

A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER Thanks to You



Friends of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks –

As we close the door on another year and reflect on all that 2021 brought us, we can't help but be grateful. Thanks to our legions of supporters across Washington state and beyond, we've had our best year ever for the parks.

Thanks to you... we raised **more than \$2.3 million** – a record – in support of priority park projects in Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

Thanks to you... we were able to fund 38 projects in the three national parks, including search and rescue programs, citizen science-based research projects, the thousands of volunteers who donate their time to keep our parks healthy and vibrant, and so much more.

Thanks to you... we were able to grow the three parks' endowments to nearly \$1.7 million – allowing for sustained funding to support the long-term needs identified by park staff.

All of this progress took place despite a second year of challenges wrought by COVID-19, both for our national parks and the dedicated public servants, rangers, and volunteers who devote their careers and their time to them.

Here at Washington's National Park Fund, our operations were impacted as well. For the second year in a row, we were forced to host our beloved annual Auction for the Parks as a virtual event. Despite the virtual shift in 2021, you all exceeded our expectations and generated more than \$126,000 for volunteer programs in the parks.

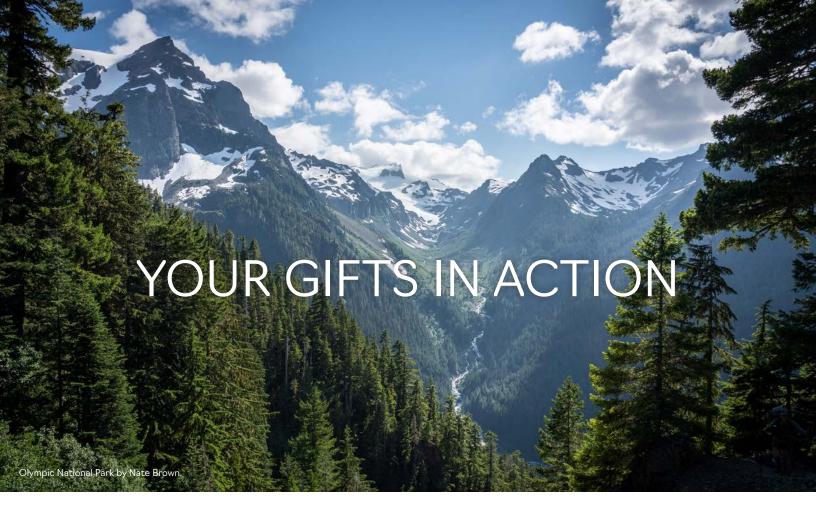
In a year when nearly five million visitors found solace in Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, more people than ever before stepped up to help us keep them going strong. These parks belong to all of us – and it is up to us to protect them for years to come. As supporters, we come together for our national parks.

Thank you for playing a role.

Jamie BWord

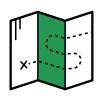
Laurie Ward
Chief Executive Officer

Fred Hammerquist Chair of the Board





of donations kept in Washington state for our three national parks



awarded in the last decade to fund priority projects in the parks

\$6 million



completed each year in Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic

30-40 projects



support Mount Rainier annually with the Volunteer Program

2,000 volunteers

As the official nonprofit partner to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, we raise private support to protect, study and deepen people's connections with these special places. We raise funds for projects in four program areas: advancing science and research, improving visitors' experiences, expanding volunteerism and stewardship, and providing for youth and family programs.



See all the projects we've funded over the years, listed by priority area, on our website. These are just a few examples of how funds raised by Washington's National Park Fund – thanks to our many dedicated donors – make a huge difference in our parks in our "core four" priority areas:

Science and Research: Adopt A Whitebark Pine in the North Cascades (\$14,000)

A collaboration of North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks and the USFS Dorena Genetic Research Center, this project supports community science and student volunteers in locating trees that are resistant to blister rust and subsequent damage by native mountain pine beetles on weakened trees. Volunteers collect the cones, and the resulting seeds are then used to restore severely impacted whitebark pine stands in both parks.



