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Project in Asotin County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Awarded: \$46,193¹** Grooming Blue Mountain Snowmobile Trails

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at five Sno-parks and to groom about 138 miles of snowmobile trails in the Blue Mountains of Asotin and Columbia Counties in southeastern Washington. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. All the trail systems in this area are in the Umatilla National Forest. State Parks will contribute \$46,194 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1480)

Projects in Chelan County

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$20,000** Funding a Climbing Ranger near Leavenworth

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a seasonal climbing ranger for 2 years to patrol popular climbing areas near Leavenworth. The ranger will educate climbers on minimizing natural resource and social impacts, assess use levels, determine signing and educational needs, develop handouts and a climber information Web page, and establish new partnerships with climbing organizations, clubs, and volunteer groups. The areas surrounding Leavenworth are regionally and nationally known destinations for climbing, drawing tens of thousands of climbers each year. Very high use in concentrated climbing areas has damaged the land and threatens access to these beloved areas. The impacts include damage to sensitive and rare plants, disturbance of at-risk wildlife, and social impacts such as crowding and improper disposal of human waste. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$36,000 in federal funding, donated labor, district equipment, and a state grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1851)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest **Grant Awarded: \$2,045** Funding a Snow Ranger

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate visitors about safe and responsible backcountry and wilderness use in Chelan County. The grant also will be used to buy and install boundary markers and informational signs. The ranger district hopes

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these efforts will reduce the number of snowmobilers and users of other motorized vehicles trespassing into wilderness areas. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$21,560 in donated and staff labor and district equipment. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1778)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Multi-Use Trails

Grant Awarded: \$60,000

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to maintain trails in the Chiwawa/Chikamin, Devils Gulch/Tronsen Ridge, and Icicle Ridge /Freund Canyon areas. These trails are open to motorcycle, mountain bike, horse, and hiker user groups. The ranger district will fix rutting and erosion, as well as do annual maintenance tasks. The grant will fund work crews and pay for two chainsaws. The Wenatchee River Ranger District will contribute \$149,032 in federal funding, donated labor, and a grant from the state Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Area program. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1830)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Trails above Chelan Lake

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 195 miles of trail for 2 years in the Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas, Sawtooth and Domke Lake road-less areas, and Lucerne-Holden Village Scenic Corridor. The ranger district will remove fallen trees, clean water drainage structures, and remove loose rock on all trails each year. In addition, the district will do bigger maintenance projects, such as removing trees from burned areas, cutting overgrown brush, and repairing trail surfaces, signs, bridges, and trail structures, on some of the trails. These trails are used for wilderness backpacking and stock packing, day hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and motorcycle riding. The Chelan Ranger District will contribute \$132,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of labor and materials. [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1291)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Trails below Chelan Lake

Grant Awarded: \$150,000

The Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 200 miles of trail in the lower Lake Chelan Basin including 28 miles in Echo Ridge, 111 miles of snowmobile trails in Grade Creek and Black Canyon, and 63 miles of snowmobile trails in Devil's Backbone. The ranger district will groom snowmobile and cross-country ski trails, maintain Sno-Parks and trailheads, clear fallen trees and overgrown brush, mow, repair trail signs, treat noxious weeds, and maintain winter trail structures, such as warming huts. These trails are used by a variety of recreationists, including cross-country skiers, snowshoers, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, and hikers. The

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Chelan Ranger District will contribute \$250,000 in cash, district equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1512)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Trails Damaged by the Tinpan Fire

Grant Awarded: \$60,000

The Entiat Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 44 miles of trails in the North Fork Pyramid Mountain area; 56 miles of wilderness trails in the Entiat Meadows, Larch Lakes, and Ice Lake area; and 5 miles of hiking trails, over 2 years. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush and fix water drainage structures and trail surfaces. In 2006, 32 miles of wilderness trails were damaged severely by the Tinpan Fire. During the next few years, the ranger district expects many of those burned trees to fall on the trails. Trail erosion and damage to trail surfaces also are expected in this area. The ranger district will focus on 16 miles of wilderness trail affected by the Tinpan fire and 4 miles along the trails in the popular North Fork Pyramid Mountain area. The Entiat Ranger District will contribute \$64,500 in district equipment and staff labor and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1761)

