

Washington's National Park Fund Joins the National Park Foundation, National Park Friends Alliance, and Park Partner Groups in Urging Congress to Pass the America the Beautiful Act



Seattle, Washington (July 30 2026) – Washington's National Park Fund (WNPF), official philanthropic partner of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, has joined the [National Park Foundation](#), the [National Park Friends Alliance](#) and more than 100 national park philanthropic partners in a letter urging Congress to pass the bipartisan America the Beautiful Act (S.1547 / H.R.9250) to reauthorize the Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) — a critical U.S. government fund dedicated to the stewardship and maintenance of America's greatest treasures.

The letter, addressed to Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries, highlights the successes of the LRF since its creation under the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020, and the urgent need for reauthorization following its expiration on September 30, 2025:

"The LRF provided \$1.3 billion annually, totaling \$6.5 billion over its five-year lifespan, to undertake nearly 400 priority infrastructure projects across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. This landmark investment in our national parks and public lands delivered measurable results and improvements to critical park infrastructure, including road repairs, trail and campground upgrades, restoration of historic structures, rehabilitation of utility systems, and modernization of visitor facilities.

"These projects preserved America's natural and historical legacy – uniquely American places that are the envy of the world. They enhanced access, improved safety, and elevated and modernized the visitor experience. In addition, the LRF's investment delivered irrefutable economic impact, supporting more than 72,000 jobs, injecting \$5 billion into the labor market nationwide, and contributing \$8 billion to the nation's GDP. These benefits have been felt most acutely by the local communities in every state and territory that surround and depend upon healthy, thriving parks."

"Washington's national parks tell our state's story, and keeping them safe and accessible takes a shared commitment," said Steve Dubiel, CEO of Washington's National Park Fund. "Standing with park partners across the country to urge reauthorization of the Legacy Restoration Fund reflects what we believe every day: these places are worth protecting, together."

The letter signatories make up a community committed to supporting, protecting, and enhancing America's 433 national parks. Together, they provided over [\\$720 million](#) in private funds in 2025, serving as a force multiplier to federal investment in national parks.

The letter and list of supporters can be read [here](#).

About Washington's National Park Fund

Washington's National Park Fund (WNPF) is the official philanthropic partner of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Founded by former Washington Governor and U.S. Senator Dan Evans and legendary mountaineer Lou Whittaker, WNPF is the only nonprofit dedicated exclusively to supporting Washington's three largest national parks. To date, WNPF has awarded more than \$13 million to advance stewardship, visitor safety, and the long-term health of these parks. Learn more at [wnpf.org](#).

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