



FUNDING REQUEST 2025-2026

Education and Enforcement ♦ Ongoing

Report and request for continued funding

☐ Motorized ☒ Non-Motorized

For State Parks Use Only	
Priority	2nd, 3rd yr. review
6	3rd yr

PATROL AREA – Provide name of Sno-Parks / Trail System(s) patrolled

92 Road Sno-Park and 1 Road Sno-Park. Mount Tahoma Trails System

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED

\$ Motorized \$17,400 Non-Motorized

TOTAL FUNDS / IN-KIND SERVICES / MATERIALS
PROVIDED \$ 15,500

TOTAL VALUE OF
PARTNERSHIP \$ 32,900

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT WA Department of Natural Resources	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Adin Simmons
APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS 950 Farman Avenue North	TITLE Elbe Unit Recreation Manager
CITY, STATE, ZIP Enumclaw, 98022	E-MAIL ADDRESS Adin.simmons@dnr.wa.gov
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 360-825-1631	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER 253-740-0493

CONTACT PERSON (if different than above)	TITLE
MAILING ADDRESS (if different than above)	E-MAIL ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP	TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION

Ongoing Education & Enforcement Report and Request for Continued Funding Summary Sheet

List the Sno-Park, single vehicle capacity and estimated average percentage of vehicle use for each (if additional space is needed, add an additional sheet).

Sno-Park Name	Vehicle Capacity	Estimate Average Percentage of Vehicle Use					
		Weekends/Holiday Non-snowmobile Users/Snowmobile			Weekday Non-snowmobile Users/Snowmobile Users		
92 Road Sno-Park	30	50%	/	N/A	50%	/	N/A
1 Road Sno-Park	20	50%	/	N/A	50%	/	N/A
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1. Date enforcement began 12/1, 2024. Date enforcement ended 4/30, 2025.
2. a. How many officer days per season did your agency provide education/enforcement? 62
 b. Of the total days per season, how many officer* days per weekday did your agency provide education/enforcement?
2 Sun 0 Mon 4 Tues 12 Wed 14 Thurs 18 Fri 13 Sat
 *Officer days – any portion of a day when one officer is educating/enforcing (one day/two officers = two officer days).
3. This past season, how many calendar days did your agency provide education/enforcement? 62
4. What is the average number of Sno-Park visits per officer day. 2 visits
5. Average amount of time spent in each Sno-Park visited: 1.5hrs per visit
6. What percentage of patrol hours occur on:
 - a. Weekends/holidays 77 % + Weekdays 23 % = 100%
 - b. Parking lot patrol 90 % + Trail patrol 10 % = 100%
7. Total number of personal contacts for season. 120
8. Total number of users in areas patrolled for season. 4689 Overnight reservations
9. a. Total number of vehicles parked in Sno-Parks for season. 2160
 b. What is your formula/method to determine the count? Warden and Ski Patrol Counts
10. Number of citations issued. 7 Of this total, 7 are parking and 0 are on trails.
 Number of citations for registration violations 7
11. Number of warnings issued. 210 Reason(s) (Top 3 reasons):
No sno-park pass
12. Please give an approximate percentage for the following:
14 % of personal contacts resulting in a citation or warning being issued.
86 % of vehicles displaying a valid sno-park permit during parking lot patrol

n/a % of snowmobiles displaying a valid registration during trail patrol.

13. Do the officers employed under the funding provided have the authority to issue citations? YES

14. Provide a brief summary of the 2024-2025 season to include:

a) A description of an average education/enforcement day and participation in safety training classes, local grooming council meetings, area trail council meetings, etc.

The Warden and/or DNR police starts the morning by driving to one of the two sno-parks. They conduct a road conditions check, letting the Mount Tahoma Trails Association operator know if plowing needs to be done. Then they go through the parking lots and start checking that all vehicles have sno-park passes. If a vehicle doesn't have a pass, they will leave a warning notice. They talk with people arriving to the parking lots, and answer any questions they have about the area. They help notify arriving visitors of how much parking remains at the lots. They repeat this series of actions at the second of the two sno-parks. Both the Warden and DNR Police takes all required DNR classes and safety trainings. The Warden or DNR Police is on site for any permitted recreation events or emergencies that occur in the project area. They also attend the Mount Tahoma Trails Association board meetings to foster communication with the non-profit that assists in managing the Mount Tahoma Trails System

b) Describe your complaint process (how are they recorded and tracked), the number and kind of complaints received, recurring themes and issues, and any known conflict between user groups.

Complaints make their way to our South Puget Sound Region headquarters via telephone or email. The complaints are then routed to our Recreation Manager for documentation and response. Our Region received no documented complaints this season from the public regarding the sno-parks or snow trail system

14. How is on the trail enforcement provided? What would you need to make on the trail enforcement more effective?

Trail enforcement is done via snow shoe, ski or by tracked UTV (If needed). This year we did not use the tracked UTV. The enforcement was mainly done by snow shoe/ski into the trail system

15. How is Sno-Park enforcement provided? What would you need to make Sno-Park enforcement more effective?

Both the Warden and DNR Police have a State issued DNR truck with 4WD to get to the sno-parks. Upon arrival they can visually check the passes on vehicles, and give any information to the public in the area. The Warden is able to provide visitors with useful information about the conditions of the roads, sno-parks, and ski trails prior to embarking on their trip. While the DNR Police have full authority to complete warden tasks and ability to arrest, or write greater tickets. These sno-parks are highly frequented by new visitors, so being able to provide them with information about the area's use is highly beneficial to other users, the land manager, and volunteer ski patrol. The Warden would also be able to provide information about local goods and services that may be needed by visitors. The Warden and DNR Police are responsible for enforcing sno-park pass compliance through a combination of verbal warnings, written warnings, and citations. Pass enforcement ensures that non-pass holding visitors are not taking up limited space in the sno-parks that a valid pass holding visitor could use. The Warden will have the option to give non-compliant users the opportunity to purchase a pass in lieu of giving them an infraction. If users do not follow up with the Warden showing proof of purchase of a pass, then the Warden can issue an infraction through the mail. This strategy of dealing with pass enforcement has been used in other DNR landscapes, and has lead to increased pass purchases, and thus brings in more funding for the sno-park program

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NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS FOR
ONGOING EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED FUNDING
ONLY

APPLICANT AGENCY WA Department of Natural Resources- SPS Region				
(A) TYPE OF COST – ITEMIZE ALL COST TYPES, i.e., salaries, benefits, vehicle operation, supplies, etc. (B) FUNDS BEING REQUESTED – DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH COST TYPE. (C) NATURE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – EXPLAIN SERVICES PROVIDED. (D) VALUE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – (E) SOURCE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING FUNDS OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – IDENTIFY WHETHER THEY ARE COUNTY/STATE GENERAL FUNDS, FEDERAL AGENCY FUNDS, LOCAL CLUB FUNDS, VOLUNTEER HOURS, ETC.				
Type of Cost (A)	Funds Requested (B)	Nature of Matching/Cost Sharing Funds or Volunteer Service Provided (C) *	Value of (C) (D) *	Source of Matching/Cost Sharing Funds or Volunteer Service Provided (E) *
Officer/Ranger Salaries/ Benefits	\$ 16,900	Pays for Warden's non sno-park time.	\$10,000	WA RCO E&E Grant
Vehicle Operation Costs	\$	Pays for Warden's transportation costs	\$5,500	WA General Funds
Mileage	\$		\$	
Other	\$		\$	
Administration	\$		\$	
Other (Please describe)	\$ 500 - Printed Educational Handout Material Ordering		\$	
TOTALS (should match totals on Pg 1)	\$17,400		\$ 15,500	
Total number of volunteer or donated hours provided for this area last season and type(s) of volunteer or donated work performed. Example: local grooming council participation, safety class training * Volunteer or donated hours cannot be duplicated in other applications and have to relate to enforcement. 1336.50 Hours. Hours performed by volunteers of the Mount Tahoma Trails Association conducting ski patrol duties, including sno-park patrol & education, trail patrol & education, and ski hut patrol & education.				
Funds Requested		Fund Contributed		
Salaries Ex: GS-11	Days 5 @\$190 = \$950	Salaries		
Position name NRS2 Hourly rate \$38.40	Days 44 @ \$ 384 = 16,900	Position name NRS2 Hourly rate \$38.40	Days 26 @ \$ 384 = 10,000	
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	Total funds requested \$ 16,900		Total Matching \$ 10000	

Agreement

In the event funding is provided by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Winter Recreation Program, a cooperative or funding agreement of one to five years will be offered to the Applicant that will prescribe how the funding is to be utilized and how to apply for reimbursement for services provided.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

Don Melton SPS 12m

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/13/25

Date



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
P. O. Box 42650 Olympia, Washington 98504-2650 (360) 902-8500

Date: 5/13/2025
Landowner: WA State Department of Natural Resources
Address: 950 Farman Ave North
Enumclaw, WA 98022
Land Description: Public Access at sno-parks, and trails for winter recreation

<i>To be completed by applicant.</i>
Project Name: 92 Road Sno-Park and 1 Road Sno-Park. Mount Tahoma Trails System

WINTER RECREATION USE PERMIT

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is required by statute to have landowner permission for winter recreation activities funded by the Commission on public and private lands.

RCW 79A.05.225(1) *Plan, construct, and maintain suitable facilities for winter recreational activities on lands administered or acquired by the commission or as authorized on lands administered by other public agencies or private landowners by agreement.*

RCW 4.24.200 and RCW 4.24.210 limit landowner liability.

RCW 4.24.200:

*The purpose of **RCW 4.24.200** and **4.24.210** is to encourage owners or others in lawful possession and control of land and water areas or channels to make them available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon and toward persons who may be injured or otherwise damaged by the acts or omissions of persons entering thereon.*

Please sign and date below.

By my signature, I do hereby grant permission for winter recreational activities to occur on my land, that are funded by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, from date signed below to terminate on the 1st day of May of 2026.

5/13/2025

Agency/Landowner WA State DNR

Date 5/13/2025

RCW 4.24.210

Liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreation users—Known dangerous artificial latent conditions—Other limitations

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowners, hydroelectric project owners, or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other non-motorized wheel-based activities, aviation activities including, but not limited to, the operation of airplanes, ultra-light airplanes, hang gliders, parachutes, and paragliders, rock climbing, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether rural or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who offer or allow such land to be used for purposes of a fish or wildlife cooperative project, or allow access to such land for cleanup of litter or other solid waste, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to any volunteer group or to any other users.

(3) Any public or private landowner, or others in lawful possession and control of the land, may charge an administrative fee of up to twenty-five dollars for the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood from the land.

(4)(a) Nothing in this section shall prevent the liability of a landowner or others in lawful possession and control for injuries sustained to users by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted.

(i) A fixed anchor used in rock climbing and put in place by someone other than a landowner is not a known dangerous artificial latent condition and a landowner under subsection (1) of this section shall not be liable for unintentional injuries resulting from the condition or use of such an anchor.



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(ii) Releasing water or flows and making waterways or channels available for kayaking, canoeing, or rafting purposes pursuant to and in substantial compliance with a hydroelectric license issued by the federal energy regulatory commission, and making adjacent lands available for purposes of allowing viewing of such activities, does not create a known dangerous artificial latent condition and hydroelectric project owners under subsection (1) of this section shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to the recreational users and observers resulting from such releases and activities.

(b) Nothing in RCW 4.24.200 and this section limits or expands in any way the doctrine of attractive nuisance.

(c) Usage by members of the public, volunteer groups, or other users is permissive and does not support any claim of adverse possession.

