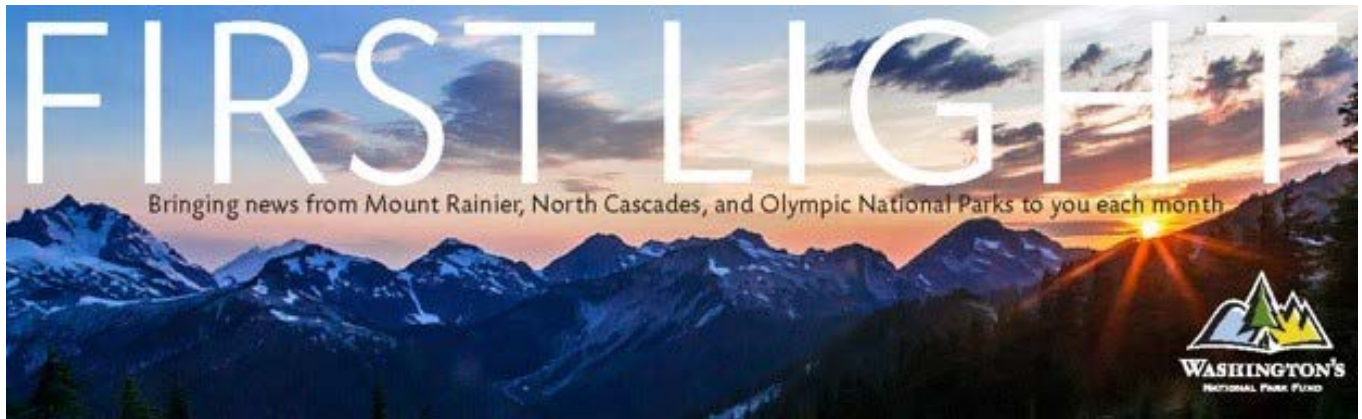




Washington's National Park Fund News



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**More than 5,000 people are
DRIVING their support for
Washington's national parks!**



**Because of so many of YOU, we've finally surpassed 5,000 National Park plates on
Washington State highways!! 5,003 to be exact!**

Have you seen them? More than 5,000 Washington National Parks license plates are on Washington roads, and the number continues to grow every day. When you purchase one of these plates, \$28 comes back to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks through Washington's National Park Fund.

Since its inception, nearly \$900,000 have been raised for the parks through our license plate program. That's thanks to YOU!



Did you know?

- \$145,000 was given to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks last year through the license plate program
- The plate is an actual photo of North Cascades National Park taken by the late Lee Mann
- All funds raised in Washington State stay in Washington State for these parks
- You can get a tax-deduction for your \$28 by contacting the Fund office and requesting a receipt (Due to privacy issues, the Department of Licensing cannot share your information with Washington's National Park Fund. If you want to be on our list, you must make the request)
- Plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle as long as the registered owner remains the same
- Many commercial vehicles including our climbing partner companies have National Park plates
- Plates can be purchased for motorcycles, trailers, and motor homes

Back in November 2005, WNPF signed up for the program and held a two-week online auction for the first 25 National Park plates. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, the auction was extended an additional week. Opening bids started at \$200 per plate; some went for more than \$1,000.

People do love their national parks! We know that many of you still have those same plates today. Send us photos and your stories; we'd love to share them.

Call us at the Fund to learn more at 206-623-2063 or visit the [Washington State Department of Licensing Site](#)

Thanks to REI for generous grant funding!

\$15,000 awarded to support improvements to the North Cascades Sahale Arm Trail

Earlier this year, Washington's National Park Fund was honored to be invited to apply for [REI](#) grant funding. We are thrilled to announce that we have been selected!

WNPF has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from REI to help support improvements to the Sahale Arm Trail in [North Cascades National Park](#).



Our partnership with REI continues to deepen, and on behalf of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, we are so grateful.

REI provides grants to select nonprofits that care for the outdoor places their customers - namely, all of us! - love. The process begins with store teams who establish meaningful partnerships with organizations and invite them to apply for funding.

Thanks, REI, for ALL you do!!

Heading out? Check out current weather conditions at the national parks via 15+ constantly-updated [webcams](#).

Funding priorities for 2015 include support for interns and other critical volunteer positions, restoration and repair projects, youth programs, and scientific research. Your support matters!

Visionary leaders: The National Park Service was founded in 1916...nearly 100 years ago. Want to learn more about the early leaders who brought the NPS to life? [Read on.](#)

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