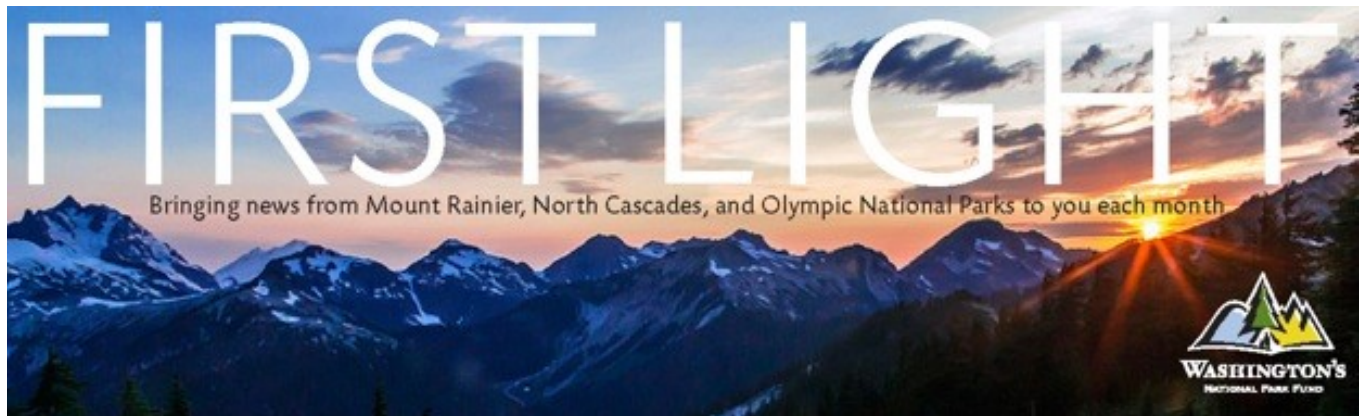




Washington's National Park Fund News



November 2014

Over the past 48 hours, torrential rains have descended upon our three National Parks. Mount Rainier National Park has been hit especially hard; the Nisqually entrance is closed. All park staff, visitors and guests of the National Park Inn have been evacuated.

View photos on the [park's flickr page](#) here.

Assuming no further flooding, the park plans to re-open on Friday at 8 a.m. Follow progress on [Twitter](#).

It's times like these that National Park staff gain an even DEEPER respect for Mother Nature.

I love the mountains, I love the rolling hills.

**I love the flowers, I love the daffodils.
I love the fireside when all the lights are low.**

Catchy little jingle, wasn't it?

Some of the other things the board and staff of Washington's National Park Fund appreciate?

- Our **park partners** -- the Superintendents, rangers, scientists, youth and volunteer coordinators, and beyond -- who care deeply for our public lands and the visitors who come each year
- The **volunteers** who give so freely of themselves TO the National Parks as they care for the miles of trails, rescue those needing rescuing, educate youth, repair campgrounds, and on it goes
- **Our donors** who also give so freely of their hard earned dollars which collectively has significant impact on Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks
- The **foundations** that believe in the good works of our national parks and show their support year after year
- Our 2014 corporate partners including REI, Starbuck's, Microsoft, Clatter & Din, Three Moon Bay, Hemlock Productions, BES Events, Freeman, RedBox Pictures, SeattleMet magazine, Wirta Hospitality Worldwide, and oh so many more
- Our **wonderful lodges in the parks** -- managed by ARAMARK, Delaware North, and Guest Services, Inc. -- whose support us through their voluntary guest donation programs
- Our **climbing partners** -- Alpine Ascents International, International Mountain Guides, Rainier Mountaineering, Inc. -- who support the parks with the climbs
- Our growing partnerships with **youth programs** like those at Mount Rainier Institute, NatureBridge, and North Cascades Institute
- Our growing collective focus on the National Park Service's Centennial 2016 with National Park Conservation Association, Student Conservation Association, The Mountaineers and Washington Trails Association

**We're all so grateful...
grateful for the opportunity to nurture and support
these iconic National Parks.**

We couldn't do it without all of you.

Quietly and simply stated, thank you.

Frequently asked questions

So are you wondering...

- How the above funded projects are identified/selected?
- What the story is behind REI's outstanding support this past summer?
- How Washington's National Park Fund differs from National Park Foundation, National Park Conservation Association, and other partners?
- Which projects fall within each of Washington's National Park Fund's priority areas: Science and Research, Visitors' Experiences, Volunteerism and Stewardship, and Youth and Families?
- Which projects the Fund and parks will prioritize moving forward?
- What the Fund's plans for celebrating the National Park Service's Centennial 100 anniversary in 2016 are?
- Why Mount Rainier National Park receives more than Olympic and North Cascades NPs?
- How funds are raised throughout the year?
- Whether you can direct your giving to a specific park? A specific project?

These questions and many more will be addressed in our Annual Report coming out by the end of the year.

**Stay tuned and let us know your thoughts on how we can improve.
We HIGHLY value transparency.**

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