Projects in Columbia County

U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest Providing a Winter Trail Patrol

Grant Awarded: \$10,000

The Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund one ranger to patrol five Sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and about 180,000 acres of backcountry area open to winter recreation, in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness. The ranger and volunteers will educate users about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for wilderness and non-motorized areas. This snow ranger program will provide consistent field presence and one-on-one interaction with visitors, which reduces conflicts and educates visitors in this heavily-used snowmobile riding and winter recreation area in southeast Washington. The snow ranger also will attend club gatherings, council meetings, and events. The Pomeroy Ranger District will contribute \$22,000 in donated and staff labor and district equipment. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1850)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grooming Blue Mountain Snowmobile Trails

Grant Awarded: \$46,193²

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Project in Grays Harbor County

Grays Harbor County Maintaining Straddleline ORV Park Trails and Campground

Grant Awarded: \$20,530³

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to maintain 15 miles of motorized trails and tackle backlogged maintenance issues on about 50 acres of the campground in the Straddleline ORV Park. The County will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and install signs during the next 2 years. The trails are used by motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders. The County also will use the grant to buy a mini excavator with attachment, materials, fuel, and other miscellaneous equipment. The 155-acre park is in Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties near McCleary, and serves about 25,000 motorized vehicle users annually. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$52,500 in donated labor from the Seattle Motorcycle Club, Gallerdo Dirt Maffia, and Puget Sound Enduro Riders. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1823)

Projects in King County

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Trail Crews

Grant Awarded: \$75,000⁴

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund trail crews to maintain 144 miles of hiker and stock trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest for 2 years. The work will

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⁴ This project is in both King and Snohomish Counties. The grant award is not broken down by how much is spent in each county but is listed under both counties at the full amount.

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be done in both King and Snohomish Counties. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures and bridges, fix slides and remove boulders, and repair trail surfaces. The crews also will repair safety hazards, prevent erosion, and repair damage to land and plants from widening trails. The trails traverse the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness areas and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area. The trail system, which receives more than 50,000 visitors a year, includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, the Iron Goat Trail in the Stevens Pass Historic District, old growth forests, subalpine lakes and meadows, mountain views, and wild creeks and rivers. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$75,000 in federal funding, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1256)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Alpine Lakes Trails

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Snoqualmie Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees and overgrown brush and fix water drainage structures and trail surfaces along 125 miles of trails in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and surrounding backcountry. Work will be done in the watersheds of the North, Middle, and South Forks Snoqualmie River, including trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. More than 100,000 visitors use these trails each year. The Snoqualmie Ranger District will contribute \$64,805 in staff labor, district equipment and materials, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1742)

Projects in Kittitas County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grooming Snow Trails in the Interstate 90 Corridor

Grant Awarded: \$146,944

State Parks will use this grant to plow snow at six Sno-parks and groom 35 miles of cross country ski trails and 20 miles of ski-joring and dog sled trails just east of Snoqualmie Pass and near Interstate 90. Crews will plow Sno-parks and access roads, and groom trails at least weekly. The trails are on U.S. Forest Service lands at Gold Creek and Cabin Creek Sno-parks; and on State Parks' lands at Crystal Springs and Hyak Sno-parks and in Lake Easton and Iron Horse Trail State Parks. This area sees more than 100,000 visitors a winter and is used for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, and ski-joring. State Parks will contribute \$220,416 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1483)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grooming Taneum-Manastash Snowmobile Trails

Grant Awarded: \$85,942

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at three Sno-parks and one staging area, and to groom about 101 miles of snowmobile trails for two winters in the highlands south of Cle Elum in Kittitas County. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. The Taneum-Manastash area is part of the most popular riding area of the state. The trails climb to imposing ridges above Cle Elum, offering panoramic views of the upper Yakima River valley, villages, and lakes below, and the spectacular Stuart Range to the north. State Parks will contribute \$85,942 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1473)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Maintaining Non-Motorized Trails

