and other existing or pending grants.

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**USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD
Franklin Falls Trail Reconstruction, Phase 2**

\$75,000

The scope of Phase 2 reconstruction will focus on repair work at the lower and upper end of the trail. Our goal is to make 600 feet of trail from Denny Creek Campground to the first river overlook accessible. Another 500 feet of the lower portion of the trail will be relocated out of a flood channel of the river. Additional turnpike, puncheon and surfacing will be added or replaced. Four overlooks with gravel surfacing, benches and handrails will be built along the trail. A viewing platform, handrails and stairway will be built near the falls for viewing and safe access to the gravel bar below the plunge pool. Franklin Falls Trail #1036 is a 1-mile forest walk through old growth forest from the Denny Creek Campground to Franklin Falls on the South Fork Snoqualmie River. The hike offers outstanding views of dark pools and whitewater cascades as the river rushes through a deep gorge below the trail. Thousands of visitors from Puget Sound urban areas, campers from Denny Creek Campground and day users looking for a short family hike come to see the "Falls" every year. Phase 2 will continue trail repairs begun in 2003 with RTP funding assistance in grant #02-1039D. Phase 1 funded a contract that replaced over 600 feet of wood handrails along exposed areas of the trail. Volunteers from WTA replaced 150 feet of puncheon, built 1000 feet of turnpike and surfaced 2000 feet of the trail since repair efforts began. Phase 2 funding is needed to repair flood damage, build or replace structures and address safety concerns.

(09-1261)

State Parks

Greenwater/Yakima Areas Snowmobile Trail Grooming

\$59,533

The goal of this project is to groom approximately 402 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Greenwater/Yakima areas of the state that are accessed from 19 Sno-Parks. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 11,340. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private businesses and some county governments. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington are located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1111)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
Wilderness and Backcountry Toilet Renovations**

\$9,800

This grant would provide for the purchase of 12 thirty-gallon portable fiberglass toilet vaults for use in the Enchantment Lakes area, to replace our aging system there. Funding would also



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allow for the construction of 30 new Wallowa toilet kits. These are partially pre-assembled toilets, designed to be packed by backpack or pack animal to remote sites and installed as simple pit toilets. Due to the heavy concentrations of use which occur at several of our lakes, it has been necessary to install a number of both fiberglass vault and traditional pit toilets at a large number of sites on our District. The Wallow toilet is a standard design for simple pit toilets in remote backcountry that has been in use since 1929. The system of fiberglass vault toilets is found only in the Enchantment Lakes area, where the shallow soils and prevalent granitic bedrock make pit toilets impossible to install, yet high use levels require a system for human waste management. Extremely heavy use at sites such as Enchantment Lakes, Eight Mile Lake, Coluchuck Lake, Stuart Lake, Lake Valhalla, Spider Meadows, etc. resulted in 128 toilets scattered throughout the wilderness. Although we have decided to decommission and eliminate toilets from a number of these sites, we still have toilets at 62 locations. Many of these wood toilets are more than two decades old, and a number of the fiberglass vaults used in the Enchantment area have begun to deteriorate. The need is great to repair, renovate, or replace most of these toilets.

(09-1134)

**Kittitas Co Park & Rec Dist#1
Evergreen Park Trailhead 2009--Phase 1**

\$75,000

The scope of this project is to complete preliminary design, site preparation, and Phase 1 construction for a multi-use trailhead/park on land south of Cle Elum, donated to the District (land value \$250,000). Project tasks include final design and engineering, site preparation, fencing and gates, signage, and temporary sanitary facilities. No paving or striping will be necessary for winter use. Phase 1 development is intended to make the trailhead useable by the public for winter recreation in one construction season. The project will provide parking for 50 to 60 vehicle/snowmobile trailer units. The five acre parcel adjoins Forest Service Road #4510, which becomes a groomed snowmobile trail in the winter and provides connectivity for the Taneum/Manashtash, South Cle Elum, and Easton areas. The Forest Service supports the construction of the snopark, and is cooperating on project design. Woods and Steele Road has been designated as a winter recreation parking site by Kittitas County, and is the second or third most utilized point of access to the Forest Service trail system. Evergreen Park will provide safe, off-road parking and sanitary facilities, replacing a no-facilities, pull-off-the-side-of-the road situation. The project has been designed to accomodate other trail users in future phases (hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians). The majority of winter recreationists in Kittitas County are from the I- 5 corridor. I-90 construction has closed other snoparks in the area.

