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Taking Project Funding OVER THE TOP For National Parks!

Online event will fund featured projects at Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks

Seattle, Wash. – Fans of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks can help transform wishes into reality in an online event: OVER THE TOP. Park superintendents and staff have identified partially funded projects that are critically needed by the three national parks. Donors can learn about each project online at http://www.wnpf.org, and invest in as many as they would like.

WHAT: Washington's National Park Fund's OVER THE TOP! virtual event

WHEN: now through September 30, 2015 WHERE: http://wnpf.org/over-the-top/

WHY: Support projects for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks that may not otherwise be funded.

HOW: View project descriptions to learn more, then simply click to give to the projects of your choosing!

FEATURED PROJECTS:

Please click each title to view detailed information on the WNPF website

For Mount Rainier National Park

- 1. Crew Leader from Washington Trails Association
- 2. Volunteer Program Management
- 3. Fisher Restoration
- 4. Education Ranger For School Programs

North Cascades National Park:

- 1. <u>Sahale Arm Trail Repairs</u>
- 2. <u>Cascade Butterfly Project</u>
- 3. Getting More Youth To The Park
- 4. Swiftwater Rescue

Olympic National Park:

- 1. Shrinking Glaciers Study
- 2. Rangers on Campus, a joint project with NatureBridge
- 3. Spruce Nature Trail and Bridge Replacement
- 4. Dark Skies Interpretation

"There's a lot of excitement about this OVER THE TOP effort, and with this virtual event, you'll know exactly where your investment goes...100% of it!" said Laurie Ward, Executive Director of Washington's National Park Fund. "Particularly given this summer's wildfires, we want more than ever to support those who work so hard for our parks, and fully fund these critical needs."

To participate, donors simply visit the <u>WNPF website</u> and click through to see and contribute toward the projects that need to be taken OVER THE TOP before the end of September.

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Washington's National Park Fund is the *only* philanthropic organization dedicated *exclusively* to supporting Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks through charitable contributions, operating under a Partnership Agreement between each national park and the Fund. Our mission is to raise private support to deepen the public's love for, understanding of, and experiences in Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Park. Annually, the park superintendents submit a wish list of projects that, except for charitable contributions, could not otherwise happen. Over the past seven years, more than \$2.5 million has been contributed to the Fund. 100% of donations to Washington's National Park Fund stay right here in Washington for the benefit of Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks.

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The live portion of the OVER THE TOP event, previously scheduled to be at Georgetown Ballroom on September 16th, has been cancelled.