(5) For purposes of this section, the following are not fees:

(a) A license or permit issued for statewide use under authority of chapter 79A.05 RCW or Title 77 RCW;

(b) A pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or 79A.80.040;

(c) A daily charge not to exceed twenty dollars per person, per day, for access to a publicly owned ORV sports park, as defined in RCW 46.09.310, or other public facility accessed by a highway, street, or nonhighway road for the purposes of off-road vehicle use; and

(d) Payments to landowners for public access from state, local, or nonprofit organizations established under department of fish and wildlife cooperative public access agreements if the landowner does not charge a fee to access the land subject to the cooperative agreement.



Nisqually Land Trust
Founded in 1989, the Nisqually Land Trust
protects and stewards lands to permanently
benefit the water, fish, wildlife, and people of the
Nisqually River Watershed.

May 1, 2025

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South Puget Sound Region
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Dear Adin,

Visitors to the Mount Tahoma Trails Association's (MTTA) hut-to-nut cross-country ski trail network visit portions of the Nisqually Land Trust's (NLT) Mount Rainier Gateway Forest Reserve when using the northern trails and MTTA's Copper Creek Hut. These are accessed from the 92 Road.

We welcome the ski trail visitors but know that they bring with them a host of issues related to parking, trail sharing, and impacts on wildlife. We are glad that adding this position has been so successful over the last two years and would like to see it continue.

I strongly support DNR's proposal for funding to support a Recreation Warden to perform education and enforcement services at the 92 Road Sno-Park, the 1 Road Sno-Park in the Tahoma State Forest, and the connected non-motorized ski trails.

Thank you for sponsoring this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Dorner
Executive Director



May 11, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association has had a partnership since 1990 providing a year around recreational trail system for public use. This system is comprised of 50+ miles of winter recreation trail and 25 miles of summer recreation trail. Four huts provide overnight use for up to 42 people. In the winter MTTA conducts snow removal services to provide access to three state snow parks, as well as trail grooming. A very important part of the proper operation of this system is the official presence of an Education and Enforcement Warden.

We support the request for DNR's non-motorized Sno-Park project application - 92 Road and 1 Road Sno-Parks: Education and Enforcement. This grant will provide funding for an Education and Enforcement Warden, who will provide public information, education, and enforcement during winter months to Sno-Park users in both the Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests. This grant will help to improve stewardship, sustainability, information, interaction, education, and enforcement of public recreation use in the Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests. The Education and Enforcement Warden will be a great partner for MTTA, while keeping visitors safe and improving funds to the Sno-Parks.

We plan on continuing to use DNR managed lands to conduct recreational activities and support DNR in pursuing the non-motorized Sno-Park project application - 92 Road and 1 Road Sno-Parks: Education and Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Robert Brown
Trail Operations Coordinator
360-507-8620
mtta@skimtta.org



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Priority	2 nd , 3 rd yr
5	3rd yr

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

The Winter Recreation Program may consider proposals for funding for new or expanded, Priority 5 and 6, budget commitments for the 2024-2025 winter season in the non-motorized program. To apply for funding, please complete the following form. **Please Note: All Proposals must be postmarked by June 1, 2025 to be considered. No late applications will be accepted.** Examples of new or expanded funding requests could include: requests for grooming frequency increases, expanded or new trail systems, new Sno-Parks, trail improvements, increased enforcement, etc.

PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY Nooksack Nordic Ski Club (NNSC)	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Jim Rhodes
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 28793	TITLE
CITY, STATE, ZIP Bellingham, WA 98228	E-MAIL ADDRESS james.c.rhodes@gmail.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 360-340-8417	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER

- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$ According to grooming logs sent to the Commission, grooming the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park trails requires 6.5 hours of grooming and 1.5 hours for Move-in/Lowboy Trucking -- (IHC 8100 Ramp). The current billing for this is \$1,582.50 each grooming day. Grooming once a week this past season was done 18.75 times with Sno-Park funds and 1.25 times with the ski club's NRTP grant money. This totals to \$30,067.50. This supplemental request is for \$30,067.00 so there will be twice a week grooming which would include Hannagan Pass Rd.

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

This proposal is a supplemental funding request for \$30,067.00 to cover the grooming costs for twice weekly grooming of the Salmon Ridge Trail system for the 16 week season. Salmon Ridge Sno-Park is located 46.5 miles NE of Bellingham off the Mt. Baker Hwy (SR 542). Several years ago NNSC requested supplemental funding in order to have twice weekly grooming. The funding happened but grooming expenses still relegated the grooming to only once a week. Additionally, Hannagan Pass Road, THE ONLY 'DOG FRIENDLY' SKI TRAIL, HAS NOT BEEN GROOMED FOR TWO YEARS. Judging by the hours on the billings to the Commission, there is not enough time to include Hannagan Pass road in grooming under the allotted amount of funds. Also, for two seasons in a row, the on-going funding ran out before the end of the ski season. In this past 2022-23 season some NRTP grant funds had to be used for grooming to complete the month of March.

- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes. Snow removal, sanitation, education and enforcement are already covered by the on-going Sno-Park grooming grant for the once per week grooming. This request is for additional grooming funds to

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

The target audience would be cross country skiers and skijorers evenly divided at 48% skiers, 48% snowshoers and 2% skijorers.

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

Salmon Ridge Trail System is a vital winter recreation site maintained by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club whose members donated 718.5 hours (a value of \$13,174.00) of volunteer work in the 2022-23 season and contributed the equivalent of \$6,615.49 dollars in mileage for a total of \$19,789.39 of volunteer value. In 2021, the club provided the USFS with a gate that improved the Salmon Ridge Trail system at the entrance to the Mom's section, improving the groomer's ease of access for trail entrance and exit. This was funded strictly through a donation. Since the 1980's the USFS has had a great working relationship with Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and all the volunteer work this club has done to educate the public and maintain the trail system. It is the only tracked and groomed cross country ski area north of Stevens Pass. The Commission is well aware of the rise in Winter Recreation use as a result of Covid and maintaining this ski area with twice a week grooming will continue to help diversify the places for winter recreation and prevent overcrowding.

Salmon Ridge Sno-Park has separate but integrated snowshoe trails, but because it is an open access Sno-Park, many snowshoers walk on the groomed surface of the ski trails and damage them. With no grooming of the dog friendly trail, dogs are being brought to the groomed trails. Without the funds to groom the trails twice weekly to continually maintain the integrity of the trail system for skiers, the area becomes hazardous for skiers. There are hills in this trail system and after a weekend of snowshoe or dog damage, the groomed trails, especially any hill area, become dangerous for skiers. With such high snowshoe useage, the twice weekly grooming is desperately needed. No grooming on Hannegan Pass road has already brought dogs onto groomed trails. Declining conditions with the once a week grooming would result in unsatisfied skiers and declining use of this trail system causing people to go to other already crowded ski areas.

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

A great example of the benefits (recreational to the users and financial to businesses) is that NNSC works in concert with the other entities and the City of Bellingham with their recreational outing program on our Ambassador Days, providing cheer, hot chocolate, education about and maps of trails, types of skis, information on need for, as well as providing the sale of, Sno-Park permits, snowshoeing and even some free skiing instruction that day. The users provide their own equipment thus benefiting local businesses (ski and restaurant) and they get a great recreational experience.

Twice a week grooming makes for happier and safer skiers - providing a great surface for their recreational outing/exercise and a much safer surface for less injury from snowshoe or dog damage. The completed Connector trail that links White Salmon to Salmon Ridge has accomplished a couple of things. 1. it has opened up possibilities for White Salmon road to be in consideration of a future Sno-Park revenue source for the Commission and, 2. It provides White Salmon road grooming, to back country skiing, to Salmon Ridge grooming trail experience. Tired skiers coming down to Salmon Ridge from White Salmon road need the twice grooming type trail for a safe experience. A minimum of twice a week grooming will provide at least adequate groomed trails.

6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?

One Time ☐

On-going ☒

7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**

Yes, we have a current Landowners agreement and a USFS Voluntary Services Agreement that allows us to use and maintain the Salmon Ridge trail system.

8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? **(Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)**
Included with the ongoing request application.

9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

N/A

10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

N/A

11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)
None required. This is simply an expansion of the funding request for on-going grooming expenses.

12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>)
Explain how:

Yes. The Nooksack Nordic Ski Club has been committed to the stewardship of the Salmon Ridge Trail System since the 1980's. We share the core value of providing access to a variety of winter recreation for the public to enjoy, including trails for snowshoers, dog lovers, back-country and groomed trail skiers as well as a place for families to simply play in the snow. One way we show we are responsive to recreational demand is by volunteers clearing downfall across any groomed trail as soon as possible. Another way is by listening to the users and requesting supplemental funding so we can have twice a week grooming. With our Ambassador Days we encourage responsible use of the trails. We know there is an increase need for parking and would love to have the full parking lot plowed when

13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

Yes

14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

Jim
Rhodes

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

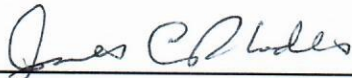
- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025**.

Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
USFS #3070 Razor Hone Rd	Salmon Ridge	6	12	2	16	384
USFS #3071 Anderson Creek Rd	Salmon Ridge	.9	1.8	2	16	57.6
Silver Fir Campground	Salmon Ridge	.5	1	2	16	32
USFS #32 Hannegan Pass Rd		2	4	2	16	128
USFS #3075 White Salmon Rd		2	4	2	16	128
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:						729.6
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.					\$30,067.00	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee or by the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee for this project and approved by State Parks, either an existing Purchased Services Contract will be modified to reflect the approved budget, or a new Purchased Services Contract will be awarded through a public bidding process.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



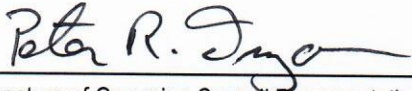
Signature of Applicant



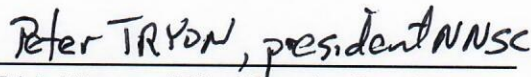
Printed Name and Title of Applicant



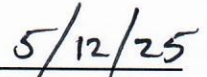
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Signature of Grooming Council Representative



Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.



Date


List of Landowner Permission Documents

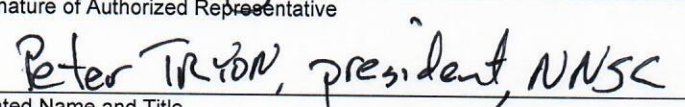
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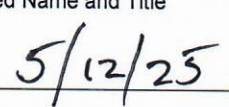
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1. USFS	22.5
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Signature of Authorized Representative


Printed Name and Title


Date

PLEASE NOTE:
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
1111 Israel Road SW P. O. Box 42650 Olympia, Washington 98504-2650 (360) 902-8500

Date:	04/24/2024
Landowner: USDA Forest Service	
Address: Mt Baker Ranger District	
810 State Route 20	
Sedro Wooley, WA 98284	
Land Description: Public Access at sno-parks, and trails for winter recreation	

To be completed by applicant.
Project Salmon Ridge__

WINTER RECREATION USE PERMIT

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is required by statute to have landowner permission for winter recreation activities funded by the Commission on public and private lands.

RCW 79A.05.225(1) Plan, construct, and maintain suitable facilities for winter recreational activities on lands administered or acquired by the commission or as authorized on lands administered by other public agencies or private landowners by agreement.

RCW 4.24.200 and RCW 4.24.210 limit landowner liability.

RCW 4.24.200:

The purpose of RCW 4.24.200 and 4.24.210 is to encourage owners or others in lawful possession and control of land and water areas or channels to make them available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon and toward persons who may be injured or otherwise damaged by the acts or omissions of persons entering thereon.

Please sign and date below.

By my signature, I do hereby grant permission for winter recreational activities to occur on my land, that are funded by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, from date signed below to terminate on the 24th day of April of 20 29.