(09-1246)

**Mountain Trails Grooming Assn
Groom Priority 2 and 3 Snowmobile Trails**

\$24,980

The project objective is to obtain funding support for two consecutive years of grooming funds for 240 miles of priority 2 and 3 trails that are used by snowmobiles, cross-country skiers, dog sledders and snowshoers. These priority 2 and 3 trails connect to over 135 miles of priority one trail that is groomed weekly with funds from Washington State Parks and Recreation. These priority 2 and 3 trails connect residents and winter visitors from Lost River, Winthrop, Conconully, Twisp and Twisp River to the snowmobile trail system in the Methow Valley. The Methow Valley Ranger District, Okanogan County Snowmobile Advisory Board, Methow Valley Snowmobile



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Association, Tri Rivers Snowmobile Club, Association of Okanogan County Snowmobile Clubs, Winthrop and Twisp Chamber of Commerce support this project.

(09-1058)

**USFS OKNF Methow RD
Boundary Trail Maintenance**

\$35,532

The scope of this project is to perform backlog maintenance on 12.4 miles of the Boundary Trail, recently designated by Congress as the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (funding did not come with the designation). The trail, which parallels the international border of Canada, crosses the northern tier of the Pasayten Wilderness Area and is in a very remote location. The trail has been impassable since the winter of 2006-07 when over 500 trees came down across the trail corridor. Large rootwads have also damaged the tread in several locations. The remote location of the trail area to be maintained can only be accessed from trailheads to the south, either the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail at 26.8 miles or Buckskin Ridge/Robinson Creek Trails at 16.3 miles. Maintenance work will consist of using hand tools appropriate to national standards in Wilderness crosscut saws, axes and pruning saws to clear the trail, repair trail tread and perform drainage maintenance. Washington Trails Association has agreed to provide approximately 480 hours of volunteer labor in assisting with this project if funded.

(09-1109)

**USFS MBNF Skykomish RD
Skykomish RD Trail Maintenance 2010-2011**

\$75,000

This project will fund trail crews, youth corps, contractors, and coordination of volunteer groups in maintenance of 144 miles of trails on the Skykomish Ranger District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest during the 2010 and 2011 field seasons. These trails include hiker and stock trails. Work includes log out, brushing, drainage, structure/bridge repair, slide repair, boulder removal, and tread work to provide improved trail conditions and a significant reduction of the maintenance backlog. Safety hazards will be repaired, and resource damage from widening trails and soil erosion will be prevented. The capital investment in the trails system will be preserved, since trail problems will be repaired before they become much worse. In addition, the trail system will be more aesthetic and better meet the needs of trail users. The trail system traverses the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness Areas and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mt. Index Scenic Area and includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the barrier free Iron Goat Trail within the Stevens Pass Historic District. The system receives over 50,000 visitors per year and features old growth forests, subalpine lakes and meadows, mountain views, and wild creeks and rivers. The system is within 1-1/2 hour drive from the Seattle area via Hwy. 2.

(09-1070)

**State Parks
Mt. Baker/Methow & S. Cascades Trail Grooming**

\$61,953

The goal of this project is to groom approximately 1,291 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Mt. Baker/Methow and South Cascades regions of the state. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 13,627. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private



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businesses and some county governments. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington is located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1098)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
WRRD Stewardship Crew**

\$39,250

The scope of this project is to fund a Wilderness Stewardship Crew in partnership with the Student Conservation Association, to supplement routine wilderness ranger and trail crew work with targeted maintenance projects at sites in the Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, and the Henry Jackson Wildernesses. Work will include noxious weed control, campsite maintenance, and trail maintenance. This grant will fund a 5-person crew for the summer of 2010. A variety of trails and destination areas will be served. In the heavily-used Enchantment Lakes area, a mix of toilet maintenance and trail tread repair will be completed. Trail sections near Aasgard Pass and Snow Lake will also be a high priority. The crew will also complete work on sections of the Pacific Crest Trail, which has not received much attention in recent years due to budget limitations. Additionally, the crew will devote several weeks to noxious weed control at a number of infested trailheads. As portals to our nearly weed-free wilderness areas, hand-pulling of weeds at these sites is critical to the long term ecological integrity of a vast area. Help is also needed to deal with our one serious infestation of noxious weeds within wilderness, near Eight Mile Lake, and Trout Lake, where weed control has been ongoing for over a dozen years utilizing a mix of volunteer crews, wilderness rangers, and district botanists.