Visitors' Experiences: Solar Power Generators Ramp Up Mount Rainier (\$10,000)

In summer 2021, Mount Rainier received two new Goal-Zero solar generators. The larger of the two will be instrumental in the construction of new comfort stations up at Camp Muir in 2022. This eliminates the noise of the old, dirty gas-powered generator, as well as reducing the carbon footprint that resulted from the old unit's exhaust. The second smaller generator is being used on remote projects throughout the park.



Volunteerism and Stewardship: Butterfly Surveys in the North Cascades (\$10,000)

Over the last decade, community science volunteers have dedicated thousands of hours to the Cascades Butterfly Project's monitoring of the region's high mountain meadows. Once a week each summer, volunteers survey areas within the Cascades and record butterfly species, peak butterfly flight periods, and bloom dates of host plants – providing critical insight for researchers seeking to understand the impacts of climate change.



Youth and Families: Seventh Grade Science Field Trips to Olympic (\$17,000)

Science field trips to Olympic National Park give middle school students who may not otherwise experience their national parks the chance to explore them by stepping into the shoes of a real-life scientist for the day. Students help rangers, teachers and scientists collect data at Hurricane Ridge — 5,000 feet above sea-level — so we can all better understand how changing snowpack due to climate change will impact park ecosystems.



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PROJECTS BY PARK



At the beginning of each fiscal year in October, our three parks' Superintendents work with their leadership teams to identify top priorities that, if not for Washington's National Park Fund support, would go unfunded. During fiscal year 2021, we secured, with your support, funding for dozens of projects in Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, including:

Mount Rainier National Park



\$78,000 for the Volunteer Program

Mount Rainier's volunteer program is a powerful force for providing vital project support and creating passionate advocates for the park's mission. Each year more than 2,400 volunteers donate nearly 70,000 hours to the park - an effort worth an astonishing \$1.8 million in services and a priceless investment in building community connections.



\$47,000 for a WTA Crew Lead for Youth and Volunteer Programs

Washington's National Park Fund and the Washington Trails Association (WTA) partner together year after year. This year, the park will hire a WTA crew leader to guide volunteers in completing a section of the Skyline Trail, hire a youth trail crew to assist with a trail project, and provide logistical support to volunteers performing much needed maintenance.



\$40,000 for the Meadow Rover Volunteer Program

Caring for the fragile subalpine meadow ecosystems of Paradise while providing a safe and memorable visitor experience requires just the right balance of vigilance and education - and the park's 200 Meadow Rovers are up to the task! These dedicated volunteers donate nearly 9,000 hours and make close to 200,000 visitor connections annually.



\$35,000 for Re-Planting Subalpine Meadows in Paradise

Heavy use, off-trail hiking, and historic uses of the Paradise alpine and subalpine meadows have left areas disturbed and bare. Volunteers consisting of community groups, students, and youth corps works crews will work to restore 20,000 square feet of disturbed meadow, planting 55,000 locally sourced native plants.



(2) \$26,500 for Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems

In an effort to conserve native fish populations and restore aquatic ecosystems, staff and volunteers work together to remove non-native fish and conduct surveys to monitor the different amphibian species and relative abundance in lakes. Funding provides trained staff to oversee volunteers and lead these important conservation efforts.



\$26,000 for Studying Visitor Use Patterns to Guide Park Management

University of Washington researchers will assist Mount Rainier staff in collecting data on use patterns throughout the park to provide insight on both where and when visitors are most active. Results will help guide management decisions and strategies to improve the visitor experience and ensure ongoing stewardship of the park's most beloved places.



\$16,600 for the Roadside Assistant Volunteer Network (RAVENs)

In addition to assisting stranded motorists, RAVENs help with traffic control in emergency and non-emergency situations and provide ranger support during Search and Rescue incidences, freeing up first responders so that they can tend to the most critical calls. Funding will ensure that this vital program continues with five volunteers stationed throughout the park.



📢 \$15,000 for School Bus Subsidies to Enhance Access for Underserved Populations

Funding will provide grants to Title 1 schools to cover the cost of transporting students to and from the park. Providing students with the opportunity to visit the park, many for the first time, will ensure accessibility during critical stages of their educational development and build a sense of connection to the park and public lands.



