FUNDING PROPOSAL – NEW OR EXPANDED for 2022-2023

SNOWMOBILE 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 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.

PROPOINENT 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. Please fill out table if you are requesting new trail miles. The Ahtanum State Forest (ASF) is a premier destination for northwest snowmobilers and other over the snow vehicles (OSV). Located 35 miles west of Yakima WA, the ASF provides three sno-parks; Ahtanum Meadows, Whites Ridge and Red Saddle. These sno-parks provide access to over 70 miles of groomed OSV trails. The ASF draws thousands of OSV to the Ahtanum providing a positive economic impact to the local communities and a positive recreational experience. The ASF is DNR’s premier snowmobiling destination because of it’s miles of groomed trails and high elevations. The ASF maintains rideable snow beyond the grooming season in most years, which brings users from farther away in search of good snow.

   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 proposal is for Education & Enforcement only.

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)**

   | $15,750 |

   This funding request is to provide 250 hours of additional focused E&E patrols during the peak OSV season to include holiday weekends by DNR’s Southeast Region Education & Enforcement Warden out of Yakima.

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 primary use of this area are snowmobile registered machines. There is also a small amount of cross country ski and snowshoe use, but it is far less than motorized use.

4) Why is this project essential? (New or expanded area, local economic impacts, recreational demands)
Since 2010 the ASF has not been a State Park sno-park. It was designated a winter recreation trailhead where only a Discover Pass was required. Over the years the OSV community became less compliant in registering their vehicles because a sno-park pass didn't have to be displayed. 2022 marked the first year since 2010 for the ASF to be a designated sno-park. E&E confirmed there was a good portion of regular OSV users who hadn't renewed their registrations. The added patrols will provide education and compliance.

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?
Having an E&E presence will assist in communicating the recreational benefits of what the registration monies provide. The users will also benefit from having an E&E on site to provide them with trail and facility conditions as well as snow and weather conditions. OSV will be the enhanced.

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)
   DNR is the current landowner of the sno-park locations.

7) If adjacent homeowners/housing developments/land owners will be impacted by the proposed action, do they support the proposal?
   There is no expected impact to adjacent landowners as the use is not changing.

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 permits are required as the sno-parks are already in place. This funding would help us better educate users and enforce rules.

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:
   This request will support State Parks Winter Strategic Plan by advocating for responsible management of our resources, creates and strengthens relationships with individuals, organized groups and local, state and federal resource agencies. DNR will be more integrated in the winter program for State Parks and will maintain open and responsive communication with the public. It will support program funding through

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the enforcement and education of the sno-park permit. Lastly it supports the plan by promoting safety and resource stewardship.

11) Has the Area Snowmobile Advisory Committee member been advised of this request? Yes, Mark Tharp (Chair of Yakima Grooming Council) is aware.

12) Who will be presenting this proposal at the funding meeting? Jeff Jones (DNR SE Recreation Specialist) and Stephanie Margheim (DNR SE Recreation Manager)

See Question 2.
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

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.

Jeff Jones  Recreation Specialist  5/25/22
Signature of Applicant  Printed Name and Title of Applicant  Date

Mark J. Tharp
Signature of Grooming Council Representative  Printed Name and Title of Grooming Council Rep.  5/25/22