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\$1.2 Million in Trail Funding Approved, Projects in 12 Counties Make List

OLYMPIA – Trail projects in 12 counties will receive federal funding totaling about \$1.2 million, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The Interagency Committee, which is responsible for evaluating and distributing the National Recreational Trails Program grants, approved a list of 36 projects in 12 counties at its quarterly meeting Sept. 9 in Olympia.

“Washington is a special place to live because there are so many great outdoor places to play,” said Laura Eckert Johnson, director of the Interagency Committee. “These grants invest money in maintaining what we have, fixing problems that are harming the environment, and making improvements so it’s easier for people to enjoy their time outdoors.”

Projects in the following counties were approved for funding:

Chelan County	\$191,091	Pierce County	\$35,000
King County	\$279,437	Skamania	Part of \$6,748
Kittitas County	\$96,325	Snohomish County	\$50,000
Lewis County	\$50,000	Whatcom County	\$70,905
Okanogan County	\$135,270	Yakima County	\$45,617
Pacific County	\$40,742	Statewide	\$150,000
Pend Oreille County	\$32,980		

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This year, the Interagency Committee received 73 applications. The grant applications were reviewed and ranked in July and August by a 15-member evaluation team comprised of representatives of federal, state and local governments and recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers and skiers.

Under federal guidelines, the Interagency Committee must allocate 40 percent of the funding to trail projects serving multiple uses, 30 percent to motorized recreation, and 30 percent to non-motorized recreation. The federal government also allows states to spend up to 5 percent for education programs to promote safety and environmental protection on trails.

Paid for by federal gasoline taxes, the National Recreational Trails Program funds projects that repair and maintain recreational trails and facilities to provide a backcountry experience. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration and the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

A summary of the grant program is available at the Interagency Committee Web site at:
<http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/nrtp.htm>.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state.