\$13,500 for Alpine Mammal Monitoring

This project will engage volunteers, community scientists, and university students who will survey for signs of the Cascade red fox, wolverine, pika, marmot, and other rare carnivores on 200 miles of trails and 100 rocky hillsides in an effort to understand the current distribution of climate sensitive species including carnivores and their prey species within the park.



\$10,000 for Volunteer Historic Preservation Masonry

Protecting and preserving Mount Rainier's historic structures is a priority area for the park. These funds will provide a masonry apprentice/intern to assist the National Park Service's historic masonry crew with repairs on park guard walls, bridges, and structures throughout Mount Rainier National Park.



\$3,000 for COVID-19 Signage

As COVID-19 spread in spring of 2020, park staff had to communicate safety protocols and precautions for park visitors and provide the information visitors would normally receive from the visitors' centers, many of which had to close for safety reasons. Funding enabled signs on information boards that saw constant use during times of moderate to high visitation.



\$2,200 for the Dark Skies Project

Historically serving nearly 15,000 visitors each summer, the Night Skies program shares with the public how critical it is to preserve our dark night skies. Funding will provide an additional volunteer telescope operator/interpreter with living expenses and a trailer pad during the summer months to help handle growing demand.



\$1,400 for Search and Rescue (SAR)

For many, a trip to a national park is a wonderful opportunity to explore the great outdoors - but for some, it can be a memorable experience for all the wrong reasons. Funding supports the emergency Search and Rescue (SAR) services that come to the rescue when visitors encounter common hazards of a park trip, including getting lost or injured and more.

North Cascades National Park



\$53,000 for the Bear Essentials Safety Program

Through the Bear Essentials program, rangers use the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service educational bear trailer to teach visitors about proper food storage and bear stewardship. Their campground programs and one-on-one interactions provide critical information to keep people safe and bears alive in the park.



\$25,000 for Wild Bears and Backcountry People

Stehekin's 25-year-old bear boxes are in need of replacements - but Stehekin Valley Road is inaccessible. The 370-pound boxes would need to be flown in (an expensive endeavor). In 2022, it will be possible to piggy-back bear box fly-ins with a trail project involving helicopters, allowing crews to fly in six new and nine replacement boxes to all eight trailside camps.



\$23,000 for Community Resilience through Food Sustainability and Native Plant Education

This five-year education project will provide educational outdoor experiences, place-based learning, and native plant and food sustainability education for 160 youth participants each year. Through partnerships between the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, Lummi Nation, Lummi Natural Resources, Lummi Nation School, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, and others, youth and volunteer participants and community partners will rehabilitate one greenhouse on school grounds, construct one greenhouse and multiple garden beds on school and tribal lands, grow and transplant native plants to park and tribal lands, grow and harvest sustainable, healthy food plants, and more.

"New and deepened relationships with community partners is the greatest accomplishment overall. The positive energy, and willingness for staff from all organizations to come together and work on shared goals has been a highlight of the last year. Despite numerous key positions across nearly every organization changing hands, partners remain as engaged as ever in providing students with meaningful outdoor experiences and working towards goals of food sustainability for communities and local tribes."

> - Denise Shultz, Chief of Visitor Services, oversees the Community Resilience through Food Sustainability and Native Plant Education project in North Cascades National Park



\$5,000 for Studying Rare Carnivores

Rare carnivores, such as wolverine, Canada lynx, and Cascade red fox, are slowly recovering in the North Cascades, but face uncertainty in a rapidly changing climate. Funding will support the National Park Service in collecting diet data to better understand how these species coexist, and how vulnerable they are due to climate impacts on their prey species.



\$3,500 for Paramedic Training

In response to a large increase in visitation, North Cascades National Park developed an Advanced Life Support (ALS) program to help park visitors and employees during their time of need through trained rangers. Funds will help the park to expand this successful program by sending three more park rangers to the National Park Service's ParkMedic Training.



\$2,000 for Stehekin Youth Conservation Team Mountain Bikes

Funds will purchase seven mountain bikes to transport youth conservation corps members for work on land restoration projects, historic orchard maintenance, trail brushing, and invasive weed control - many projects that were previously canceled or pushed back last year, simply for want of transportation for volunteers.



\$700 for Restoring Fishers

This project continues work toward the goal of restoring a self-sustaining population of fishers in the Southern Cascades (including Mount Rainier National Park and the surrounding national forest) by continuing to monitor previously released fishers to assess reproductive success.

