

# Park Passion

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING IN THE NATIONAL PARKS · SPRING 2026



## FRIENDS OF THE FUND,

Spring reminds us that resilience often happens quietly – beneath snow-covered meadows, where wildflowers are already preparing for their moment to bloom.

That same spirit is alive in this community.

Because of a record number of donors stepping forward, more than \$2 million in funding is supporting critical projects across Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks this year.

From safer, more accessible trails to visitor safety education around wildlife and youth experiences that spark lifelong connections, your generosity is making an immediate difference. And through the Resilience Fund, you've helped meet urgent, time-sensitive needs when they matter most. Read on to see how those contributions have been put to work for the parks.

Thank you for showing up for these places.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in white ink on a green background.

Steve Dubiel  
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. I invite you to explore the full list of projects you've made possible at [wnpf.org/funded-projects](https://wnpf.org/funded-projects) and see your impact in action.



North Cascades National Park by Matt Oliphant. Right: Talk about impact: WNPF's Resilience Fund helped the park purchase new radios to expand the capacity of the Meadow Rover volunteer program. NPS photo.



## When It Matters Most: A Community That Shows Up

When challenges arise in national parks, timing matters. This year, supporters stepped up in a powerful way, ensuring critical needs didn't have to wait.

By Alex Day, Director of Marketing & Communications

In a year shaped by uncertainty, one thing has remained steady: the strength of this community.

Thanks to donor support, this year more than \$2.28 million in grants will be put to work across Washington's national parks – a record amount.

This incredible wave of generosity began in the spring of last year, when we saw a surge of unprecedented support to help Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

Through the **Resilience Fund**, launched in March 2025, more than 230 gifts have since provided the parks with flexible funding – ensuring park staff could respond in real time to emerging needs.

That responsiveness is making a tangible difference.

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# Together FOR THE PARKS

Mount Rainier National Park by Nick Danielson.

## Introducing the *Legacy Challenge*: Your Impact, Multiplied

I'm excited to share a new way to make a lasting difference – one that helps the parks now and into the future.

Thanks to a group of visionary donors, a **\$100,000 Legacy Challenge** is now available. When you share your intent to include WNPF in your will, trust, or retirement plans, you can unlock **up to \$5,000 in immediate funding** for today's highest-priority park needs.

It's a powerful opportunity: a future gift becomes present-day impact.

Many supporters choose this path because it reflects something deeply personal – a commitment to ensuring these landscapes remain just as vibrant for future generations. And importantly, it allows you to retain your assets during your lifetime while making a meaningful difference later.

This community is building something enduring: care that stretches across seasons, lifetimes, and generations. I hope you'll join us.

*Andrea D. Christensen*

**Andrea Christensen**  
Philanthropy Director

P.S. If you've already included the parks in your plans, simply letting us know helps unlock additional funding right away. And if you're exploring your options, our team is here to help – confidentially and without pressure. Get in touch at [andrea@wnpf.org](mailto:andrea@wnpf.org).

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGACY CHALLENGE

1. Include WNPF in your will or trust, or name WNPF as a retirement beneficiary
2. Notify us to unlock challenge funds: [wnpf.org/intention](https://wnpf.org/intention)

WNPF Board Member Margot Tsakonas recently became a member of **Parks Everlasting Society**, WNPF's planned giving donor society, by adding WNPF to her estate plan. In addition to providing for family, she wanted to ensure that their favorite charitable causes received support as well.

**"It was painless and quick – the hardest part was picking our favorite charities! It was a no-brainer to include Washington's National Park Fund, and it was important to us to direct the support to the national park endowments, to make a lasting difference not just now but for generations to come."**

Learn more at [wnpf.org/planned](https://wnpf.org/planned).



## MEET THE WNPF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tony Hoskins (Chair) • Alma Busby Williams • Jane Eckels • Teresa Hagerty • Fred Hammerquist • Ayesha Harper • Kelly Lake  
Laura LeDoux • Dan Miller • Mitch Pittman • Karen Povey • Sue Raney • Julia Renouard • Ilona Rossman • Christian Runge  
Sunil Shah • Mark Stockwell • Bruce Tecklenburg • Margot Tsakonas

## WHEN IT MATTERS MOST CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

At Mount Rainier, Resilience Fund donations are improving visitor safety and access – from temporary digital signage to expanded volunteer support. In North Cascades, it's helping sustain critical stock programs that maintain remote trails. At Olympic, it's equipping teams with GPS tools to safely navigate rugged backcountry terrain.

These are the kinds of needs that can't wait for traditional funding cycles – and thanks to this community, they don't have to.

As spring unfolds and park landscapes prepare for the busy summer season ahead, your support ensures they are ready – resilient, responsive, and welcoming to all.