Louis "Ted" Neff, Mt. Baker District Ranger

LOUIS
NEFF

Digitally signed
by LOUIS NEFF
Date: 2024.04.24
11:14:46 -07'00'

Welcome Salmon Ridge Sno-Park Groomed Trail System

Explanation

- Non-Motorized Sno-Park
- Groomed Ski Trail
- Dog Friendly Groomed Trail
- Marked Ski Route
- Snowshoe
- Restroom
- View
- Highway
- Road or Trail
- Ski Lift
- Temporary Closure
- Wilderness Area

*0.9 mile
Anderson
Creek*

Area has 24 kilometers of groomed cross country ski trails. Trail name and distance labeled between intersections.

Snow grooming equipment may be on the trail at any time.

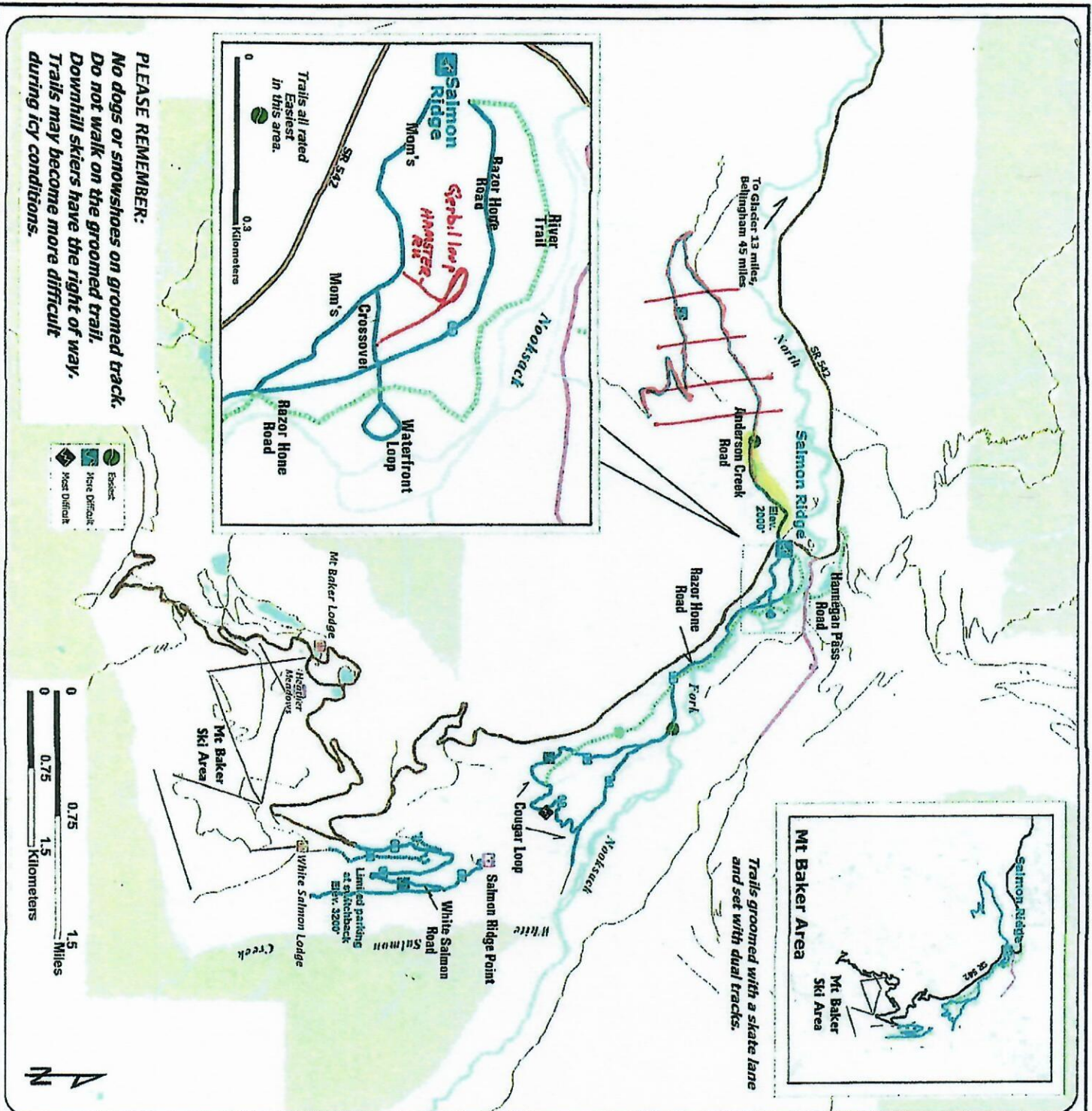
Trail grooming schedules may change without notice due to snow conditions, temperatures, equipment breakdowns, etc.

Be aware of potential avalanche danger, check www.mnwc.us before you leave home.

Trail grooming schedules and maps at www.parks.wa.gov/winter

Please report errors or comments to: winter@parks.wa.gov

For Emergency Call 911
Whatcom Co. Sheriff 360-676-6911





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Priority	2 nd , 3 rd yr
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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY Highlands Nordic Ski Club	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Jack Thurston
MAILING ADDRESS P O Box 101	TITLE President
CITY, STATE, ZIP Tonasket, WA, 98855	E-MAIL ADDRESS thurston11@frontier.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 509-486-0437	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER 509-995-3922

- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$ **7747**

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

The Highlands Nordic Ski Club would like to purchase a rescue sled to be used for emergency transportation of incapacitated skiers. The rescue sled would be towed behind one of the grooming snowmobiles by a volunteer operator. The ski club does the grooming and maintains a cadre of operators who utilize a system of cell phones, Forest Service radios, and satellite communications to rapidly respond to emergency situations. Working with local neighbors, ski club members, the Okanogan County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue, and the Forest Service, we could respond quickly and efficiently. Okanogan County Search and Rescue is not usually a rapid response program. The ski club could significantly reduce response time to emergency situations at the Highlands Sno-Park.

- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes, the request would be an important piece of the Safety Program at the Highlands Sno-Park, but require no additional snow plowing, sanitation, or enforcement. Local neighbors can respond very quickly to emergencies. The groomers all have Forest Service Radios which can communicate with local county/state/federal agencies, and satellite communications to respond to emergency situations.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

The Highlands Sno-Park serves several user groups such as; Nordic Skiers(80%), Snowshoers(12%), Snowmobilers(2%), Skijorers(3%), and others(3%)-Fat tire bikers, bird watchers, and folks out for a winter walk. All user groups would benefit from the increased safety of a rescue sled.

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

Recreational demands are growing at the Highlands Sno-Park and the ability to respond to emergency situations is essential. Increased public visits at the Highlands Sno-Park requires increased safety precautions by the ski club. Several years ago a skier injured her knee late in the afternoon and wasn't able to ski out. Volunteers were able to bring her out on a snowmobile, but had she been unable to ride on the back, the situation would have been much more complex. A rescue sled will give us away to quickly evacuate people with a wide array of injuries

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

Winter Recreation inherently requires an emphasis on safety precautions. A rescue sled would benefit all users. Public confidence and safety awareness will increase with the addition of a rescue sled at the Highlands. The ski club tries to encourage local residents to get outdoors and enjoy the Winter and the rescue sled could help.

- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going? One Time X
On-going ☐

- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**

Yes, we have Landowner agreements with 2 local landowners and the Forest Service.

- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? **(Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)**
Yes

- 9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

Yes, letters of support are included.

- 10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

I have talked to local landowners, Okanogan County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue, U S Forest Service, Washington State Parks Winter Recreation, and ski club members.

- 11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)

No

- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>) Explain how:

A rescue sled would be important for the future of the ski club and the Sno-Park. Increased safety would lead to increased use and increased sales of Sno-Park Permits (and Snowmobile Registrations and Discover Pass sales). Highlands serves a diverse range of winter recreationists. We are working with all the user groups to encourage cooperation and improve their activities at the Highlands Sno-Park.

- 13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

Yes, we talked to Peter Valaas.

- 14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

Jack Thurston, ski club president.

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

- ☐ List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- ☐ Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025**.

	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles

TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							
<i>Total funds requested for new grooming miles.</i>						\$	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee or by the Winter

Recreation Advisory Committee for this project and approved by State Parks, either an existing Purchased Services Contract will be modified to reflect the approved budget, or a new Purchased Services Contract will be awarded through a public bidding process.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Grooming Council Representative
Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Date

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council

Rep.

Date

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1. Cody Ames,	5
2. Dave Taber	2
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Equinox Industries Ltd.

401 Chrislind Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
R2C 5G4

Phone: 204.633.7564 Fax: 204.694.7133
Toll Free Canada: 800.665.7487
Toll Free U.S.: 800.563.3352



QUOTATION # 2025-800D-346

Sold To:			Consignee / Ship To:		
Jack Thurston Highlands Nordic Ski Club 9 S. Whitcomb Ave, Tonasket, Washington, 98855 509.995.392 thurston11@frontier.com			Same as		
Salesman	Customer PO#	F.O.B.	Quotation Date	Estimated Ship Date	Payment
John		Factory	05/27/25	4 Weeks	Prepay
QTY ORDERED	PRODUCT#			UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT US
1	BG-R0581CS	Rescue Sled w/Composite Skis & Suspension Canvas		\$5,831.00	\$5,831.00
1	BG-C0582	Cover		\$134.00	\$134.00
1	AT-R0644	ATV Conversion Kit		\$775.00	\$775.00
		Sub			\$6,740.00
		Ship			\$1,007.00
		Sub			\$7,747.00
PLEASE NOTE THIS QUOTE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS			ORDER TOTAL US		\$7,747.00

Quote prepared by: John Frank

CONFIRM AS ORDER: _____

Pricing is subject to change if tariffs are imposed

Thank you for your business.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Highlands Nordic Ski Club receiving funds to purchase a rescue sled for their Nordic trail system near Tonasket, WA.

I believe this would be a great resource and provide added safety measures for trail users. As part of the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team, I've used similar rescue sleds during SAR missions and they are an efficient and easy-to-use tool for extricating people quickly.

Okanogan County Search and Rescue does own one of these sleds, but it would be quite time consuming to transport the necessary equipment to the Highlands area in the event of an injury or rescue, as we store all of that gear either near Winthrop or Okanogan. In the case of a serious injury or in cold temperatures, time is of the essence and having a rescue sled staged on-site could make a huge difference.

The Highlands Nordic Ski Club provides excellent recreation opportunities for a rural, somewhat isolated area, and I believe their ability to purchase a rescue sled would greatly add to the public safety resources available in the area.

Thank you,

Cristina Woodworth

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

Search and Rescue Coordinator

509-846-3651

sar@co.okanogan.wa.us

To: Whom It May Concern,

From: Gregg Bafundo
1037 Havillah RD
Tonasket, WA 98855

RE: Grant Request for Highland SnoPark

I'm writing to you to express my support for the Highlands SnoPark and their request for a rescue sled. As an avid outdoorsman, former USFS Wilderness Ranger, hiker, skier and occasional groomer at the SnoPark. I know the importance of safety and have been involved in many backcountry rescues. With our SnoPark being one of the more "remote" parks, many times when someone is lost or injured it is members of the local ski club who are first on scene to help. We know that country very well and can usually find folks fairly quickly. We are fortunate to have not had any major incidents but I do recall one that required multiple over the snow tracked vehicles to find the patient. The vehicle traffic was heavy enough that it took multiple days to "repair" the groomed trails. If we had had use of one of the snowmobiles and a rescue sled we could have made a much easier time of it.

