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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

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, 2024 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 Lynne Oliver
MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 28793	TITLE Treasurer
CITY, STATE, ZIP Bellingham, WA, 98228	E-MAIL ADDRESS Toliver1@cablespeed.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 360-592-9005	FAX 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 2024-2025* (on the last page of this application)

\$30,067.00 was the amount requested and granted for the 2023-24 season. It was based on the actual 2022-23 once a week grooming in the ongoing grant. The supplemental grant would then provide an additional grooming per week so that the Salmon Ridge Trail system would receive twice a week grooming.
2023-24 turned out to be a poor snow season and only half of the on-going grant was used. According to the grooming logs sent to the Commission, grooming the Salmon Ridge Sno-Park trails 2023-24 requires 6.5 hours of grooming at a rate of \$210/hr, and, 1.5 hours for Move-in/Lowboy Trucking at a rate of \$145/hr for a total of \$1,582.50 per grooming day and place. In order to groom Hannegan Pass Rd or White Salmon Rd it requires the additional Move-in/Lowboy Trucking at each place. During good snow seasons funding for once a week grooming has run out before the season is over. Thus the request for \$30,067.50 supplemental grooming.

- 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 2nd year supplemental funding request to cover the grooming costs in order to have twice weekly grooming of the Salmon Ridge Trail system for the 16 week season, including White Salmon Rd, and, the dog friendly Hannegan Pass Rd which had been neglected for a couple of years. Salmon Ridge Sno-Park is located 46.5 miles NE of Bellingham off the Mt. Baker Hwy (SR542). The ongoing grooming grant funds have resulted in grooming only once a week and funds running out before the end of the season, leading to damaged groomed areas and poor user experience. During the 1st year of this supplemental grant (the 2023-24 poor snow season), of the 11 groomings, the trails received twice a week grooming three times mitigating any damage. Hannegan Pass Rd was groomed once and NNSC received the following email from the groomer.

“Hi Pete, we groomed part of the Hannegan trail on Sunday when we groomed. There is not enough snow there and then when we were on that trail someone drove up the trail and we had to pull them out...”

There is no gate on Hannegan Pass Rd to prevent vehicles from driving over the groomed trail – yet the USFS lists this in all the media as a groomed dog trail. We did find out this year that we can request signs from the USFS that say, ‘no wheeled vehicles on groomed trails’, for next season (2024-25) for Hannegan Pass Rd. We have also put in a formal request to the USFS for a gate at no expense to the Forest Service.

- 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. This request is for additional grooming funds to transition fully to twice a week grooming. The groomer has indicated an ability to provide for more 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?

The target audience would be cross country/nordic skiers and snowshoers, evenly divided at 48% skiers, 48% snowshoers and 4% 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 (NNSC) whose members donated the equivalent value of \$21,814.41 in volunteer work and mileage. Even during this poor snow season we have a car count of 2,800 from Dec 1, 2023 thru Mar 30, 2024. This means potentially there were between 2,800 and 7,000 people using the Sno-park. Maintaining this Sno-Park with twice a week grooming will continue to help diversify the places for winter recreation and alleviate some potential for overcrowding. It is the only tracked and groomed cross country ski area north of Stevens Pass.

NNSC has had a great working relationship with USFS since the 1980s educating the public and maintaining and improving the trail system. Salmon Ridge Sno-Park has separate but integrated snowshoe trails. However, because it is an open access Sno-Park, many snowshoers walk on the groomed surface of the ski trails and damage them. Low to no grooming on Hannegan Pass Rd has brought dogs onto the other groomed trails. Funds are needed to groom twice weekly to repair the damage and maintain the integrity of the groomed trail system for skiers. Otherwise, the area with it's hills become dangerous for skiers. 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 partners with 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 much safer surface for less potential for injury from snowshoe and dog damage.

The completed Connector trail that links White Salmon Rd to Salmon Ridge Sno-Park 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 a

groomed White Salmon road - to backcountry skiing - to groomed Salmon Ridge trail experience. Tired skiers coming down to Salmon Ridge from White Salmon Road need the twice grooming trail for a safe experience. A minimum of twice a week grooming will provide at least adequate groomed trails currently.

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 NNSC had a current Landowner agreement.

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?

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 by 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 and provide a welcome to users. We know there is an increased need for parking and would love to have the full parking lot plowed when funds allow.

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?
Lynne Oliver

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2024-2025 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 18, 2024.**

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	1	16	192
USFS #3071 Anderson Creek Rd	Salmon Ridge	0.9	1.8	1	16	28.8
USFS #32 Hannegan Pass Rd		2	4	1	16	64
USFS #3075 White Salmon Rd		2	4	1	16	64
Silver Fir Campground		0.5	1	1	16	16
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:						364.8
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.					\$30067.00	

15)

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.

Lynne Oliver

Lynne Oliver, TREASURER

5-8-24

Peta R. Dwyer

Peter TRYON, President *Nooksack Nordic SKI club*

5/8/24

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date

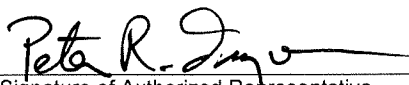
List of Landowner Permission Documents

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, 2024**.

Land owner permission documents are attached from the following landowners:

Owners	Number of miles
1. USFS	22.5
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

Peter R Tryon, President NNSC

 Printed Name and Title

 Date **5/8/2024**

**PLEASE NOTE:
 COPY OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED.
 ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CURRENT.**



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

<i>To be completed by applicant.</i>
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:

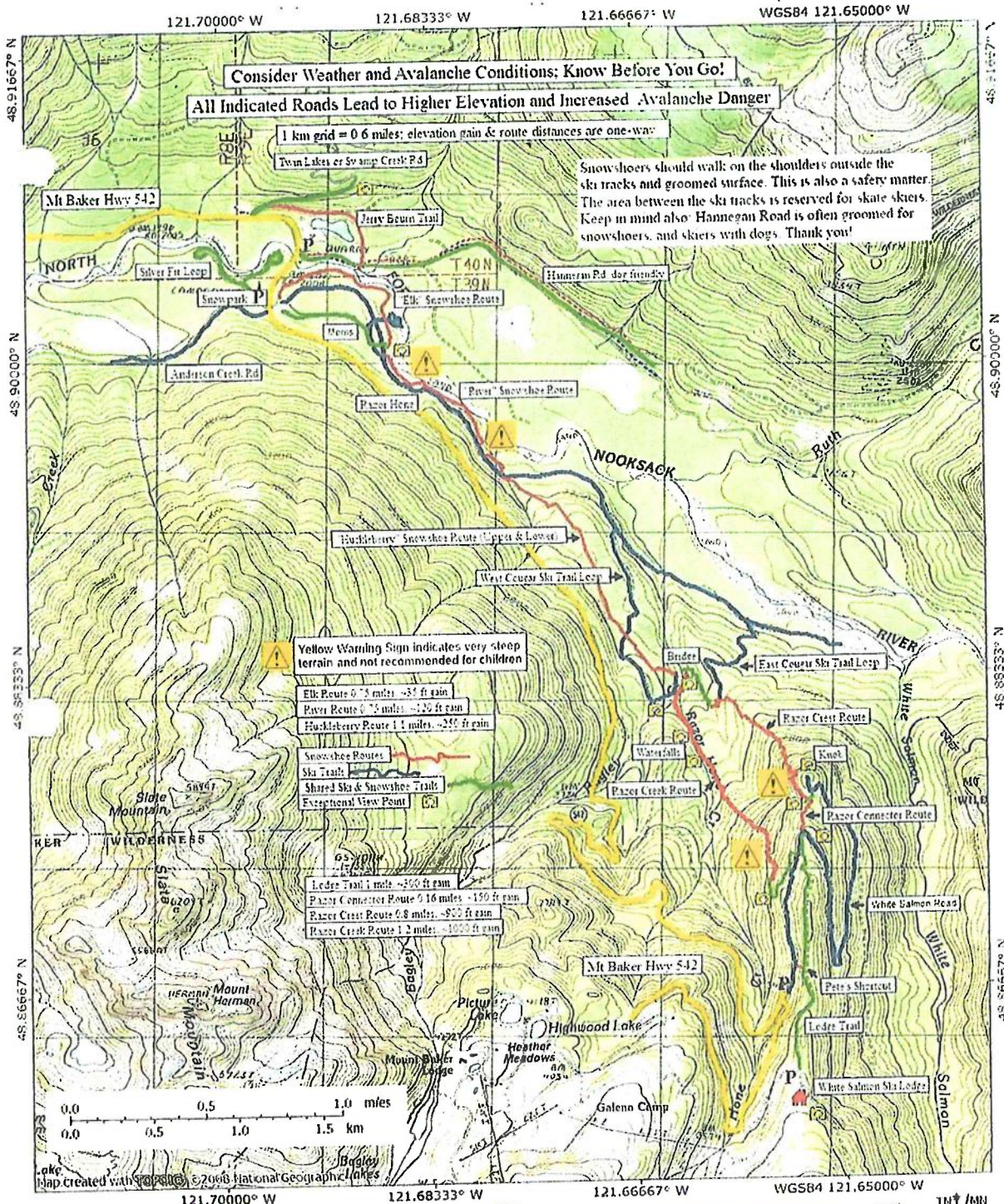
The purpose of RCW 4.24.200 and 4.24.210 is to encourage owners or others in lawful possession and control of land and water areas or channels to make them available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon and toward persons who may be injured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

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Thank you to the following groups for their support of door recreation



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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

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.

