



# Proposed Cuts Threaten Funding for WWRP Projects

by Joanna Grist, Executive Director

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## The Coalition's 2003 Legislative Lobby Day

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition will hold its 2003 Lobby Day on Tuesday February 11th at the Woman's Club in Olympia.

Join us to meet with your legislators and make your voice heard. Arrange a meeting with your legislator and let them know that

you want to see Washington's parks and habitats fundedthis and every biennium .

Please join us for an evening legislative reception that will be held from 5:30PM to 7:30PM for legislators and constituents to meet.

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# Letter from the President

Washington's population continues to grow because talented people want to live and work in areas where their families can enjoy community parks and their ability to experience nature is unmatched.

By creating new recreation opportunities and protecting wildlife habitat, we help our state attract new businesses and keep quality workers. Employment and income are stimulated by the ability of our state's natural resources to attract tourists, small businesses, and retirees. This is vital to our economy.

The Boeing Company supports the Wildlife and Recreation Coalition because it is behind the most successful land acquisition program in Washington's

history. In 1990, the Coalition's founders persuaded the State Legislature to establish the Washington Wildlife and Recreation

Program (WWRP), a government grant program that helps local communities create new parks and protect wildlife habitat.

Since the program's inception, the Coalition has

advocated for state funding for the WWRP grant program, leveraging \$362 million for over 600 of your neighborhood parks and ball fields, biking and walking trails, local beaches and boat launches, wildlife habitat, and state parks.

With an annual budget of \$200,000, the Coalition provides its members with an enormous return on their



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# Celebrating WWRP Success

In Autumn 2002, WWRP Funded Projects Held Events Around the State



In September former Governor Mike Lowry spoke at the Skip and Laura Vaughn Playfield Dedication. The WWRP funded playfield consists of a playground, a spray plaza, a ball-field, a basketball court, trails and picnic sites.

Also in September, the Richland community celebrated the completion of the final link of the 5-mile Columbia Point Riverfront Trailway in the city. Funded with WWRP matching funds, this 3,000 foot segment of the trail includes landscaping, benches and nearby parking for the community to enjoy walking, jogging, biking and roller blading.



Former Governor Mike Lowry and King County Executive Ron Sims speak at the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve Opening. The ceremony celebrated the first community access to Lake Washington waterfront.



A dedication ceremony for Evergreen Rotary Park in Bremerton took place in September. Coalition Board Member Connie Waddington was one of the speakers at the event celebrating addition of an amphi-theater, playfields, restrooms, trails and barrier-free waterfront access.

In October, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at Cama Beach State Park on the shores of Camano Island. Coalition Board Member and Chair of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, Joan Thomas spoke at the event

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# 2003 Proposed Park and Habitat Projects

Many 2003 Proposed Park and Habitat Projects are Threatened by

## Nisqually-Mashel, State Park

Nisqually-Mashel is where the Nisqually and Mashel Rivers meet. The State Parks Commission seeks \$1,000,000 to protect this area from logging and development. The plan will add important backcountry and waterfront area for hiking, walk-in camping, and activities. Supporters include the Nisqually River Land Trust, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

## Spokane River, Spokane Co.

With no formal access to the Spokane River, the public has worn unsafe pathways. Located near the Washington/Idaho border and the I-90 off-ramp, the area already attracts many visitors because of the rest area, visitor's center, and Spokane River Centennial Trailhead. This area needs safe water access for fishing, swimming, picnicking, and rafting.

## Marcus Central Park, Town of Marcus

In 2001, this town of 157 finally reacquired their neglected Central Park property from private ownership. Residents have dedicated their equipment, materials and labor to fixing up the park's neglected tennis court and ball field. Renovation of the school building would provide opportuni-

ties for community events.

## Washougal Oaks

Located along the Columbia River Gorge in Clark County, Washougal Oaks houses one of the last oak woodlands in Western Washington. The site supports several threatened and sensitive plant and animal species, including the imperiled slender-billed nuthatch and the small-flowered trillium. This is a part of a multi-phased project to protect these species from encroaching development.

## Pygmy Rabbit Critical Habitat

With fewer than 30 Columbian Basin pygmy rabbits left in the wild, this federally endangered species is at risk of extinction. The shrub-steppe habitat critical to the rabbits' survival has been deemed one of the top ten most threatened ecosystems in the United States. Acquisition of 1,280 acres of critical habitat within the Moses Coulee and the Beezley Hills area represents the best remaining opportunity to protect land occupied by pygmy rabbits.

