



HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

1,300 miles of trail

80 campgrounds

55 trailheads

40 picnic areas

“We are blessed to have some of the most amazing public lands in Washington state. This landscape is a wonder for all Washingtonians to enjoy, and it is our job to preserve it for all generations.”

Hilary Franz

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2022 DNR Legislative Priorities: Conservation and Recreation

Funding essential law enforcement and education and operations positions capacity necessary to protect natural and cultural resources with higher recreation levels.

Throughout our state, outdoor recreation has seen a significant increase during the COVID-19 pandemic, as more Washingtonians and visitors take advantage of the state’s world-class recreational opportunities. Some recreation sites have seen visitation increase as much as 50 percent, especially the Ahtanum State Forest, the Yacolt Burn State Forest, and those areas along the Snoqualmie Pass corridor.

With more people than ever seeking hiking, off-road vehicle riding, mountain biking, and a host of diverse recreation activities on DNR-managed lands, the agency is seeking investments that will allow it to continue to provide safe, high-quality, sustainable recreation opportunities while ensuring that natural and cultural resources are protected for present and future generations.

Supplemental Budget Requests

Recreation Enforcement and Maintenance (\$3.2M General Fund - State)

Investment in keeping our public lands safe and clean by funding essential enforcement, education, and maintenance positions necessary to protect our public lands and the public that uses them. Funding ensures DNR can address concerns from our Tribal partners to invest in measures that prevent further abuse and misuse of public lands and cultural resources to ensure the state continues to be good stewards of our public lands.

Puget SoundCorps (\$4.8M Capital)

Investment in DNR’s [Puget SoundCorps](#) that provides young adults, including young people of color, and veterans workforce development opportunities through an immersive job experience that restores and protects our public lands. Allows DNR to retain and/or rehire seven Corps crews and add 10 new crews focused on forest health, wildfire response, salmon recovery, and habitat restoration.

