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Item E-4: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Grants Program – State Parks Category – Project Evaluation – Requested Action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to evaluate mission alignment and rank grant projects proposed for funding in the State Parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This item advances nearly all the Commission’s strategic plan goals and is most closely aligned with: Customer Experience – Provide exceptional recreation, cultural and interpretive opportunities that all visitors enjoy and support.

SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides grant funding for a broad range of land acquisition and outdoor recreation projects, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities. The State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) considers grant applications for funding through WWRP in twelve categories. One of the categories is exclusively for State Parks projects. Within the State Parks category, fifty percent of the funds must be spent on land acquisition.

Every two years, State Parks applies for WWRP State Parks category grant funds to support agency acquisition and development priorities. Historically, the Planning Program at State Parks engaged Regional Operations, Parks Development, and Stewardship in a single meeting held in summer. Staff identified a list of competitive RCO grants and potential writers to manage them through the process. This meeting was usually held well before Parks Development staff had an opportunity to update the Ten-Year Capital Plan and Capital Budget Request. Staff observed this process was disjointed and not comprehensive, which created an opportunity to address these shortcomings.

In July 2023, Planning and Capital staff encouraged more cross-divisional collaboration to broaden participation within the agency. Rather than a single meeting held in summer, this new process included over two dozen work sessions that focused on individual park needs including grants and capital projects.

The widest mix of staff were represented in these work sessions including Area Managers, Park Managers, Construction and Maintenance Supervisors, Stewardship Division, Trails Program, Planning, and other programs. More participation in the grants and capital development discussions provided additional opportunities for staff to work together to identify and select the best projects for Commission consideration.

Park priorities were further refined in September and curated into a shorter list representing top priorities by region including Eastern, Northwest, and Southwest. This new information was evaluated at the October 2023 Commission meeting. Conversations included more staff from Headquarters working across divisions resulting in the most comprehensive suite of staff-recommended agency priorities.

Grants were prioritized based on how well they aligned with Commission goals or with other agency needs. A variety of land acquisition proposals were discussed to ensure an even distribution across the state, to meet the goals of the [Acquisition & Development Strategy](#), to discuss if there were willing sellers, and to consider the risk of the land being sold for other uses that could negatively impact a park. Discussions focused on recreational development projects that best address trails, water access, ADA improvements and additions, day-use, and overnight facility needs. Finally, analysis revealed a key aspect of grant competitiveness by considering which projects meet the highest standards of the scoring criteria with the goal to balance staff capacity while maximizing potential funding.

Updates to the WWRP-State Parks Category List

At its January 25, 2024 meeting, the Commission approved a list of acquisition and development projects for application in the 2024 grant round for the 2025-27 biennium. Since that time, under authority delegated to the Director, staff has made some adjustments to the approved list. The thirteen (13) WWRP State Parks category grant applications submitted by staff for the 2024 grant cycle are listed and summarized in Appendices 1 and 2.

Evaluation Process – The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) administers the WWRP. In the State Parks category, RCO is responsible for facilitating a formal evaluation of each project by an advisory committee comprised of six State Parks staff and six citizen representatives. During the evaluation, applicants submit written materials and present their projects to the advisory committee. The panel then scores each proposal against set criteria developed by State Parks and RCO staff and approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB). The WWRP State Parks category includes twelve criteria. The first nine questions are scored by the advisory committee. Question 10 is scored by the State Parks and Recreation Commission, and question 11 and 12 are objective questions scored by RCO staff.

1. Public Need
2. Project Significance
3. Acquisition Priority (acquisition & combination projects only)
4. Project Design (development & combination projects only)
5. Resource Stewardship
6. Expansion/Phased Project
7. Project Support
8. Partnership or Match
9. Readiness to Proceed
10. Commission Priorities (Commission ranked)
11. Proximity to People (RCO pre-scored)
12. County Population Density (RCO pre-scored)

A detailed description of the evaluation criteria and guidance on scoring projects is included in Appendix 3.

To ensure the Commission has an opportunity to participate in the evaluation process, the RCFB has included an evaluation criterion wherein the Commission is asked: “How well does this project implement the Commission’s priorities?” For this criterion, the Commission’s highest ranked project receives six points. Lower ranked projects receive a proportionately lower score, with the lowest ranked project receiving one point.

