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Mount Rainier National Park vies for grant in the **Partners for Preservation: National Parks** campaign

- *The public is encouraged to vote daily at voteyourpark.org/mountrainier*
- *Popular vote will determine which park sites receive funding.*
- *Partners in Preservation (PIP) was created by American Express and the National Trust For Historic Preservation.*

Seattle, WA (May 25, 2016) — Mount Rainier National Park announced today that it is participating in Partners in Preservation (PIP), a community-based partnership of American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in hopes of winning funds to restore an historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) cabin in the Longmire Historic District to its original use. If \$218,000 in funding is awarded, the Rustic-style cabin will be renovated to provide much-needed housing for volunteer search and rescue staff.

In honor of the National Park Service's Centennial, and in its first national campaign, the 2016 **Partners in Preservation: National Parks** campaign will award \$2 million in grants to historic sites in need of preservation within national parks units, as decided by popular vote.

With more than two million visitors a year experiencing Mount Rainier's trails, search and rescue teams are called into action at a moment's notice to help and are critical to park operations. The CCC cabin at Mount Rainier is one of 20 historic places in the running as part of the PIP campaign. The national parks' sites with the most votes at the end of the voting period will be awarded grants for historic restoration projects.

The public is encouraged to vote daily for Mount Rainier National Park today through July 5 on voteyourpark.org/mountrainier, the online portal hosted by National Geographic, this year's media partner, to determine which sites will receive preservation grants. The public is also invited to share their experiences on social media using #VoteYourPark and #VoteMtRainier.

“The support of private organizations has been essential to our efforts to care for the places that convey our nation’s history and culture since the creation of the National Park System 100 years ago,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “The 2016 Partners in Preservation campaign is a strong symbol of our partners’ continued dedication to ensure that these special places are preserved and protected for future generations of Americans.”

By voting daily at voteyourpark.org/mountrainier, supporters can also enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip to Yellowstone National Park sponsored by National Geographic.

"Mount Rainier is a beloved landmark and such a beautiful symbol of this region," said Laurie Ward, Executive Director of Washington's National Park Fund. "Let's come together to make this happen for our hard-working search and rescue volunteers – and to breathe new life into this significant historical structure."

New to the program for 2016 is a collaboration with National Geographic, a partner with strong ties to U.S. National Parks as well as historic preservation. As the media partner, National Geographic is launching a consumer engagement campaign across its digital and social platforms promoting **Partners in Preservation: National Parks** and inviting people to vote.

The public can get involved by visiting savingplaces.org/partners-in-preservation for more information and voting daily through July 5 at voteyourpark.org/mountrainier.

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ABOUT PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION

[Partners in Preservation](#) is a program in which American Express, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, awards preservation grants to historic places across the country. Since 2006, Partners in Preservation, a community-based partnership, has committed \$16 million in preservation funding to nearly 200 diverse sites in eight different cities across the country.

Through this partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the United States and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. The program also hopes to inspire long-term support from local citizens for the historic places at the heart of their communities.

ABOUT WASHINGTON’S NATIONAL PARK FUND

Over the past seven years, more than \$3 million has been contributed to the parks through [Washington's National Park Fund](#), 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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