Olympic National Park



\$100,000 for Trail Work in Olympic

Olympic National Park boasts more than 600 miles of trails within its boundaries, allowing hikers to experience glacier-capped mountains, old-growth temperate rain forests, wild Pacific coastlines, and more. Each year, more visitors travel these trails, making maintaining the trail system an ongoing challenge. Funding will support trail maintenance needs.



🕏 \$27,000 for the Scientists in the Park Internship Program

This project will fund two intern scientists in the park to assist with interpretation programs in and around Kalaloch, the Elwha, and Port Angeles. The Kalaloch intern will focus on interpreting climate change and its impacts on the coastal ecosystem and the Elwha intern will interpret the ongoing story of the Elwha River Restoration project.



\$26,700 for Adventures in Your Big Backyard

Park rangers from Olympic National Park will facilitate a series of recreational experiences for youth in the Boys and Girls Clubs' summer camp programs, including hikes of varying difficulty in each of the three main ecosystems of the park, canoeing and kayaking on Lake Crescent, and more.



📢 \$21,500 for the Tribal Pathways Internship Program

This project will fund a pilot internship program designed to engender strong relationships and cultural understanding with the eight tribal nations surrounding Olympic National Park. Paid Tribal interns will assist park managers in creating tribal outreach activities including organizing Salish language and cultural understanding classes for park staff and more.



\$21,000 for Avalanche Education and Training

Avalanche awareness, proactive visitor education and trained staff are critical to preventing and responding to the avalanche hazards that exist on the enormously popular Hurricane Ridge. Once funded, this project will provide both specialized training and much needed equipment for park staff.



\$20,000 for Supporting the Kalaloch Ranger Station

This ongoing project funds a seasonal ranger at the Kalaloch Information Station. This knowledgeable naturalist provides information on area ecology and attractions like bird watching, tidal pools and sea mammals, as well as disseminating crucial information about tides and tsunami safety.



\$18,000 for Night Sky Interpretation

This project helps the park bring the skies to the people by funding a seasonal park ranger who will focus entirely on educating visitors and sharing a love for the skies above. Moonlight walks at Hurricane Ridge, dark skies education and other interpretive programs will be offered all summer long.



\$11,600 for Prairie Restoration

Mild temperatures and abundant rain can nourish a dense tangle of forest along Olympic's coast. In a few areas the forest gives way to wet coastal prairies with acid-loving bog plants like wild cranberry, crowberry, bog laurel, Labrador-tea, sundew and sphagnum. Funds will support restoration efforts in the park's diverse prairies.



\$10,500 for the Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Program

Many volunteers plant seedlings in Matt Albright Native Plant Nursery, which are then transported into the front and backcountry for revegetation and restoration efforts. The restoration behind what was once the Elwha River Dam is a shining example of the program's tremendous success. More than 44,000 volunteer hours make all of this happen.



\$3,500 for the Conservation From Here Elk Art Installation

Conservation from Here is a traveling two-part exhibition with accompanying educational programs that synthesize art and science. Inspired by President Teddy Roosevelt, a passionate conservationist, it features the work of Pacific Northwest artist Joseph Rossano, whose work is designed to inspire change. Funding brought the exhibition to Olympic in summer 2021.



\$3,000 for Kayaks at Lake Margin

To reach isolated populations of invasive, non-native plants around Lakes Ozette, Irely, and Crescent, Olympic National Park needs kayaks that can transport a technician and their weed-removal tools within arm's-reach of the shoreline. Funding will allow the park to purchase these boats and put them to work in controlling invasive species.



2,000 for the Olympic Marmot Citizen Science Project

Supported by WNPF since the program's inception in 2010, citizen science monitoring of the Olympic Marmot has been a rewarding program all around. The park is receiving data needed to keep track of this species that is unique to the Olympic Peninsula while volunteers get to collect the data, making significant contributions to the park's resource stewardship.



\$500 for Fisher Genetic Rescue

After successful reintroduction into both the state and park, approximately 50% of fishers born on the peninsula can be traced to just three females. Some models predict that with such genetic losses, the population may go extinct. Olympic aims to secure additional animals for release in the park to increase genetic diversity and ensure the species continues.