(09-1486)

**Dept of Natural Resources
DNR NW 09 NM Facilities M&O**

\$48,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide staff and materials necessary to maintain six non-motorized trailheads and ten backcountry campgrounds (fifty campsites) located throughout the DNR's NW Region. These facilities are located in close proximity of population centers in Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. Maintenance activities include cleaning and maintaining toilets (front and backcountry) mowing vegetation removing litter and manure maintaining signs, picnic tables and fire rings painting maintaining accessible facilities parking area and road repairs and other general site maintenance. Volunteers will accomplish work and a full-time crew comprised of DNR staff and WCC members. This crew is currently funded by three existing RCO M&O grants. This grant provides a portion (41%) of the ongoing funding needed to staff the crew and meet maintenance commitments. By reducing our maintenance backlog and providing timely routine maintenance, this project allows the DNR



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to protect natural resources, enhance longevity of our recreation assets, and preserve opportunities for approximately 80,000 visitors/year, while providing a year-round recreation experience that is safe and enjoyable. This request will provide for site maintenance and operations for 12 months.

(09-1008)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
WRRD Wilderness Trail Maintenance 2010**

\$40,000

This project will conduct backlog and yearly trail maintenance activities on approximately 400 miles of wilderness and adjacent trails located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. Yearly maintenance activity will consist of, at a minimum, trail log out and clearing of the trails. In addition, some backlog maintenance work, such as brushing and drainage, replacement or repair of water bars, and minor reconstruction of tread surfaces, will be completed on a few select trail miles. Overall, this project will spend an average of \$200 per mile of trail, although the actual amount spent on any given mile will depend on the amount of brushing, drainage, and tread work completed. A combination of contractors, paid youth crews, a force account trail crew, and volunteers will conduct this maintenance work.

(09-1062)

State Parks

Snoqualmie Pass/I-90 Non-Motorized Trail Grooming

\$22,150

There are over 35 map miles of popular groomed cross-country ski trails along the I-90 corridor near Snoqualmie Pass. This proposal would assist State Parks' Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Program to continue to provide groomed trails for cross-country skiing recreational activities. Grooming is especially necessary on well-traveled trails, and keeps the trail surfaces smooth and in a safely useable condition. When groomed as necessary, the total number of miles groomed would be about 4,700 this coming winter season. Because of its proximity and ease of access from major population centers to the west, the Snoqualmie Pass area receives heavy recreational use, and the demand is increasing each year. During the 2007-08 season, approximately 100,000 users were reported on the non-motorized trail systems in this area. The Non-Motorized Sno-Parks Program is funded by the sale of One-Day, Seasonal, and Special Groomed Trail Sno-Park Permits. State general funds are not used to support the program, and revenue from the sale of parking permits is insufficient to meet growing demands for services. Volunteers assist State Parks in coordinating public services, which are often provided by private businesses under contract with the state. Recreationists visiting these areas help support local businesses from Snoqualmie Pass to Cle Elum.

(09-1120)

State Parks

Mt. Spokane Area Snow Grooming Machine

\$75,000

This grant will help fund the purchase of a new snow groomer for the Mt Spokane State Park ski areas. It will replace an aging snow grooming machine, which will in turn improve the grooming of cross-country ski trails in and adjacent to Mt. Spokane State Park. The old machine is well past its life expectancy and repair costs are exceeding the value of the machine and have resulted in much downtime, reducing services to the public. The old machine will be kept as a



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back-up groomer, if possible. The new machine will be larger and will allow grooming of the entire ski trail system with one pass, instead of multiple passes over longer periods. Grooming frequency can also be increased in response to changing conditions, to rehabilitate trails following periods of ice or heavy snow, and in advance of special events. Mt. Spokane State Park is a very popular Nordic area situated within an hour's drive of a metropolitan area. Within the 24 mile system is a variety of terrain, and opportunities for beginners as well as advanced skiers and skaters.

(09-1121)

**USFS WNF Cle Elum RD
Cle Elum Winter NM Trail M & O 2010-2011**

\$48,260

Funds from this grant will help support a dedicated full-time maintenance team to ensure that current non-motorized opportunities remain available. Trail maintenance includes removal of down logs, sign and marker installation and upkeep, clearing brush and overhanging limbs, and maintaining small bridges on cross country ski, dogsled and snowshoe routes. The majority of these trails are not groomed, so maintaining signs and obvious routes will boost user confidence that they are on a trail. The Cle Elum Ranger District is one of the most heavily used winter recreation areas in the state, with easy access, abundant snow, and good weather. There are currently 80 miles of marked and maintained trails for non-motorized use, rated from easiest to most difficult. With the help of RTP funds, we have been able to add more miles, which have helped ease the demand for non-motorized trails. Over the past three years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the popularity of snowshoeing. As this use grows, along with other muscle-powered winter sports, we need to continue to maintain trails to ensure safety and enjoyment. The Cle Elum district is involved in several planning efforts (Interstate 90 Expansion, Upper Yakima Basin Planning) which will identify new opportunities for non-motorized winter recreation. By working with Forest Service resource specialists, user groups and volunteers, we hope to be able to use part of this grant to implement new routes and expand our winter route offerings.