To determine overall Commission priority, staff asked individual commissioners to rank proposed projects in priority order. Appendix 4 is the Combined Ranked List that captures the collective priorities of the Commission. After Commission consideration today, staff will forward the approved list to RCO to incorporate into the overall evaluation process for projects in the WWRP State Parks category. The RCFB will consider and adopt final rankings of all WWRP projects in the fall and authorize RCO to submit them to the Legislature for funding through the state capital budget process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission consider the rankings by individual commissioners provided by staff and adopt the merged rankings as the Commission’s Combined Ranked List of projects.

Staff further recommends that the Commission authorize staff to submit the approved list to RCO as the Commission’s response to question #10 in the WWRP- State Parks Category evaluation process.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- Appendix 1: WWRP State Parks Category 2025-27 Project List
- Appendix 2: WWRP State Parks Category 2025-27 Project Summaries
- Appendix 3: WWRP State Parks Category Scoring Criteria
- Appendix 4: Combined Ranked List of Commissioner Scores

REQUESTED ACTION OF COMMISSION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Approve the ranked project list for the WWRP - State Parks category projects as recommended by staff.
 2. Authorize staff to submit the approved ranked project list to the Recreation and Conservation Office for inclusion in the WWRP State Parks project evaluation process.
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Reviewer(s):

Kira Swanson, SEPA Review: Following review, staff has determined that the action proposed for the Commission by staff is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) pursuant to WAC 197-11-800 (14)(d).

Van Church, Fiscal Review: The fiscal impact on the operating budget will be assessed and identified as the projects are more fully developed. Operating costs will be identified, and if needed, funding will be requested through the budget request process.

Andy Woo, Assistant Attorney General: 06/18/2024

Heather Saunders, Parks Development Director

Approved for Transmittal to Commission



Diana Dupuis, Director

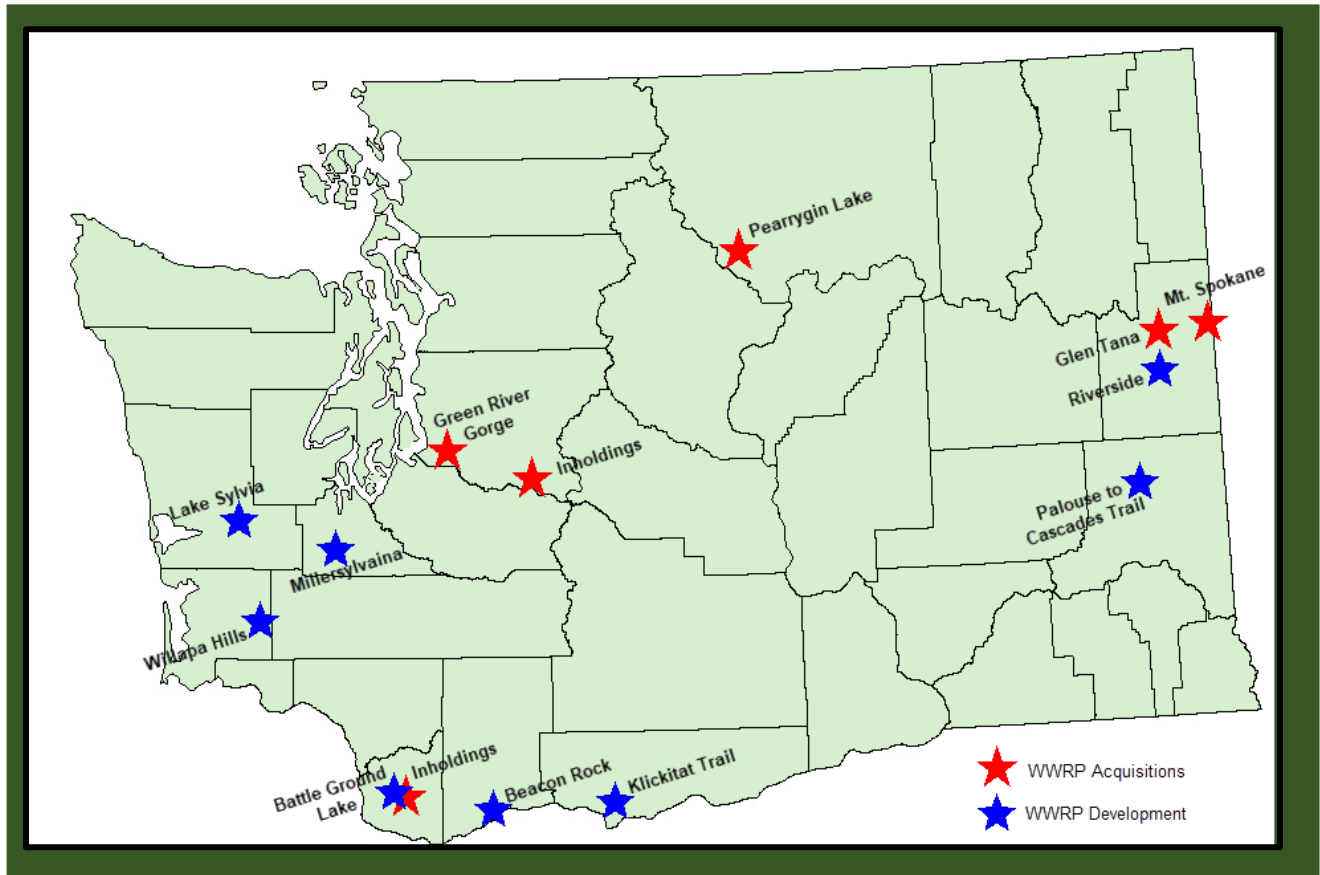
APPENDIX 1
WWRP State Parks Category 2025-27 Project List

