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Hueth joins WNPF board of directors to help sustain national parks

Seattle, WA — Embracing the spirit, intent and purpose of the founding of the National Park Service 100 years ago, Larry Hueth, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Federal Bank in Port Angeles, WA, has joined Washington's National Park Fund's board of directors. <u>Washington's National Park Fund</u> (WNPF) is the official fundraising partner for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

"While we must accept and embrace change, there is also a need to protect and preserve resources, history, and quality of life," Hueth said. "I can think of no greater source of civic pride and economic development for Clallam and Jefferson Counties than Olympic National Park. Increasing awareness and local support of all three of Washington's largest national parks meaningfully benefits those surrounding communities."

Living "right in the shadow of Olympic National Park," Hueth considers it a big part of his day-to-day life. He and his wife, Sequim residents for eight years, often enjoy day hikes when they can disconnect, slow down to nature's pace, and put things in perspective. Heuth is an avid photographer, and says they tend take more time on the trails than do most hikers.

"I'm looking at the micro," said Hueth, who often captures images of leaves, twigs, and other small natural trailside details. "There's extreme beauty in the smallest things."

Larry Hueth also serves on the boards of Clallam County Economic Development Corporation, Olympic Medical Center Foundation, and Washington Bankers Association PROS. First Federal also gives back to the community through the First Federal Community Foundation (firstfedcf.org) and was awarded the 2015 National Association Secretaries of State Medallion Award recognizing civic engagement. "Larry's personal, professional and civic interests are a great match for the Fund," said Laurie Ward, Executive Director of Washington's National Park Fund. "As a resident of Clallam County, he brings a key geographic perspective to our leadership group as well."

Other new members joining the WNPF board include Bruce Pflaum, Denise Wulfekuhle, Jay A. Satz, and Sage Newman. View the full board list here.

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ABOUT WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND

Over the past seven years, more than \$3 million has been contributed to the parks through <u>Washington's National</u> <u>Park Fund</u>, the official fundraising partner for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Annually, superintendents of the three parks submit a list of priority projects that, except for charitable contributions, could not otherwise happen. 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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