(09-1077)

**USFS UNF Pomeroy RD
Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Trail Maintenance**

\$75,000

The scope of this project will be to conduct backlog and yearly trail maintenance activities on 100 miles of wilderness trails located on the Pomeroy Ranger District. Yearly maintenance will consist of log-out and clearing on all trails. Some trails will have additional maintenance work completed such as brushing and drainage, where needed. In addition, some backlog maintenance work will be completed such as replacing and repairing water bars and minor reconstruction of tread surfaces. Trail maintenance costs on these trails are high due to the wilderness location. Steep rugged slopes, winter storm damage, windfalls, fast growing brush and high visitor use are all contributors to annual needed maintenance. Damage is still occurring on 20 miles of the trails, caused by the Columbia Fire in 2006. Anticipated windfalls and tread repair will be needed throughout the use season. This two-year proposal will help reduce the growing maintenance backlog and increase user safety. The Forest Service is working in conjunction with the Backcountry Horseman of Washington.

(09-1057)



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Blewett Pass & I-90 Snowmobile Trail Grooming

\$58,856

The goal of this project is to help groom approximately 402 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Blewett Pass and I-90 corridor areas and accessed from 13 Sno-Parks. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 12,746. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private businesses and the USFS in this area. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington is located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1113)

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Lower Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail Connections

\$58,000

This project will construct a new trail in the lower Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. The 1997 Middle Fork - Public Use Concept Plan identified a high need for additional trails and trailheads in the lower valley. After a decade of cleaning the area of illegal dumping and meth labs, and consolidation of public lands, partners are ready to develop facilities for increased public use. In 2008 the State DNR received NOVA funding to design and permit a new trailhead and trails in the area and will complete design work in 2009. This project will construct a 1.5-mile trail to connect the new trailhead to the Granite Lakes Road-Trail and will provide future access to trails leading to 5 lakes and potentially to Mailbox Peak and other locations. This new trail will provide a much needed trail connection in the 20,000-acre program area, and will relieve pressure on the nearby Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The project will also provide a safe and appropriate alternative to the illegal trails currently being developed in the area. The project will utilize 2,600 volunteer hours and 1,400 hours of Washington Conservation Corps crew time and is a partnership between the Mountains to Sound Greenway and the State DNR.

(09-1328)

Dept of Natural Resources

Capitol Forest 09 NHR Facilities M&O

\$49,650

This project proposal will provide support in the form of labor, restroom pumping, supplies, equipment, signs and some transportation costs for on-going facility maintenance and repair in five NHR campgrounds managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the Capitol State Forest. The project will provide DNR staff, work crews and volunteers with the necessary resources to safely maintain these facilities by addressing routine maintenance and repairs in a timely and efficient manner. This proposal provides labor and resources for tasks such as



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restroom pumping, painting and other maintenance. The proposal will also: remove hazard trees, repair fences and picnic tables, clean fire pits, clear brush, remove litter and provide for general repair and perform sign maintenance. Sign maintenance will include brushing encroaching vegetation, painting and, repairing or replacing damaged signs. This proposal provides the resources necessary to complete many collaborative projects and tasks requested by our visitors, adopt-a-facility participants and general volunteers. Funding for this grant will allow us to continue to meet the demand for volunteer projects in these facilities while addressing potential health, safety and resource damage concerns. It will assist us in maintaining past investments. If funded, this grant proposal will allow the DNR and volunteers to continue to maintain safe and clean facilities for trail enthusiasts who visit the Capitol Forest.

(09-1012)

State Parks

Taneum/Manastash & Stemilt/Colockum Trail Grooming

\$33,014

The goal of this project is to groom approximately 285 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Taneum/Manastash and Stemilt/Colockum areas of the state. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 6,288. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private businesses and some county governments. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington is located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1112)

**USFS UNF Walla Walla RD
Meadow M&O**

\$29,381

The scope of this project is to maintain drainage and tread for 21 miles of trails. These trails are both on the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts within the boundary of the Umatilla National Forest this project will be a joint effort from both districts. In addition to drainage and tread maintenance, logout and brushing will be performed where needed. There is a need to maintain drainage structures, cross both ditches and drain dips to preserve water quality in the adjacent streams. Increasing use has created areas where the tread needs to be maintained and reshaped on a regular basis. These trails are used from early spring to late Fall by both general recreationists and hunters. Trail safety and user experience will be enhanced by this project. This program of regular maintenance will help move the trails toward an acceptable standard of



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maintenance and reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance currently existing on the trail system.