#	Project Type	Grant Category	Project Name	Request	Match	Total
1.	Acq	WWRP-State Parks	Green River Gorge – Icy Creek Phase 3	\$2,244,401	--	\$2,244,401
2.	Acq	WWRP-State Parks	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2024	\$1,500,000	--	\$1,500,000
3.	Acq	WWRP-State Parks	Mt. Spokane State Park Riley Creek Properties	\$1,308,300	--	\$1,308,300
4.	Acq	WWRP-State Parks	Pearrygin Lake Yockey Property Acquisition	\$1,983,291	--	\$1,983,291
5.	Acq	WWRP-State Parks	Riverside State Park: Glen Tana Conservation Area Acquisition	\$4,512,450	1,940,000	\$6,452,450
Total proposed acquisition of land projects				\$11,548,442	1,940,000	13,488,442
6.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Battle Ground Lake State Park Equestrian Parking Lot	\$803,031	--	\$803,031
7.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Beacon Rock Hamilton Mountain Trail Improvements	\$158,900	\$56,700	\$215,600
8.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Klickitat Trail State Park – Pitt Trailhead	\$622,800	--	\$622,800
9.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Lake Sylvia Trail Improvements	\$633,400	\$50,600	\$684,000
10.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Millersylvania Boardwalks and Bridge Replacement	\$1,076,100	\$10,000	\$1,086,100
11.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Palouse to Cascades Trail – Rosalia Improvements	\$4,584,157	--	\$4,584,157
12.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Riverside Bowl and Pitcher Cabins Phase 2	\$648,000	--	\$648,000
13.	Dev	WWRP-State Parks	Willapa Hills Trail Bridge 43 Repairs and Resurfacing	\$488,500	--	\$488,500
Total proposed development projects				\$9,014,888	\$117,300	\$9,132,188
Grand Total for Acquisition and Development Grants Combined				Request	Match	Total
				\$20,563,300	\$2,057,300	\$18,264,376

APPENDIX 2

WWRP State Parks Category 2025-27 Project Summaries

Acquisition and Development Project Locations within the State of Washington State



Green River Gorge – Icy Creek Phase 3

\$2 million

This project will begin the next phase of acquisitions in the Icy Creek area of the Green River Gorge Conservation Area in King County near Black Diamond. The number of parcels acquired will depend on appraised value, but ideally, this phase can purchase 7 out of the 15 remaining parcels, totaling approximately 53 acres out of the remaining 106 acres. The Washington State Legislature established the Green River Gorge Conservation Area in 1969 (RCW 79A.05.705) and directed the State Parks and Recreation Commission to begin acquiring property along the river. The State Parks plans for the Conservation Area include a trail along the south rim of the gorge, from Kanaskat-Palmer State Park to Flaming Geyser State Park. The parcels in Icy Creek Ridge are some of the last needed before trail development will be possible. The current landowner has platted the area into 14 building sites and has already developed roads for future residential development. Purchase of these parcels will prevent this development, and the existing road will provide good access for future recreational development. This acquisition will also protect habitat corridors between the Green River and properties in King County's Bass Lake Complex to the south. These parcels are within the designated long-term park boundary, and the landowner is a willing seller.

Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2024**\$1.5 million**

This project will purchase small or low-cost properties within or adjacent to the boundaries of existing state parks. It is intended as a flexible source of funding for opportunities that present themselves throughout the biennium. This grant allows State Parks to act quickly to purchase inholdings as they become available on the market. It will also facilitate the purchase of smaller properties that might not score well as individual competitive grants, but that are nonetheless essential to park operations. This acquisition grant is an essential source of funding for the agency.

Mt. Spokane State Park Riley Creek Properties**\$2.2 million**

This project will acquire two properties at Mt. Spokane State Park that are part of a checkerboard of inholdings at the park. The acquisition includes two parcels – one north of Bear Creek Lodge (120 acres) and one that surrounds Day Mount Spokane Road (150 acres). Both parcels contain multiple trails that are key access points to the park trail network, providing both summer and winter recreation. Acquiring these parcels will provide continued public access in an area of the state with a rapidly growing population and increased recreational demand.

Pearrygin Lake Yockey Property Acquisition**\$1.8 million**

This project will acquire the 24-acre Yockey Property at the northern end of Pearrygin Lake. Acquisition will create new recreational trail opportunities, protect the park's viewshed, and prevent the property from being developed for an incompatible use by a new landowner. It will also allow staff to negotiate with two other adjacent landowners at the northern end of the lake (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Silverline Resort) for a continuation of the Rex Derr Trail, making a complete loop around the lake possible.

Battle Ground Lake State Park Equestrian Parking Lot**\$250,00**

Battle Ground Lake State Park is a 300-acre park located near the city of Battle Ground in Southwest Washington. It lies in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains and provides amenities for camping, fishing, hiking, biking, and equestrian use. Currently the park has 5 miles of easy equestrian trails that circumnavigate the park, a small horse camp with two primitive sites located in the northwest portion of the park, and a small, undeveloped parking area in the southwest portion of the park adjacent to Palmer Road, which can fit a maximum of three trailers at a time and is unusable in Winter and Spring. This project would transform and expand the Palmer parking lot into an equestrian-focused parking area and trailhead. The parking lot would be surfaced with asphalt and allow for a maximum of 11 trucks with trailers to easily enter, park, and exit. Parking would be enhanced with the inclusion of equestrian amenities such as mounting blocks, an ADA mounting ramp, a hitching rail, and a toilet.

Beacon Rock Hamilton Mountain Trail Improvements**\$240,000**

This project will develop approximately a half mile of safe trail around an existing section of extremely unsafe trail, create a 300-foot connecting trail that will link the existing Hamilton Mountain Trail to the Hardy Creek Trail, and close and naturalize unsafe portions of existing trail and several damaging social trails. The trail re-route will eliminate 12 switchbacks with very steep and rocky grades that are continually being damaged by erosion. The project will reduce environmental damage, reduce maintenance, and safety concerns.

Klickitat Trail State Park – Pitt Trailhead**\$750,000**

This project will develop a new trailhead for the Klickitat Trail at the Pitt site. The trailhead will include a vault toilet, 14 parking spaces, trailer parking, and a wayfinding kiosk. This trailhead will be close to the town of Klickitat and will serve as the community’s primary access point for the trail.

Lake Sylvia Trail Improvements**\$500,000**

This popular day-use and camping park highlights access to placid Lake Sylvia within the City of Montesano featuring numerous amenities including a one half-mile Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail. The park also offers five miles of backcountry hiking and biking opportunities with a one-mile loop experience around the lake. Local and statewide users rely on the trail system heavily for recreation with support from groups such as REI Adventure Center. The popular trail around the lake is no longer safely passable due to damage to five bridges, one boardwalk, and box steps. These crossings are no longer safely passable due to their age and damage caused by erosion. Parks Staff and Washington Trails Association will repair and replace crossings and re-establish connectivity around the lake. Activities will include removing the remains of broken structures and building new wooden bridges that are rustic in appearance.

Millersylvania Boardwalks and Bridge Replacement**\$1.5 million**

This project will replace a failed boardwalk, which is currently blocked off for public safety. To restore trail connectivity in this popular camping and day-use park, the project will upgrade boardwalk(s) and improve accessibility to accommodate all types of users. Project components include new boardwalk foundation using pin pilings to minimize wetland impacts, slip resistant deck surface, and ramped approaches to improve accessibility. The project may also include additional bridge renovation and boardwalk resurfacing.