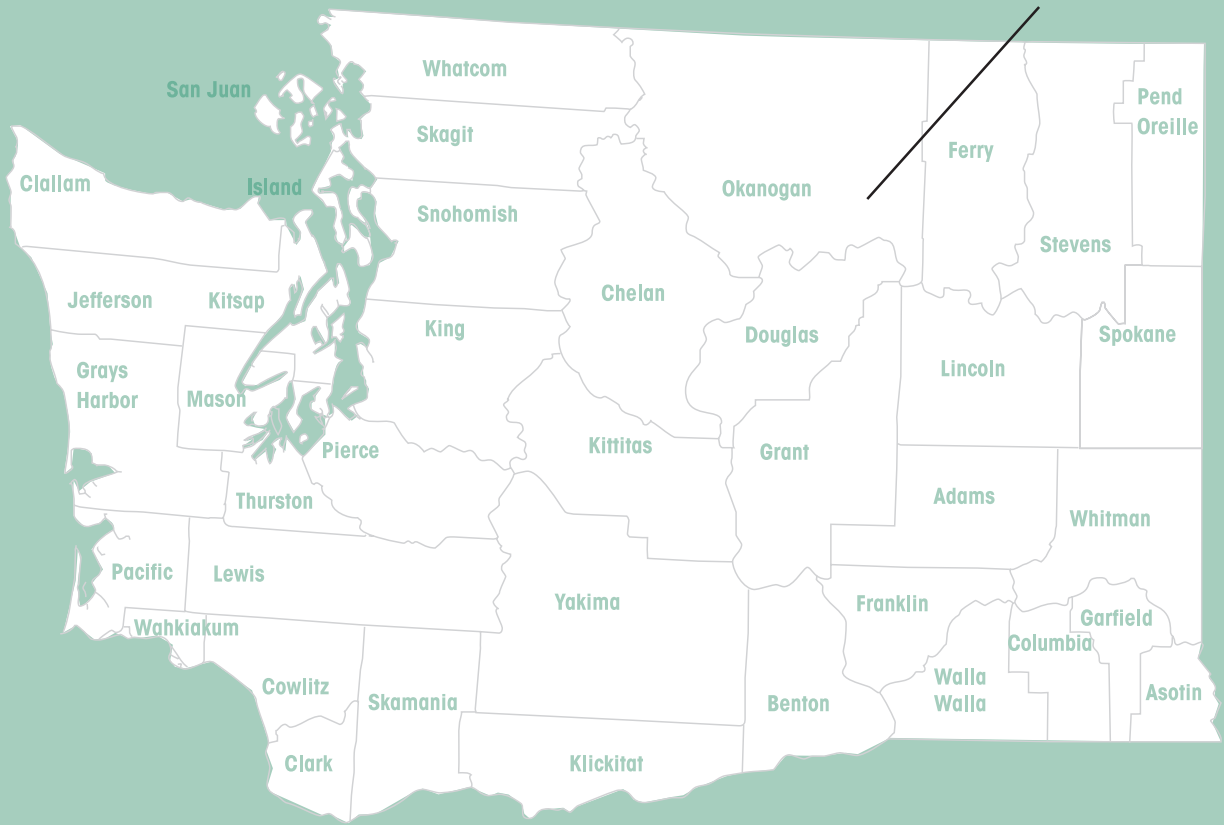
## Rattlesnake Mountain, Department of Fish & Wildlife



Mt Si, NRCA: Proposed cuts would allow only partial funding of this project, the rest of projects in this category would receive no funding



Tieton River Canyon: threatened by proposed cuts to WWRP Funding



This is a rare opportunity to reverse shrub-steppe fragmentation, while protecting elk, mule deer and other dependent species. The region supports many threatened and endangered plants and animals including sage grouse, ferruginous hawks, sage sparrows, pygmy rabbits, jackrabbits and Townsend’s ground squirrels. The Rattlesnake Slope addition would be a valuable asset to Benton County and the state as hunters and visitors bring their recreation dollars to the region’s small businesses.

### Squalicum Fields Acquisition, Bellingham

The Squalicum Fields project addresses both the need for more recreational opportunities in an underserved part of Bellingham and the need to preserve riparian lands and the Squalicum Creek, the City’s most productive salmon stream. The proposed site is located in northwest Bellingham in the center of an urban area. Trails in the site will connect nearby neighborhoods and expand on the existing park and trail system.



Rattlesnake Slope Addition: If proposed cuts are approved this will be one of the few projects funded



Nisqually Mashel, State Park: budget cuts would prevent the acquisition of this property

# Maryanne Tagney Jones and Gene Duvernoy The Cascade Land Conservancy



## Welcome To Our New Program Assistant

Carrie Powell, new Program Assistant enjoys a break after hiking Mt. Si last spring. Her great appreciation for Washington's outdoors led her join the Coalition in August of last year.



Thanks to our volunteer intern Ron Brooks for all of his work on the 2003 Legacy Notebook.

# Thanks to Our 2002 Supporters

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## CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

Ask your legislators to support funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) in the Capital Budget because it protects the quality of life that fuels the economy. Don't know who your legislators are? Just visit [www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/default.htm](http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/default.htm) and email them or call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000 to leave messages for them.

## LEARN WHAT IS AT STAKE

Request a list of the proposed and completed WWRP projects that the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition has helped fund in your legislative district by contacting us at (206) 748-0082 or [Info@WildlifeRecreation.org](mailto:Info@WildlifeRecreation.org).

## JOIN THE COALITION

Since the Coalition does not receive any of the funding we lobby for in Olympia, we must rely on the support from our members. With an annual budget of \$200,000, the Coalition provides its members with an enormous return on their investment. We helped secure \$45 million in 2001 alone! Please send in your membership contribution today and your donation will leverage millions of dollars for the protection of parks and habitat.

## SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Contact us at [info@wildliferecreation.org](mailto:info@wildliferecreation.org) to receive the Coalition's electronic newsletter and legislative alerts. We will keep you informed about what is happening with your parks and habitats this legislative session!

## ATTEND THE WWRC LOBBY DAY

Join us on Tuesday February 11, 2003 at the Woman's Club in Olympia

*Do you have a favorite local beach or natural area where you enjoy kayaking or bird watching? A favorite playground or ball field where you take your kids? A favorite walking or biking trail? Many of your treasured outdoor recreation areas and natural spaces were funded through the most significant state-wide land acquisition program in Washington's history, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).*

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