(09-1239)

State Parks

Leavenworth/Chelan Areas Snowmobile Trail Grooming

\$54,547

The goal of this project is to help groom approximately 507 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Leavenworth/Chelan areas of the state, and accessed from nine Sno-Parks. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 10,528. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private businesses in this area. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington is located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1116)

State Parks

Inland NE/SE Areas Snowmobile Trail Grooming

\$54,091

The goal of this project is to help groom approximately 908 map miles of snowmobile trails located in the Inland NE/SE areas of the state, and accessed from 13 Sno-Parks. Since trails are groomed as needed to maintain a safe and usable surface, the total number of grooming miles for this region is estimated to be 12,188. To provide grooming services, State Parks contracts with private businesses and the USFS in this area. Funding for these grooming contracts comes from snowmobile registration fees, and a percentage of the state's fuel tax that is attributed to snowmobile use. The Department of Licensing reported in early 2009 that there are 36,200 registered snowmobiles in the state of Washington, most of which are used for recreational riding on groomed snowmobile trails. The majority of the 3500 plus miles in Washington is located on Forest Service land, with additional miles found on lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and a variety of private landowners. All of these organizations work in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is responsible for providing snow removal, education, enforcement, sanitation and snow grooming services that enable snowmobilers to safely access and use the trail systems from 80 Sno-Parks located throughout the state. Grooming is typically provided from December 1 to March 31 of each year and is coordinated by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Snowmobilers using these trails provide a significant boost to rural economies.

(09-1114)



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King County DNR & Parks

Cougar Mountain Trail Maintenance

\$71,355

The scope of this project is to improve trail conditions at 13 sites at King County's Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Project tasks include tread repair, culvert repair for winter drainage, erosion control, brushing, and removal of hazard trees. This project will dramatically reduce maintenance backlogs, address safety concerns, protect environmentally sensitive areas, and generally improve trail conditions at Cougar Mountain. RTP funds will go towards project costs, such as seasonal staff, project supplies, vehicle rental, material, and equipment. At 3,100 acres, Cougar Mountain is King County Parks's largest natural area, a wilderness oasis featuring mountain meadows, forested wetlands, and a variety of wildlife. Situated in the Îelssaquah Alps region of the Cascade Foothills on the edge of the state's most populous metropolitan area, Cougar Mountain and its 36 miles of backcountry trails are extremely popular with hikers and equestrians. In 2006, Trails.com ranked Cougar Mountain the 19th of the Top 100 trails in North America.

(09-1156)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

2010-11 Cle Elum R.D. ORV Trail Crew, South Zone

\$74,433

This proposal supports a lead operator and a two-person crew who will perform trail maintenance in the Taneum & Manastash on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The need for this maintenance is due to the amount of ORV use on the trail system. The crews would be dedicated to these areas for eight months each year and would emphasize the following tasks. Logging out the trail system in a timely manner to prevent resource damage. Correcting safety problems. Maintaining water drainage structures, bridges and turnpikes. Correcting resource damage caused by inappropriate ORV use. This project would be from April when the snow begins to melt and people come to ride from all over the Northwest, into November when the snow comes back and closes the trails. We also use the help of volunteers to complete the logout of the motorized trail system in the south zone area. They also report any unsafe conditions and help with special projects such as repair of trail bridges, mud holes and washouts.

(09-1185)

USFS WNF Cle Elum RD

2010-11 Cle Elum North Zone ORV Trail Crew

\$72,883

This proposal supports a crew leader and a three-person crew who will perform trail maintenance on the motorized trails north of I-90 on the Cle Elum Ranger District. The need for this maintenance is due to the increased amount of ORV use on this trail system. The crews would be dedicated to these areas for eight months each year and would emphasize the following tasks. Logging out the trail system in a timely manner to prevent resource damage. As we log out the trail we find safety issues needing correcting and or signing, we can address these immediately to prevent injury to the users. Maintaining water drainage structures, trail bridges and turnpikes keeps the trail usable for a longer season. Correcting resource damage caused by inappropriate ORV use when it happens allows the forest to heal quicker. Also keeping the signing needs up to date helps new user from getting lost. This work will occur from when the snow melts in April in low elevations when all categories of users from hunters to jeepers come to use it, too late November when it is one of the last places to close for the winter. Many of the



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trailheads and camping areas have naturally expanded because of an increase of use. We rely on volunteers to help with maintenance on our trail system. They help in logout, and many special projects that may include fixing bridges, mud holes and signing. Our volunteers come from many different user groups jeep clubs, motorcycle groups, backcountry equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers.

