



**USDA Forest Service**  
**Washington Grants Awarded by State and Private Forestry**  
**Pacific Northwest Region, Cooperative Programs**  
**1994-2004**



**County: Columbia**

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**Federal Identifier:** WAEC-99-005  
**Grant Name:** Blue Mtn. RR Reballasting

**Project Start Date:** 05/17/1999  
**Project End Date:** 12/31/1999

**Applicant:** Port of Columbia County  
**Contact:** Donald Turner, 509-382-2577

**FS Award:** \$47,340  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$453,846  
**Total Project Funding:** \$501,186

**Description:**

This project will place 35000 tons of ballast gravel under the ties and rails of the Port of Columbia owned Blue Mountain railroad. The railroad is needed to insure businesses stay in Dayton. Transportation for canned asparagus is extremely important as it must be shipped by rail car to prevent damage to the product by vibration. The asparagus cannery's 60 fulltime and 1100 seasonal jobs are the backbone of the local economy with nearly \$8,000,000 in wages paid annually and the purchase of farm products from producers.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-95-018a  
**Grant Name:** Sewage Treatment System Study

**Project Start Date:** 09/07/1995  
**Project End Date:** 10/31/1997

**Applicant:** Town of Starbuck  
**Contact:** Carol Wildman, (509) 399-2373

**FS Award:** \$20,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$12,260  
**Total Project Funding:** \$32,260

**Description:**

This study will determine the feasibility of constructing a large soil absorption (LSA) sewage system for the Town of Starbuck. It will also include management alternatives for implementing LSA systems. This feasibility study will help to

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-95-018b  
**Grant Name:** Sewage Treatment System Study

**Project Start Date:** 09/07/1995  
**Project End Date:** 10/31/1998

**Applicant:** Town of Starbuck  
**Contact:** Carroll Downing, 509-399-2373

**FS Award:** \$25,000  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$340  
**Total Project Funding:** \$25,340

**Description:**

This modification will provide funding to cover legal expenses, Phase I of the engineering/design, and possibly some land acquisition costs associated with the wastewater treatment site. This modification will assist the Town of Starbuck in determining whether a gravity or pressure collection system will best suite their needs and then move them into the

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-95-027  
**Grant Name:** Industrial Incubator Building

**Project Start Date:** 09/14/1995  
**Project End Date:** 08/31/1996

**Applicant:** Port of Columbia County  
**Contact:** Donald Turner, 509-382-2577

**FS Award:** \$121,194  
**Leveraged Funds:** \$38,471  
**Total Project Funding:** \$159,665

**Description:**

Funds are for construction of an industrial incubator building in Columbia County's Industrial Park. The completed building should attract more new business starts and help diversify the local resource dependent economies.

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**Federal Identifier:** WANW-98-001

**Grant Name:** Wastewater Engineering/Design

**Project Start Date:** 01/29/1998

**Project End Date:** 12/31/2000

**Applicant:** Town of Starbuck

**Contact:** Carol Wildman, 509-399-2373

**FS Award:** \$158,201

**Leveraged Funds:** \$1,336,357

**Total Project Funding:** \$1,494,559

**Description:**

This grant of \$200,000 will provide for complete final engineering and design of a wastewater collection and treatment system for the Town of Starbuck. Approximately, \$125,000 will be used for contract engineering services and \$75,000 for the purchase of collection system supplies. This is a Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) in partnership with Rensselaerville Institute, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Washington State Community Development Block Grant program. The community will install the collection system, most of the the treatment system will be contracted. Currently, Starbuck is in a state of decline. Construction of an affordable wastewater treatment system will allow for construction of new homes and improvement of existing homes. Without a proper system, present homes will continue to deteriorate and existing failed septic systems will continue to contaminate groundwater and the adjacent Tuccannon River.

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**County Summary:**

<b>Grants Awarded:</b>	5
<b>Total FS Award:</b>	\$371,735
<b>Total Leveraged Funds:</b>	<u>\$1,841,274</u>
<b>Total Project Funding:</b>	\$2,213,010