

**NEWS RELEASE**

**December 18, 2007**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISISONERS  
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**TO:** KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN.

**RE:** Mason County Parks and Trails Department offered grants from the Recreation and Conservation Office to improve boating facilities and trails in Mason County.

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Mason County Parks and Trails Department has been awarded three grants in the amount of \$463,750 to improve boating facilities at Latimers Landing County Park / Mason Lake County Park and to conduct a planning and feasibility program for a potential new trail in Mason County. The grants were awarded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), and will be used for the following:

Mason Lake County Park Boating Facilities Grant (\$50,000): This grant will be used to conduct planning and engineering to renovate the boat launch and dock at the park, in addition to expanding the entry road and improving parking.

Latimers Landing Boating Facilities Grant (\$363,750): This grant would be used to acquire 2.34 acres of property adjacent to the existing Latimers Landing Boat Launch. The property will be used in the future to improve and increase boating parking and access to Pickering Passage.

Camp Govey Trail Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activity Grant – NOVA (\$50,000): This grant will provide funds to conduct a planning and feasibility study for a potential future non-motorized trail system near the former Camp Govey Logging Camp. This planning process will be executed with the cooperation of the Green Diamond Resource Company.

Mason County Parks and Trails Department attained grant eligibility in 2007 with the RCFB as a result of updating the County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Each of the projects listed above went through a competitive evaluation process prior to being recommended for funding. The RCFB approved funding for these projects at the end of November.

The RCFB is the state's administrator of the NOVA grant program and the Boating Facilities Program. If you have any questions about the RCFB Grants please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669 or Sarah Thirtyacre, RCFB Grants Manager at (360) 902-3000.

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