Palouse to Cascades Trail – Rosalia Improvements**\$2.2 million**

This project will pick up where the previous Malden to Rosalia project left off. Providing an important trailhead for the community of Rosalia, the project will also improve the condition and safety of the trail for all recreational users, with bridge repairs and improved railings at the Rosalia Trestle, improved surfacing from Gashouse to the Rosalia Trestle, and improved trail slope and safety at road intersections. The community of Rosalia has openly supported trail improvements in the past and considers it an important part of the town’s comprehensive plan.

Riverside Bowl and Pitcher Cabins Phase 2**\$700,000**

This project will construct the second phase of the extremely popular Bowl and Pitcher cabins. Completed in 2019, Phase 1 constructed two ADA-accessible cabins with restrooms, bunks, dining areas, and a meal prep area complete with a sink. This second phase will construct two additional cabins that are already designed. The cabins, which are close to the urban center of Spokane, promote diversity, accessibility, and safety for visitors with limited previous camping experience.

Willapa Hills Trail Bridge 43 Repairs and Resurfacing **\$250,000**

Willapa Hills State Park Trail is a 56-mile rail trail that runs East to West and provides trail activities for hikers, cyclists, and equestrians between the cities of Chehalis and South Bend in Southwest Washington. As a part of a broader effort to improve safety and visitor experience on the trail, State Parks is repairing and resurfacing bridges that were originally created for rail use. This project will improve Bridge 43, which is located near Menlo, approximately 13 miles from the trail termination in South Bend. Work will include foundational improvements, removal of rotten wood members, installation of concrete decking, and installation of metal and wood safety rails.

Riverside State Park: Glen Tana Conservation Area Acquisition \$2 million

This 1,060-acre property located north of Spokane includes two miles of shoreline on the Little Spokane River, making it a prime location for salmon restoration efforts. Habitat on the Little Spokane River also supports an abundance of other wildlife including moose, eagles, cougars, herons, beavers and much more. Uplands dramatically rise from the edge of the river which includes a mix of ponderosa pine forest, rocky outcrops, and former agriculture land opening up new recreational opportunities for public access. This property strongly supports ecological and recreational goals by connecting the eastern edge of Riverside State Park with Waikiki Springs and Washington State Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) public lands further east.

APPENDIX 3
WWRP State Parks Category Scoring Criteria

This project category is reserved for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for acquisition and/or development of state parks.

State Parks Criteria Summary					
Score By	#	Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	2	Project Significance	All	15	Agency
Advisory Committee	3	Acquisition Priority	Acquisition Combination	10 5	State
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development Combination	10 5	Technical
Advisory Committee	5	Resource Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	6	Expansion/Phased Project	All	15	State
Advisory Committee	7	Project Support	All	10	Agency
Advisory Committee	8	Partnership or Match	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	9	Readiness to Proceed	All	10	Agency
State Parks Commission	10	Commission Priorities	All	6	Agency
RCO Staff	11	Proximity to People	All	1.5	State
RCO Staff	12	County Population Density	All	1.5	State
Total Points Possible				89	

*Focus—Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State—those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan*)
- Agency—those that meet agency needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in the State Parks and Recreation Commission’s plans)
- Technical—those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

Detailed Scoring Criteria for the State Parks Category

Advisory Committee Scored

- 1. Public Need.** What is the need for the proposed project? Consider whether the project is cited in an agency, regional, or local plan.

Point Range: 0-5 points

0 points	Not included in a plan.
1-2 points	Not included in, but consistent with, a plan.
3-4 points	Included in and consistent with state, regional, or local plans.
5 points	High priority in state, regional, or local plan.

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- 2. Project Significance.** Describe how this project supports one or more of the following goals of State Parks' Statewide Acquisition and Development Strategy:

- Places to Be: Connecting people with Washington's iconic landscapes
- Stories to Know: Engaging people in authentic Washington stories
- Things to Do: Providing Washington's recreation mainstays
- Ways to Grow: Inviting novices to experience Washington's outdoors
- Something for Everyone: Improving the quality of life for all Washingtonians

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 3

0 points	Does not directly support any of the goals
1-2 points	Indirectly supports one or two goals
3-4 points	Directly supports at least one goal
5 points	Strongly and directly supports multiple goals

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3. Acquisition Priority (acquisition and combination projects only). Describe why it is important to acquire the property now. Consider the following:

- Does the acquisition satisfy the described need?
- Does the acquisition expand access and provide opportunity for people of all races, tribal affiliations, ethnicities, national origins, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, religions, veteran status, incomes, ages, and more?
- Is there an immediate threat to the property that will result in a loss in quality or availability of habitat or future public use?
- Is the acquisition needed to adapt to climate change?