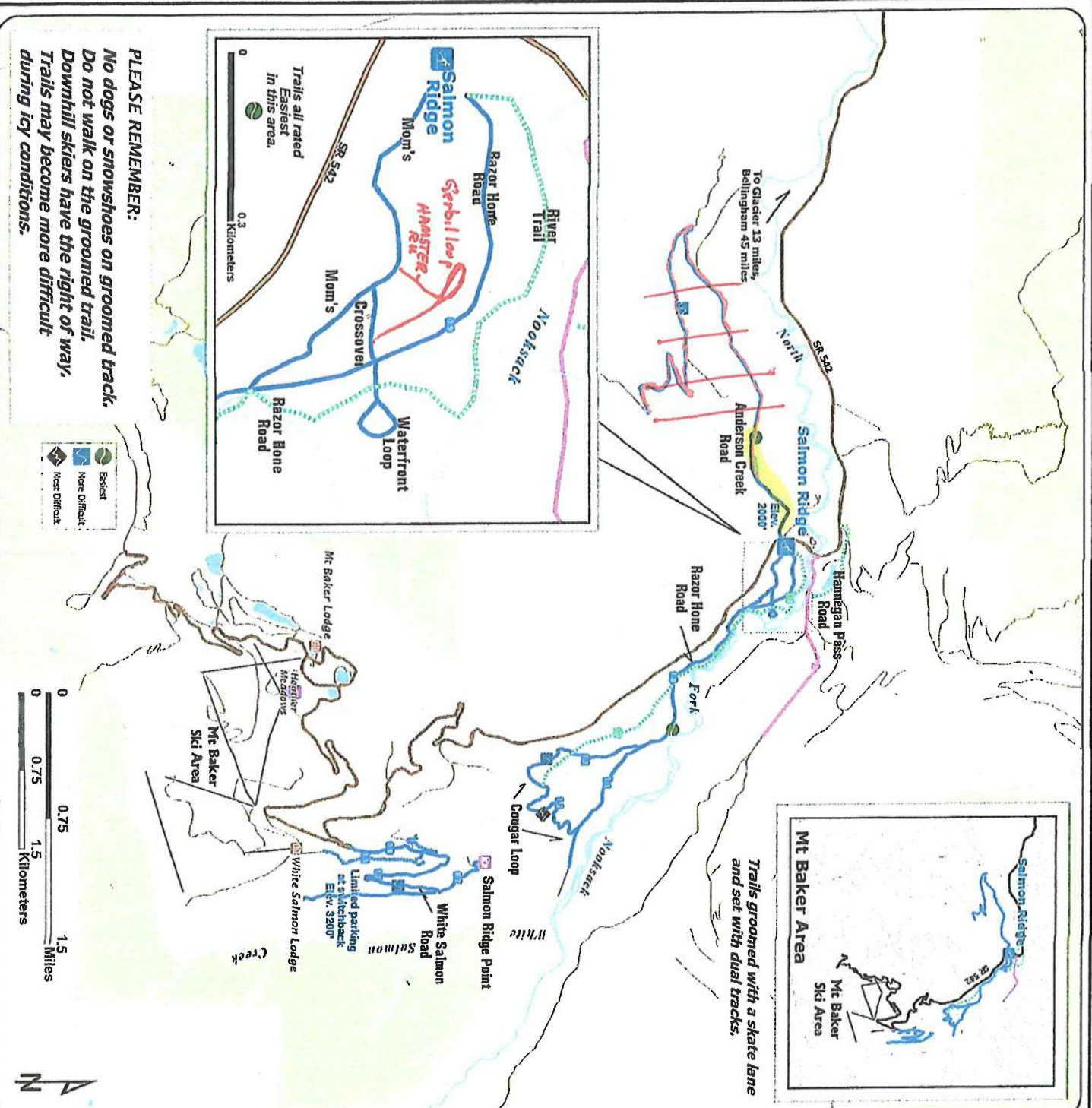
Trail grooming schedules may change without notice due to snow conditions, temperatures, equipment breakdowns, etc.

Be aware of potential avalanche danger, check www.nwac.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*

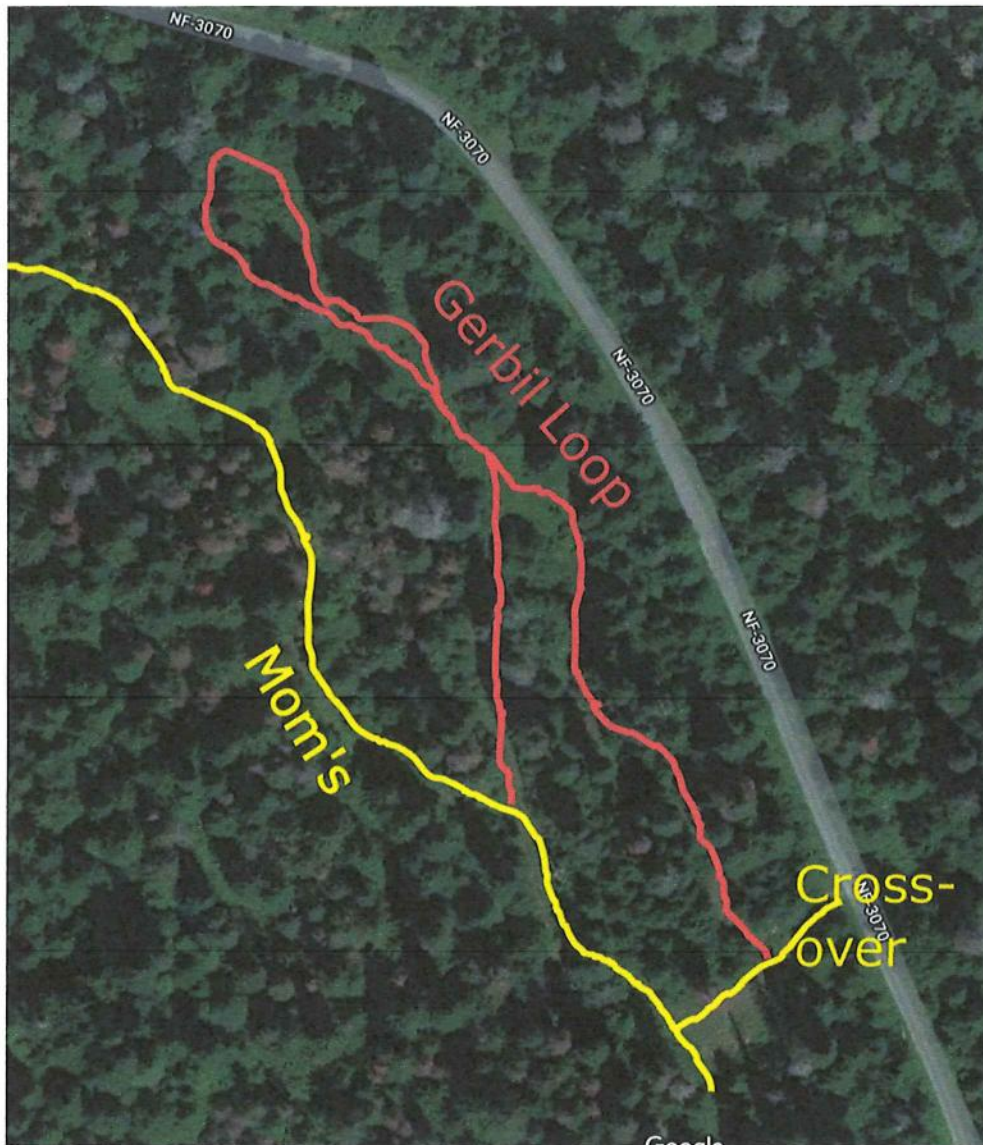


PLEASE REMEMBER:
No dogs or snowshoes on groomed track.
Do not walk on the groomed trail.
Downhill skiers have the right of way.
Trails may become more difficult during icy conditions.

- Easiest
- More Difficult
- Most Difficult

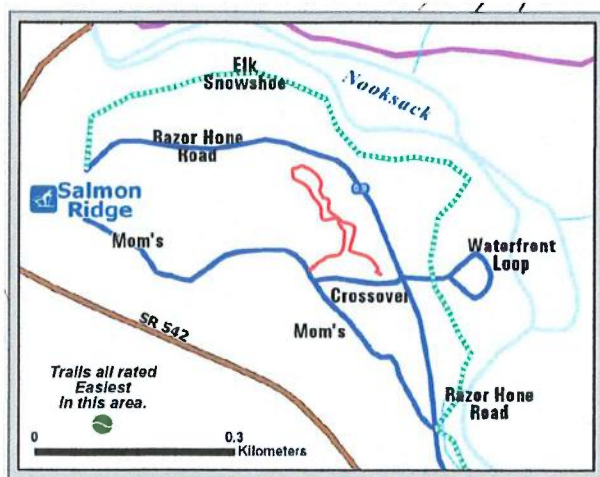
0 0.75 1.5 1.5
Kilometers Miles





Approximate length of the red Gerbil Loop is a little over 0.25 miles.

Locator Map on Detail Section of the State SnoPark map. I believe that Mom's is not correctly placed on this map.





Silver Fir Campground

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY U.S. Forest Service, Snoqualmie Ranger District, I90 Corridor	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Nicholas Lichtenstadter
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CITY, STATE, ZIP North Bend, WA 98045	E-MAIL ADDRESS nicholas.lichtenstadter@usda.gov
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 425 888 8756	FAX NUMBER 360 825 0660

- 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 2024-2025** (on the last page of this application)

\$49,449				
Franklin Falls Snow Park Proposal				
Type	Cost Per Day/Plow/Pump	Days	New Proposal	Total with current funding
Personnel				
2 GS-07*	\$280	48	\$17,389.44	\$26,880
1 GS-05	\$197.72	48	0	\$9,490.56
Snow Removal				
Franklin Falls*	\$1,800 (\$900 an hour x 2 hours) (35,000LB loader with a 16' wide blade)	17	\$30,600	\$30,600
Annette/Asahel				\$5,000
Toilet Pumping				
1 double vault toilet*	\$1,260	1	\$1,260	\$1,260
1 single vault toilet	\$700	1	\$200	\$700
Total			\$49,449	\$73,931

- 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 proposal is to expand the Asahel Curtis Sno Park to the newly constructed Franklin Falls Trailhead 2.5 miles up Forest Road 58 from the existing Asahel Curtis Sno-park. Both Asahel and Franklin falls Sno-Park are located off I90 at exit 47 right bellow Snoqualmie Pass. The recently constructed Franklin Falls parking lot and day use area has 177 parking spaces in the summer and likely around 100 in the winter. The Trailhead has hills for sledding, an adjoining campground, ample space for general snow play, and a short 2-mile trail to Franklin Falls for winter recreation. This proposal also asks for the support of higher GS level employees. To have Forest Protection Officers out in the field the Forest Service now mandates employees be permanent. The I 90 Corridor has recently hired 5 permanent seasonal employees. The proposed increase in personnel funding would go to keeping two of these permanent seasonal employees on through the winter. The last addition to the proposal is the addition of one more double vault toilet to be pumped at the end of the winter season.

Over the last three years of managing the Asahel Curtis Sno-Park it has become clear that most visitors are using the area to park and then walk the 2.3-mile road to the Franklin Falls Trailhead. The remaining visitors are looking for an area for snow play. Currently neither Ashel Curtis nor Annette offers a great opportunity for snow play. The expansion to the Franklin Falls trailhead would meet a large need in the area for snow play and a short snowshoe hike that holds snow. The demand for this type of recreation can be seen in the data collected from the 2021-22 winter season.

During the 2021-2022 winter season, using Traftx vehicle counters the Snoqualmie Ranger District's Winter Snow Rangers counted an average of 72 vehicles per day with peak usage on Saturdays and Sundays. On Saturdays we averaged in excess of 175 vehicles per day and 125 vehicles on Sundays. We began collecting this data in mid-December when the snow first began to accumulate. In December our Winter Snow Rangers counted 286 vehicles and checked 174, observing a 62% compliance rate. 136 public contacts were provided and 76 warnings were issued. 374 vehicles were counted in January and 236 were checked. 424 contacts were made, 61 warnings issued and 27 citations were issued. In February 474 vehicles were counted, 207 vehicles were checked for a 65.3% compliance rate. 191 public contacts were made as five warnings were issued and 83 citations were written. 160 vehicles were counted in March with 116 being checked for a 73% compliance rate. Three warnings and 22 citations were issued. 84 public contacts were made. In total this program generated an approximate \$1,300 of additional revenues in day-passes sold in February and March for Washington State Park's Sno-Parks program.

