



Puget Sound Corps 2017-'19 Capital Budget Request



INVESTING IN THE HEALTH OF PUGET SOUND, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VETERANS

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) works actively with Puget Sound Corps crews. Puget Sound Corps provides employment opportunities for young people ages 16-25 and veterans while performing critical work and improving the health of Puget Sound. This funding request would aid the efforts of the Puget Sound Corps, along with the Washington Conservation Corps, Veterans Corps, Earth Corps, Student Conservation Association and other similar conservation programs.

PUGET SOUND CORPS CREWS:

- Maintain and develop **recreation** sites and trails
- Restore **urban forests, natural areas** and **shorelines**
- Treat and control **noxious weeds**
- Remove **invasive species** in aquatic lands
- Care for **aquatic reserves**
- Help with monofilament line **recycling**
- Assess **forage fish habitat**
- Remove **creosote logs**
- Aid communities practicing **urban forestry techniques**

This request would fund four crews based in South Puget Sound, roughly six crews in Northwest Washington and about two Olympic Peninsula crews. One Forage Fish crew and one Urban Forestry crew would work statewide.

This **\$9.2 million investment** would make big strides for the **health of Washington's forests and waterways** while creating employment opportunities for a targeted workforce: **youth and veterans.**

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