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2 for acquisition projects

0 points	No evidence the property addresses the considerations above.
1-2 points	The property addresses some of the considerations above.
3-5 points	The property addresses most or all of the considerations above.

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4. Project Design (development and combination projects only). Is the project well designed? Describe your project in detail. Consider the following:

- Does the design satisfy the described need?
- Which design phase describes the status of the project (e.g., concept, schematic, detailed, completed construction documents)?
- Does this property support the type of development proposed? Describe the attributes: size, topography, soil conditions, natural amenities, location and access, utility service, wetlands, etc.
- How have the potential impacts to or from climate change been considered in the design??
- How does this project exceed current universal accessibility requirements and provide equal access for people with disabilities?
- How does the project design address the needs and desires of the state's diverse population? What specific improvements or features are designed to serve people of all races, tribal affiliations, ethnicities, national origins, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, religions, veteran status, incomes, ages, and more?

- Does the nature and condition of existing or planned land use in the surrounding area support the type of development proposed?
- Is the project permissible? What are the likely environmental permitting complications? What, if any, are the mitigation requirements?
- Describe how the project will integrate sustainable elements such as low-impact development techniques, green infrastructure, environmentally preferred building products, or reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Is the cost estimate realistic?

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2 for development projects

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| 0 points | Design does not address any of the considerations above. |
| 1-2 points | Design addresses some of the considerations above. |
| 3-4 points | Design addresses several of the considerations above. |
| 5 points | Design addresses most or all of the considerations above. |

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5. Resource Stewardship. What techniques or resources are proposed to ensure the project will result in a quality, sustainable, recreational, heritage preservation, or educational opportunity, while protecting and/or improving the integrity of the ecological resources? Describe how the project will protect and/or enhance natural and cultural resources.

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

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| 0 points | No stewardship elements. |
| 1-2 points | Contains stewardship elements and avoids impacts to natural or cultural resources. |
| 3-4 points | Has numerous stewardship elements that protect, enhance, or restore natural or cultural resources. |
| 5 points | Maximizes natural or cultural resource protection, enhances or restores natural or cultural resources, and contains innovative and outstanding stewardship elements. |

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6. Expansion/Phased Project. Does this project implement an important phase of a previous project, represent an important first phase, or expand or improve an existing site? Consider the following:

- Is the project part of a phased acquisition or development?
- To what extent will this project advance completion of a plan or vision?
- Is this project an important first phase?
- What is the value of this phase?
- How does the project complement an existing site or expand usage, preservation, or education within a site?

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 3

0 points	Neither a significant phase or expansion, nor a distinct stand-alone project
1-2 points	Project is a quality or important phase or expansion
3-4 points	Project is a key first phase or expansion or moves a project significantly towards realizing a vision
5 points	Project is a highly important first phase, final (or near final phase), moves a project a great deal towards realizing a vision.

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7. Project Support. What statewide community and user groups were consulted and what support has been demonstrated for this project? How has your organization informed and engaged people about the project including those whose interests have been historically marginalized or excluded?

- Describe the extent of your organization’s efforts to identify and contact all parties, (i.e., an outreach program to local, regional, and statewide entities).
- Describe the extent of the project support. Broadly interpret the term “Project Support” to include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - o Public participation and feedback
 - o Endorsements or other support from advisory boards and user and friends groups

- o Media coverage

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

0 points	No evidence presented.
1-2 points	Marginal community support. Opportunities for only minimal public involvement (i.e., a single adoption hearing), or little evidence that the public supports the project.
3 points	Wide support and adequate opportunity presented for participation.
4-5 points	The public has received ample and varied opportunities to provide meaningful input into the project and there is overwhelming support, or the public was so supportive from the project's inception that an extensive public participation process was not necessary.

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8. Partnerships or Match. Describe how this project supports strategic partnerships or leverages secured matching funds. Consider the following:

- Does the project help form strategic partnerships with other agencies, tribes, community-based organizations, or nonprofits? (A strategic partnership is one that ultimately is expected to offset expenses, leverage investments, or stimulate activity that directly or indirectly generates a financial return.)
- Does the partnership facilitate a key State Parks' goal or objective?
- Does the project have a match of cash, grants, or in-kind services?