During the 2022-23 winter season we did not collect Traftx data but will restart data collection in 2024-25. The same trends from the 2022-23 winter season were noted again with most the use along I90 going to Franklin Falls. During this year's low snow year, the Franklin Falls Trailhead held onto snow from December to March while Asahel and Annette were intermittent throughout the season. We were also not able to have Forest Protection Officers out in the field in 22-23 due to the limitations of seasonal employees.

- 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 request accounts for snow removal (estimate came from current contractor), sanitation, education, and enforcement. There is no need for dirt work before or after for this proposal.

-The snow removal estimate is quite large at \$30,600. This is broken down at a cost of \$900 an hour for 2 hours per plow. We are estimating that the area will need to be plowed 17 times

throughout the winter. The high hourly rate comes from needing a 35,000LB loader with a 16' wide blade. This would allow the contractor to stack the snow high enough and allow them to move the snow even in a large storm.

-Sanitation, \$1260 for pumping a double vault CXT toilet. The Forest Service will provide cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and other cleaning materials. Pumping of the Annette site now costs \$750.

-This request would fund three Sno-Park Rangers capable of both enforcing permits, but also educating the public.

- 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 for the Franklin Falls Sno-Park would be snowshoer's, snow play (sledding and more!), hikers, backcountry skiers, and cross country skiers on the ungroomed FRD 58. Future target audiences could include nordic skiers for groomed/tracked route along FSR 58 past the Franklin Falls trail head. Based on current use, we anticipate approximately 70% snowshoer's to Franklin Falls and 30% snow play. As the public's awareness of this winter recreational opportunity grows, we anticipate snowshoeing and snow play in the area to become more and more popular.

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

Sno-Park parking, snow play, and general winter recreational opportunities are in high demand along the I-90 corridor. Over the last 3 years it has become clear that the public wants access to Franklin Falls and an area for snow play with steady snow. The Franklin Falls parking lot provide these opportunities! With its proximity to Seattle and presence as a known commodity, this expanded Sno-Park on the I-90 Corridor and Snoqualmie Ranger District would likely prove to be financially beneficial for Washington State's Winter Recreation Sno Park program. The infrastructure is in place to have the State Park Fee machine brought down from outside the Firehouse at Snoqualmie Pass to provide a point of sale option for the area.

The additional funding for Sno-Park employees would go to keeping the Forest Protection officers a part of the Sno-park program on the District. In order to write tickets for the USFS, employees now need to be permanent as opposed to seasonal. The Snoqualmie Ranger District now has 5 permanent seasonal employees funded from March to November. The additional funding would go to keeping two of these employees on through the winter. This is an essential aspect of opening up more access to the public. This new Sno-Park would take active management to avoid public safety issues along the road and parking lot. Without the additional funding for personnel we will not have the ability to write tickets.

- 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 proposal will open a large area for snow play as well as improving access to Franklin Falls with a short snowshoe route. Over the last three years our Sno-Park Rangers have reported back to us that most of the use around exit 47 is for snow play and visiting Franklin Falls. We are currently not doing a great job of offering these two options. By funding two Forest Protection Officers we would be able to adequately manage and enforce the 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, landowner Permission is granted through the District Ranger Line officer of the Snoqualmie Ranger District/Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest where all winter recreation Sno-Park operation will occur.

-The Snoqualmie Tribe was consulted as a co-steward of the area and was in favor of using this area as a winter recreation site due to the contained impact of the site.

- 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 Franklin Falls Trailhead is Federal Land. There are a handful of recreation residence in the Denny Creek area that are under Forest Service Permits, but owners of these cabins understand that their cabins sit on public land and that access to these lands to the public will not be denied.

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

Recreation residents are under a Forest Service Special Use Permits adjacent to Franklin falls and do not hold private property rights. There have been discussions with homeowners along the County administered section of the road and the hope is by pushing people up to the Franklin Falls Parking lot we will reduce impacts of recreators walking by private property.

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

In the Spring of 2023 Snoqualmie District Recreation leadership met with King County and private landowners along FRD 58 to discuss opening the area to winter recreation. All impacted parties have been heard and met with along FRD 58. The proposed area for the Sno-Park is all on federal land.

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 environmental analysis has been performed by the agency specialists and approved by the District Ranger/Line Officer.

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:

This proposal is consistent with the elements of the strategic plan. Below are a few specific ways this Sno-Park would move the States strategic plan forward.

1. Recreational access opportunities are responsive to user demands, while reflecting sensitive environmental stewardship.

-Over the course of three years of running Asahel and Annette Sno-Parks it has become clear that the public wants access to Franklin Falls and open areas for snow play. This proposal would provide the recreation opportunities the public is seeking in an already impacted site. The Snoqualmie Tribe has been consulted and they are in support of funneling winter recreation into Franklin Falls as it is already heavily impacted from I90 and summer recreation.

3. There is adequate separation of incompatible or conflicting recreational uses.

- This Sno-Park will increase non-motorized recreation opportunities only. There should be zero user conflicts in the area as the uses are limited by terrain and access. Sno-Park Rangers will be on site to ensure that conflicts are quickly abated, and non-permitted users are moved on.

2. The Program has viable planning functions.

-The Snoqualmie Tribe was consulted as a co-steward of the area and was in favor of using this area as a winter recreation site due to the contained impact of the site.

-Partners and winter advocacy groups have been consulted with and a letter of support has been signed by Cascade Backcountry Alliance, Washington Trails Association, The Mountaineers, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Kongsbergers Ski Club, and the Washington Ski Touring Club.

Upper-Level Objective 3

1. Safety, education, and resource stewardship are high priorities.

-By funding 2, GS-07 Forest Protection Officers the Sno-Parks along I90 would have the staffing to enforce, educate, and provide a safe and clean experience.

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

Yes, the Snoqualmie Ranger District held a meeting with Travis Larson and Corey Tolar. We went over the recreation opportunities, area to be plowed, and management plan for the proposed Sno-Park.

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

-Nicholas Lichtenstadter, I90 Corridor Manager, Snoqualmie Ranger District.

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2024-2025 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
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TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:							
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.						\$	

15)

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.

NICHOLAS
LICHTENSTADTER

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Signature of Applicant

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name and Title

Date

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April 26, 2024

Dear Winter Recreation Advisory Council,

Cascade Backcountry Alliance is writing on behalf of a coalition of outdoor recreation groups in Washington representing 40,000+ avid recreationalists. We express our full support for the development of the Denny Creek Sno-Park along I-90.

Our members and volunteers are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that care about the outdoors and work to protect the outdoor experience for current and future generations. Increasing accessibility to the outdoors for new users is a core value for our groups and one of the reasons we are excited about the development of a sno-park at Denny Creek.

We understand that the Denny Creek sno-park will replace the current sno-park at Ashael Curtis. While our members have greatly enjoyed access to Ashael Curtis, the community has noted several issues including: proximity to the freeway, limited parking and a long approach to the area's main attraction, Franklin Falls. The current hike is around 6.5 miles round trip, which is a potentially challenging undertaking for families and beginner winter travelers.

Denny Creek is expected to have 170 parking spots, which we believe will significantly help alleviate known crowding and parking scarcity issues at Snoqualmie Pass. The new sno-park location offers better snow play opportunities for families and people interested in having a winter outdoor experience without investing in expensive technical gear or advanced avalanche training. Snow play has the largest, most diverse potential use base at the new sno-park and is an easy entry point to increasing accessibility to the winter outdoors. In addition to snow play opportunities it will provide entry-level snowshoeing and winter hiking opportunities.

We believe this is especially important because 1) The rate of growth of the backcountry ski and snowshoe community continues to skyrocket; [Outdoor Industry Association](#) cited a 20% increase in snowshoeing between 2021 and 2022 winter seasons. And 2) the Gold Creek Valley restoration project is moving forward which will likely lead to a 5-7 year closure of the very popular snowshoe loop at Gold Creek Sno-Park. Denny Creek Sno-Park development will provide a great opportunity to support new winter users and Gold Creek pond users to get outside safely and responsibly.

Per the *Seattle Times* (February 29, 2023), roughly 1/3 of sno-park sales come from the City of Seattle with another 10% from other cities along the I-90 corridor (Issaquah, Sammamish, Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond). Many of our members live along the I-90 corridor and were ecstatic to see the development of the Lake Annette Sno-Park last year. We believe devoting more resources to winter recreation planning efforts along the I-90 corridor is smart and sustainable. Denny Creek Sno-Park is a good example of a project with limited impact on the environment and maximum impact for improving winter frontcountry and backcountry access.

We are thankful for WRAC's continued leadership in the Washington recreation arena. We understand the complex funding and policy associated with the development of new sno-parks and are grateful for your consideration of Denny Creek for a future sno-park location.

Sincerely,



Kyle McCrohan (Apr 28, 2024 20:11 PDT)

Kyle McCrohan
Cascade Backcountry Alliance



Michael DeCramer (Apr 29, 2024 09:08 PDT)

Michael DeCramer
Washington Trails Association



Betsy Robblee
The Mountaineers



Caroline Villanova (Apr 29, 2024 09:52 PDT)

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Mountains to Sound Greenway



Suzanne Corkran (Apr 29, 2024 12:54 PDT)

Suzanne Corkran
Kongsbergers Ski Club



Tom Jacobi (Apr 26, 2024 22:35 PDT)

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Denny Creek_Franklin Falls Sno Park Support Letter

