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## Washington's National Park Fund News



### September 2015

This past Saturday was [National Public Lands Day](#). Were you out hiking? Seeing the beautiful foliage and colors? It's been great to see some snow flying at high elevations, too. Love those [webcams](#)!

If you follow the parks on social media, you probably already know that they saw a record-breaking number of visitors this summer. Wow! Coupled with the wildfires our state has experienced, demands on our beloved flat hat crews have been intense. Next time you see a park ranger, give them an extra thank you, would you please?

And, if you can do more, we warmly encourage you to contribute toward a priority project that needs additional funding to go [OVER THE TOP](#) and become reality! From the superintendents on down, those who work so hard for our parks truly appreciate your support. Please take a look below to see how you can help. It's the scores of park lovers who combine forces to make a big impact for these precious, wild places.

**To the parks!**  
**- Laurie Ward, Executive Director**

## Take project funding **OVER THE TOP** through October 1st! **FOUR MORE DAYS!**

- Each year, NPS staff strategically identify critical projects that cannot be funded through current budgets and submit detailed proposals to the Fund.
- Superintendents from each park have identified important projects that have not yet been fully funded.
- With your help, we can move these projects from wish to reality!

On our website, [you can learn more about each of these 12 important projects](#) and consider where you'd like to [contribute](#). Let's take funding for priority projects up and **Over The Top!** with support from you and others who care about the parks.

**Have a direct and real impact on the project that speaks most to you, or allow the Fund to allocate your donation to the project most in need. Please use the links below to get started.**



[Connecting Youth](#)



[Cascades Butterfly Project](#)



[Sahale Arm Repair](#)

### [Glacier Loss in the Olympics](#)

Bill Baccus has been studying the Olympic National Park glaciers for years. Glacier loss in the Olympics is much higher than the loss observed in other mountains of the Northwest. This is likely due to their comparatively low elevation and sensitivity to temperature in a maritime climate. Because of your donations, funding was awarded through WNPF in 2014 to monitor two key glaciers in Olympic National Park. In 2015, other grants and NPS dollars are being used to extend the project. The March 1st survey showed the lowest snow level recorded since 1948 in the Olympics.

The current proposal will [fund a third year](#) of glacier monitoring.

To learn and see more, check out Olympic National Park's [interactive glacier map](#) - especially the Ferry Glacier in the 1960s and 2010.



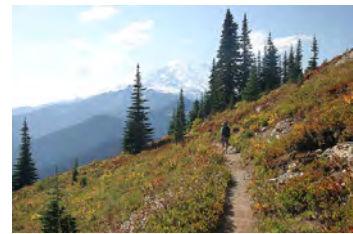
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[Volunteer Support](#)



[Fisher Restoration](#)



[WTA Project Leader](#)



[Spruce Nature Trail](#)



[Swiftwater Rescue](#)

**Thank you for supporting priority projects.  
You make the difference for our parks!**



[Dark Skies Interpretation](#)



[Rangers on Campus](#)



[Education Staffing](#)



**Registration is now OPEN for the fall overnight Fireside Circle at Lake Crescent Lodge, Friday, November 13th - Saturday, November 14th.**

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**Join us for a LAUNCH PARTY!  
Hamma Hamma Double IPA**

5:30 PM, Tuesday, November 10th  
Zeeks' Queen Anne Location  
1915 Queen Anne Ave N, Seattle



Zeeks Pizza in Seattle has collaborated on an exclusive beer with Schooner Exact Brewery and named it after Hamma Hamma Falls in Olympic National Park. Even better - they're donating a portion of the proceeds!

Every time Zeeks pours Hamma Hamma Double IPA at up to 13 locations, 5% of the sales will be donated to Olympic National Park.

**Tasty pizza, tasty beer! Thanks, Zeeks and Schooner Exact Brewery!!**

To make a donation to  
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click here!

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