Point Range: 0-5 points

0 points	No partners or match
1-2 points	One partner or up to 10 percent match
3-4 points	Two partners or 10.01-24.99 percent match
5 points	Three or more partners or 25 percent or more match

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9. Readiness to Proceed. Describe the project’s timeline. Is the project ready to proceed? Consider the following:

- For development projects, is it fully designed and permitted?
- For acquisition projects, is there written documentation indicating a willing seller?
- For acquisition projects, is there a written sales agreement or option with the property owner?
- Are there any significant zoning, permitting issues, or encumbrances?

Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

0 points	Not ready. (Acquisition) No agreement with landowner. (Development) No construction drawings.
1-2 points	(Acquisition) Willing seller identified. (Development) Construction drawings less than 60 percent complete.
3-4 points	(Acquisition) Property (purchase) secured in some way by legal instrument to include a letter of intent or being held in trust or by a non-governmental organization (for example). (Development) Construction drawings at or more than 60 percent complete.
5 points	(Acquisition) State Parks has a purchase and sale agreement or option signed, and the purchase will be made within its existing term. (Development) Plans completed and all permits in hand.

Scored by Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission—Applicants do not answer.

10. Commission’s Priority. How well does this project implement the commission’s priorities?

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission evaluates this criterion. The commission provides RCO with a ranked list of its applications.

RCO assigns a point value to each project based on its rank. The highest priority project shall receive a point score equal to the number of applications ranked. The second highest ranked project shall receive a point score one less than the one above it, and so on. The lowest priority application shall receive a value of 1.

RCO will apply a variable multiplier to the scores so the highest ranked application will receive a point value of 6, and all other applications will have a point value less than 6 and proportional to their rank.

Point Range: 0-6 points (after multiplier)

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The example below assumes 13 projects evaluated.

Application Project	Commission’s Rank	RCO Assigned Point Value	Multiplier (6/13)	Final Point Value
A	1	13	0.462	6
B	2	12	0.462	5.54
C	3	11	0.462	5.08
D	4	10	0.462	4.62
E	5	9	0.462	4.15
F	6	8	0.462	3.69
G	7	7	0.462	3.23
H	8	6	0.462	2.77
I	9	5	0.462	2.31
J	10	4	0.462	1.85
K	11	3	0.462	1.38
L	12	2	0.462	.92
M	13	1	0.462	.46

Total Applications=13

Scored by RCO Staff—Applicants do not answer.

11. Proximity to People. Is this project in the urban growth boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more?⁸³

RCO uses a map provided by the applicant to help score this question. To receive a score, the map must show the project location and project boundary in relationship to a city’s or town’s urban growth boundary.

Point Range: 0 or 1.5

Yes 1.5 points

No 0 points

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12. County Population Density. Is the project in a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile?⁸⁴

RCO uses county population data from the Office of Financial Management to score this question.

Point Range: 0 or 1.5

Yes 1.5 points

No 0 points

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APPENDIX 4

Combined Ranked List of Commissioner Scores

Please note that the combined scores will be tallied and provided back to the commission prior to the July 18th commission presentation for RCO grants.

Commissioner: _____

Project Number	Project Title	Rank (13 high to 1 low)
<u>24-1763</u>	Green River Gorge – Icy Creek Ridge Phase 3	
<u>24-1788</u>	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties 2024	
<u>24-1859</u>	Mount Spokane State Park Riley Creek Properties	
<u>24-1823</u>	Pearrygin Lake Yockey Property Acquisition	
<u>24-1480</u>	Battle Ground Lake State Park Equestrian Parking Lot	
<u>24-1334</u>	Beacon Rock Hamilton Mountain Trail Re-Route	
<u>24-1841</u>	Klickitat Trail State Park – Pitt Trailhead	
<u>24-1389</u>	Lake Sylvia State Park Trail Improvements	
<u>24-1457</u>	Millersylvania State Park Boardwalks and Bridge Replacement	
<u>24-1840</u>	Palouse to Cascades Trail – Rosalia Improvements	
<u>24-1839</u>	Riverside Bowl and Pitcher Cabins Phase 2	
<u>24-1355</u>	Willapa Hills Trail – Bridge 43 Repairs and Resurfacing	
<u>24-1417</u>	Riverside State Park: Glen Tana Conservation Area Acquisition	