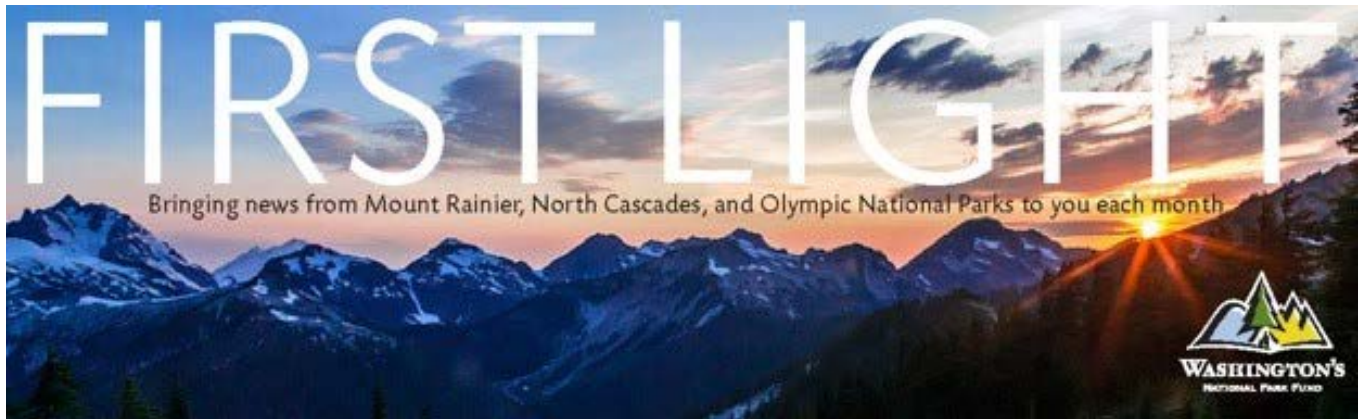




Washington's National Park Fund News



May 2015

**Park priority projects that were submitted in
December are being funded at a rapid clip!
THANK YOU for new and ongoing support for
Mount Rainier, North Cascades
and Olympic National Parks**

THANK YOU Washington Ski Touring Club

We are grateful to the 37 members of the Washington Ski Touring Club (WSTC) who not only served as the 2014/2015 Nordic Patrol for the Paradise area volunteering 810.5 hours of their time, but this mighty group recently donated \$500 through the Fund for Mount Rainier! This year marked the twentieth anniversary of WSTC volunteering as the Paradise area Nordic Patrol. Thanks, WSTC!!

WSTC photo



Volunteer Citizen Scientists
tracking down butterflies in the North Cascades

Philanthropy champions are all around us! During GiveBIG on May 5th, these champions contributed more than \$10,000 for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

The Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG is a one-day, online charitable giving event to inspire people to give generously to the many nonprofit organizations who make our region a healthier and more vital place to live. The \$10,400 contributed online by individuals will be stretched by The Seattle Foundation with a prorated match (with exact figures to be announced soon).

We know that many of you give in multiple ways to the Fund throughout the year. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm!

We very much appreciate your support of GiveBIG, whether you contributed, shared the opportunity with colleagues, friends, and family, or spread the word on social media. We are grateful for your efforts and we have been honored to participate with more than 1,700 other local nonprofits in GiveBIG this year.

Join the Fun! Attend a Fireside Circle

A few rooms may still be open for Mount Rainier's Fireside Circle at Paradise Inn: Tuesday, May 19th - Wednesday, May 20th

Each spring and fall, overnight stays are offered to Washington's National Park Fund friends - and friends of friends - at incredible lodges in the national parks. The lodges extend us a very special welcome the night before they kick off the spring season and open to the public. These are not fundraising events. Fireside Circles are an opportunity to learn first-hand about successes and challenges in the parks, enjoy hikes and conversation with park rangers and staff, meet others who share your appreciation for the parks, and to simply relax and enjoy the beauty.

[Interested? Click here to view details!](#)

Friends of the Fund enjoy an overnight Fireside Circle at Lake Crescent Lodge in Olympic National Park, May 1

Guests at the Fireside Circle on May 1st and 2nd at Lake Crescent Lodge had the chance to spend time with Dr. Stephen Fradkin, and see the park's Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV) travel to the depths of the lake. Contributions to purchase the ROV came from donors to Washington's National Park Fund. They also had the opportunity to get to know Sarah Creachbaum, Superintendent, Olympic National Park, during the evening reception, dinner and program. It was a wonderful night!



Next morning it was up bright and early for a canoe ride with our friends at NatureBridge then a tour of the [ELWHA RIVER RESTORATION](#) project.



North Cascades National Park Fireside Circle Saturday, June 6

Will you be in the Methow Valley on Saturday, June 6? Join us for a late afternoon Fireside Circle at the Freestone Inn in Mazama. Special guest Karen Taylor Goodrich, Superintendent, North Cascades National Park, will share updates on the parks and Laurie Ward, updates on funded projects in the North Cascades.



Freestone Inn, Mazama

Interested? Contact [Laurie Ward](#), Executive Director;
reservations are necessary as space is limited.
Friends of North Cascades National Park welcome.

To make a donation to
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Have you checked out the WNPF blog?

Our great friend Andy Porter contributed this month.
And, you can see more of Andy's stunning photography at
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