\$300 for Glacier Research

This project has played a critical role in expanding our understanding of glaciers at Olympic, with funding providing helicopter transport of scientists to remote field sites. Continued funding will allow the park to better understand why glaciers are declining more rapidly throughout the Olympic Mountains than in other Pacific Northwest mountain ranges.





Our Impact at a Glance

It's no secret... the past few years brought challenges to nonprofits all over the nation. So many of us faced unexpected health crises, job loss and more.

Ironically, Washington's National Park Fund has continued to:

- · See record fundraising from individuals
- · Support our staff as they grow in their positions
- · Collaborate closely with our Board of Directors as they provide their time, talents, and treasures
- Maintain our STRONG relations with Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks' leadership as we support their top priority projects
- Continue focusing on reaching out to those from other communities, backgrounds, races, ethnicities, religions, and preferences/orientations
- Hold true to our commitment to keeping our donors informed thoughtfully and consistently throughout the year

While we watched as declines in our fundraising climbs and events and the parks' guest donation programs took place, we marveled at the fact that so many individuals, couples, and families chose to step up, lean in, and give more... thus, our record year of \$2.3 million raised. We also continue to see increasing numbers of the Washington National Parks license plates on the roads today.

And have we mentioned the parks' endowments? They too continue to grow. Each park has identified areas where the investment earnings from the endowments are awarded.



Our people are what drives our mission forward; they are behind all that we do. We were able to maintain our staffing levels throughout the year. Our team works relentlessly to drive our mission forward, and we were fortunately able to maintain our staffing during these tough financial years.

We are incredibly proud of the support we are able to provide to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks year after year. We are humbled to be in the positions we're in. We remain committed to bringing park lovers together for the parks. Thank you for your support.



- INDIVIDUALS: **\$1,608,089** 68%
- FOUNDATIONS: **\$281,494** 12%
- EVENTS: **\$280,559** 12%
- CORPORATE SUPPORT: \$99,334 4%
- IN-PARK PROGRAMS: **\$61,780** 2%
- IN-KIND SERVICES & INVESTMENTS: \$44,965 2%



- GRANTS & PROGRAM SERVICES: \$1,341,124 74%
- FUNDRAISING: **\$298,067** 17%
- ADMINISTRATIVE: **\$166,132** 9%

Endowment Balances

As of September 30, 2021

Mount Rainier National Park	\$743,484
North Cascades National Park	\$455,981
Olympic National Park	\$462,885
Total:	\$1,662,350

Assets and Liabilities

Assets as of September 30, 2021

Investments & Other Assets Cash & Savings	\$1,665,798
Cash & Savings	\$1,242,762
Prepaid Expenses	\$55,495
Total Assets:	\$2,964,055

Liabilities as of September 30, 2021

Grants Payable	\$644,016
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$49,961
Deferred Revenue	\$18,000
Total Liabilities:	\$711,977

Our People Drive Our Passion

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Going Over the Top for Our Parks

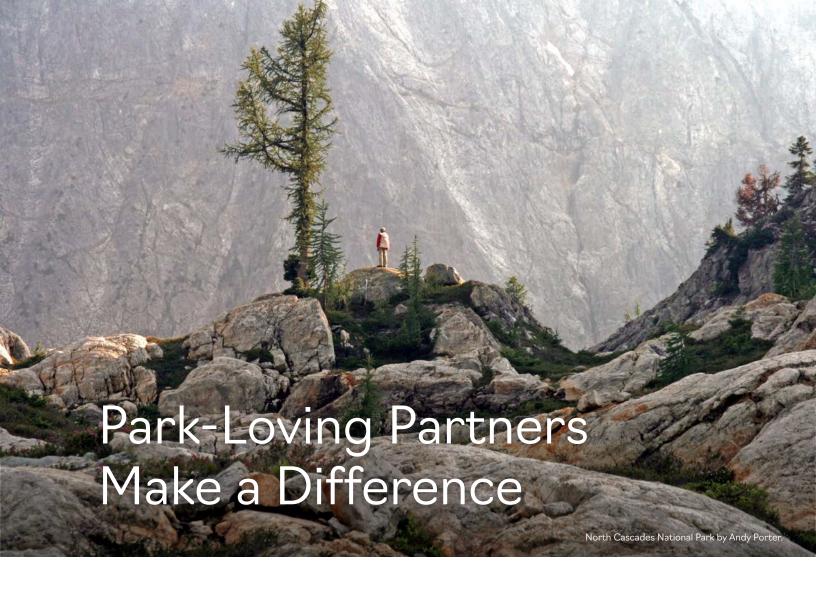
We are grateful to all of the individuals across the state – and beyond – who commit to providing support for the parks that they love through an unrestricted, sustaining, or legacy gift. These gifts allow us to do so much more for our parks than we could otherwise.

