FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2022-2023

NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM

The Winter Recreation Program may consider proposals for funding for new or expanded, Priority 5 and 6, budget commitments for the 2022-2023 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, 2021 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

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

WDFW Police will provide enforcement and education regarding provisions of RCW 46.10 et seq. and RCW 79A.05 et seq. at the following locations.

Naches Areas, non-motorized sno-parks and trails within Yakima County. Sno-Park and trail enforcement and education along Highway 410 at: Bumping Lake, Hells Crossing, Crow Lake Way, Pleasant Valley, and Union Creek sno-parks; and along Highway 12 at: Goose Egg, and North Fork Tieton sno-parks.

Most Sno-Park Patrols will occur from Friday through Sunday when winter recreation use is at its peak.

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

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 2022-2023 (on the last page of this application)

$ 3000 maximum
Officers patrolling the Sno-Parks and associated trails will be paid at the overtime rate. Funding request would be for hours patrolled by officers at the overtime rate plus indirect ($98.50/hr), not to exceed $3,000. Commute time to and from the Sno-Park areas is not covered in the funding request and would be covered by WDFW. Once in the area, all time spent is charged to the activity.

2) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
Snowshoers and cross country skiers 90% Trappers and general winter recreation users 10%

3) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)
WDFW Region 3 Police were asked by WA State Parks to participate in a Pilot Project during the 2021-2022 Winter Recreation Season in the Naches, US 12, and Highway 410 area for the purpose of patrolling Sno-parks and trails. Enforcement presence in these areas had been minimal in the recent past while use was heavy. The project concentrated on education and enforcement with a primary goal of voluntary compliance. Staff assigned to this pilot project indicated constituents were pleased with officer presence and believed there was capacity for additional work. As many of these areas are very remote, it is important for an enforcement presence to enhance safety of users and provide for information sharing and education.

4) 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?
WDFW Police presence in these areas would serve to increase the knowledge and understanding of recreational users of laws and rules which would enhance the overall safety of the user groups. Enhanced safety of Sno-Park and trail users is the main benefit of this proposal. These areas have experienced significant increases of people participating in winter outdoor activities. With this increase in participation came an increase in backcountry accidents, rules violations, and property crimes in snow parks and areas nearby. We also saw an increase of wheeled vehicles being illegally operated on groomed trails. We anticipate we will see even more during the 2022/2023 season.

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

6) 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)
N/A

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

8) Describe what communications were conducted to obtain homeowners/housing developments/land owners support.
N/A
9) 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

10) Is the funding proposal consistent with the elements of the Winter Recreation Strategic Plan (to be found at [http://parks.state.wa.us/149/Strategic-Plan](http://parks.state.wa.us/149/Strategic-Plan)) Explain how:
   Specifically, this proposal would enhance education and outreach to winter recreation user groups while providing additional enforcement, safety and security at Sno-Park areas and encourage voluntary compliance.

11) Has the Area Winter Recreation Program Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?
   No

12) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting?
   Captain Weaver

See Question 2.

A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2022-2023 (16 week season)
   - List the trail grooming miles planned for next season for each groomed trail system.
   - Grooming schedules will be required by October 16, 2022.

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TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:

Total funds requested for new grooming miles. $
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.

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Signature of Applicant          Printed Name and Title of Applicant          Date

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Signature of Grooming Council Representative  Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.  Date