Outdoor recreation is a cherished activity by many Washingtonians. It is healthy, fun and a great opportunity for physical activity but we always must be safe when we are outdoors. That's why we preach things like the Ten Essentials and how to safely enjoy winter recreation even when our temps drop below zero. Having the ability to help keep the woods just a little bit safer is why this request is being made. We have support for our request from the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office of Search and Rescue and those who use this park and we hope to have your support too.

Thank You,

Gregg Bafundo



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Colville National Forest
Tonasket Ranger District

1 West Winesap
Tonasket, WA 98855
Phone (509) 486-2186

05/30/2025

Please find this letter in full support of Highlands Nordic Ski Club pursuing funding for a "Rescue Sled Snowmobile". The Highlands Nordic Ski Club annually contributes hundreds of hours of trail maintenance, clearing, brushing the trail system at the Highlands Snow Park and surrounding Bonaparte Mtn. Recreation Area.

During the winter recreation operational months, the Nordic Ski Club performs trail grooming activities throughout the Highlands Sno-Park cross country ski trail system.

Hundreds of miles and hours of trail grooming are staffed by a single grooming sled.

Changing weather and trail conditions can create hazardous and unexpected terrain and mechanical situations that could result in stranded, broke down or an accidental roll over miles from the parking area.

A Rescue Sled will be essential and integral part of operational planning and safety for grooming and all user groups that recreate in the Highlands Sno-Park area.

The Tonasket Ranger District fully supports and endorses this "Rescue Sled" grant application for the safety and well being of Highlands Nordic Ski Club groomers and the recreating public.

Sincerely,

Chris Williams,
Acting DR for:

Matt D. Marsh
District Ranger
Tonasket Ranger District
Colville National Forest





FUNDING REQUEST 2025-2026

Non-Profit ♦ Ongoing ♦ Trail Grooming

Report and request for continued funding

☐ Motorized

☒ Non-Motorized

For State Parks Use Only	
Priority	2nd, 3rd yr. review
5	3rd yr

GROOMING AREA – TRAIL SYSTEM NAME <i>South Summit</i>		Previous Years Grooming funds Allotted (State Parks Use Only)
Truck Hauling Miles Requested	Grooming Miles Requested <i>2000</i>	Of the total value of the applicant contribution plus funding requested from State Parks, what is the percentage from: State % (Total funds requested divided by total value x 100) Applicant % (Total funds divided by total value x 100)
Previous Years Truck Hauling Miles Allotted (State Parks Use)	Previous Years Grooming Miles Allotted (State Parks Use)	
Total Applicant Contributions (Dollars / In-Kind Services / Materials)	\$ <i>43,760</i>	

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME <i>Loop Loop Ski Education Foundation</i>	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE <i>Jon Brown</i>
APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS <i>PO box 1187</i>	TITLE <i>ED</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Twisp, WA 98856</i>	E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>VManager@skitheloop.com</i>
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION <i>509 341 4917</i>	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER

LOCAL GROOMING COUNCIL INFORMATION

NAME OF GROOMING COUNCIL	
VOLUNTEER GROOMING COUNCIL COORDINATOR	TELEPHONE NUMBER
MAILING ADDRESS	E-MAIL ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP	WEBSITE
IF MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED, WHERE IS THE MEETING HELD (location name and address)	
WHAT IS THE DAY OF MONTH AND TIME OF MEETINGS (i.e., 1st Tuesday, 7:00pm)	

Detailed Season Summary

2024-2025 SEASON

1) Based on last year's log "Trail Grooming Season Totals", please answer the following:

Date grooming started: 12/1/24 Date grooming ended: 3/31/25 Total hours grooming: 374.9

2) Please give approximate percentage of recreationists for each category:

100 % Nordic _____ % Snowshoe _____ % Skijoring _____ % Sledding _____ % Snowmobiling
_____ % Snowbiking/Tracked UTV _____ % Other

TRAIL SYSTEM

1) Total Trail map miles: 28

2) Actual groomed miles for last season: 1948.56

3) Were all trails identified in the application groomed during this past season? If no, please indicate authorized trails that were not groomed and the reason (wildlife closure, logging, etc.) *Attach map if necessary.*

Yes

4) Were trails groomed that were not identified in the applications? If yes, please indicate trail names, numbers, miles and frequency. Was permission to groom these additional trails obtained? (yes or no)

NO

SIGN, MAPS, TRAIL BLAZERS, SNOW POLE ORDERS

Download trail maps, signs, and snowpole order forms from our sports program funding webpage, bottom of page.

<https://parks.wa.gov/about/grants/sports-funding-program>

FUNDING

1) Amount Spent \$ 64,400 - Actual Billed = 74,960
2024-2025

2) If you did not spend the total approved funding amount, why not? _____

3) For this project, please list volunteer hours and type of work (include pre-season hours):

40 hrs Trail Maintenance
40 hrs Sign/Map Maintenance

Trails and Map Miles Summary

1. Show actual grooming information for last winter season.

TRAIL GROOMING MILES <small>List the trail grooming miles for each trail system groomed.</small>							
Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles	
#1	South Summit ↓	0.3		3-4	50		
#9		2.4		3-4	50		
#6		2		3-4	50		
#11		1.9		3-4	50		
#2		2.3		3-4	50		
#4		3.1		3-4	50		
#3		0.5		3-4	50		
K9		0.5		3-4	50		
#10		1.2		3-4	50		
Not all trails included due to bracket size			3.9				
TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above:			Actual 24-25 1948.56 miles				

2. Show requested grooming information for next winter season.

TRAIL GROOMING MILES ADJUSTED FOR 2025-2026 (16-week season)							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List any grooming changes for next season. If no changes leave blank. Total miles should not change from previous season. Use priority 5 Application for new funding increases. Grooming schedules will be required by October 17, 2025. 							
Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles	
No Change							
TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above:			Proposed 25-26 miles				

COST SUMMARY

FOR ONGOING TRAIL GROOMING AND HAULING TRUCK FUNDING ONLY

NOTE: ORIGINAL APPLICATION ON FILE, ONLY UPDATE FIELDS WITH CHANGES SINCE LAST SEASON.

PROJECT TYPE Trail Grooming (& Hauling Truck)		AGENCY		TELEPHONE NUMBER ()	
(A) THROUGH (E) BELOW IS OPTIONAL FOR SPONSORING CLUB/COUNCILS FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION:					
<p>(A) TYPE OF COST – ITEMIZE ALL COST TYPES, i.e., salaries, maintenance, construction, equipment, supplies, etc.</p> <p>(B) PROGRAM FUNDS BEING REQUESTED – DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH COST TYPE.</p> <p>(C) NATURE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – EXPLAIN WHAT SUCH SERVICES ARE.</p> <p>(D) VALUE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – ESTIMATE THE VALUE OF SUCH SERVICES.</p> <p>(E) SOURCE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING FUNDS OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – IDENTIFY WHETHER THEY ARE COUNTY/STATE GENERAL FUNDS, FEDERAL AGENCY FUNDS, LOCAL CLUB FUNDS, VOLUNTEER HOURS, ETC.</p>					
Type of Cost (A)	Grooming Funds Requested (B)	Hauling Truck Funds Requested (B)	Nature of Matching/Cost Sharing Funds or Volunteer Service Provided (C) *	Value of (C) (D) *	Source of Matching/Cost Sharing Funds or Volunteer Service Provided (E) *
Operator Salary/Benefits	\$ 12000			\$	
Program Administration	\$ 41500			\$	
Postage/Telephone	\$			\$	
Snow Cat Maintenance/ Parts/Labor	\$ 3500			\$	
Hauling Truck Maintenance/Parts/Lab	\$ —	\$		\$	
Fuel, oil, grease	\$ 8000	\$		\$	
Storage (Rental)	\$			\$	
Trail Maintenance	\$ 2000			\$	
Signing	\$ 1000			\$	
Miscellaneous (explain)	\$			\$	
	\$			\$	
TOTALS (enter totals from Page 1)	\$ 68,000	\$		\$	
Any major snow cat breakdowns? Yes/No		Length of down time?		Explain type of breakdown:	
What type(s) of snow groomer(s) are currently being used?					
Make <i>Pisten Bully</i>	Model <i>PB100</i>	Year <i>2023</i>	Season Beg Hrs	Season End Hrs <i>853.6</i>	Season Total Hrs
Make	Model	Year	Season Beg Hrs	Season End Hrs	Season Total Hrs
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Agreement

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The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

Jon Brown

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/28/2005

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date

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5	3rd yr

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY WenatcheeOutdoors.org	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Andy Dappen & Jena Edwards
MAILING ADDRESS 2332 Westview Drive	TITLE Advocacy Committee Members
CITY, STATE, ZIP Wenatchee, WA 98810	E-MAIL ADDRESS jena@wenatcheeoutdoors.org ardappen@gmail.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 509-860-8847	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER 509-596-1324

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\$	\$5000.00
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- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

This is a third year request for the Stemilt Basin Non-Motorized Sno-Park located near the intersection of the Orr Creek Road and the Stemilt Creek Road. The request is primarily for snow removal/plowing. About 100 yards of the Orr Creek Road must be plowed from the county road (Stemilt Creek Road) to reach a small plowed parking lot capable of parking about 8 cars on property owned by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). WDFW has granted permission for this lot to be plowed for winter, non-motorized visitors coming to snowshoe, cross-country ski, walk etc. Some of the funds will also be used for the seasonal rental of a seasonal porta-pottie as well.

- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

The 'trails' beyond the plowed parking area are gated forest roads that will NOT be machine groomed but 'groomed' through use. As such, none of the proposed funding would be used for grooming.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

Snowshoers 30%, cross-country skiers 20%, dog walkers and winter walkers 25%, family snowplay 15%, backcountry skiers 10%.

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

Wenatchee has an active outdoor populace. Many people move here or choose to stay here because of our immediate access to the outdoors. Quick access to the outdoors is especially true of our snow-free months when the surrounding foothills trails accommodate hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. Most of these foothills trails, however, close between December 1 and March 30 to help the mule deer wintering here. The proposed Sno-Park would help fill the void left by the winter closure of our foothills trails and would be well received by our active populace.

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

The attraction of this particular Sno-Park is its proximity to Wenatchee AND its relatively gentle topography. This is a place where beginner snowshoers, beginner backcountry skiers, intermediate cross-country skiers, parents wanting to play in the snow with their children can all come to safely recreate. The gentle topography helps beginners learn how to use the awkward boards strapped to their feet, and there is virtually no avalanche hazard in and around the proposed parking area. None of this winter use will happen during a snowy year because there is simply no place to park. The purpose of this proposal, then, is to provide parking so winter recreationalist can gain access to this area.

- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?

One Time ☐

On-going ☒

- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**

Yes. Two local non-profit organizations (WenatcheeOutdoors and El Sendero Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe Club) worked with the local branch of WDFW in the creation of non-motorized, winter recreation areas in the Stemilt Basin during two, multi-year, public planning processes (Naneum Ridge Recreation Plan and the Stemilt Basin Recreation Plan) and the agency was in full support of these areas. In the autumn of 2023, WDFW did some land sculpting to create the parking area where this Sno-Park is located.

- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? **(Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)**

No. We have been in touch with our local WDFW contact (Melinda Gray) and she will submit the Landowner Permission Form separately.

- 9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

Adjacent landowners are not affected by our proposal.

- 10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

There are no homeowners near this Sno-Park and the properties used by the snowed-over roads our sno-park provides access are all undeveloped lands owned by WDFW.

- 11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)

No. All permitting requirements associated with the minimal earth sculpting that took place in the creation of our parking area were completed by WDFW last year before that sculpting took place.

- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>) Explain how:

Yes. This proposal connects with all four elements of the Winter Recreation Program Vision 1) all the activities supported by a plowed parking area as proposed are growing and of interest to our outdoor community 2) some five different user groups will enjoy the opportunities this proposal would make possible 3) the proposal would help all these users better appreciate the lands they are recreating on and appreciation is the first step toward people wanting to steward and protect those areas 4) the entire process bringing this proposal to State Parks now has been one of private individuals, non-profits, county agencies, and state agencies working together to provide diverse opportunities for communities.

- 13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

Yes. We were in contact with Peter Valaas during our previous requests for this sno-park and he knows we are applying for third-year funding.

- 14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

Previously Andy Dappen presented the proposal at the funding meeting and, this year either Andy Dappen, Jena Edwards, or another member of the WenatcheeOutdoors Board of Directors will present our proposal.

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025**.

	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
	no groomed trails, only plowed parking area						
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							
<i>Total funds requested for new grooming miles.</i>						\$	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee or by the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee for this project and approved by State Parks, either an existing Purchased Services Contract will be modified to reflect the approved budget, or a new Purchased Services Contract will be awarded through a public bidding process.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

Jena Edwards - Wenatchee Outdoors Board Member

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/29/25

Date

Signature of Groomina Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Groomina Council Rep.

Date

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Land owner permission documents are attached from the following landowners:

Owners	Number of miles
1. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Melinda Gray at WDFW will be submitting documents confirming this.	
2.	
3.	
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I hereby certify that all appropriate landowners have been asked for their permission to use their land for winter recreation activities, and that their permission documents have been signed and they are either attached with the funding application or received by June 1.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name and Title

Date

PLEASE NOTE:
COPY OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED.
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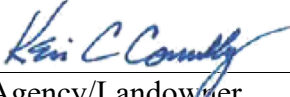
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Agency/Landowner

June 05, 2025

Date

RCW 4.24.210

Liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreation users—Known dangerous artificial latent conditions—Other limitations

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowners, hydroelectric project owners, or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other non-motorized wheel-based activities, aviation activities including, but not limited to, the operation of airplanes, ultra-light airplanes, hang gliders, parachutes, and paragliders, rock climbing, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether rural or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who offer or allow such land to be used for purposes of a fish or wildlife cooperative project, or allow access to such land for cleanup of litter or other solid waste, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to any volunteer group or to any other users.

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(i) A fixed anchor used in rock climbing and put in place by someone other than a landowner is not a known dangerous artificial latent condition and a landowner under subsection (1) of this section shall not be liable for unintentional injuries resulting from the condition or use of such an anchor.

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(c) Usage by members of the public, volunteer groups, or other users is permissive and does not support any claim of adverse possession.

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(d) Payments to landowners for public access from state, local, or nonprofit organizations established under department of fish and wildlife cooperative public access agreements if the landowner does not charge a fee to access the land subject to the cooperative agreement.



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Project Name: Stemilt Basin Non-Motorized Sno-Park

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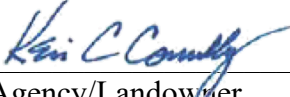
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Agency/Landowner

June 05, 2025

Date

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(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether rural or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who offer or allow such land to be used for purposes of a fish or wildlife cooperative project, or allow access to such land for cleanup of litter or other solid waste, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to any volunteer group or to any other users.

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Date: 5/28/2024
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Address: 600 Capitol Way N. Olympia WA. 98504
Land Description: Public Access at sno-parks, and trails for winter recreation

To be completed by applicant.
Project Name: Stemilt Basin Non-Motorized Sno-Park

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Pete Lopushinsky

Agency/Landowner

5/28/2024
Date

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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

*The Winter Recreation Program may consider proposals for funding for new or expanded, Priority 5 and 6, budget commitments for the 2024-2025 winter season in the non-motorized program. To apply for funding, please complete the following form. **Please Note: All Proposals must be postmarked by June 1, 2025 to be considered. No late applications will be accepted.** Examples of new or expanded funding requests could include: requests for grooming frequency increases, expanded or new trail systems, new Sno-Parks, trail improvements, increased enforcement, etc.*

PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY Mt Adams Nordic Ski Club	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Brad Johnson
MAILING ADDRESS 554 Sunnyside Rd	TITLE Co-founder
CITY, STATE, ZIP Trout Lake, WA 98650	E-MAIL ADDRESS brad@bradjohnson.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 503-830-2204	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER

- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$ 9,000.00

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

The purpose of this request is to procure funding for non-motorized recreation opportunities at Pineside and Snowking Sno-Parks. This funding will cover the expenses of weekly grooming by the USFS Mt. Adams Ranger Station as the previous contract-holder has relinquished this trail system from their scope of work.

- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes, these items are already accounted for and have been performed for many years.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

cross country skiers, snowshoers

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

This is a high demand ski trail system that was historically groomed by Back Country Plowing and Grooming under state contract. In 2024-25 the USFS took over grooming and preserved this essential winter recreation resource that the state has cultivated for over a decade.

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

This funding will ensure that the USFS continues to have the resources necessary to groom all 20+ miles of trails accessed from Pineside and SnowKing. The provided funds make it possible for the trails to be groomed at least 1 time per week.

- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?

One Time ☐

On-going ☒

- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**

Yes, David Wickwire, Forest Service Recreation Program Manager, Mt. Adams Ranger District signed this.

- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? **(Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)**

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NA

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NA

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No

- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>) Explain how:

Yes, this proposal simply seeks to maintain the winter recreational resources the state has provided for many years in the face of losing it because the state-awarded contractor will no longer perform this service.

- 13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

Yes.

- 14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

David Wickwire

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
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	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
	Big Tree Loop	Pineside	3.7		1	13	48.1
	Eagle Loop	Pineside	3.4		1	13	44.2
	Hole-In-The-Ground Loop	Pineside/SK	4.1		1	13	53.3
	Lava Loop	SnowKing	4.7		1	13	52
	Pipeline Loop	SnowKing	2.5		1	13	32.5
	Princess Loop	SnowKing	.5		1	13	6.5
			18.9				
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							245.7
<i>Total funds requested for new grooming miles.</i>						\$	9,0000

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The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

Brad Johnson, Co-founder Mt. Adams Nordic Ski Club
Printed Name and Title of Applicant

7/31/2025
Date



Signature of Grooming Council Representative

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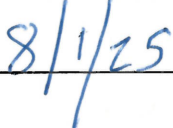
I hereby certify that all appropriate landowners have been asked for their permission to use their land for winter recreation activities, and that their permission documents have been signed and they are either attached with the funding application or received by June 1.



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Printed Name and Title



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1111 Israel Road SW P. O. Box 42650 Olympia, Washington 98504-2650 (360) 902-8500

Date: 7/31/2025
Landowner:USFS
Address:Mt Adams RD
2455 Hwy 141
Trout Lake, WA 98650
Land Description: Public Access at sno-parks, and trails for winter recreation

<i>To be completed by applicant.</i>
Project Name: _____

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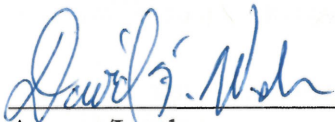
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Please sign and date below.

By my signature, I do hereby grant permission for winter recreational activities to occur on my land, that are funded by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, from date signed below to terminate on the 30 day of June of 20 26.

 USFS
Agency/Landowner

8/1/25
Date

RCW 4.24.210

Liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreation users—Known dangerous artificial latent conditions—Other limitations

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section, any public or private landowners, hydroelectric project owners, or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other non-motorized wheel-based activities, aviation activities including, but not limited to, the operation of airplanes, ultra-light airplanes, hang gliders, parachutes, and paragliders, rock climbing, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.



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(4)(a) Nothing in this section shall prevent the liability of a landowner or others in lawful possession and control for injuries sustained to users by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted.

(i) A fixed anchor used in rock climbing and put in place by someone other than a landowner is not a known dangerous artificial latent condition and a landowner under subsection (1) of this section shall not be liable for unintentional injuries resulting from the condition or use of such an anchor.

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(b) Nothing in RCW [4.24.200](#) and this section limits or expands in any way the doctrine of attractive nuisance.

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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
YAKIMA Nordic Skiing & Snowshoeing Council	John Baranowski
MAILING ADDRESS	TITLE
107 Selah Ridge Dr.	Chair
CITY, STATE, ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Selah, WA 98942	BOTE3@hotmail.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER
509 480 2253	

- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$ 3000

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

This proposal is to pay for an early season, one-time, professional rehabilitation and grooming of the main trail roads at Bumping and N. Fork Tieton SnoParks. These are the two main SnoParks in the eastern slope of the south-central Cascades. Both of these roads are open through the WDFW late season archery bow hunting season (first weekend of December), which typically leads to deeply rutted conditions on these roads. Ginzu groomers pulled by our USFS crew on snowmobiles are mostly not able to overcome these problems and thus poor trail conditions persist through most of the winter recreation season. Because miles are relatively low, request is for the groomer to do all routes twice on the day of grooming, thus 1 map mile turns into 2 trip miles, turns into 4 total miles.

- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

Snowshoers (50%), Nordic skiers (45%), sled dogs (5%)

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

Provide a reasonable experience to the user

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

Benefits are for all Nordic users. Typically, these trails are in very poor, sub-standard condition until at least late February, by which time most eastern Washington recreationalists have switched to low-land spring activities.

- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?

One Time ☐

On-going ☒

- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? (Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)

~~YES~~ NO

- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? (Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)

~~YES~~ NO

- 9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

N/A

- 10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

N/A

- 11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)

NO

- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>) Explain how:

Yes..Goal 3 states "to have dedicated trail systems to meet the needs of a variety of incompatible or conflicting uses"...this grant would attempt to mitigate/repair these trails from an unavoidable incompatible use. Also, this project is in line with Strategies A-D of Goal 5, "effective safe trail grooming is provided"

- 13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

As of today (4/7/25) I'm still Listed on the web page As WRAC member. Did discuss with Corey T. this winter.

- 14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

John Baranowski

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
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trail name or Road Number	From which SnoPark?	Map miles	Trip Miles	Trips/season	total miles
N.Fork Tieton Road (FR1207) from SnoPark to at least Mariam Creek	N. Fork Tieton	4.5	9	2	18
FDR 520/521	N. Fork Tieton	1	2	2	4
Bumping River Road (1800)	Bumping	1	2	2	4
Bumping Campground roads	Bumping	2	4	2	8

total Grooming miles for trail system listed above 34

Total funds requested for new grooming miles \$3,000

estimate at \$300/hour with roughly 4 miles/hour to do one-day repairs/rehab, with travel costs
making up the remainder of the grant request

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The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

John Baranowski, chair
YAKIMA Nordic Skiing &

Printed Name and Title of Applicant
Snowshoeing Council

5/30/25

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date

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Owners	Number of miles
1. USFS	8.5
2.	
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I hereby certify that all appropriate landowners have been asked for their permission to use their land for winter recreation activities, and that their permission documents have been signed and they are either attached with the funding application or received by June 1.

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY Kongsberger Ski Club	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Rune Harkestad
MAILING ADDRESS 11042 SE 30th St	TITLE Grooming Coordinator
CITY, STATE, ZIP Bellevue, WA 98004	E-MAIL ADDRESS Rune@rosehillcarwashllc.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 425-577-8556	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER

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\$ 2800 for leveling and ditch cleaning

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.
Grade the area in front of the sanicans level to permit better access for users. Plus clean the selected sections of ditch running adjacent to the main trail to make grooming more cost effective while eliminating sections that melt out requiring skier to remove skis and walk across.
- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

This work would make both snow removal and grooming more cost effective and also provide a better experience to all users that visit the Cabin Creek-Snopark.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
All users that visit Cabin Creek Snopark

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

This project improves access and user experience for all users that visit the very busy Cabin Creek snopark. Improving access to the Sanitation and also trail system.

