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 snowmobile program. However, please be aware that the Committee's top priorities are to restore previous budget reductions to grooming, snow removal, sanitation and E & E. To apply for funding, please complete the following form. **Please Note:** All Proposals must be postmarked by June 1, 2022 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 trails, new Sno-Parks, trail improvements, increased enforcement, etc.

**PROPONENT INFORMATION**

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<td>WA Fish &amp; Wildlife Police - Region 3</td>
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**MAILING ADDRESS**

1701 S. 24th Avenue

**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

Yakima, WA 98902

**TELEPHONE NUMBER & EXTENSION**

509-899-7140

1) Please give a thorough description of the intended purpose of the proposed funding, including location, and affected Sno-Parks and trail systems. Please fill out table if you are requesting new trail miles.

WDFW Police Officers 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, motorized sno-parks and trails within Yakima and portions of Kittitas counties. Sno-Park and trail enforcement and education patrolling on snowmobiles along Highway 410 at: Rattlesnake, Nile, Spring Creek, Rock Creek, Boulder Cave, Milk Creek, 1901, Little Naches/1904, Kaner Flats, and Crow Creek Sno-Parks; and along Highway 12 at: Bethel Ridge/Soup Creek, Tieton Airstrip, Fish Creek, S. Fork Tieton, Cold Creek, Pinegrass, and Bear Creek sno-parks.

Most patrols will occur from Friday through Sunday when winter recreation use is at its peak. Patrols will be performed by individual officers or officer teams depending on officer availability and patrol and user activity.

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

2) 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)

   $ 6000 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 $6,000. 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.

3) What is the estimated target audience (snowmobilers, dog mushers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, others) and what percentage do you anticipate each use at?
   Snowmobilers would be the primary target audience; however, these areas also have overlap of non-motorized users. Motorized users 90% Non-motorized 10%

4) 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.

   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 safety and security at Sno-Park areas and improve enforcement on trails.

11) Has the Area Snowmobile Advisory Committee member been advised of this request?  
Yes

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

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### A. NEW TRAIL GROOMING MILES REQUESTED FOR 2022-2023 (16 week season)

- List new or expanded miles proposed 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.  
To calculate: Public: $16.25 (average cost per mile) x total miles  
Private: $31.75 (average cost per mile) x total miles  

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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 titles]

Date: 5/26/2022