Final Audit Report

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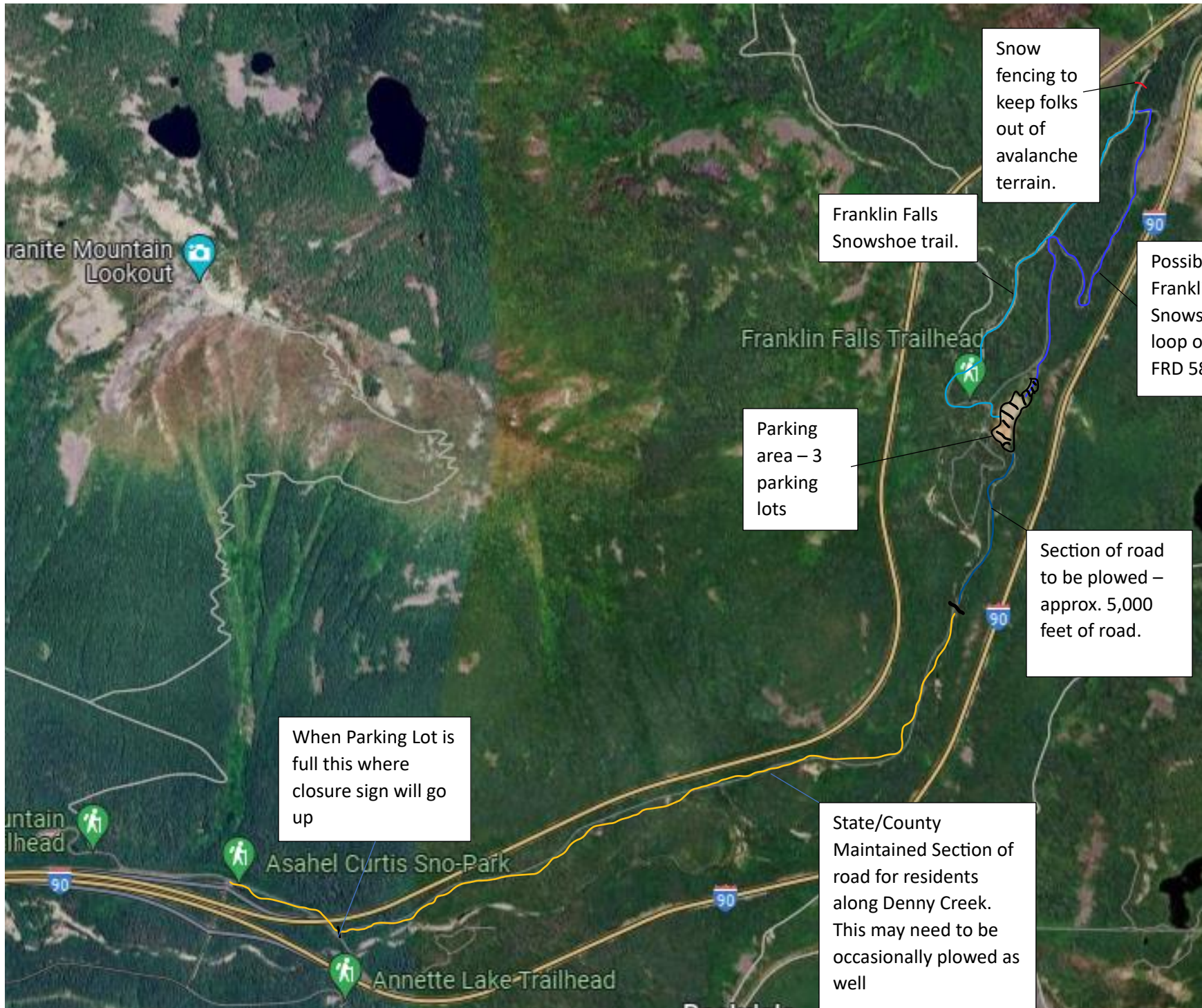
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 Agreement completed.

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Snow fencing to keep folks out of avalanche terrain.

Franklin Falls Snowshoe trail.

Possible Franklin Falls Snowshoe loop on closed FRD 58

Parking area - 3 parking lots

Section of road to be plowed - approx. 5,000 feet of road.

When Parking Lot is full this where closure sign will go up

State/County Maintained Section of road for residents along Denny Creek. This may need to be occasionally plowed as well

Granite Mountain Lookout

Franklin Falls Trailhead

Mountain Trailhead

Asahel Curtis Sno-Park

Annette Lake Trailhead

Franklin Falls Management Notes

-No roadside parking!

-3 employees would be needed to effectively manage this snow park and Annette along I90.

-All 3 employees will start in the Franklin Falls parking lot at 0830 to 0900 to assist with parking and do fee compliance. When/if the parking lot fills, one employee will drive road back to the current winter closure and put out a sign turning away visitors. They will park at the entrance of the road until traffic slows down or more parking opens.

- Permanent "no roadside parking" signs will be installed this summer up and down the road on the right side of FRD 58 to go along with the signs at the Forest boundary.

- The snowshoe route would be installed this fall with district staff.

-Install new winter kiosk signs/maps?

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FUNDING REQUEST 2024-2025

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	2nd Yr

GROOMING AREA -- TRAIL SYSTEM NAME <i>Loop Loop South Summit</i>		Previous Years Grooming funds Allotted (State Parks Use Only) \$43,760
Truck Hauling Miles Requested <i>—</i>	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) 979	
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>P.O. box 1187</i>	TITLE <i>Executive Director</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Twisp, WA 98856</i>	E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>Manager@SkiTheLoop.com</i>
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION <i>509 341 4917</i>	FAX 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 (e.g., 1st Tuesday, 7:00pm)	

Detailed Season Summary

2023-2024 SEASON

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

Date grooming started: 12/1/23 Date grooming ended: 3/31/24 Total hours grooming: 3413.2

Total Miles traveled: 1626.2

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

100 % Nordic _____ % Snowshoe _____ % Skijoring _____ % Sledding _____ % Snowmobiling _____ % Snowbiking
_____ % Other

TRAIL SYSTEM

1) Total Trail map miles: 23

2) Actual groomed miles for last season: 1626.2

3) Were all trails identified in the application groomed during this past season? If no, please indicate the 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 trails name, number, miles and frequency. Was permission to groom these additional trails obtained. (yes or no)

no

5) If authorized trails were not groomed as a result, please list those trails. *Attach map if necessary.*

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, 43,760
2023-2024

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 hours trail Maintenance
40 hours Sign/map Maintenance

Trails and Map Miles Summary

1. Show actual grooming information for last winter season.

TRAIL GROOMING MILES <i>List the trail grooming miles for each trail system groomed.</i>							
Trail Name or Road Number	From which Snow Park	Map Miles	Trips Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles	
#1	South Summit	.3		3-4	56	168	
#9		7.4		3-4	56	414	
#6		2		3-4	56	112	
#7		1.9		3-4	56	106.4	
#11		2.3		3-4	56	128.8	
#2		3.1		3-4	56	173.6	
#4		.5		3-4	56	28	
#3		.25		3-4	56	14	
K9		1.5		2	32	48	
#10		3.9		2	32	124.8	
<p><i>Not All Trails included here due to Bracket Size</i></p>							
TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above						Actual 23-24	1626.2 miles

2. Show requested grooming information for next winter season.

TRAIL GROOMING MILES ADJUSTED FOR 2024-2025 (16-week season)

- 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 18, 2024.

Trail Name or Road Number	From which Snow Park	Map Miles	Trips Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles	
<i>No Change</i>							
TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above						Proposed 24-25	miles

COST SUMMARY

FOR CLOSING TRAIL GROOMING AND HAULING TRUCK FUNCTIONS ONLY

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

PROJECT TYPE Trail Grooming (& Hauling Truck)	AGENCY	TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
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(A) THROUGH (E) BELOW IS OPTIONAL FOR SPONSORING CLUBS/COMMITTEES FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION:

- (A) TYPE OF COST – ITEMIZE ALL COST TYPES (i.e., salaries, maintenance, construction, equipment, supplies, etc.)
- (B) PROGRAM FUNDS BEING REQUESTED – DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH COST TYPE.
- (C) NATURE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – EXPLAIN WHAT SUCH SERVICES ARE.
- (D) VALUE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – ESTIMATE THE VALUE OF SUCH SERVICES.
- (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)	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	\$ 5000	\$		\$	
Storage (Rental)	\$			\$	
Trail Maintenance	\$ 2000			\$	
Signage	\$ 1000			\$	
Miscellaneous (explain)	\$			\$	
	\$			\$	
TOTALS (enter totals from Page 1)	\$ 69,000	\$		\$	

Any major snow cat breakdowns? Yes/No Length of down time? Explain type of breakdown:

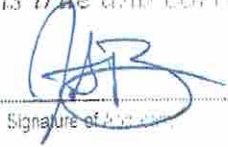
What type(s) of snow groomer(s) are currently being used?

Make	Model	Year	Season Beg Hrs	Season End Hrs	Season Total Hrs
Pistenbully	PB100	2023		329.3	

Agreement

In the event funding is recommended by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee for continued grooming of snowmobile trails, or by the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee for continued grooming of non-motorized trails, 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. In some instances, a grant will be awarded provided the Applicant meets Program requirements.

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

4/2/2024

Date

Signature of Governing Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Governing Council Rep.

Date

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The purpose of this report is to show a brief summary of your project accomplishments and expenditures and to certify their occurrence.

Contractor: **Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation**
Contract Termination Date: **April 30, 2024**

		<u>Amendments</u>
Trail Grooming		
South Summit (wr-16100)	\$	19,573
P5 3rd year	\$	4,873
NEW P5 1st Year	\$	43,760
TOTAL	\$	68,206
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (State Parks Sno-Park funds only)		
BALANCE		

NOTE: Attach the completed original summary logs and return with this report (if you have not already done

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the expenditures listed herein are substantiated by actual payment(s) of record and the costs are in accordance with the terms of the Project Contract/Agreement; and that any equipment on loan from State Parks, as part of the Winter Recreation Program, and as provided in the Agreement, has been completely serviced prior to termir of the Project Contract/Agreement, as provided by the Agreement.

By: Jon Brown
Title: Exec Director
Date: 4/2/2024



RECEIVED: 5/29/24 **KM**

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

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

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, 2024 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 WenatcheeOutdoors.org	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Jena Edwards & Andy Dappen
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 509-596-1324 / 509-860-8847	FAX 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 2024-2025** (on the last page of this application)

\$	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 second year request for the Stemilt Basin Non-Motorized Sno-Park located near the intersection of the Orr Creek Roak 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. Last autumn, 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 contact with our local WDFW contact (Pete Lopushinsky) who worked with us during the public planning processes and who helped us with our the establishment of the Sno-Park last year. He will have the landowner permission submitted 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 first-year request for this sno-park and he knows we are applying for second-year funding.

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

Last year Andy Dappen represented the proposal at the funding meeting and, if he is available at the time this year's meeting takes place, he intends to represent this year's request. If he is unavailable at that time, a board member from WenatcheeOutdoors will represent our proposal.

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

<i>To be completed by applicant.</i>
Project Name: <u>Stemilt Basin Non-Motorized Sno-Park</u>

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.

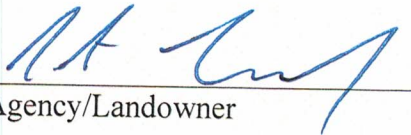
RCW 4.24.200:

*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 30th day of April of 20 25.

Pete Lopushinsky


Agency/Landowner

5/28/2024
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.

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

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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.