(09-1186)

USFS UNF Pomeroy RD

Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Trailhead Maintenance

\$29,000

The scope of this project is to perform operation and maintenance duties which will reduce deferred maintenance at eight wilderness trailhead facilities and one multiple-use trailhead on the Pomeroy Ranger District. Maintenance and operations performed twice a week will consist of vault toilet cleaning/restocking, pumping of vault toilets, removing garbage, cleaning of firerings, cleaning of picnic tables, updating visitor information and interpretive signs, mowing, painting, crib halting managers/hitching rails, falling hazard trees and purchasing supplies. Deferred maintenance items include resetting mangers and hitching rails caused by snow damage, replacing rotting/broken logs and/or broken 2x6's on the feed managers and hitching rails. Also included in this maintenance will be the re-establishment of damaged parking barriers along with the repairing of picnic tables. These trailheads provide the users with a multiple of day hike/ride and overnight loop trips from 17 to 60 miles. These trailheads offer a unique attraction to a variety of different user groups such as campers, hikers, fisherman, equestrian users, berry/mushroom pickers, and everyday forest visitors. Amenities, provided at the trailhead to reduce resource damage, include hitching rails, feed managers, two-tier loading dock and parking barriers, vault toilet, fire rings, picnic tables and bulletin boards.

(09-1228)

USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD

Mt. Baker Trailhead and Trail System Signage

\$25,600

The scope of this project is to install signs at trailheads and along the trail systems in the Mt. Baker Ranger District (MBRD). These signs are necessary to provide visitor information and orientation at trailheads, trail junctions, and backcountry campsites. The MBRD is responsible for management of 200 miles of trail and 38 trailheads. At present a number of recreation site identification signs marking trailheads need to be installed or replaced. At the trailhead, information sign panels are lacking and/or are in need of an update in order to provide more accurate information of the trail opportunities, regulations, and recommended user ethics. Signage along the backcountry trail system is in need of maintenance and/or replacement at several key junctions. Signs marking many of the district's backcountry toilets, campsites, and closed sites are worn, damaged or missing and need to be repaired or replaced. National Forest visitors would benefit from this project by receiving orientation to the trail opportunities as well as a concise and accurate presentation of visitor information on the trailhead information panels and directional signing along the trail system providing for their continued safety. The district would coordinate this project with the assistance of external partners such as the Whatcom County Sheriff's Departments Correctional Crew, Discover Your Northwest Cooperating Association and Washington Trails Association, as well as individual Forest Service volunteers.

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**USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD
Snoqualmie Backcountry Site Mtce 2010**

\$72,000

This proposal will fund Forest Service summer field personnel and backcountry maintenance crews from Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, EarthCorps and/or the Student Conservation Association assisted by volunteer rangers to maintain trail-accessed backcountry recreation facilities. Facilities include non-system trails, campsites, signs, toilets, and other improvements at popular backcountry destinations that have fallen into disrepair. Work will occur at sites along system trails managed by the Snoqualmie Ranger District within the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak and Clearwater Wilderness areas, and surrounding backcountry. RCO funding will support on-going maintenance funded in previous years (06-2047 and 07-1373). Current Forest Service budgets are inadequate to fund annual maintenance of backcountry recreation sites at popular destinations resulting in deteriorating facilities and resource conditions. The 300,000 acre district includes over 400 miles of system trails and 100+ alpine lakes where well over 100,000 visitors utilize backcountry facilities including non-system trails (e.g. social trails, user-built trails, boot trails), campsites, pit toilets, fire rings and other primitive facilities concentrated around popular destinations. Our goal is to maintain, repair and replace these facilities as required to ensure public safety, sanitation, and increased trail user satisfaction. Facilities maintenance will protect infrastructure investment and prevent damage to natural resources and water quality.

(09-1298)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
Devils Gulch ORV M&O 2010-2011**

\$36,700

This project is for the maintenance and operation of 56 miles of ORV trails and nine trailheads in the Devils Gulch ORV Trail System for two years. These facilities are located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District and are managed primarily for motorcyclists but are also popular with mountain bike riders. Trails maintenance will include log-out, brushing, tread repair, signing, clear trail drainage structures, repair trail slumps and slides, and remove rocks from tread surfaces. Trails crews will also repair and maintain trail bridges, stream fords, puncheon, and other trail structures. Trailhead maintenance will include toilet cleaning and pumping, bulletin board posting, litter pick up, registration box servicing, and signing. Forest Service force account crews, youth corps, and volunteers will conduct maintenance work.

(09-1059)

**Dept of Natural Resources
SW WA Non-Motorized Trail M&O**

\$50,000

The scope of this project will provide for the maintenance and operations of 61 miles of non-motorized trail and six trailheads located within the Yacolt Burn State Forest and the Siouxon and Naselle landscapes. This project is needed to continue work on the backlog of maintenance items identified through an RCO funded trail and bridge assessment. This project will provide for user safety by repairing damaged sections of trail and will help to protect natural resources by fixing problems that could have a negative impact on the environment during extreme weather events. Trail maintenance activities include (but are not limited to) shaping the trail surface, hardening small sections of trail (<100 feet in length) by applying crushed rock or other hardening materials, installing and maintaining culverts, drain dips, and ditch-outs, brushing encroaching vegetation, and inspecting and maintaining bridges and wet crossings. Trailhead



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maintenance will include (but is not limited to) the upkeep of restrooms, signage installation/upkeep, litter and vandalism removal, and general site repair. DNR staff, Correctional and Washington Conservation Corps Crews, and volunteer labor will accomplish this project. The project includes labor and materials necessary for trail and site maintenance for one year. It is estimated that this project will benefit approximately 10,000 visitors per year. Of those visitors, approximately 38% are equestrians, 30% are mountain bike riders, 30% are hikers, and 2% are other users.

(09-1072)

**USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD
Lake Wenatchee ORV M&O 2009-10**

\$36,300

This project is for the maintenance and operation of 52 miles of ORV trails and six associated trailheads in the Lower Chiwawa, Chikamin, and Nason Ridge areas for two years. These facilities are located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District and are managed primarily for motorcyclists, but are also popular with mountain bike riders. Maintenance activities will include log-out, brushing, tread repair, signing, repair of trail drainage, repair of trail slumps and slides, and removal of rocks from tread surfaces. Additional trails maintenance will also repair and maintain trail bridges, stream fords, puncheon, and other trail structures. At trailheads maintenance will include bulletin board posting, registration box servicing, toilet cleaning/pumping, and signing. Forest Service force account crews, youth corps, and volunteers will conduct all maintenance work.

(09-1060)

**USFS OKNF Methow RD
MVRD Trailhead Maintenance 2010**

\$70,964

The scope of this project will provide funds to maintain the 34 trailheads on the Methow Valley Ranger District. The trailheads are the support facilities for the trails that lead into the isolated and spectacular backcountry and wilderness on the district. These trailheads provide parking, restrooms, information, and other amenities for people hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and riding trail bikes on the trails on the district. Each of the trailheads requires annual maintenance and most have backlog maintenance items. Specific annual tasks include bulletin board maintenance, security patrols, picnic table repair and maintenance, garbage collection, outhouse cleaning and maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties. Backlog maintenance items will include repairing or replacing bulletin boards, fire grates and repairing wooden outhouses.

(09-1315)

**Town of Pe Ell
Willapa Hills Pe Ell Trailhead and Campground**

\$75,000

The scope of this project is to design and construct an eight unit campground within the Town of Pe Ell town limits along the vacated Northern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The proposed campground will provide facilities to equestrian, biking, and hiking users and include gravel tent camping pads, concrete pads for ADA accessible picnic tables and fire rings. Currently, the site has a developed parking lot (14 stalls), equestrian trailer parking (7 stalls), a large circular paved trailer turnaround, and restrooms. The land is owned by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and is part of the 56-mile Willapa Hills Trail State Park, which follows the



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Chehalis and Willapa Rivers through some of the most remote and undeveloped accessible lowlands west of the Cascades providing a rare backcountry experience in western Washington's lowland riparian forest. This trail segment connects the City of Chehalis with the City of South Bend and will eventually be part of a larger system that connects Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. Currently, this corridor serves overnight camper's at a single location at Rainbow Falls State Park. Much of the labor and equipment needed to construct the campground will be donated by the Town of Pe Ell.

(09-1320)

**Town of Cusick
Pend Oreille River Trail**

\$8,600

The scope of this project is to acquire grant funds to be used in the Cusick Conservation Park for the new construction of a trail connector, which will complete a looped trail system. Additional scope elements will include the implementation of a weed control program, vegetation brush-out and the tread renovation of the existing trail. The completed trail improvements will allow trail users to enter into a successful wetland restoration project where the old "Diamond Match Mill" used to deck logs. The trail is the only access into the conservation park and improving it will allow the park user to escape human activity and enjoy undeveloped river frontage and wildlife habitat, in a safe, natural, quiet setting. The park is a wildlife corridor sharing a boundary with Kalispel Tribal land and the Calispell River. There is abundant wildlife, birds and trees. The trail is an important final phase in the Town's Comprehensive Park plan and supports the Outdoor Education Site. Obtaining grant funds will allow a realistic starting point for continued Town maintenance in the future.

(09-1244)

**USFS Priest Lake
Priest Lake Trail Maintenance 2009**

\$66,100

The scope of this project is to perform annual maintenance on 55 miles of interconnected multi-use and wilderness trail on the Washington portion of the Priest Lake Ranger District over a two-year period. There is a need for annual maintenance to be performed, including drainage structure cleaning and repair. There is a need for longer loop systems on the district especially for stock and bike users. The trails in this proposal can be divided into three interconnected systems: Salmo-Priest- wilderness portion of Jackson Creek and Hughes Fork Trails that offer a remote wilderness experience Tillicum- Tillicum, Grassy Top & Roosevelt Trails that offer dense old-growth forest and Icy Springs- Stateline, Icy Springs, Squaw Valley & Lamb Trails offer motorized use and expansive views plus Kalispell Rock trail that ties into the system but is non-motorized. The project will benefit users with an improved loop trail system that offers a wide range of experiences, a safer and more enjoyable backcountry experience and increased access from both Washington and Idaho. The project includes the removal of downed logs and overgrown brush from the trailway, cleaning and repairing drainage ditches and turnpike, culverts and waterbars and tread improvement. Funding will reduce maintenance costs up to 50% over the two-year period - heavy brushing and drainage work is required bi-annually only. A combination of force account, contract, volunteers and youth crews will be utilized to accomplish the work.

(09-1074)



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City of Port Orchard

Blackjack Creek Wilderness Trail

\$38,000

The scope of this project is to upgrade to an existing informal pedestrian trail, maintenance of the existing Blackjack Creek pedestrian crossing along the trail, realignment of a short section of trail onto existing City rights-of-way, installation of a formal trailhead, and provide safety improvements to the Kendall Street trail connection to the Blackjack Creek Wilderness Trail. The existing trail is used extensively as an existing pedestrian route and a walking trail for South Kitsap High School students between heavily populated neighborhoods that are bisected by the Blackjack Creek ravine. The existing informal trail is very steep in areas (40 to 55 percent) and experiences severe deterioration during the winter months creating unsafe conditions. The project will repair the existing pedestrian bridge that crosses Blackjack Creek, install switchbacks with no more than a 15 percent grade for safely traversing the eastern section of trail, widen the tread surface of the trail, and create a welcoming trailhead with trail signage and lighting. This trail will provide a unique wilderness experience in that it descends a steep ravine that protects it from sounds and sights of the City and allows interaction with wildlife, a creek and forests.

(09-1245)

Puget Cr Restoration Society

Puget Creek Boardwalk

\$75,000

The scope of this project is the current trail in the 2-acre wetland section of this 66-acre area does not allow any disabled or wheelchair bound elderly individuals who have difficulty walking or small children access. A habitat and people-friendly boardwalk will protect the environmental attributes and provide access for all individuals. We would like to build a 1,000 ft. raised board to provide access to all individuals and to help restore salmon and wildlife habitat. The project will be conducted in phases with the first phase to start in September. The boardwalk will be composed of all environmentally friendly material, the designs have been developed to include a Kiosk, and large Salmon sculpture. The outcomes include raising awareness of citizens on urban stream salmonid issues the need for trails to help educate citizens and access so all can enjoy this park/habitat area. Improve the habitat so sedimentation and erosion are decreased. The Bates Carpentry program is going to build phase 1 Simpson workers/Carpentry Union Apprentists we have business, industry, parks department and city of Tacoma as partners along with state and federal funders. This project is 4 years old, culminating recently in grants being awarded and in-kind services so that phase one can commence as soon as permits are issued. This project will also take out a fish impasse sewer line, add woody debris for pool formation, and decrease the amount of sedimentation into the stream from people walking through the stream.

(09-1223)

Town of Steilacoom

Farrell's Marsh Park - signage

\$27,500

The Town of Steilacoom will use this grant to purchase and install four covered shelters with double-sided signage boards at four separate entrances to Farrell's Marsh Park. The signage boards will have a map of the trail system within the park, environmental information, and park rules. A uniquely untouched place within the otherwise urbanized area, Farrell's Marsh is a 64-acre open space park purchased with Land and Water Conservation Fund money in 1975. The park is a favorite for area residents to hike and enjoy nature. The Town surveyed its residents in 2003, 2005 and 2007 in part to determine preferences for park and recreation



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activities. The surveys indicated strong community support for walking and hiking trails along with improved signs, maps, and nature information. These shelters and signs are designed to meet the public's expressed desire for better signage and maps, and to provide a consistent entrance image for the park. The community will provide support with donated labor to prepare the entrances and erect the shelters. The Town anticipates future work within the park to include rehabilitation and grooming of trails, removal of invasive species, and possible establishment of a picnic area and installation of restrooms.

(09-1227)

City of Waitsburg

Touchet River Multi-Use Path

\$8,800

The legal description of the property purchased with funding assistance provided through this Project Agreement (and protected by a recorded Deed-of-Right) shall be amended into the Project Agreement prior to reimbursement of the final payment.

(09-1293)