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## MEDIA INVITED:

# WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND HOSTS WORLD PREMIERE OF NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK FILM

*Join WNPf for the public film screening of "The North Cascades: An Elevated Journey"*

**SEATTLE (April 5, 2024)** – Washington's National Park Fund (WNPf), the official philanthropic partner serving North Cascades National Park, as well as Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks, invites you to witness the magic of the never-before-seen North Cascades National Park Service Complex film *The North Cascades: An Elevated Journey* at its public premiere in Burlington.

North Cascades National Park was established nearly 55 years ago on October 2, 1968, by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Protecting 789 square miles of rugged wilderness, this remote national park has welcomed a growing number of visitors over the years and saw a 33% increase in visitation in 2023.

Soar to new heights to see rarely seen footage of expansive glaciers and jagged peaks, as *The North Cascades: An Elevated Journey* travels up and over the magnificent North Cascades mountains, from the lush western slopes, across the high alpine, to the arid eastern side. This long-anticipated 18-minute film showcases awe-inspiring cinematography of the peaks, wildlife, and beauty of the North Cascades and will become the introductory film seen by millions of visitors each year at the park's North Cascades Visitor Center in Newhalem.

Be among the first to witness the interconnectedness of these diverse plant and animal ecosystems in the new film and see firsthand the profound ways they touch the lives of the people who explore this wild landscape. Following the film, hear from park leadership and those involved with the making of the film, and participate in a Q&A. Light food and beverages will be provided.

**WHAT:** "The North Cascades: An Elevated Journey" Film Premiere and Panel Discussion

**WHO:** Open to the public

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20, 2024  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE:**

5:30 p.m.	Social time, food and beverages
5:45 p.m.	Welcome and film introductions by WNPf and North Cascades National Park Service Complex Staff
6:00 p.m.	Film Screening
6:20 p.m.	Presentations and Q&A by National Park Service Visitor Services Staff

**WHERE:** Burlington Public Library  
820 East Washington Avenue  
Burlington, WA 98233

**RSVP:** Members of the media: Alex Day, 206-623-2063 ext. 100, [alex@wnpf.org](mailto:alex@wnpf.org)  
Members of the public: [Reserve your free ticket here.](#)

WNPF is proud to be the official fundraising partner to Washington's three largest national parks. This year, thanks to generous donors, **North Cascades National Park received \$161,925** for projects including wilderness internship opportunities, bear education and programs for visitors, rare carnivore research, support for incident responders, and an innovative food sustainability and native plant education program in partnership with local tribes. WNPF will provide an additional \$199,916 when the park is ready to receive it. For a full list of funded projects and amounts over the years, organized by priority area, visit [wnpf.org/funded-projects](http://wnpf.org/funded-projects).

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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 \$7.5 million to the parks in the last decade. Learn more about how you can play a role in supporting these national parks at [wnpf.org](http://wnpf.org).

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