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	Weekday
		Non-snowmobile Users/Snowmobile	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.
		/	/
		/	/
		/	/
		/	/
		/	/

1. Date enforcement began January 16, 2023. Date enforcement ended March 30, 2024.
2. a. How many officer days per season did your agency provide education/enforcement? 41
 b. Of the total days per season, how many officer* days per weekday did your agency provide education/enforcement?
 Sun 4 Mon 7 Tues 9 Wed 9 Thurs 6 Fri 6 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? 41
4. What is the average number of Sno-Park visits per officer day. 2
5. Average amount of time spent in each Sno-Park visited: 1 Hour
6. What percentage of patrol hours occur on:
 - a. Weekends/holidays 15% + Weekdays 85% = 100%
 - b. Parking lot patrol 95% + Trail patrol 5% = 100%
7. Total number of personal contacts for season. 200
8. Total number of users in areas patrolled for season. 1173 Ski Hut Reservations (Up to 5,124 + users).
9. a. Total number of vehicles parked in Sno-Parks for season. 327
 b. What is your formula/method to determine the count? Warden tracks daily vehicle count with weekly log.
10. Number of citations issued. 0 Of this total, 0 are parking and 0 are on trails.
 Number of citations for registration violations 0
11. Number of warnings issued. 6 Reason(s) (Top 3 reasons):
No Sno-Park Permit, Wrong Pass (Federal or Discover Pass), _____
12. Please give an approximate percentage for the following:
1.8 % of personal contacts resulting in a citation or warning being issued.
98.2 % 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? Not yet (still in training). They will obtain necessary Limited Commission enforcement authority prior to 2024-2025 season.

14. Provide a brief summary of the 2023-2024 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 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. The Warden takes all required DNR classes and safety trainings. The Warden was newly hired in December 2023, and currently is in training to receive DNR Limited Commission Authority. During the 2023-2024 winter season, they were not authorized to write citations due to lacking this Authority. They will be authorized to write citations once the training is complete, anticipated to be completed by the start of the 2024-2025 winter season. The Warden 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?

The Warden has a State issued DNR truck with 4WD to get to the sno-parks. Upon arrival the Warden 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. 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 is 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 led to increased pass purchases, and thus brings in more funding for the sno-park program.

RESUME

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.	\$5500	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 NRS1 Hourly rate \$38.40	Days 44 @ \$384= 16900\$	Position name NRS1 Hourly rate \$38.40	Days 26 @ \$384= 10000\$
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	Total funds requested \$ 16900		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.

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 Signature of Applicant

Don Melton, SPS Region Manager
 Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/17/2024
 Date



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Date: 4/4/2024
Landowner: Washington State Department of Natural Resources – South Puget Sound Region
Address: 950 Farman Avenue North, Enumclaw WA 98022
Land Description: Public access at sno-parks, and snow trails for winter recreation.

<i>To be completed by applicant.</i>
<i>Project Name: 92 Road and 1 Road</i>
<i>Sno-Parks: Education and Enforcement</i>

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 **30th** day of **April** of **2025**.*

Don Melton AAA

Agency/Landowner

4/12/2024

Date

RCW 4.24.210

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MTTA

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To Whom It May Concern:

We, Mount Tahoma Trails Association, use DNR managed lands in the State of Washington. We continue to be directly impacted and benefited by recreation trails, facilities, and dispersed use within the Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests. DNR continues to provide safe, sustainable, enjoyable areas to conduct recreational activities. These areas and our partnership with DNR provide a tangible benefit to our organization and the entire Puget Sound community.

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,

Heath Jones

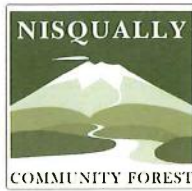
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March 30, 2023

Joe Chavez
Elbe Unit Recreation Manager
South Puget Sound Region
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Dear Joe:

Nisqually Community Forest (NCF) owns the private property adjoining the Upper 92 Road Sno-Park in DNR's Elbe Hills State Forest, and we host the most popular trail in the Mount Tahoma Trails Association's hut-to-hut cross-country-ski trail network, which is accessed from the 92 Road. We strongly support DNR's proposal for funding to hire 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.

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We welcome these new visitors, but they bring with them a host of issues related to parking, trail sharing, landowner rules, impacts on wildlife, and the like. We need knowledgeable enforcement personnel to help educate and assist them. The work supported by this proposal would go a long way toward accomplishing that. Thank you for this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Justin Hall
President

The Nisqually Community Forest acquires and manages working forests in the Nisqually Watershed to provide sustainable economic, environmental, and social benefits to local communities.



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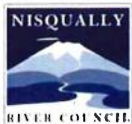
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May 8, 2023

Joe Chavez
Elbe Unit Recreation Manager
South Puget Sound Region
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Dear Joe:

Visitors to the Mount Tahoma Trails Association's (MTTA) hut-to-hut cross-county ski trail network visit portions of the Nisqually Land Trust's (NLT) Mount Rainier Gateway Forest Reserve protected area when using the northern trails and MTTA's Copper Creek Hut. These are accessed from the 92 Road. I strongly support DNR's proposal for funding to hire 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.

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Sincerely,


Jeanette Dorner
Executive Director

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5	2nd Yr

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

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, 2024 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	FAX 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 2024-2025*** (on the last page of this application)

\$9,000

- 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

- 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. They have relinquished themselves from these trails (citing safety concerns) in the 2023-24 season after only partially completing one groom for the entire season. The community of skiers is excited that the USFS will take over and preserve 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?

The generations of nordic skiers who have come to love the trails at Pineside and SnowKing now face losing all state-supported grooming on Mt. Adams (via Trout Lake) because the contract-holder quit grooming ski trails in this area. This proposal improves the recreational experience by funding grooming—without it there will be no winter non-motorized recreation on this part of the mountain.

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)**

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

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

NA

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

NA

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.)

NA

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 and Brad Johnson.

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2024-2025 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 18, 2024**.


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/SnowKing	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
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.						\$ 9,000

15)

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

Brad Johnson, Co-founder Mt. Adams Nordic Ski Club 5.09.2024

 Printed Name and Title of Applicant Date



 Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Brad Johnson, Co-founder Mt. Adams Nordic Ski Club 5.27.2024

 Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep. Date

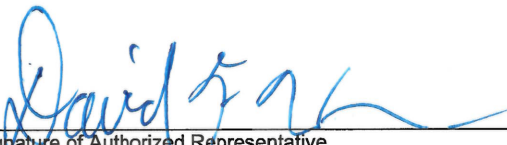
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 Signature of Authorized Representative

David F. Wickwire, Recreation Program Manager

 Printed Name and Title

5/27/24

 Date

**PLEASE NOTE:
 COPY OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED.
 ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CURRENT.**



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:	5/24/24
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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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 20 day of May of 2024.

David F. Nelson

5/20/24

Agency/Landowner

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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Priority	2 nd , 3 rd yr
5	NEW

FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

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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	FAX NUMBER

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\$ 21,403.00

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

One-time funding for the purchase of Skandic LE Snowmobile and Snowmaster groomer to groom Pineside and SnowKing Sno-Parks.

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

Grooming will be conducted by the U. S. Forest Service Mt. Adams Ranger District

- 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

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

High demands on area once covered under state contract. State contractor has relinquished grooming of Pineside and SnowKing to U. S. Forest Service.

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 enable the trails to be groomed for cross country skiers.

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

One Time

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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.

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NA

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

NA

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NA

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 and Brad Johnson.

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\$199.99

1x Additional Accessory



LinQ Rear Cargo Rack

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1x Additional Accessory



Cargo Rack Kit

860202245

1x Inc. In Package



LinQ Sport Bag - 17L

860202447

\$209.99

1x Additional Accessory



LinQ Cargo Base Kit

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1x Additional Accessory



Heavy-Duty Tongue Hitch

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\$74.99

1x Additional Accessory

Heavy-Duty Hitch Rear Bumper

20"

\$409.99

Total MSRP \$15,603.93

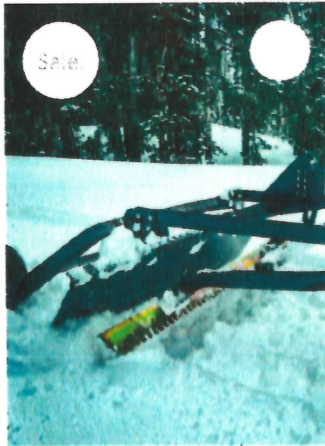
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David F. Nelson

5/20/24

Agency/Landowner

Date

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PROPOSANT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY KONESBERGER SKI CLUB	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE RUNE HARKESTAD
MAILING ADDRESS 11042 SE 30th SE.	TITLE PRESIDENT
CITY, STATE, ZIP BELLEVUE, WA 98004	E-MAIL ADDRESS RUNE.HARKESTAD@KIDDER.COM
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 425 577 8556	FAX 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 2024-2025** (on the last page of this application)

\$15,000

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ATTACHED LETTER

- 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 REQUEST IS FOR ADDITIONAL 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?

88% SKIERS, 11% SNOW SHOERS, 1% OTHER

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

ATTACHED LETTER

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One Time YEAR 3

On-going

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NO

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YES, ATTACHED LETTER

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YES

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

KONGSBERGER SKI CLUB

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2024-2025 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 18, 2024**.

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:						
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.					\$ 15,000.00	

15)

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.

Rune Harketad
Signature of Applicant

RUNE HARKETAD, PRESIDENT
Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/27/24
Date

Rune Harketad
Signature of Groomina Council Representative

RUNE HARKETAD, CCWRB
Printed Name and Title of Groomina Council Rep.

5/27/24
Date

Kongsberger Ski Club

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

May 27, 2024

Non-Motorized Winter Recreational Advisory Committee

RE: Grooming at Cabin Creek and Erling Stordahl

Dear Committee Members,

Please consider this letter of support for ongoing and new funding for grooming at the combined Erling Stordahl/Cabin Creek Snow Parks.

The combined trail systems at Cabin Creek (CC) and Erling Stordahl (ES) cover approximately 24 miles of groomed trails. While ES is relatively short (3 miles), The Cabin Creek system, including the south loop (snowshoe trail) offers a great variety of trails for beginners; the road which is mostly flat; to the four miles of the more advanced and hilly Viking course; and the five mile climb to the top of the Amabilis Mountain. At a top elevation of 4,500 feet, Amabilis also offers an excellent opportunity for early season skiing.

ON-GOING FUNDING: We hereby request on-going funding for 2024-25 in the amount of \$159,411, which is the same amount approved for the 2023-24 Season.

ADDITIONAL GROOMING FUNDING: CC/ES is groomed by a private contractor. The contract issued in November of 2023 significantly increased the hourly rate for grooming which in turn reduced the number of grooming hours available for the same amount of funds. The Committee approved a request for \$15,000 for additional grooming for the 2023-24 Season, which was year two for the additional grooming request. We hereby ask that the Committee again approves an application for \$15,000 for additional grooming.

Thanks to the willingness of USFS to close down Cabin Creek to vehicular traffic and allow grooming with as little as 4 – 6” of snow, we were able to commence grooming on December 2nd 2023. This allowed for the groomer to pack down a base by utilizing lighter grooming equipment with rubber tires. We had quality skiing from the early days of December to the very end of March. As a matter of fact, the best skiing in the state last season was at Cabin Creek.

