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OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK HOSTS PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION ON HURRICANE RIDGE, WITH SUPPORT FROM WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND

The park invites the public to share design ideas for future Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge following loss of the original building to fire in May 2023

SEATTLE (Dec. 17, 2025) – Washington's National Park Fund (WNPF), the official philanthropic partner of Olympic National Park, invites supporters, community members, and media to participate in an upcoming public listening session focused on the future of the Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge.

Olympic National Park is beginning early planning for a new facility at Hurricane Ridge following the May 2023 fire that destroyed the original lodge, a beloved 1952 structure that served as a hub for visitor services, education, and emergency operations. Community input will play a key role in shaping the vision for what comes next.

Event details:

The public listening session will take place on Wednesday, January 14, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. PT at the Field Arts and Event Hall in Port Angeles, Washington. Participants are encouraged to share ideas, ask questions, and bring photographs or memories of the original lodge to contribute to a community memory board. The park's press release about this event can be viewed [HERE](#), and event details and opportunities to provide feedback online are available at parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?documentID=148236.

Following the 2023 fire, WNPF supporters rallied quickly, contributing to a Fire Relief Fund established to support Olympic National Park's recovery efforts. Those donations have already helped restore the area's popular webcams and funded temporary restrooms at Hurricane Ridge. Now, they are helping fund this community listening session, ensuring the public has a voice in the park's future.

“The outpouring of support after the Hurricane Ridge fire was a powerful reminder of how deeply people care about this place,” said Steve Dubiel, CEO of Washington's National Park Fund. “Our donors stepped up when it mattered most, and we're proud to partner with Olympic National Park — not just in recovery, but in the long-term work of restoring Hurricane Ridge and rebuilding a facility that will serve visitors, staff, and the community for generations.”

WNPF looks forward to partnering with Olympic National Park as planning progresses and as the park advances toward rebuilding a safe, resilient, and welcoming facility at Hurricane Ridge.

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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 \$10 million to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Learn how we support the parks at wnpf.org.

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