Our **Over the Top Society,** launched in 2016, continues to grow, with more than 100 individuals and families pledging \$1,200 or more a year in unrestricted giving, granting us the flexibility to take partially funded priority park projects up and over the top at the end of each fiscal year.

Our **Parks Everlasting Society** is made up of dozens of passionate park lovers who commit to leaving a legacy of support for our parks by including Washington's National Park Fund in their estate plans.

And of course, our sustaining givers belong to our **Parks for All Seasons** society – these supporters provide sustained support to the parks through recurring quarterly or monthly gifts and enable Washington's National Park Fund to withstand the impact of unexpected events like COVID-19. Their ranks also have grown in the last year.

We also could not have the impact that we do without the committed volunteers who make our mission possible, including our Donor Engagement Committee and all of the photographers, videographers, and other creatives who donate their time, talent, and treasure.



Our work is possible thanks in part to our dozens of corporate sponsors, partners, and friends. From the Forks Chamber of Commerce to Good & Well Supply Co., Parks Project, PacWesty, Rainier Watch, REI, Seattle's School of Visual Concepts, POP Seattle, LightHawk, Subaru of Puyallup, Two Beers Brewing Co., and so many more – you are instrumental in providing the support our parks need. Our concessionaire partners are also critical in our efforts, providing support through programming and sales in the parks – special thanks to Rainier Guest Services and Guest Services, Inc. at Mount Rainier, and Delaware North at Olympic National Park.

Our event partners have a huge impact in our parks, hosting incredible community-building events that also give back through contributions to Washington's National Park Fund. Here's to our good friends at Pacific Runderland, RAMROD, Redmond Cycling Club, and Ride the Hurricane! And a special thanks to those companies that support our parks by participating in our 2021 Climb for a Cause fundraising climbs, Amazon and Microsoft.

We are also grateful to all of the charitable foundations that provide grant funding in support of park projects, including the Horizons Foundation, the Norcliffe Foundation, Olympic Park Associates, the Snoqualmie Tribe, Union Pacific Foundation, and many more.

View a complete list of our cherished partnerships at wnpf.org/partners.

Thanks to Supporters like You...

Washington's National Park Fund has awarded nearly \$6 million to the parks in the last decade.

Together, we have funded critical search and rescue equipment, countless miles of trail maintenance, programs that provide wilderness access to underserved communities, wildlife studies, meadow restoration teams, the removal of invasive species, shrinking glacier studies and many other projects.

Our community has made a huge difference in these special places – the wilderness here in our backyard that brings joy and wonder to so many of us – but there's more work to be done. With a new year comes new opportunities, and that's never been truer than right now.

Washington's National Park Fund is at a turning point.

It's no secret that Washington residents are incredibly fortunate. We're surrounded by true wilderness – and Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks make up the heart of that wilderness.

We also know this: if we care about these wild places, we must care for them, too. Our parks face more challenges than ever before, with the pressures of increased visitation and inadequate budgets to meet those needs. In this moment, WE must be the partner our parks need and deserve. Our role – and your opportunity – is to add support for larger-scale critical, underfunded projects and programs that benefit the park experience for all, so that our parks can continue to thrive for years to come.

Stay tuned: we'll be sharing more very soon on how you can support this new era.

I hope you will reflect on all that our national parks do for you in this new chapter. It's up to us to fight for them so they can remain healthy, vibrant, and thriving for years to come, don't you think?

Join us.

Laurie Ward

Chief Executive Officer

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