Due to the higher hourly rate of the new grooming contract, we had fewer hours of grooming available and made various adjustments in the grooming schedule to make the budget not only stretch to the end

of the season, but also provide grooming at least five days a week throughout the season. Adjustments included reducing the number of days of grooming up the Amabilis Mountain and only doing one grooming pass on days of challenging snow conditions. By making these adjustments, we compromised the grooming quality and reduced the number of grooming days towards the end of the season.

We believe the combined amounts of on-going and additional grooming funds of \$174,411 to be the absolute bare minimum of funds required to provide a reasonable level and frequency of grooming at ES/CC.

This funding proposal is consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan in several areas and approval of the funding request would be consistent with:

1. The Winter Rec Program is responsive to the recreational demands of the public
2. Capturing and expressing the desires of the users and building stronger relationships with users
3. Provide guidance to the Program in meeting increasing recreational demands, especially in the I-90 corridor

These highlight areas in which the Strategic Plan (page 3) clearly advocates for this kind of funding.

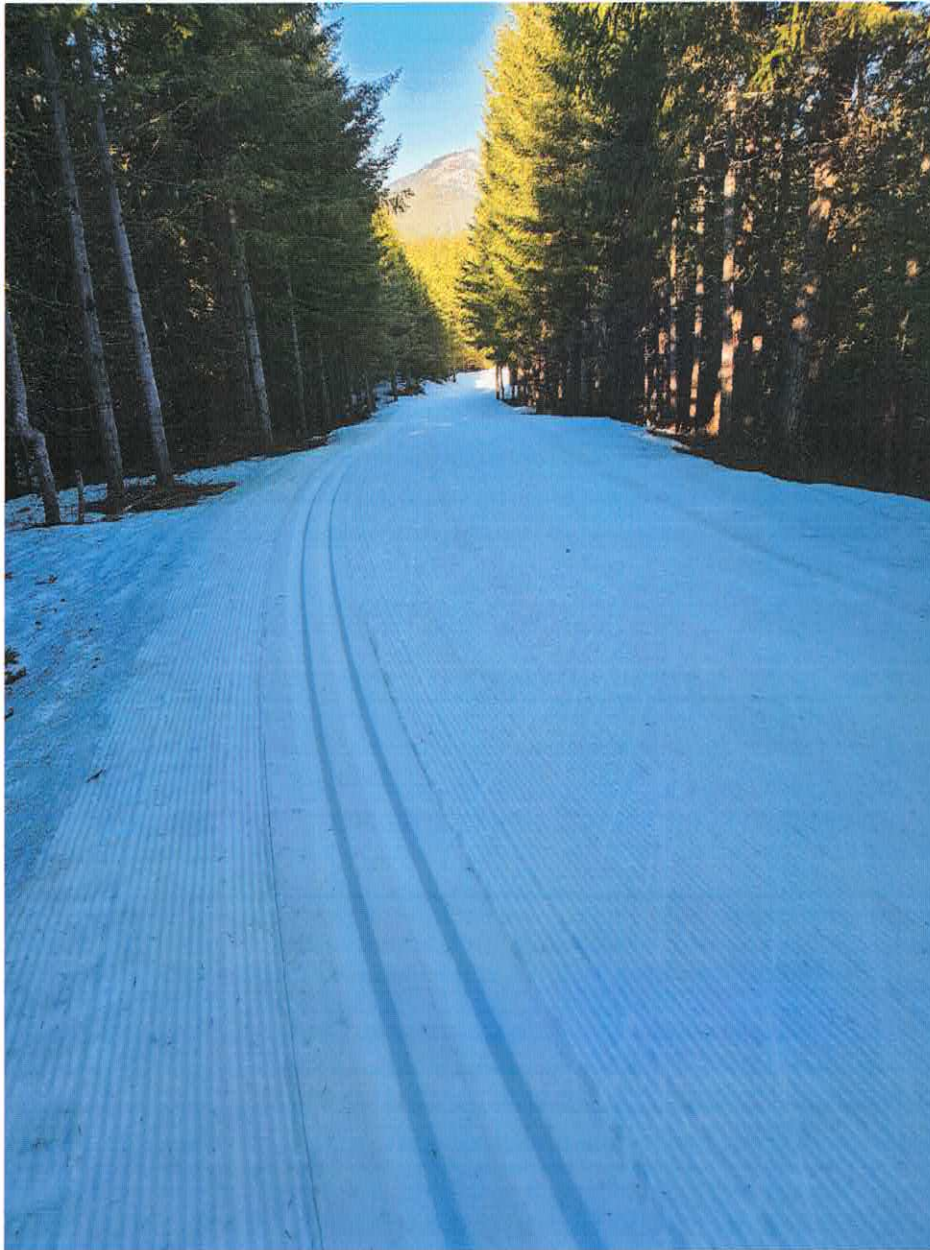
Lastly, the Kongsberger members in addition to other members of the public continue to put in 2,000+ volunteer hours at Cabin Creek and Erling Stordahl every year. The trail work and maintenance at these parties is a critical component to why the private contractor is able to provide skiing at Cabin Creek on only a few inches of snow.

The beginning of last season was particularly challenging with a number of fallen trees. Kongsberger members were out in large numbers to surface and remove fallen trees. This effort greatly reduced the amount of trail maintenance required by the contractor, saving money for grooming rather than tree removals.

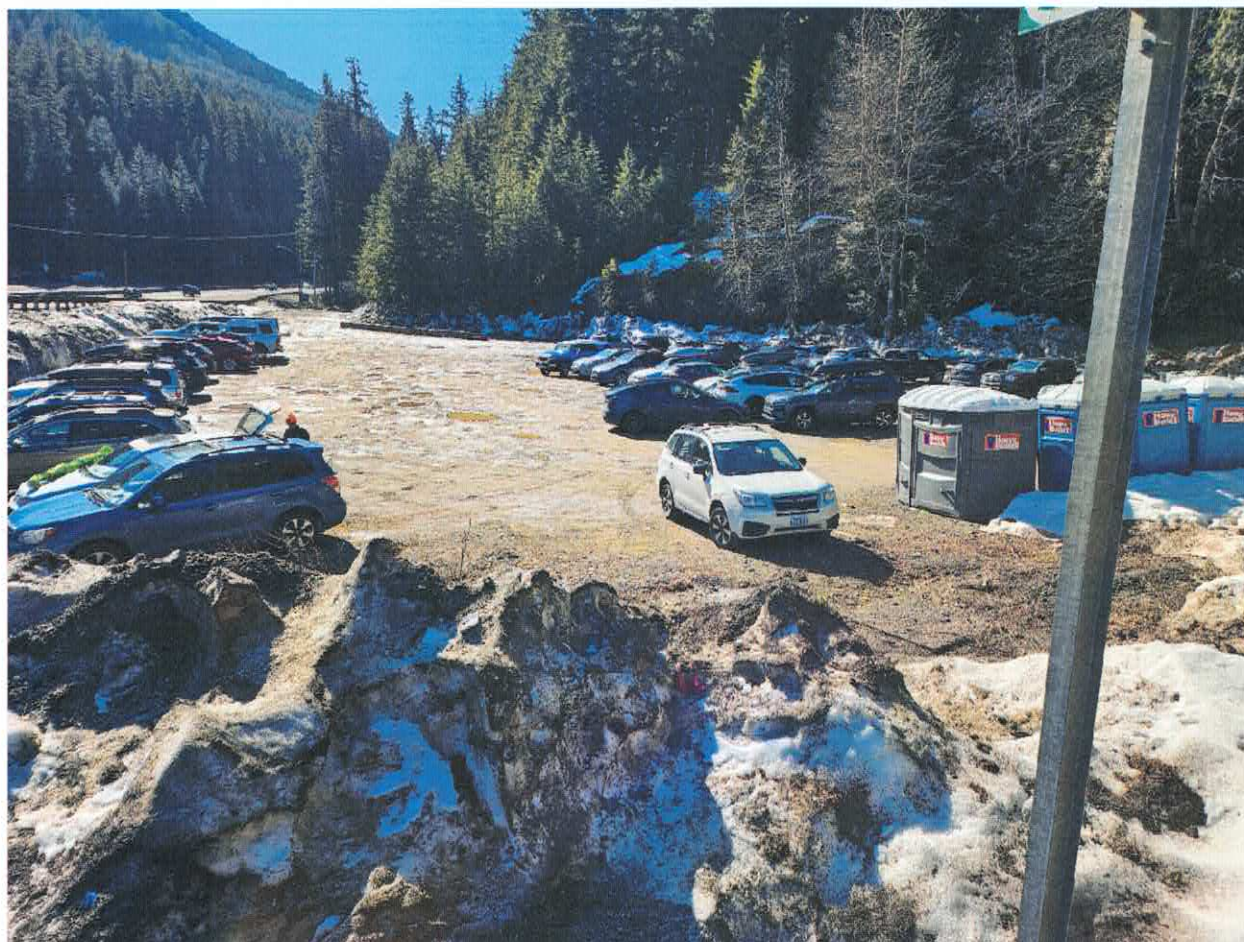
Thank you for your consideration.



Fallen trees removed by Kongsberger Members.



Groomed trails March 31st.



The parking lot at Cabin Creek on March 31st.

Sincerely,

Kongsberger Ski Club

Rune Harkestad

President

Post-Marked:
6/24/24

Received

JUN 03 2024



FUNDING REQUEST 2024-2025

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Report and request for continued funding

Motorized Non-Motorized

For State Parks Use Only

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GROOMING AREA – TRAIL SYSTEM NAME Salmon la Sac		GROOMING MILES ALLOTTED (State Parks Use) 336
TRUCK HAULING MILES REQUESTED 1200	GROOMING MILES REQUESTED 600	GROOMING FUNDS (STATE PARKS USE) \$ 15,000

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME Cle Elum Ranger District	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Jared Treser
APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS 803 W 2nd St	TITLE Winter Recreation Manager
CITY, STATE, ZIP Cle Elum, WA 98922	E-MAIL ADDRESS jared.treser@usda.gov
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 509-852-1050	FAX NUMBER

LOCAL GROOMING COUNCIL INFORMATION

NAME OF GROOMING COUNCIL Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council	
VOLUNTEER GROOMING COUNCIL COORDINATOR Karen Behm	TELEPHONE NUMBER 425-391-4124
MAILING ADDRESS 985 Mountain Park Blvd SW	E-MAIL ADDRESS winter.recreation@gmail.com
CITY, STATE, ZIP Issaquah, WA 98027	WEBSITE https://www.snowrec.org/
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., 1 st Tuesday, 7:00pm)	

CURRENT CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME USFS	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Jared Treser
MAILING ADDRESS See above	TITLE Winter Recreation Manager
CITY, STATE, ZIP See above	E-MAIL ADDRESS See Above
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Detailed Season Summary

2023-2024 SEASON

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

Date season started: 12/29/23 Date season ended: 3/25/24 Total hours grooming: 74

Total Miles traveled: 251 Preventative maintenance hours: 0 Repair hours: 33

Administrative hours: 31 Total hours: 166.5 Gas/Diesel Used (in Gallons): 38

2) At the end of last season, was there still snow? GETTING THIN AND STARTED TO SHOW BARE GROUND LAST WEEK OF MARCH Was the system still being used? YES, SOME SKIERS STILL VENTURING OUT

3) Estimate the number of visitor days and method used to track this: 53 NON MOTO CARS OBSERVED OVER 9 WEEKEND E&E DAYS X 3 PEOPLE PER CAR = 18 PEOPLE PER DAY X 87 DAYS IN GROOMING SEASON SEASON, ROUND UP = 1600 NON-MOTO VISITORS. VISITORS TO MOTO AND NON MOTO CAN BE HARD TO DECIPHER AT THIS SNO PARK. DOING THE ABOVE MATH WITH TOTAL CARS AT THE SALMON LA SAC TRAILHEAD YIELDS A NUMBER CLOSER TO 8000 VISITORS PER SEASON.