Grant Awarded: \$90,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a four- to six-person crew to maintain 356 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and stock users in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, maintain trail structures such as turnpikes and bridges, and repair water drainage structures, trail surfacing, and signs. This project covers maintenance for a large network of accessible, well-established trails that serve a large population and provide unique recreational opportunities for hikers and stock users. The trails include road-less areas with waterfalls, creeks and rivers, rugged peaks, and forests. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$80,000 in staff labor, a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1399)

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Providing Winter Education at Snoqualmie Pass

Grant Awarded: \$20,000

The Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund two winter education and interpretive rangers to cover the backcountry at Snoqualmie Pass, in Kittitas County. The rangers will provide information on Sno-Parks and contact backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, snowboarders, sledgers, hikers, climbers, and snowshoers. They also will lead interpretive educational snowshoe walks into the backcountry with the goal of educating users about winter safety, avalanche danger assessments, route finding, and winter ecology. One of the rangers also will coordinate up to 20 volunteers. The Cle Elum Ranger District will contribute \$52,600 in staff and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1795)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grooming Wenatchee Mountain Snowmobile Trails

Grant Awarded: \$34,591

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at one Sno-park and groom about 90 miles of snowmobile trails for 2 years in the Wenatchee Mountains, south of Wenatchee. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. The trails meander along Naneum Ridge and bowls and valleys to the south of the Mission Ridge ski area. The open terrain provides great riding opportunities for all ages and views over the Kittitas Valley to the south and Wenatchee area to the north. State Parks will contribute \$34,592 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1475)

Project in Lewis County

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Maintaining Wilderness Trails

Grant Awarded: \$85,206⁵

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain 235 miles of wilderness trails over 2 years in Lewis and Skamania Counties. The crew will clear trails, repair water drainage structures, and prevent damage to the land from user-created detours. The ranger district will fund two seasonal employees and two interns for 2 years. It is estimated that 35,000 people annually visit the wilderness areas in the national forest. The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will contribute \$81,258 in staff labor, agency equipment, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1346)

Projects in Okanogan County

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Buying Educational Supplies

Grant Awarded: \$10,678

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to print pamphlets and banners, buy educational supplies, and provide expenses for volunteers in its low impact camping education program called Minimum Impact Recreation. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington has been teaching people to respect the environment for 30 years and it holds yearly classes to educate people about how to minimize their impact on the land. The organization will deliver its Minimum Impact Recreation educational program at public events, horse expos, retail stores, and youth group gatherings. The organization develops educational

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materials that are specific to different ecosystems in Washington. Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$5,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1187)

Methow Valley Snowmobile Association Grooming Methow Valley Snowmobile Trails

Grant Awarded: \$24,109

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will use this grant to groom 175 miles of snowmobile trails in the Methow Valley in Okanogan County. The Methow Valley trails are used by more than 12,800 snowmobilers and skiers from December to May. The visitors who use the 175 miles of groomed trails have access to more than 2,000 acres of backcountry. This grant will provide 20 days of additional grooming each year. The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association will contribute \$32,000 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1015)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest Maintaining Sawtooth Backcountry Trails

Grant Awarded: \$12,050

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to maintain about 45 miles of trails for 2 years on the east slope of the north Cascade Mountains and adjacent to the Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Area. Crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces and water drainage structures, and remove rocks. The Methow Ranger District will contribute \$8,250 in donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1591)

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest Maintaining Trails Damaged by Fire and Avalanches

Grant Awarded: \$75,000

The Methow Ranger District will use this grant to remove fallen trees on 325 miles of trail in the Pasayten and Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Areas and the North Cascades Scenic Highway corridor. This is one of the most visited areas in Washington State and has more than 1,200 miles of trails. Several large wildfires and avalanches have covered the trails with debris and obliterated some trails. Crews have had to return several times to the same trail to maintain safety and limit damage. The Methow Ranger District will contribute \$75,000 in staff labor, district equipment, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1301)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$49,613 Plowing Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trails in the Okanogan Highlands

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at seven Sno-parks and six staging areas, and to groom about 557 miles of snowmobile trails in the Okanogan Highlands, from Loup Loup Summit to Sherman Pass, east of Republic for 2 years. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. The Sno-parks and trails of the Okanogan Highlands provide access to a vast area of snowmobiling opportunities and make it the second most popular area of the state. State Parks will contribute \$49,613 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1482)

