



# RESTORE RECREATION FUNDING

REDUCTIONS IN RECREATION MAINTENANCE RESOURCES ARE CREATING AN UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR HIKERS, BIKERS, CAMPERS, AND OTHER RECREATORS.



Recreation investments support 1,300 miles of trails

More than 200 recreation sites

80 free campgrounds

3.1 million acres

20 million visits annually

237,000 jobs across WA



## CONSERVATION CORPS AND RECREATION LANDS MAINTENANCE FUNDING

have been crucial resources in helping the Washington Department of Natural Resources address resource dumping, public use, storm damage, and site safety across millions of acres of public lands.

## RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUNDING

was reduced by more than \$7 million in the 2025 legislative session; a more than **20% funding cut**. The Governor's proposed 2026 operating budget includes additional M&O reductions of \$750,000 per year. The 2025 funding cuts included legislative appropriation used to purchase time from the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) and other corps programs. These young adult crews accounted for **nearly half of the total field capacity** available to DNR for trail and campground maintenance. DNR's very limited field staff have been left to try to keep up without the support of our corps partners.

**AT CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS**, DNR Recreation has 60 field staff across the state; meaning there is only **one staff person** per every **21.6 miles** of trail, **50,000 acres**, or **333,000 visitors** to DNR-managed lands. Further cuts will continue to be detrimental to the program and recreation access across Washington.

## IMPACTS OF CONTINUED CUTS TO RECREATION MAINTENANCE FUNDING

- **DNR campgrounds and recreation sites are at risk of closure** due to eliminated funding for WA Conservation Corps Crews to support reopening.
- Reductions in access will impact user experiences.
- **Unsafe trail conditions**, including storm damage and illegal trash dumping, will not be addressed due to staff capacity.
- Trailheads and bathrooms will see more use and less ability to address daily use and cleaning.
- Increasing **backlog of maintenance**, which will become increasingly difficult and expensive to address with time.



*Recreation maintenance funding allows for safe, accessible, and meaningful outdoor opportunities for recreators across Washington*

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# POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS

RECREATION SITE	COUNTY/LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	LEVEL OF IMPACT
29 Pines Campground	Kittitas County, 13 <sup>th</sup> LD	Late opening, reduced services
Ahtanum Campground	Yakima County, 15 <sup>th</sup> LD	Late opening
Anderson Lake Campground (Tahoma State Forest)	Lewis County, 20 <sup>th</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> LD	Full closure
Bear Creek Campground	Clallam County, 24 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Bradley Trails ORV Area	Wahkiakum County, 19 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Chopaka Lake and Cold Spring Campgrounds	Okanagan County, 7 <sup>th</sup> LD	Potential for full closure
Dougan Creek Campground	Skamania County, 17 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Dragoon Creek Campground	Spokane County, 6 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Green Mountain State Forest Trails	Kitsap County, 35 <sup>th</sup> and 36 <sup>th</sup> LD	Winter trail closures to dirt bike use
Harry Osborne State Forest	Skagit County, 39 <sup>th</sup> LD	Seasonal closures
Hoh-Oxbow Campground	Jefferson County, 24 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Island Camp Campground	Yakima County, accessed from Klickitat County, 14 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Lyre River Campground	Clallam County, 24 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
North Mountain Trails and Skills Park	Snohomish County, 39 <sup>th</sup> LD	Service reductions
Reiter Foothills State Forest	Snohomish County, 12 <sup>th</sup> LD	Partial closures
Skookum Creek Campground	Pend Oreille County, 7 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Snoqualmie area sites	King County, 5 <sup>th</sup> LD	Seasonal bathroom closures
Tunerville Campground	Pacific County, 19 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure
Winston Creek Campground	Lewis County, 20 <sup>th</sup> LD	Full closure