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

40% Nordic 20% Snowshoe 15% Skijoring 0% Sledding 0% Snowmobiling 0% Snowbiking
25% Other

TRAIL SYSTEM

1) Total Trail map miles: 5.5

2) Actual groomed miles for last season: 251

3) Were all trails identified in the application groomed during this past season? If no, please indicate the 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 trails name, number, miles and frequency. Was permission to groom these additional trails was obtained? (yes or no)

NO

5) If authorized trails were not groomed as a result, please list those trails. *Attach map if necessary.*

N/A

EQUIPMENT

1) Provide date range(s) that grooming was not conducted due to equipment down time. What back-up plan was implemented?

1/14/24-2/5/24 GROOMER SLED WAS OUT OF COMMISSION DUE TO OVERHEATING ISSUES. WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THE KACHESS MOTORIZED GROOMER JOHN SIMON GROOM THROUGH THE SYSTEM ON 1/22/24. WE HAVE NO BACK UP SNOWMOBILE FOR SALMON LA SAC GROOMING. WE WERE ABLE TO REPAIR IN HOUSE, SAVING REPAIR COSTS.

WE WERE ALSO UNABLE TO GROOM DURING LATE MARCH BECAUSE OF EMPLOYEE INJURY AND EMPLOYEE FAMILY EMERGENCY. THE SMALLER CLE ELUM WINTER CREW NOW ONLY HAS TWO TRAINED GROOMER OPERATORS FOR SALMON LA SAC. WHEN BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE EITHER INJURED OR GONE FOR FAMILY EMERGENCY WE DO NOT HAVE A BACKUP GROOMER DUE TO LACK OF CREW SIZE. LAST SEASON WE HAD FIVE TRAINED GROOMER OPERATORS FOR SALMON LA SAC.

2) Estimate the longevity of primary machine. When will this machine need replacing? 2015 SKANDIC, STARTING TO SHOW ITS AGE. COULD BE REPLACED ANYTIME, A NEW MACHINE WOULD MNIMIZE BREAKDOWN DAYS. THE OLD MACHINE COULD BE A BACK UP GROOMING SLED WHICH WOULD DRASTICALLY REDUCE BREAKDOWN DAYS. MACHINE IS BEGINNING TO HAVE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS WITH HEATED HANDLEBARS, TRIPOMETER, SPEEDOMETER.

<i>TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above:</i>				Actual 23-24	251 miles		

2. **Review the State Parks PDF map** (found on <https://parks.wa.gov/find-sno-parks>) for all groomed trail systems in your area. If there are factual errors, please print and make changes in red. The map only needs to be attached if there are changes. Please attach all maps affected by this change.

- Yes, there are changes to trail systems (maps attached). No, there are no changes this year.

Trails and Map Miles Plan for 2024-2025

The Government grooming formula: Government operated program (receive \$16.25 per mile groomed, \$2.38 per mile hauling snow groomer and \$0.69 per mile for personnel transport to snow groomer) Formula is based on 16 weeks X estimated miles traveled.

1. For budgeting purposes and to provide a grooming schedule – Estimate expenditures for a 16 week season.

a. TRUCK MILES List below the round trip trucking miles for each trip to trail/road for grooming trails.						
	Sno-Park Name or Trailhead Name	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips per Season	Total Miles
<i>TOTAL hauling snow groomer miles for areas listed above:</i>				Proposed 24-25		<i>miles</i>
<i>TOTAL personnel transport miles for areas listed above:</i>				Proposed 24-25		<i>miles</i>

b. TRAIL GROOMING MILES (16 week season)							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List any grooming changes for next season. Total miles should not change. Use priority 5 Application for trail system increases. Grooming schedules will be required by October 18, 2024. 							
	Trail Name or Road Number	From which Sno-Park	Map Miles	Trip Miles	Trips per Week	Trips Per Season	Total Miles
	Salmon la Sac Non-moto trails	Salmon la Sac	5.5	18	2	32	576
<i>TOTAL grooming miles for trail systems listed above:</i>					Proposed 24-25		576 miles

COST SUMMARY

FOR ONGOING TRAIL GROOMING AND HAULING TRUCK FUNDING ONLY

PROJECT TYPE Trail Grooming (& Hauling Truck)		AGENCY USFS Cle Elum Ranger District			TELEPHONE NUMBER (509) 852-1100	
<p>(A) TYPE OF COST – ITEMIZE ALL COST TYPES, i.e., salaries, maintenance, construction, equipment, supplies, etc. (B) PROGRAM FUNDS BEING REQUESTED – DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH COST TYPE. (C) NATURE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – EXPLAIN WHAT SUCH SERVICES ARE. (D) VALUE OF MATCHING, COST SHARING OR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED – ESTIMATE THE VALUE OF SUCH SERVICES. (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	\$9622 = 34 days at \$283 per day		Groom with Snowcat 1 time per season	\$850	FS Budget	
Program Administration	\$		Winter Rec Manager	\$6270	FS Budget	
Postage/Telephone	\$			\$		
Snow Cat Maintenance/Parts/Labor	\$500		In House Maintenance	\$500		
Hauling Truck Maintenance/Parts/Lab	\$	\$	Hauling Truck for grooming	\$600	FS Budget	
Fuel, oil, grease	\$600	\$		\$		
Gov't Fleet Miles	\$	\$	Hauling truck	\$420	FS Budget	
Storage (Rental)	\$			\$		
Trail Maintenance	\$		Trail Crew	\$1200	FS Budget	
Signing	\$			\$200		
Miscellaneous (explain)	\$		Tools for trail clearing	\$600	FS Budget	
	\$			\$		
TOTALS (enter totals from Page 1)	\$10722	\$		\$10640		
Any major snow cat breakdowns? Yes/No Yes		Length of down time?		Explain type of breakdown:		
What type(s) of snow groomer(s) are currently being used?						
Make Skidoo	Model Skandic	Year 2015	Season Beg Hrs computer not reading, unknown	Season End Hrs unknown	Season Total Hrs 74	
Make YTS	Model Ginsu Groomer	Year 2016	Season Beg Hrs 504	Season End Hrs 578	Season Total Hrs 74	

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Land owner permission documents are attached from the following landowners:

Owners	Number of miles
1. U.S. Forest Service	5.5
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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 attached with this application or will be received by June 1, 2023.



 Signature of Authorized Representative

Jared Treser - Rec Manager (Acting District Ranger)

 Printed Name and Title

5/29/24

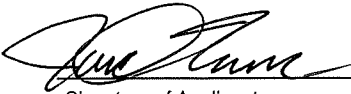
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**PLEASE NOTE:
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 ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CURRENT.**

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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

Jared Treser - Rec Manager

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

5/29/24

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date



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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY U.S. Forest Service- Naches Ranger District	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE Janie Pardo
MAILING ADDRESS 10237 US Hwy. 12	TITLE District Recreation Program Manager
CITY, STATE, ZIP Naches, WA 98937	E-MAIL ADDRESS juanita.pardo@usda.gov
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION 509-653-1401	FAX NUMBER 509-653-2638

- 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 2024-2025** (on the last page of this application)

\$ 38,512.00	
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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.**

The purpose of this funding is to acquire 2 new Skidoo Skandic 900 snowmobiles that have the work capacity to haul the trail grooming equipment. The equipment currently in our possession has experienced multiple years of equipment failure resulting in a lack of ability to groom on a regular basis.
Sno-parks/Trail Systems: Bumping Lake, N.Fork Tieton, Goose Egg, Crow lake Way/Hells Crossing/Pleasant Valley/Union Creek system.

- 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 request is for equipment only; therefore it would not affect any of the above.

- 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 estimated target audience is cross country skiers and snowshoers as these are the vast majority of users of the affected sno-parks.

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

This project is essential to maintain the level of grooming we are seeking grant funds for at the affected sno-parks. The current snowmobiles have had multiple years of mechanical issues that resulted in grooming not occurring over multiple days/weeks. Coupled with supply chain issues in obtaining parts, the grooming program was not effective.

If the Naches District is going to continue to provide this much desired grooming service of snow trails, our equipment needs to be replaced. Malfunctioning equipment can also result in lost time, present safety issues when riders are stuck on the trail in cold temperatures, and could cause other injuries as a result of removing a disabled machine from the trail.
This winter program also draws users from around the region that provide economic benefits to local businesses in the area, specifically those that are located within the corridors where the sno-parks/trail systems are located.

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 Naches/Yakima community has an active constituency of winter recreationists that value the services we provide. They largely consist of cross country skiers and snowshoers, but occasionally we get dog mushers. Well groomed trails provide a better experience particularly for skiers. Regular grooming allows for proper grooming to occur, when time is lost due to equipment failure, snow loads build thus making the next round of grooming more difficult. Properly groomed trails also provide a level of safety for users, particularly to those that may be new to the sport.

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)**

All trails are located on Forest Service lands.

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)**

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

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

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.)

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, it will allow WA State Parks to continue to build on partnerships with agencies, contribute to WA's quality of life and support healthy communities by promoting the benefits of outdoor recreation and exercise, contributes to statewide tourism and local economic development, and improve trails. The district is also working to outreach to under-served and disadvantaged communities in order to engage youth and diverse peoples in winter sports.