**“When I read about the North Cascades equine stock program and its critical importance to backcountry trail and facility maintenance, I wanted to step up and help out. Park staff show such commitment to their mission despite uncertain funding and staffing – I give to honor that dedication and do what I can to help ensure their work can continue.”**

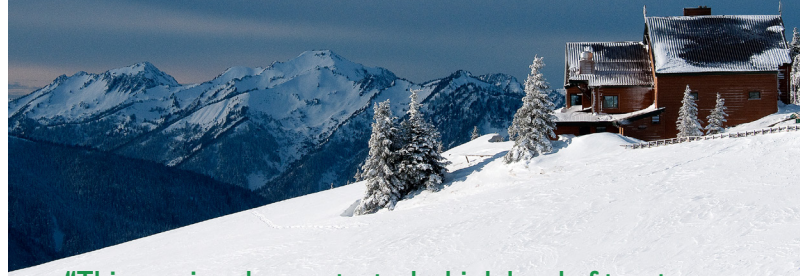
**–Over the Top Society supporter Libby Agosti is one of the many donors who stepped up when the parks needed it most.**



### OUR FLAT HAT SALUTE

A big thank you to our friends at **Quick Quack Car Wash**, who raised an incredible \$60,000 during several grand opening events in Washington to support Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks last year. Their community-powered contribution helps fund trail work, youth programs, and visitor safety – proving that even a quick car wash can make a lasting difference.

## Your Gifts in Action



**“This session demonstrated a high level of trust and engagement between Olympic National Park and the Hurricane Ridge community. The turnout, tone, and depth of participation all suggest that the new day lodge is not viewed as a routine infrastructure project, but as something deeply personal and meaningful.”**

**–Tony Hoskins, WNPf Board Chair**

After the 2023 fire destroyed the Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge at Olympic National Park, supporters stepped up through WNPf's newly launched **Fire Relief Fund**. Since then, ninety donors – including many new to WNPf – helped the park begin recovering and rebuilding stronger.

Their gifts have already replaced webcams, restored visitor information, and funded essential temporary facilities. And now, donor support is helping shape plans for a new facility; recently donations funded a public listening session to gather ideas. See how your donations are helping invest in a more resilient future for Hurricane Ridge and the generations who will experience it at [wnpf.org/ridge](https://wnpf.org/ridge).

*Olympic National Park by Ken & Mary Campbell.*

## New Partners for the Parks

Support for the parks shows up in inspiring – and sometimes unexpected – ways. We're grateful for a growing group of cause marketing partners who are weaving park support into the products people love:

- **Robert Bank Glass** supports the parks through his Leaf No Trace glass pendant
- **Elle Créé** gives back with their Mount Rainier paint-by-number kits

- **Mountain Top Mentality** donates proceeds from their Mount Rainier and North Cascades candles
- And we're excited to collaborate with **Kula Cloth** on two upcoming Kula for a Cause designs featuring Mount Rainier and North Cascades

Each purchase tells a story – and helps protect the landscapes that inspire it.

*Find links to purchase products from our partners that support the parks, including this new Kula Cloth, at [wnpf.org/shop](https://wnpf.org/shop)*



# GiveBIG 2026: Let's Build Momentum Together

**Mark your calendar: GiveBIG is Tuesday, May 5 – and early giving opens April 28.**

\* This is a moment for our community to come together and build early momentum for the season ahead. With **\$10,000 in matching funds available**, every gift made during this window can go even further.

Why now? As summer approaches, park teams are preparing for one of the busiest times of year. From trail maintenance to visitor education and safety, donor support helps ensure these places are ready to welcome everyone.

An early gift is a simple way to make a meaningful impact – right when it matters most.



**Give early. Double your impact.  
Help the parks get summer-ready.**

[wnpf.org/GiveBIG](https://wnpf.org/GiveBIG)

## Upcoming Events

For a full list of events, visit [wnpf.org/events](https://wnpf.org/events)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

#### Virtual Field Trip: Pika Project

Learn about a community science effort at Mount Rainier. Sign up: [wnpf.org/field-trips](https://wnpf.org/field-trips)

### MONTH OF MAY

#### Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Learn more: [wnpf.org/AANHPI](https://wnpf.org/AANHPI)

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

#### GiveBIG for Washington's National Parks

Give a gift to help us get a head start: [wnpf.org/GiveBIG](https://wnpf.org/GiveBIG)

### FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 15 – 16

#### Return to Paradise at Paradise Inn in Mount Rainier National Park

An evening of celebrating and paddle raising at Paradise Inn. Details: [wnpf.org/return](https://wnpf.org/return)

### MONTH OF JUNE

#### Pride Month

Learn more: [wnpf.org/pride](https://wnpf.org/pride)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

#### First Climb for a Cause of 2026

Interested in climbing with us? Learn more at [wnpf.org/climb](https://wnpf.org/climb)

### MONDAY, JUNE 29

#### Happy Birthday Olympic National Park

This national park was established in 1938! Learn more: [wnpf.org/olympic](https://wnpf.org/olympic)

#### Be the first to know!

Return to Paradise is at capacity, but join our Over the Top Society to be the first to know about similar special events: [wnpf.org/OTT](https://wnpf.org/OTT)



Washington's National Park Fund is the official philanthropic partner of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks