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Welcome

Dear Andrea,

WELCOME to the new North Cascades electronic newsletter! This newsletter will appear in your inbox each month, packed full of information on recreational opportunities to match each season, as well as featured stewardship and community events in the beautiful North Cascades.

If you like what you see in this newsletter, please visit www.experiencewilderness.org where you will find additional adventures and exciting event suggestions. We update our website regularly, so please check back often.

Tell a Friend

Know someone who would like to learn more about the North Cascades? [Click here and let them know!](#)

Learning Activity of the Month

Avalanche Awareness Clinic
Learn the basics of avoiding avalanches and how to perform an avalanche rescue. Also, find out how you can sign up for an avalanche course from several of Washington's professional avalanche educators. Presented by Steve Christie from Backcountry Access. REI Seattle, free. Check out this event and others [here](#).

MVSTA

The [Methow Valley Sport Trails Association](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and promoting environmentally sound recreation on or near the trail system in the Methow Valley.

Well, it's December and winter is nearly here. Snow has already begun falling in the mountains and soon a new season of recreation will get under way. Whether your passion is cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or any number of other winter pursuits, the North Cascades is a world-class winter playground.

Until next month,

--John Chelminiak, North Cascades Initiative Director

The Wilderness Society's North Cascades Initiative envisions the North Cascades as a celebrated national treasure, where wilderness is preserved for future generations, where recreational opportunities are enhanced and well-planned and where vibrant local communities realize the benefits of the wildlands surrounding them.

My North Cascades Story

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Thirty-five years ago, at the age of 19, I was a backpacker northbound on the Pacific Crest Trail. In late August of 1973, atop Slate Peak, I finally reached the edge of the great and mysterious Pasayten Wilderness. [Click here to continue reading John's story.](#)



John Scurlock & his plane

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

The Cycle of Life: Bald Eagles & Salmon

Each winter, hundreds of bald eagles migrate from Canada and Alaska to the Skagit River to feast on the Puget Sound's most fecund run of chum salmon. Bundle up, grab your binoculars and join Libby Mills, a renowned naturalist who has studied this natural wonder for more than 20 years. [Find out more about this exciting opportunity.](#)

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

Artist Point, Mt. Baker

As the temperatures start to plunge and the rain in the city turns to snow over the mountains, a new season of winter recreation commences. To kick off this season, what could be better than dusting off the snowshoes, gathering a few close friends and heading to the Mount Baker area for some incredible snowshoeing? [Learn more about this fantastic hike by clicking here.](#)



Artist Point by Will Bothel, Flickr

Featured Item

North Cascades Weather
Looking for a more accurate mountain weather forecast?

Thanks to our friends at [Washington Online Weather](#) we will be bringing you a weekend weather report every Thursday on our homepage.

[Click here to read the forecast for Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th](#)

Visit Our Website

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Vibrant Communities

Mazama

The small community of Mazama bills itself as “Where the Methow Valley meets the North Cascades,” and what a place it is. Located along the Methow River, Mazama is great location for a weekend getaway. [Learn more about Mazama by clicking here.](#)



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