

47°46'N - 121°64'W

# MAILBOX PEAK

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

With funding from the WWRP, the Department of Natural Resources developed a new non-motorized trail to Mailbox Peak in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area, located in east King County. The new trail improves public safety, reduces natural resource damage occurring on the existing trail, and helps to meet the increasing public demand for hiking access to Mailbox Peak.

WWRP FUNDS \$270,000 | MATCH FUNDS \$80,000 (ALL AMOUNTS ROUNDED)



800,000 recreational visitors travel throughout the Snoqualmie Corridor each year, many of whom hike the Mailbox Peak Trail, one of the most popular hikes in east King County.<sup>1</sup>



Studies suggest that the average hiker traveling to Mailbox Peak spends roughly \$33 as a part of their excursion.<sup>2</sup>

Even if only a small fraction of the visitors to the Snoqualmie Corridor travel to Mailbox Peak, their trips represent **millions of dollar in spending throughout the region** each and every year.



## BENEFITS

The Department of Natural Resources relied on a WWRP grant to develop a new non-motorized trail to Mailbox Peak, long considered a crown jewel of hiking trails in King County. Development of the property included excavation, surfacing, adding water drainage features, and installation of high-elevation alpine trail features, such as rock steps and viewpoints, making the trail accessible to hikers with a range of athletic ability.

Development of a new non-motorized trail to the summit not only improves the hiking experience for visitors searching for the deep feeling of accomplishment that this trail provides, it also helps meet the growing demand for day-hike trails in east King County. Recreation expenditures make a significant contribution to our region's economy, with Mailbox Peak alone supporting millions of dollars of spending each year.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.seattletimes.com/life/outdoors/project-in-snoqualmie-corridor-will-mean-more-outdoor-opportunities/>  
<sup>2</sup> [https://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw\\_gtr961.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr961.pdf)