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

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

District Recreation Program Manager or OHV Manager & Trails Lead

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2024-2025 (16 week season)

- List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
- Grooming schedules will be required by **October 18, 2024.**

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:							
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.					\$		

15)

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

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Janie Pardo
District Recreation Program Manager

5/31/2024

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Date

Signature of Grooming Council Representative

Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

Date

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1. Agency is the land owner.	
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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

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FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2024-2025

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PROPONENT INFORMATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY <i>Snoqualmie Nordic Club</i>	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE <i>Marla Husnik</i>
MAILING ADDRESS <i>6520 A 24th Ave NE</i>	TITLE <i>President</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Seattle, WA, 98115</i>	E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>snoqnord@gmail.com</i>
TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION <i>206 404-4028</i>	FAX 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 2024-2025** (on the last page of this application)

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See Attached Document

- 2) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems.
- a. Does your total request factor in the potential need for Snow Removal, Grooming, Sanitation, Education, Enforcement and possible need for dirt/land work?
- 3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
- 4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)



NEW or EXPANDED FUNDING REQUEST 2024/25

Snoqualmie Nordic Club
Marla Husnik and Tim Becker

1). *Amount of funding requested. Please give as much detail as possible and the dollar amount of each element.*

Additional funding to support grooming the 1.06 mile long Lake Keechelus Boat ramp road (NF 9070-219) 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).

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

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, one of the most popular in the State. The expansion will help reduce user conflict by spreading out users on an expanded trail system where users can access multiple branch trails such as the Common Corridor, the High Horse Trail, Roaring Ridge Backcountry as well as the use of Keechelus Lake when it is frozen by ice skaters and paragliders. 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 feel that the user experience will be enhanced due to the ability to spread out onto new trails from the narrow and heavily used Palouse to Cascades 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 grooming the 1.06 mile Boat Launch Road (NF 9070-219). The 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 one half mile from Hyak Sno-Park.

3). *What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, XC skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate of each?*

This will be a multi-use trail open to nordic skiers (40%), snowshoers (45%), backcountry skiers (10%), boot hikers for snowplay (5%), and the rest ice skaters and paragliders (<1%).

4). *Why is this project essential? Recreational demands?*

This project is essential for meeting the needs of a growing, diverse, and underserved population seeking winter recreation in an environment where access and opportunities are

shrinking. We feel 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. Hence we are initially requesting funding for grooming on Saturdays which are the busiest day of the week with regularly scheduled events by Outdoors for All, REI Adventures, The Mountaineers, Washington Ski Touring Club, and the Snoqualmie Nordic Club to name a few.

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 at the Lake Keechelus Boat Launch. Granted it is only one 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 a mitigation for the loss of this extremely popular recreation area.

6). *Is the requested funding one time only or ongoing?*

On Going.

The Snoqualmie Nordic Club paid for the grooming of the Boat Launch Road in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 with Club Funds. The Club applied for Winter Sports funding in 2014 and 2015 but low snowfall canceled that year's grooming, The club was awarded funding in 2016 for grooming. The Club did not apply for grooming funds from 2017-2023 and held the Jente Loppet event on the Palouse to Cascades Trail when snow was available. The future goal is to include the grooming in the yearly grooming budget as part of the State Park grooming budget (Lake Easton would apply for funding with their annual request).

7). *Has landowner Permission been obtained?*

Special Use Permits to use Forest Road 9070-219 are in process with the USFS Cle Elum Ranger District.

8). *Is Landowner Permission signed by Landowner attached to this application?*

Pending Special Use Permits.

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 on April 30th 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 the 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.

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. The USFS opens the gate on the Boat Launch road for non motorized recreation after the berm is in place.

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.

11). *Are there any permitting or environmental review requirements associated with the implementation of the proposal?*

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. 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? 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 Program as partners in providing that by adding the additional grooming of the boat launch road as 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 that would utilize it. All of these aspects support the Winter Recreation Program's Strategic Plan.

13). *Has the Winter Recreation 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

See Question 2.

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- 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
Lake Keechelns Boat Launch Road N# 9070-219	Hyak	1.00	2.12	1	14	29.68
TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:						29.68
Total funds requested for new grooming miles.						\$ 3,500

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Marta Husnik
 Signature of Applicant

[Signature]
 Signature of Grooming Council Representative

President of SNC
 Printed Name and Title of Applicant

Timothy Becker, CCRA
 Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.

May 29, 2024
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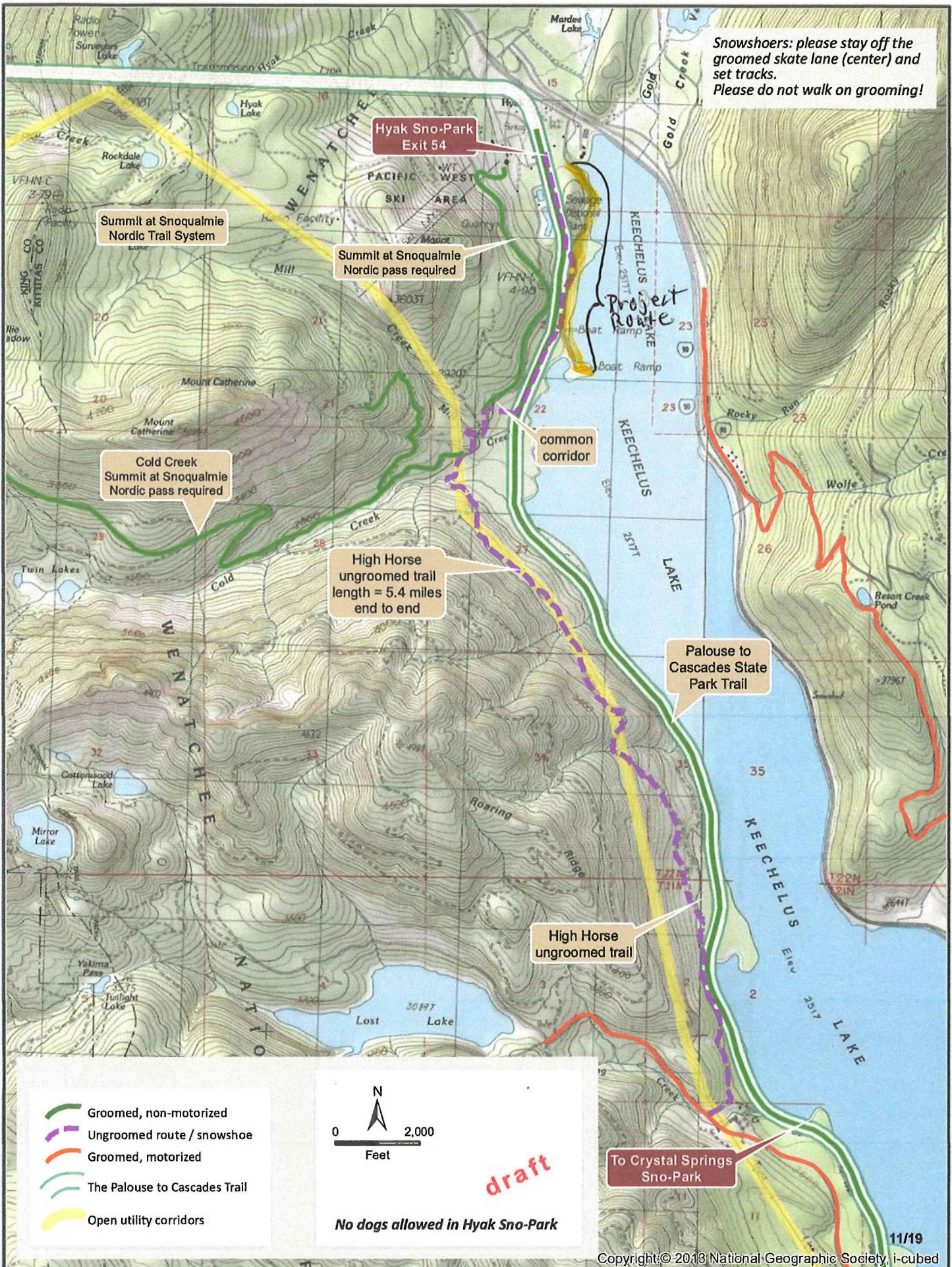
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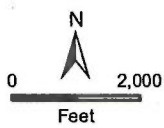
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PLEASE NOTE:
COPY OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED.
ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CURRENT.

Snowshoers: please stay off the groomed skate lane (center) and set tracks.
Please do not walk on grooming!



-  Groomed, non-motorized
-  Ungroomed route / snowshoe
-  Groomed, motorized
-  The Palouse to Cascades Trail
-  Open utility corridors



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No dogs allowed in Hyak Sno-Park

To Crystal Springs Sno-Park

May 28, 2024

Winter Recreation Advisory Committee
Washington State Parks Winter Program

RE: Support for the funding request to groom the Jente Loppet Course 2024/25

Dear WRAC Members,

The 170 member Washington State Ski Touring Club (WSTC) is writing to provide support for the Snoqualmie Nordic Club request for Priority 5 funding for the 1.5 mile "Jente Loppet Course" on USFS Boat Launch Road (NF 9070-219) for this coming winter. The proposed route is located on the summer Lake Keechelus Boat Launch access road which is a full width two lane paved roadway with shoulders, pullouts, two boat ramps leading to the Lakeshore, and a large parking area. In addition, the route utilizes the old USFS Lake Keechelus Trailhead with access to the Palouse to Cascades Trail at .5 miles south of Hyak Sno-Park with a large circular parking area and a two stall Vault toilet.

This trail is very popular with winter recreation activities including XC Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hiking, and provides the only safe and legal access to the frozen lake for ice skating and parasailing when conditions allow. The varied terrain and the expansive views draw many visitors to enjoy the panoramic views of the Cascade Range afforded by the open vista.

The Jente Loppet is an annual event staged by volunteers of the Snoqualmie Nordic Club (SNC) since 2011. The course was designed by Don Brooks founder of the SNC and Tim Becker a club Board Member with assistance from John Boone Badda the Washington State parks groomer who created the original course with a large loop along the shore of Lake Keechelus. The route is 1.06 miles long and would need to be groomed in both directions to create a wide path to provide lanes of travel for multiple user types as it is a very popular route for Nordic Skiers, Snowshoers, Boot hikers, Backcountry Mountaineers headed to Roaring Ridge, and for access to the lake for Parasailers. The wide roadway is ideal for accommodating the users coming from the Hyak Sno-Park which often fills on weekends.

Prior years requests for groomed funding has received enthusiastic support from USFS Land managers from the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in North Bend, Steve Johnson, Nikolai Ferrell, and Brian McNeil, from Washington State Parks managers Jason Both, Andrew Kerlee, and John Ernster, and former Winter Program managers Pamela McConkey and Wayne McLaughlin.

The long-term plans are to incorporate the Jente Loppet Course into the regular grooming program for the Palouse to Cascades Trail to increase the winter recreation trail opportunities available at the popular Hyak Sno-Park, the most visited non-motorized facility in the Statewide system of Sno-parks. We feel that this proposal supports the goals of the Winter Recreation

Strategic Plan. We advocate for your consideration of the value this would bring to the users of the Sno-parks and ask that funding be provided.

The Washington Ski Touring Club,
Randy Nikolai
President