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## STATEMENT FROM WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND REGARDING THE 2025 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

**SEATTLE (October 6, 2025)** – During the ongoing federal government shutdown, national park units across the country — including Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks — may experience limited services, reduced access, and diminished resources. For the most up-to-date information, we encourage the public to review contingency plans at [doi.gov/shutdown](https://doi.gov/shutdown).

Washington's National Park Fund asks that individuals refrain from adding pressure on limited national park resources at this time. Instead, there are many ways to stay connected and show support:

- Explore local and non-federal public lands while continuing to recreate responsibly and practice [Leave No Trace](#).
- Experience Washington's national parks virtually through our collection of virtual field trips, available for free on WNPF's [YouTube video library](#).
- Donate to Washington's National Park Fund's [Resilience Fund](#) to help address the parks' most pressing needs once full operations resume.

### **Quote from Steve Dubiel, CEO, Washington's National Park Fund:**

"Government shutdowns highlight the vulnerability of the landscapes, wildlife, and cultural treasures that national parks safeguard. While the few park staff who are deemed essential work under difficult circumstances, we encourage everyone to ease the burden by seeking alternative ways to connect with nature. And when it comes to ensuring these treasured places have the resources they need long-term, private support is critical. Every gift to Washington's National Park Fund directly strengthens Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks — now and for generations to come."

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### **About Washington's National Park Fund**

Washington's National Park Fund (WNPF) is the official philanthropic partner to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Founded by former governor and senator Dan Evans and legendary mountaineer Lou Whittaker, WNPF is the only philanthropic organization dedicated solely to Washington's three largest national parks and has awarded more than \$10 million to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Learn how we support the parks at [wnpf.org](https://wnpf.org).

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