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One Time ☒
On-going ☐
- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**
Multi Year Road Use Permit from USFS has been obtained and this works falls within the scope of the permit
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Permit Attached and sections highlighted.
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Not Applicable
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Not Applicable
- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>)
Explain how:
Yes, improves user experience and access to trail system and sanitation
- 13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?
Yes
- 14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?
Susan Cockran

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 *(16 week season)*

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025**.

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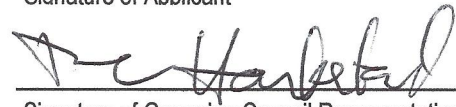
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Signature of Applicant

RUNE HARKETAD VP KONGSBERGER 5/28/25

Printed Name and Title of Applicant Date



Signature of Grooming Council Representative

RUNE HARKETAD, GROOMING COORDINATOR 5/28/25

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep. Date

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Rune Harkestad Grooming Coordinator

Printed Name and Title

5/28/25

Date

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Kongsberger Ski Club

C/O Rune Harkestad
11042 SE 30th St
Bellevue, WA 98004

May 28, 2025

Non-Motorized Winter Recreational Advisory Committee

RE: Funding for Leveling and Ditch Cleaning at Cabin Creek

Dear Committee Members,

Please consider this letter of support for a \$2,800.00 one-time application for funding of ditch cleaning and leveling of the porta potty area at Cabin Creek.

Kongsbergers Members continue to manually clean ditches during our work parties in the Fall but cannot keep up with the amount of debris that accumulates in the ditches. The debris prevents proper drainage and causes wash outs across the trails, particularly in the beginning and at the end of the season.

Our maintenance permit issued by the USFS allows us to use machinery to do ditch cleaning and removal of debris and is attached to this application.

The area of the parking lot where the porta potties are placed is uneven and I don't think any further explanation is necessary as to why an uneven surface underneath a porta potty is a problem.

The attached \$2,800 proposal from LandTek covers the cost of both ditch cleaning and leveling of the ground underneath the porta potties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kongsberger Ski Club



Rune Harkestad
Vice President



Parking Lot Area Where Porta Potties Are Placed.

Grooming at Cabin Creek and Erling Stordahl



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20029 82nd Avenue SE
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nick@nwbrushcutting.com
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Estimate

ADDRESS

Kongsberger Ski Club
Exit 63 I90
Easton, WA 98925

ESTIMATE # 1422

DATE 05/29/2025

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Freight Mobilization	2	550.00	1,100.00
	Excavator Excavator - Grade area level for sanicans in upper lot. Make level area and compact smooth. Also clean ditches along The Road to permit snow to stay on the ski trail. All work to be performed in accordance with current ROAD USE PERMIT.	20	185.00	3,700.00
	Roller Vibrating Ride-On Compactor - Compact leveled area chapter 24.03 RCW are exempt from retail sales tax.	6	150.00	900.00
	Discounts Discount per Nick W.	1	-2,900.00	-2,900.00

Any additional work may result in extra charges.

SUBTOTAL	2,800.00
TAX (8.8%)	0.00
TOTAL	\$2,800.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

**PERMIT FOR USE OF ROADS, TRAILS, OR AREAS
RESTRICTED BY REGULATION OR ORDER**

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 532-538

For Official Use Only					DATE OF APPLICATION																																								
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DATES OF AUTHORIZED USE Five years from the time of issuance		AUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLE CLASSES AND NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES Any/All not otherwise in conflict with the terms of this permit.																																											
3. DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED USES OTHERWISE PROHIBITED Routine road maintenance and road surfacing rock replacement. Installation of road traffic gate at site shown on Attachment A, map.																																													
4. CONDITIONS OF USE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Authorized uses are subject to all the permit terms and conditions on pages 2 & 3. b. The following additional conditions of use apply: Road damage due to the exercise of this permit shall be promptly repaired to the Government's satisfaction. Road damage includes structures such as bridges and cattleguards. Alterations to the road structure, such as widening of the road, shall not occur without prior approval from the Government. Alterations to road surface drainage features, such as drain dips, shall be restored. c. Permittee's activities are also governed by Washington State's Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPLs). Current IFPL status can be found at the following website: https://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl d. The following attachments are included as additional conditions of this permit: Attachment A - Map, Attachment B - Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Road Rules, and Attachment C - road maintenance requirements and specifications. 																																													

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1. This permit shall expire on the last date shown in Block 2. This permit shall not be extended or renewed.
2. This permit is for use only by the holder or the holder's authorized representatives listed in block 2 of the corresponding application when they are acting within the scope of their delegated authority. This permit is not assignable or transferable.
3. There is no fee for this permit.
4. This permit is a federal license that constitutes written authorization for the holder to be on National Forest System roads, on National Forest System trails, or in areas on National Forest System lands that are closed or restricted by regulation or order. This permit does not constitute a contract or lease for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601; does not convey any interest in real property; and may not be used as collateral for a loan.
5. This permit is subject to all valid outstanding rights.
6. The use authorized by this permit is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right to use the roads, trails, and areas authorized by this permit and to allow others to use them at any time. The holder shall use the roads, trails, and areas authorized by this permit in a manner that will not unreasonably or unnecessarily interfere with their use by others, including the Forest Service.
7. A copy of this permit shall be carried in all motor vehicles operated under this permit. When vehicles are parked in restricted areas, a copy of this permit shall be displayed on the dashboard. When a parked motor vehicle does not have a dashboard, a note shall be left on the parked vehicle and the permit copy locked in a vehicle compartment or carried in the operator's possession. This permit shall be presented upon request to any Forest Service officer.
8. Unless specifically authorized by attachments to this permit, the holder shall not reconstruct or maintain routes, plow snow, post signs, erect closure devices, or otherwise restrict use of routes by other authorized traffic.
9. In exercising the privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements, including state traffic laws, that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy.
10. The holder assumes all risk of loss associated with use of the roads authorized by this permit, including theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and acts of nature.
11. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including but not limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, and fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit.
12. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with use of the roads authorized by this permit. The responsible official may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.
13. The holder shall have in force motor vehicle insurance covering losses associated with the use authorized by this permit in at least the minimum amounts prescribed by law for operating motor vehicles on public roads in the State.
14. The responsible official may suspend or revoke this permit in whole or in part for noncompliance with federal, state, or local law; noncompliance with the terms of this permit; or abandonment or other failure of the holder to exercise the privileges granted. Prior to revocation or suspension, other than immediate suspension under clause 15, the responsible official shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension and a reasonable time, typically not to exceed 7 days, to cure any noncompliance. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.
15. The responsible official may immediately suspend this permit in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing.
16. The holder and the responsible official shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses.
17. No member of, or delegate to, Congress or Resident Commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.
18. If there is a conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any clauses contained in attachments to this permit, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

BEFORE ANY PERMIT IS ISSUED TO AN ENTITY, DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SIGNATORY FOR THE ENTITY TO BIND IT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT.

ACCEPTED:

Suzanne Corkran, Vice President, Kongsbergers Ski Club

HOLDER NAME, PRECEDED BY NAME AND TITLE
OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF HOLDER,
IF HOLDER IS AN ENTITY

SIGNATURE

Suzanne Corkran

DATE

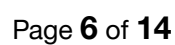
Oct. 15,2021

APPROVED:

NAME AND TITLE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

SIGNATURE

DATE



Attachment B

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST ROAD RULES

This document has been prepared to alert Forest road users of the numerous Federal and State requirements governing the use of National Forest System roads. The following Road Use Rules summarize the most important regulations and restrictions governing use of Forest Service roads:

1. It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads other than in accordance with the designations identified on a motor vehicle use map, provided that some vehicles and uses are exempted from this prohibition as identified in 36 CFR 261.13 Motor vehicle use including, (h) motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulations.
2. All Forest roads are subject to short-term traffic restrictions or closures due to weather and subgrade condition, user safety, or when necessary to permit reconstruction and maintenance, or to provide long-term closures to comply with adjacent land management objectives. The commercial use of any Forest Service road will be authorized by permit only.
3. Damaging or leaving in a damaged condition, any road, road segment or traffic control device is prohibited. Reference 36 CFR 261.12(c). Damage is exclusive of ordinary wear requiring road maintenance as described in contracts, permits, or road maintenance agreements.

Following are examples of road damage:

- a. Destruction of road prism including ditches, surfacing subgrade, base course, backslopes or fillslopes.
 - b. Deforming or breaking bridge rails or bridge curbing, guardrails, culverts, signs or signposts, markers or other structures.
 - c. Lug or cleat marks on a bridge or road surface that is constructed of asphalt, concrete, wood, or metal.
4. The provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 46.61(RCW), relating to the operations of motor vehicles, are applicable to all Forest Service roads on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and are enforceable by Federal, State or County law officers.
 5. The load, weight, height, length, and width limitations of vehicles on National Forest roads shall be in accordance with Section 46.44 (RCW) of the motor vehicle laws of the State of Washington and will be enforced under Federal Regulations. Exceptions to this rule will occur only when signs giving notice thereof have been posted on the road or when a specific written authorization, permit, or order under 261.54(d) provides otherwise.
Some bridges are not structurally adequate to handle normal highway loadings cited in Section 46.44(RCW). These bridges are posted with signs which give the legal notice of the reduced limits. Refer to 36 CFR 261.12(a). Application for overload or variance permits on roads or bridges must be made through the District Ranger with an adequate time allowance for processing. A 10 to 15 day period is usually required to process a Permit Application.
 6. Commercial use will be permitted on any National Forest System road only when authorized by permit or written authorization such as, a contract, easement, deed, or other written agreement. All commercial-use requests will be initiated through the District Ranger, 36 CFR 261.54(c).
 7. Commercial use of a National Forest System Road by any permittee or contractor will be suspended when such use will cause damage to the roads or National Forest Resources, when such use will result in unsafe conditions to others or when the road is in an unsafe condition. Such suspension shall be effective when the commercial user is notified in writing or by road closures posted on the road per Regulation 36 CFR 261.54(b).
 8. Snowplowing will only be permitted by specific provision in each permit, contract provision, or other written agreement signed by the District Ranger.

Some roads on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest are not available for winter commercial use because of recreational use or other conflicts. Prospective users should contact the District Ranger as to whether snow plowing will be authorized during the period of the permit or contract.

9. Written permission to block a road may be issued only by District Ranger, or Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise provided in a contract, permit, or agreement, no road shall be blocked by the placing of any vehicle or other object upon it in a manner that is an impediment or safety hazard, or conflicts with other users. Reference 36 CFR 261.12(d). Following are examples of an impediment:
 - a. Slow moving logging, construction, or road maintenance equipment operated without posting proper warning signs.
 - b. Logging slash or other debris deposited or left in a roadway or turnouts.
 - c. Logs yarded or decked on the road travelway or turnouts.
 - d. Abandonment of vehicles or other personal property on any Forest Service road.
10. Posting of notices, messages or the installation of other signing, including citizen band radio check point signs must be approved by the District Ranger.
11. Written permission is required to use a motor vehicle on any National Forest System Road that is not designated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map for motor vehicle use including the class of vehicles and time of year. All regulations and restrictions shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Map must be followed unless approved by the District Ranger in a written special use authorization, contract or operating plan prior to use.
12. Lugged traction devices will allowed on asphalt surfaced roads by permit only, reference 36 CFR 261.12(c).

ATTACHMENT C**ROAD MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS, SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS.**

The following road maintenance activities are authorized subject to the following requirements and specifications.

Blading

Ditch Maintenance

Removal And End Haul of Materials

Drainage Structure Maintenance

Cutting Roadway Vegetation

Spot surfacing

BLADING**Description**

This work consists of surface blading the traveled way to a condition that facilitates traffic and provides proper drainage. Blading includes shaping the crown or slope of traveled way, berms, and drainage dips in accordance with this specification.

Maintenance Requirements**A. General**

1. Blade and shape the existing traveled way and shoulders, including turnouts , to produce a surface which is uniform, consistent to grade, and crowned or cross- sloped as indicated by the character of the existing surface, to at least ½ inch per 1 foot of width, but not more than ¾ inch per 1 foot of width. Thoroughly loosen surfacing material to no less than 2 inches depth or the depth of potholes or corrugations. Scarification to facilitate cutting to the full depth of potholes or corrugations may be elected, but will be considered incidental to blading. Do not scarify to a depth that will cause contamination of road surfacing.
2. Apply water during blading when sufficient moisture is not present to prevent road surfacing material segregation.
3. Shape existing native rock or aggregate surfaced drainage dips to divert surface runoff to existing outlet devices, ditches, or discharge locations.
4. Establish a blading pattern which provides a uniform driving surface, retains the surfacing on the roadbed, and provides a thorough mixing of the materials within the completed surface width. Upon final blading, no disturbed rock shall protrude more than 2 inches above the adjacent surface unless otherwise provided in the contract. Remove and place outside the roadbed, material not meeting this dimension so as not to obstruct drainage ways or structures. This material may be scattered off the roadbed if there is free drainage.

DITCH MAINTENANCE

Description

This Section provides for routine maintenance of various types of ditches to provide a waterway which is unobstructed.

Maintenance Requirements

- A. Maintain ditches by removing rock, soil, wood, and other materials. Maintained ditches shall function to meet the intent of the original design.
- B. Undercutting backslopes during debris removal operations is not permitted.
- C. Do not blend material from ditch cleaning operations into aggregate surfaced roads. Do not blade material across aggregate or bituminous surfaced roads, unless approved in writing by the Authorizing Forest Service Official.
- D. Haul excess material to a designated waste area. Remove excess materials temporarily stored on the ditch slope or edge of the shoulder daily.
- E. Remove limbs and wood chunks in excess of 12 inches in length or 3 inches in diameter from ditches and place outside the roadway.
- F. Shape lead-off ditches to drain away from the traveled way.

Removal and End Haul of Materials

Description

Work consists of specified or ordered loading, hauling, and placing of slide, slough, or excess materials such as rock, soil, vegetation, and other materials to designated disposal sites.

Maintenance Requirements

- A. Dispose of material at designated sites as directed by authorized Forest Service personnel.

Reshape slopes as nearly as practical to original conditions by equipment operating from the road surface. Reshaping of roadside ditches in slide areas shall be in accordance with drainage structure specifications.

- B. When approved by authorized Forest Service personnel, fill slumps by compacting selected materials into roadway depressions.
- C. Place all materials in disposal sites by one or both of the following methods as directed by authorized FS personnel.
 - 1. Side Casting and End Dumping. Material may be placed by side casting and end dumping. Where materials include large rocks, provide a solid fill by working smaller pieces and fines into voids. Shape the finished surfaces to drain.
 - 2. Layer Placement - Step or roughen surfaces on which materials are to be placed prior to placing any material. Place materials in approximately horizontal layers no more than 12 inches thick. Compact each layer by operating hauling and spreading equipment over the full width of each layer.

DRAINAGE STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Description

This work consists of cleaning and reconditioning culverts and other drainage structures.

Maintenance Requirements

- A. Clean drainage structures, inlet structures, culverts, catch basins, and outlet channels. Clean catch basins by removing the material.
- B. Clean the transition from the ditch line to the catch basin a distance of 10 feet from the catch basin. Clean outlet channels and lead-off ditches a distance of 6 feet. Remove and place debris and vegetation so as to not enter the channel or ditch, or obstruct traffic. Haul debris and vegetation to a designated disposal area.
- C. Hydraulic flushing of drainage structures is not allowed unless otherwise authorized.

CUTTING ROADWAY VEGETATION**Description**

This work consists of cutting all vegetative growth, including trees and other vegetation less than 4 inches in diameter measured 6 inches above the ground, on roadway surfaces and roadsides.

Maintenance Requirements**General**

- 1. Brush cutting shall not exceed the following limits: 4' beyond the edge of the roadway surface. Roadway surface includes ditches and pullouts.
- 2. Vegetative material less than 4" in diameter breast height (dbh) is permitted for removal. Removal of material greater than 4" dbh may be permitted on a case by case basis. Written authorization must be obtained prior to such removal.
- 3. Cut brush, trees, and other vegetation within authorized areas treated to a maximum height of 6 inches above the ground surface or obstruction such as rocks or existing stumps. For trees greater than 4" dbh, remove all limbs which extend over the roadbed, to a height of 14 feet above the traveled way surface elevation. Limb branches no greater than 4" from tree trunks.
- 4. Items to remain will be designated on the ground by authorized FS personnel.
- 5. Disposal. Lop and scatter: Cut vegetative material in 4 foot lengths or less and widely scatter all displaced vegetative material on the downhill side of the roadway, away from the road surface and road drainage structures such as culverts and ditches. Vegetative material should be in contact with the ground.
- 6. Work may be performed either by hand or mechanically unless otherwise specified. Self-propelled equipment is not allowed on cut and fill slopes or in ditches.
- 7. Correct damage to trunks of standing trees caused by Permittee's activities either by treatment with a commercial nursery sealer or by removing the tree, as directed.
- 8. Commence work at the edge of the traveled way and proceed away from the road centerline.

WATER SUPPLY AND WATERING

Description

This work consists of providing facilities to furnish an adequate water supply, hauling and applying water.

Materials

The Permittee is responsible to obtain the rights for water used, including any cost for royalties involved.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

Pumping, damming or other activities that dewater any streams is not allowed. Maintain the following discharge rates on all streams:

- A. Do not reduce flows to less than 50% of the flow occurring at the time of withdrawal; in no case will flows be reduced to less than 1.0 CFS (about 7.5 gallons/second).
- B. The designated water sources may require some work prior to their use. Such work may include cleaning ponded areas, installing temporary weirs or sandbags, pipe repair, pump installation, or other items appropriate to the Permittee's operations. Flowing streams may be temporarily sandbagged or a weir placed to pond water, provided a minimum flow is maintained. Obtain approval on improvements for sandbags or weirs prior to placement.

Equipment

- A. The Permittee shall utilize one of the following methods of screening on draft hoses used to withdraw water from any live flowing stream.
 - (1) Perforated Plate:
Screen openings shall not exceed 3/32 or 0.0938-inches.
 - (2) Profile Bar Screen:
The narrowest dimension in the screen openings shall not exceed 0.0689-inches in the narrowest direction
 - (3) Woven Wire Screen:
Screen openings shall not exceed 3/32 or 0.0938-inches in the narrow direction.

All methods shall be kept clean.

- B. An air gap or positive anti-siphon device shall be provided between the water source and the vehicle being loaded if the vehicle has been used for other than water haul, if the source is a domestic potable water supply, or the water is used for tank mixing with any other materials.
- C. Positive control of water application is required. Equipment shall provide uniform application of water without ponding or washing.

SPOT SURFACING

Description

This work consists of placing road surface aggregate. It includes preparing the area, furnishing, hauling, and placing all necessary materials and other work necessary to blend with the adjacent road cross section.

Materials

A. Materials furnished by the permittee or a commercial source must first be accepted by the government in writing before placement. Materials must be certified weed free.

Maintenance Requirements

A. Thoroughly loosen the area to be spot surfaced to a minimum depth of 1 inch prior to placement of aggregate.

B. Mixing and Placing

1. When scheduled coincidentally with road blading, mix spot surfacing and existing aggregate with water until a uniform mixture is obtained prior to final shaping and compaction.
2. Otherwise, spread the material on the prepared area in layers no more than 4" in depth. If more than one 1 layer is placed, shape and compact each layer before the succeeding layer is placed. Upon completion, the spot surfacing shall reasonably conform to the adjacent cross section and provide smooth transitions in the road profile.
3. Compaction Method: Compact with equipment on the traveled way.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0016. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to have no associated burden per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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6	NEW

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

The Winter Recreation Program may consider proposals for funding for new or expanded, Priority 5 and 6, budget commitments for the 2024-2025 winter season in the non-motorized program. To apply for funding, please complete the following form. **Please Note: All Proposals must be postmarked by June 1, 2025 to be considered. No late applications will be accepted.** Examples of new or expanded funding requests could include: requests for grooming frequency increases, expanded or new trail systems, new Sno-Parks, trail improvements, increased enforcement, etc.

PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE August Spires
MAILING ADDRESS 110 E 1st St	TITLE Kittitas Volunteer Stewardship Coordinator
CITY, STATE, ZIP Cle Elum, WA, 98922	E-MAIL ADDRESS august.spires@mtsgreenway.org
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 509-824-5190	ALTERNATE E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER 425-985-6860

- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$ 23,276.53. Please see the attached budget document for cost breakdown

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.

This funding would support orchestrating a volunteer educational outreach program at 3 locations, 3 Saturdays per month, from December to March (beginning and end program dates vary with snowfall). The locations are Cabin Creek or Franklin Falls (depending on USFS staffing), Crystal Springs, and Gold Creek.

The purpose of this volunteer educational outreach effort is three-fold: to increase compliance with winter recreation passes and snowmobile registration, to encourage good etiquette and behavior on shared trail systems, and to provide information and orient new visitors. Increasing pass and sled registration compliance will increase funding available to the Winter Recreation Program.

We will recruit, train, and equip volunteers to visit these locations on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm for this end. Volunteers will be equipped with a branded vest and/or beanie, table, chairs, information pamphlets, hot cocoa (to give away to facilitate public engagements), and both season and day passes to sell. Volunteers will alternate between staffing the table and making active engagements around the trailhead, offering hot cocoa, selling passes, engaging visitors about good trail etiquette, and educating users on why purchasing passes and registering sleds is important – i.e. how they fund the winter recreation program and trail grooming. Volunteers will also be a touchpoint for information like trail routes, grooming, and regulation information. Passes can be purchased with cash or card, using square card readers. Volunteers will be Mountains to Sound Greenway volunteers, meaning that they will participate in this program under MTSG liability, sign up through MTSG portals, be coordinated by MTSG staff, and so on.

Volunteers will also gather useful data for State Parks: This will include the number of people at the trailheads, the number of contacts made, number of passes sold, type of recreation visitors engage in, etc.

- 2a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes, no extra grooming or maintenance needs to be done for this program.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?

The target audience encompasses all users, both motorized and non-motorized. The goal of this program is to be of use to both programs and facilitate partnerships between affinity groups.

We anticipate the percentage of different user groups to mimic who uses the trailheads. At Cabin Creek or Franklin Falls we expect exclusively nonmotorized users: mostly skiers and snowshoers. At Crystal Springs, we expect about 50/50 motorized and nonmotorized users, which include: skiers, snowmobilers, dog mushers, snowshoers, and even sledders/families looking for snow play. At Gold Creek we expect about 90% nonmotorized and 10% motorized users.

- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)

This program's goal is explicitly to engage volunteers in these user groups to increase pass and registration compliance in order to bring in more funding for the Winter Recreation Program, both for the motorized and nonmotorized programs.

- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?

This program will help newer recreators get oriented with the winter recreation program and the trails system and reduce user conflict/bad trail etiquette that can sometimes impede grooming efforts (such as snowshoers walking on the xc ski tracks). Visitors will experience a welcoming presence, free hot cocoa and information, and better etiquette on shared trails systems. This program will also help maintain or grow funding for the Winter Recreation Program, which benefits users by keeping sno-parks open, groomed, and maintained, and hopefully can contribute to future recreation opportunity expansions.

- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?

One Time ☐

On-going ☒

- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? (Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)

We are seeking permission from State Parks to use the Sno Park trailheads/parking areas for this program. If approved, we will obtain permission from State Parks to utilize trailheads.

- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? (Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)

N/A

9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

N/A

10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

N/A

11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)

N/A

12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>) Explain how:

Yes, specifically with customer experience, quality of life, resource protection, and resource management.

Visitors will be greeted by volunteers who care about the winter recreation program, who will offer hot cocoa, information, passes, and education about why passes are important to the winter rec program. In this way, volunteers are representing state parks and providing direct customer service.

This program will help raise funds via pass compliance and sled registrations that go directly back into the program, supporting the recreation activities that are so important for Washington residents during the winter. Our hope is to make participating in winter recreation a more accessible experience for newbies and to increase pass sales that fund the operations and maintenance that allow winter recreation to happen. Winter sports have a long history in Washington, and this program aids the preservation of that cultural history by 1) engaging folks in organizations that preserve this history and are a wealth of knowledge and 2) aiding the program's ability to provide access to areas through pass sales.

Aiding the program through pass sales supports visitor participation in winter sports and the recreation communities around it. The mere presence of volunteers discourages vandalism attempts and bad behavior at the trailheads. Additionally, because Crystal Springs Sno Park has ADA-inclusive facilities, volunteers can support inclusion for disabled visitors by providing education about the importance of access and adaptive sports, encourage advocating for expansion to other Sno Parks, and orient new visitors who use the infrastructure.

13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?

Yes, I have reached out and received responses from Peter Valaas, Emilie Blevens, and John Baranowski.

14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?

My colleague, Nicky Pasi, the Kittitas Programs Director. I will be present as well, to answer questions.

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025**.

	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							
<i>Total funds requested for new grooming miles.</i>						\$	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee or by the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee for this project and approved by State Parks, either an existing Purchased Services Contract will be modified to reflect the approved budget, or a new Purchased Services Contract will be awarded through a public bidding process.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Date

Signature of Groomina Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Groomina Council Rep.

Date

List of Landowner Permission Documents

You are required to obtain written permission from all landowners for State Parks to provide winter recreational services on land which funded activities will occur. The landowners must include approval of each groomed trail route and verification of the number of miles of groomed trails. Each landowner must complete the *Winter Recreation Use Permit*. This must be submitted with the funding application **postmarked** by **June 1, 2025**.

Land owner permission documents are attached from the following landowners:

Owners	Number of miles
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

I hereby certify that all appropriate landowners have been asked for their permission to use their land for winter recreation activities, and that their permission documents have been signed and they are either attached with the funding application or received by June 1.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name and Title

Date

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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2025-2026

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

The Winter Recreation Program may consider proposals for funding for new or expanded, Priority 5 and 6, budget commitments for the 2024-2025 winter season in the non-motorized program. To apply for funding, please complete the following form. **Please Note: All Proposals must be postmarked by June 1, 2025 to be considered. No late applications will be accepted.** Examples of new or expanded funding requests could include: requests for grooming frequency increases, expanded or new trail systems, new Sno-Parks, trail improvements, increased enforcement, etc.

PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY Snoqualmie Nordic Club	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Marla Husnik/Tim Becker
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- 1) Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount required for each element of the proposal. For new trail grooming requests fill out the Table A. **NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026** (on the last page of this application)

\$3,500. This is for additional funding to support grooming the Lake Keechelus Boat launch road (NF 9070-219) from berm near Hyak Sno Park to the USFS Keechelus Trailhead parking lot near the gate on Saturdays from January to the end of the grooming season. Estimated cost of \$3,500 for grooming by the Lake Easton State Park staff (full expenses for staff time and equipment operations). Note that the Lake Easton State Park have assisted in grooming this road under previous years' funding awards.

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.
- This project is essential to building an expanded and more diverse nordic skiing/snowshoe/snow play experience for all citizens that use the Hyak Sno Park/Ironhorse Trail, one of the most popular in Washington state. The expansion will also help reduce user conflict by spreading out users on an expanded trail system where users can access multiple branch trails via a groomed route that connects to multi-use routes such as the Common Corridor, the High Horse Trail, and the Roaring Ridge Backcountry. This expansion will provide more inclusiveness especially on days when organizations run their programs at Hyak Sno-Park, including but not limited to Outdoors for All, REI Adventure Outings, The Mountaineers, Washington Alpine Club, Washington Ski Touring Club, and the Snoqualmie Nordic Club that maintains a warming hut on the expanded trail system. We believe that the user experience will be enhanced due to the ability to spread out onto new trails from the narrow and heavily used Ironhorse Trail.**
- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?

Yes, no additional expenses are required other than the cost associated with grooming that will be completed by Lake Easton State Park. Regular operations of the Hyak Sno-Park and the Palouse to Cascades Trails have been discussed with State Parks staff and they do not anticipate any additional costs. The return on investment for this project is unmatched as it only requires grooming hours with no additional expenses for a greatly expanded trail system in a highly desirable location. The SNC provides volunteers to maintain the trails, clean up trash, erect informational signage, and provide a warming hut in the Keechelus Trailhead parking lot located a half mile from Hyak Sno-Park.

- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
This will be a multi-use trail open to nordic skiers (40%), snowshoers (45%), backcountry skiers (10%), boot hikers for snowplay (5%), and possibly ice skaters and paragliders (<1%).
- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)
This project is essential for meeting the needs of a growing, diverse, and underserved population from several large metropolitan areas in Western WA (Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, etc.) seeking winter recreation in an environment where access and opportunities are shrinking. We believe this is a cost-effective and responsible way to increase infrastructure and provide additional opportunities for all users in the I-90 corridor who will be impacted by the pending closures of the Summit East Nordic lower trail system and the Gold Creek Ponds for recreational use, for example. Hence, we are initially requesting funding for grooming on Saturdays which are the busiest day of the week with regularly scheduled events by several outdoors organizations such as Outdoors for All, Central Cascades Recreation Association, The Mountaineers, Washington Ski Touring Club, and the Snoqualmie Nordic Club.
- 5) Briefly describe the recreational benefits of the proposal. How will this funding improve the recreational experience of visitors? What types of recreational uses will be enhanced?
The Sno-Parks along I-90 are severely impacted by limited groomed trails for accessing scenic vistas, accessing backcountry areas, and for open spaces like what is afforded on the Lake Keechelus Boat Launch road. Granted it is less than a mile of grooming but even this distance limits many users from experiencing the scenic views of the Cascade Crest. We anticipate a large increase in demand due to the pending closure of the Gold Creek Ponds at Gold Creek Sno-Park and it is our goal to provide some mitigation for the loss of this extremely popular recreation area.
- 6) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?
One Time ☐
On-going ☒
- 7) Has Landowner Permission been obtained? **(Funding agreements may be approved on condition that Landowner Permission will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project)**
Yes, see attached permission letter provided by the USFS Cle Elum Ranger District.
- 8) Is Landowner Permission (Winter Recreation Use Permit) signed by Landowner attached to this application? **(Landowner Permission must be obtained prior to start of season)**
The USFS Special Use Permit will be completed prior to the start of the season.
- 9) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?

SNC held a conference call with John Ernster, Regional State Park Manager and Andrew Kerlee, State Park Ranger for Hyak and the Palouse to Cascades Trail to discuss the use of WA State Park property and any impacts to the adjacent property. They are in agreement to use the State Park property for access to the Boat Ramp Road at two locations where there are roadways connecting to the groomed Palouse to Cascades Trail. They supported the proposal to groom the Boat Launch Road and asked SNC to coordinate the grooming request with Joshua White, Lake Easton State Park Construction and Equipment Manager and the grooming program director.

There is no direct impact to residents of Hyak Estates or to residents on State Route 907. The Boat Launch road is bermed at the junction with the Hyak Sno-Park entrance in the winter so there is no vehicle traffic on this road when snow is present.

- 10) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.

In prior years SNC has received Special Use Permits from the Mount Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest North Bend Ranger District. Steven Johnson, Nikolai Ferrell, and Brian McNeil provided letters of support for grooming the road. Since then, the management of the area has changed to the Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District. We are requesting Special Use Permits from staff in Cle Elum. SNC received Special Use Permits for grooming the road in 2024/25 from the Cle Elum Ranger District.

- 11) Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with implementation of the proposal? (i.e. NEPA, SEPA, Environmental Assessment, Hydraulics Permit, Building Permit, etc.)

There were no review requirements in prior years as the road is open to motor vehicle use by the public when not closed by snow for winter recreation. The road is a high standard, two lane with wide shoulders and pull outs, paved, with guard rails, and used to access the boat launch on Lake Keechelus when the road is open. The road would only be groomed after the snow depth reaches the standard of 24 inches on the ground unless State Parks obtains a lightweight grooming machine that would allow grooming with less snow depth. If equipment and staff are available the road surface can be rolled and packed with as little as six inches of snow cover. This helps preserve the snow and provides a safe surface for recreation.

No additional permits or environmental review is necessary under the guidelines of the US Forest Handbook (FSH 1909.15) Chapter 30 NEPA Categorical Exclusion, 36 CFR, 220.6 (d) (4) Repair of roads and maintenance of roads and trails.

- 12) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/strategic-planning>)

Explain how:

We believe this funding proposal is consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Plan. It is our understanding that the mission of the Winter Recreation Program is to provide “a variety of snow-based winter recreation opportunities to the public while protecting natural and cultural resources.”

We also understand that the vision of the Winter Program is a “well managed and respected program that is effective and efficient in providing service that meets the demands of the public.”

Given this, we believe that as the demand for non motorized recreation in Washington State increases due to popularity and population growth there will be increased demand along I-90 for safe high quality groomed trails. We support the State Park Program as partners and by adding the additional grooming of the boat launch road we believe it will bring the program one step closer to meeting that anticipated demand. Last, we believe that with an additional groomed trail added to the Hyak Sno-Park this will help to disperse users across a wider area of varied terrain to help avoid user conflicts, reduce crowding, improve safety, and enhance the overall recreational experience of all outdoor winter recreationalists. All of these aspects support the Winter Recreation Program’s Strategic Plan.

13) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?
Yes, the regional area WRAC member John Baranoski has been included in the planning of this project for a number of years and has assisted with direction and recommendations.

14) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?
Marla Husnik & Tim Becker

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2025-2026 *(16 week season)*

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 17, 2025.**

	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
	Boat Ramp Road (NF-9070-219)	Hyak	0.7	1.4	2	16	22.4
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							22.4
<i>Total funds requested for new grooming miles.</i>						\$3,500	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee or by the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee for this project and approved by State Parks, either an existing Purchased Services Contract will be modified to reflect the approved budget, or a new Purchased Services Contract will be awarded through a public bidding process.

The applicant certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant

Marla Husnik, President SNC

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

08/05/2025

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date

List of Landowner Permission Documents

You are required to obtain written permission from all landowners for State Parks to provide winter recreational services on land which funded activities will occur. The landowners must include approval of each groomed trail route and verification of the number of miles of groomed trails. Each landowner must complete the *Winter Recreation Use Permit*. This must be submitted with the funding application **postmarked** by **June 1, 2025**.

Land owner permission documents are attached from the following landowners:

Owners	Number of miles
1. USFS	0.7 (from Hyak Sno-Park berm to gate by the USFS Lake Keechelus parking lot)
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

I hereby certify that all appropriate landowners have been asked for their permission to use their land for winter recreation activities, and that their permission documents have been signed and they are either attached with the funding application or received by June 1.



Signature of Authorized Representative

Marla Husnik, President SNC

Printed Name and Title

08/05/2025

Date

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