



Washington's National Park Fund News



October 2014

\$500,000 plus.

That's how much Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks received from all of us over the past fiscal year. See a partial list below.

**Significant? Yes.
But this is only the beginning.**

WNPF board and staff, along with park staff, have great vision for all that we can and WILL DO for the good of Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks.

We're making plans now for some thoughtful planning for our future; we're calling it Blue Sky visioning.

***So? Here's to Blue Skies ahead for
Washington State's three largest National Parks!
(Thanks, Satterberg Foundation, for your support.)***

Funded Projects over the Past Year

YOU have made this happen.

Over the past six years, more than \$2.6 million has been given to Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks through Washington's National Park Fund. THIS year, we've surpassed the half million dollar mark. While pleased, we eagerly look forward to doing so much more.

Many of the following projects were completed over the past fiscal year (October 1, 2013 -- September 30, 2014). Some will be commence once the snow melts next Spring 2015.

Mount Rainier National Park

- \$50,000 for new (first time ever!) communications systems up at Camp Schurman (thanks, REI)
- \$50,000 which funds the majority of the park's volunteer program (thanks to an estate gift)
- \$20,000 that enabled the park to fund a Washington Trails Association trails crew (thanks to our dear friends/two anonymous donors)
- \$10,000 for new radios for the volunteers and Search and Rescue up at Paradise and Sunrise (thanks, Puget Sound Energy Foundation, Microsoft climbers, and other friends to the Fund)
- \$15,000 for new first responders' back packs for the park's Search and Rescue program (thanks, RAMROD riders and Redmond Cycling Club)
- \$1,450 for the Soup Ladies for their wonderful service (thanks, friends)
- \$18,000 for trails projects (thanks, Spring Dinner and Auction guests)
- \$20,000 for the Fisher reintroduction in 2015 (thanks, Charlotte Martin Foundation, Treeline Foundation, and other friends)
- \$5,500 for the solar panel project at Camp Muir (thanks, American Alpine Club)
- \$30,000+ for a ranger-led youth program in 2015 AND support for Mount Rainier Institute
- \$9,000 for a Student Conservation Association crew in 2015 (thanks, Microsoft climbers and other friends)
- \$11,000 for a Volunteer Coordinator focused on preserving Paradise and Sunrise Meadows in 2015 (thanks, Microsoft climbers)



REI's two climbing teams meet up near Camp Muir; photo courtesy of our friends at REI

North Cascades National Park

- \$6,000 in scholarships for back country rangers (thanks, Arum family)
- \$10,000 to bring in tribal youth interns (thanks, Snoqualmie Tribe)
- \$18,000 for ongoing repairs of the trails on the Sahale Arm (thanks, Spring Dinner and Auction guests); see photo below
- \$4,200 to cover transportation costs for Concrete youth (thanks, Skagit Community Foundation)
- \$3,000 for Mountain School experience for Concrete youth (thanks, First Tech Credit Union)
- \$9,000 for science/research and to improve visitors' experiences (thanks, friends)
- \$20,000 to improve visitors' experiences and expand volunteerism and stewardship (thanks, friends)



The WELL USED Sahale Arm trail on NCNP's Cascade Pass. The North Cascades' intense weather systems -- coupled with our boots and trekking poles, etc -- certainly take their toll.
Photo courtesy of National Park Service

Olympic National Park

- \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of Hurricane Ridge's Deer Park Obstruction Point trail and the Madison Falls trail (thanks, Honeywell Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region)
- \$10,000 for two interns to assist with the Elwah River restoration (thanks, Horizon Foundation)
- \$20,000 for interpretation and improving visitors' experiences at the Forks Ranger Station (thanks, Forks Chamber of Commerce and friends)
- \$22,000 to track ocean acidification on the coast (thanks, friends)
- \$7,000 for trash free beach clean-up Kits (thanks, friends)
- \$10,000 to provide a ranger who is dedicated to serving youth programs in 2015 (thanks, friends)
- \$18,000 for ongoing trail repairs throughout the park (thanks Spring Dinner and Auction guests)
- \$5,000 for volunteers/scientific monitoring of the Olympic marmot (thanks, friends)
- \$13,000 for the ongoing monitoring of the Roosevelt Elk (thanks, friends)



The beloved Roosevelt Elk stick together in Olympic National Park. WNPf funds enable the park to research and track important migration patterns. Photo courtesy of National Park Service

Friends, together, we've made these changes in our beloved National Parks through our...

