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.

PROPOSPONENT 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.

See attached, grooming 6 days/week at Cabin Creek, including regularly scheduled grooming up Amabilis at least 4 days/week and 3 days/week at Erling Stordahl.

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

Additional grooming funding will not result in increased costs to any of these items.

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)

|$ 33,440.00 |

2) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
88% cross country skiers, 11% show skiers, and 1% other.

3) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)
   See attached. The funds provided for the 2021/22 season only lasted to the middle of March, despite
   an earlier start to the grooming season than normal (December 10) and a reduction in the number of days
   groomed per week starting late January. The funds will ensure continued quality grooming throughout
   the entire season by adding 1 additional day of grooming for the entire system per
   week.

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?
   See attached. To groom the entire trail system at Cabin Creek 6 days/week will take a much higher
   increase in the grooming funding, but the requested amount will at least ensure consistent, relatively
   frequent high quality grooming at the I90 corridor’s most popular cross country ski destination
   throughout the entire
   season.

5) Is the requested funding one-time only, or on-going?
   On 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?
   Permission from TNC and USFS are in
   place.

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

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) Explain how:
   The request for additional funding for grooming is consistent with the Plan in many areas, to mention a few: is responsive to the demands of the recreational public, facilitates public access to diverse snow based recreational opportunities.

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

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

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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<th>Trail Name or Road Number</th>
<th>From which Sno-Park</th>
<th>Map Miles</th>
<th>Trip Miles</th>
<th>Trips per Week</th>
<th>Trips Per Season</th>
<th>Total Miles</th>
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<td>Cabin Creek/Erling Stordahl</td>
<td>Cabin Creek/Crystal Springs</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>912</td>
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**TOTAL GROOMING MILES FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS LISTED ABOVE:**

**Total funds requested for new grooming miles.** $33,440.00

**Agreement**

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

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

[Signatures and dates.]
May 25, 2022

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 22 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, 4 miles), to the more advanced (the hilly Viking course, 4 miles) and the 5 mile long 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: Total funding for 2021-22 was for $120,537 which equates to 794 hours of grooming. We hereby submit an application for $120,537 for on-going grooming.

ADDITIONAL GROOMING FUNDING: CC/ES is groomed by a private contractor whose contract is at an hourly rate of $154.00, which includes repair and maintenance of the trails as well as grooming. With highly variable snow conditions and a challenging trail system, certain snow conditions often require multiple passes of the same trails. Therefore, to groom the entire system (24 map miles) takes approx. 14 hours, which at an average speed of 4.2 miles/hour equates to approx. 57 grooming miles each day of grooming. The main reasons why such a higher amount of grooming miles relative to map miles are the many cut offs, loops, extra wide trails in places, and of course, the attention to quality which often requires multiple passes and slower speeds.

The table on the next page illustrates what it would take to groom the entire Cabin Creek system (including Amabilis) 6 days and Erling Stordahl 4 days/week throughout the season.
Grooming at Cabin Creek and Erling Stordahl

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<tr>
<th>Trail Name</th>
<th>Map Miles</th>
<th>Hours To Groom Each Time</th>
<th>Trips Per Week</th>
<th>Grooming Hours Per Week</th>
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<td>Cabin Creek (incl. Amabilis)</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Erling Stordahl</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>272</td>
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<td>South Loop</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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**TOTAL GROOMING HRS REQUIRED FOR A FULL SEASON OF GROOMING:**  
1,275

**TOTAL GROOMING BUDGET BASED ON $154.00/HOUR**  
$196,350

As you can see, the current budget of $120,537 falls far short of the above amount. The result is a reduction in number of days of grooming up Amabilis (the first sacrifice), then the number of days of grooming per week (second sacrifice) and finally, a shortening of the grooming season (third and final sacrifice). All three sacrifices were made last season with funds exhausted and grooming coming to a stop in the middle of March, despite continued excellent snow conditions and huge public demand for continued grooming.

There are too many unknown factors (removal of fallen trees, repair after wash outs, tire ruts, etc.) to say with accuracy how many additional miles/days of grooming the request for $33,440 will produce but the additional funds requested should ensure continued quality grooming throughout the entire season at both Cabin Creek and Erling Stordahl, including at least 4 days a week of grooming up Amabilis. Picture of the parking lot at Cabin Creek below. This could be any day of the week.
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”, “capturing and expressing the desires of the users and building stronger relationships with users”, “Provide guidance to the Program in meeting increasing recreational demands, especially in the I 90 Corridor”, just to highlight a couple of areas where the Strategic Plan, page 3, clearly advocates precisely 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 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 CC on only a few inches of snow.
Picture below is from Cabin Creek on April 24th, 2022. We could have had excellent skiing until end of April, if funding, and permission, had been available.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kongsberger Ski Club

[Signature]

Rune Harkestad
President