Project in Pend Oreille County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$145,343⁶ Plowing Northeast Washington Snowmobile Trails

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at eight Sno-parks and groom about 537 miles of snowmobile trails for 2 years in the eastern Okanogan Highlands and Selkirk Mountains of northeastern Washington, and near Mount Spokane. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. Most trail systems in this area are in the Colville National Forest, with smaller portions in the Kaniksu National Forest and Mount Spokane State Park. The work will be done in three counties: Pend Oreille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties. State Parks will contribute \$145,343 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1479)

Projects in Skagit County

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Backcountry and Wilderness Trails Grant Awarded: \$21,640⁷

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 90 miles of hiker and stock trails for 2 years in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. These trails provide an estimated 100,000 visitors a year with a range of trips into Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest backcountry and wilderness areas. This project includes trails accessed by roads off State Routes 20 and 542.

⁶ This project is in Pend Oreille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties. The grant award is not broken down by how much is spent in each county but is listed under all three counties at the full amount.

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Heavy use combined with a wet climate, fast growing brush, and winter storms result in damage to the land and trails. The team will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, and repair trail surfaces. The Mount Baker Ranger District will contribute \$90,000 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1539)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$109,000⁸ **Plowing Mount Baker Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at six Sno-parks and groom about 166 miles of snowmobile trails near Mount Baker in Skagit and Whatcom Counties for 2 years. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. The Mount Baker area provides snowmobiling opportunities and is the third most popular area of the state, with magnificent views of Mount Baker and the surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable and heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding is typically depleted long before riding opportunities have disappeared. State Parks will contribute \$109,000 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1471)

Projects in Skamania County

U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Grant Awarded: \$85,206⁹ **Maintaining Wilderness Trails**

The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will use this grant to fund a crew to maintain 235 miles of wilderness trails over 2 years in Lewis and Skamania Counties. The crew will clear trails, repair water drainage structures, and prevent damage to the land from user-created detours. The ranger district will fund two seasonal employees and two interns for 2 years. It is estimated that 35,000 people annually visit the wilderness areas in the national forest. The Cowlitz Valley Ranger District will contribute \$81,258 in staff labor, agency equipment, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1346)

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Project in Snohomish County

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Funding Trail Crews

Grant Awarded: \$75,000¹⁰

The Skykomish Ranger District will use this grant to fund trail crews to maintain 144 miles of hiker and stock trails in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in King and Snohomish Counties for 2 years. The crews will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures and bridges, fix slides and remove boulders, and repair trail surfaces. The crews also will repair safety hazards, prevent erosion, and repair damage to land and plants from widening trails. The trails traverse the Alpine Lakes, Henry M. Jackson, and Wild Sky Wilderness areas and adjacent backcountry areas such as the Mount Index Scenic Area. The trail system, which receives more than 50,000 visitors a year, includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, the Iron Goat Trail in the Stevens Pass Historic District, old growth forests, subalpine lakes and meadows, mountain views, and wild creeks and rivers. The Skykomish Ranger District will contribute \$75,000 in federal funding, and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1256)

Projects in Spokane County

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Trails in Jeopardy

Grant Awarded: \$117,366

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to buy safety equipment and pay expenses for volunteer crews to maintain more than 1,000 miles of trails statewide that are in jeopardy of being closed because of poor trail conditions. The trails often are used little or not at all because of fallen trees, decaying trail surfaces, boggy areas, and overhanging tree branches that block travel and limit enjoyment of the trails. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will buy personal protective equipment, such as chaps and helmet systems, for chainsaw use and hard hats and safety vests for other activities. The group contributes more than 50,000 hours of volunteer time each year, with more than half of that on trails. The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will contribute \$150,000 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1718)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$145,343¹¹ Plowing Northeast Washington Snowmobile Trails

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at eight Sno-parks and groom about 537 miles of snowmobile trails for 2 years in the eastern Okanogan Highlands and Selkirk Mountains of northeastern Washington, and near Mount Spokane. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. Most trail systems in this area are in the Colville National Forest, with smaller portions in the Kaniksu National Forest and Mount Spokane State Park. The grooming will be done in three counties: Pend Orielle, Spokane, and Stevens Counties. State Parks will contribute \$145,343 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1479)