- **License plate purchases**
- **Attendance at the Spring Dinner and Auction**
- **Support of Microsoft and REI climbers**
- **RAMROD riders' generosity**
- **kind and generous foundations who share a passion for our parks**
- **estate gifts**
- **area corporations matching gifts/support of volunteer time in the parks**
- **guest donations at Paradise Inn, National Park Inn, Kalaloch Lodge, Lake Crescent Lodge, Log Cabin Resort, and Sol Duc Hot Springs**
- **Change that we drop in the park donation boxes**
- **gifts given at the end of the year**

Feel good knowing that your support is having a very direct and very real impact on Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks.

It sends a clear message to park staff: "We believe in you, value you, and want to help you as you serve park visitors and improve our National Parks."

GREAT THINGS LIE AHEAD FOR OUR THREE PARKS THROUGH WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND.

CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE GROWING IMPACT.

SHOW YOUR PARKS HOW MUCH YOU TREASURE THEM.

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.**

Amazon Smiles on our National Parks!



Do you love Washington's National Parks AND shopping at Amazon? Why not combine those two loves and help Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks at the same time?

It's all part of the AmazonSmile program. Washington's National Park Fund (WNPF) is a registered charity partner. When you make your purchases, select us. A portion of your purchases will be directed to WNPF to help support the amazing work in these three National Parks.

**Learn more about the AmazonSmile program on the link below.
Follow the instructions to select Washington's National Park Fund.**

<http://smile.amazon.com/about>

Thank you.

THE POWER OF VIDEO

At Washington's National Park Fund, we GREATLY VALUE the power of video.

Here's a new one that's making the rounds.
It features a day in the life of Olympic National Park.

This project is the START for [More than just Parks.](#)

Love video production? Show MTJP your support when you visit their site. Every gift helps.

(And special thanks to our outstanding video production gang at Clatter&Din, Hemlock Productions and Three Moon Bay who all lovingly give of their time, talent and treasures to promote WNPF and our three parks through video.)

Behind the Scenes

Behind the scenes of Washington's National Park Fund lies a small army of volunteers who serve on our board of directors.

Quite honestly, these people are remarkable. They fill tables at our Spring Dinner and Auction, invite their friends and colleagues to our Fireside Circles, distribute information at the gates on fee free days, oversee our financials, provide guidance and insights for our marketing and communications, help us in the overall production of our events, recruit volunteers, raise funds for our climbs, and provide guidance and counsel for all that we do.

This is not a passive board. Far from it. They are a passionate group of parks people who care deeply about -- and are concerned for -- our three national parks.

Alongside all of us are our three parks' Superintendents Sarah Creachbaum (Olympic), Randy King and Deputy Superintendent, Tracy Swartout (Mount Rainier), and Karen Taylor-Goodrich (North Cascades). They partner with us, provide insights and guidance to us, attend our events, and stand right alongside everything that we do with/for these iconic public lands. It is a true partnership, through and through.



2013-14 Board of Directors, Park Superintendents and WNP staff during our Board Retreat.
Longmire Community Building, Mount Rainier National Park, June 2014
Photo courtesy of Tracy Swartout

Here's a hearty "FLAT HAT SALUTE" to the members of our 2013-14 board of directors:

- David Barbrack
- Herb Bridge
- Jules Dickerson
- John Dickson
- Don Gaines
- Linda Glein
- Martinique Grigg
- Kelly Jackson

- John Newhoff
- Cleve Pinnix
- Jeannette Privat
- Pam Reynolds
- Dana Visser
- Mona West
- David Wilde
- Bret Wirta

You bring it all together with and for us!



Two beloved NPS "Flat Hats" at one of WNPF's events.
Photo courtesy of Scott Eklund at Seattle's
[Red Box Pictures](#)



The **National Parks Traveler** has a just released their new fall publication out highlighting all things parks! Entitled [Traveler's Essential Park Guide, Fall 2014](#), the guide features tips and trips perfect for the fall - whether it's leaf peeping or watching bird migrations, there's something for every region!

Check out page 36 for a feature on how Washington's National Park Fund is helping out

the "big three" in Washington State and a hike recommendation in each of the parks - Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

View the publication [here](#). Happy reading and happy exploring this fall!

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