Project in Stevens County

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$145,343¹² Plowing Northeast Washington Snowmobile Trails

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at eight Sno-parks and groom about 537 miles of snowmobile trails for 2 years in the eastern Okanogan Highlands and Selkirk Mountains of northeastern Washington, and near Mount Spokane. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. Most trail systems in this area are in the Colville National Forest, with smaller portions in the Kaniksu National Forest and Mount Spokane State Park. The grooming will be done in three counties: Pend Orielle, Spokane, and Stevens Counties. State Parks will contribute \$145,343 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1479)

Project in Thurston County

Grays Harbor County Grant Awarded: \$20,530¹³ Maintaining Straddleline ORV Park Trails and Campground

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to maintain 15 miles of motorized trails and tackle backlogged maintenance issues on about 50 acres of campground in the Straddleline ORV Park.

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The County will clear trails, remove overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, fix trail surfaces, and install signs during the next 2 years. The trails are used by motorcycle, jeep, and quad riders. The County also will use the grant to buy a mini excavator with attachment, materials, fuel, and other miscellaneous equipment. The 155-acre park is in Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties near McCleary, and serves about 25,000 motorized vehicle users annually. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$52,500 in donated labor from the Seattle Motorcycle Club, Gallerdo Dirt Maffia, and Puget Sound Enduro Riders. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1823)

Projects in Whatcom County

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Maintaining Backcountry and Wilderness Trails **Grant Awarded: \$21,640¹⁴**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 90 miles of hiker and stock trails in Skagit and Whatcom Counties for 2 years. These trails provide an estimated 100,000 visitors a year with a range of trips into Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest backcountry and wilderness areas. This project includes trails accessed by roads off State Routes 20 and 542. Heavy use combined with a wet climate, fast growing brush, and winter storms result in damage to the land and trails. The team will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, repair water drainage structures, and repair trail surfaces. The Mount Baker Ranger District will contribute \$90,000 in federal funding and donated labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1539)

U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Providing a Coordinator for Mountain Stewards **Grant Awarded: \$15,016**

The Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to provide a volunteer coordinator for the Mountain Steward Program. Mountain Stewards is an adult volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on four of the busiest trail systems in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area and around the Heather Meadows area. Mountain Stewards hike these trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, protecting the environment, and forest regulations, and to provide general information about the areas. Volunteers have made nearly 23,000 visitor contacts during the past ten seasons that the program has been operating. The Mountain Steward coordinator will manage the program, provide all training, organize supplies and materials, perform check-in procedures for accountability, and support volunteers during their participation in the program. The Mount Baker Ranger District will contribute \$23,300 in

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donated and staff labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1048)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Awarded: \$109,000¹⁵ **Plowing Mount Baker Snowmobile Trails**

State Parks' Winter Recreation Program will use this grant to plow snow at six Sno-parks and groom about 166 miles of snowmobile trails near Mount Baker in Skagit and Whatcom Counties for 2 years. State Parks will plow Sno-parks as needed, and groom trails at least weekly. The Mount Baker area provides snowmobiling opportunities and is the third most popular area of the state, with magnificent views of Mount Baker and the surrounding mountains and valleys. Reliable and heavy snowfalls give this area the longest riding season in the state, and funding is typically depleted long before riding opportunities have disappeared. State Parks will contribute \$109,000 in state funding. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1471)

Project in Yakima County

U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest Grant Awarded: \$65,100 **Maintaining Backcountry and Wilderness Trails**

The Naches Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 380 miles of wilderness and backcountry trails in the Norse Peak, William O. Douglas, and the Goat Rocks Wilderness areas, in Yakima County. The ranger district will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, fix water drainage and trail structures, repair signs, fix trail surfaces, as well as provide up-to-date information and education, and make compliance checks and public contacts. The Naches Ranger District will contribute \$76,496 in cash, district equipment and materials, staff labor, and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). See more [information and photographs](#). (12-1750)

¹⁵ This project is in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The grant award is not broken down by how much is spent in each county but is listed under all three counties at the full amount.