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Welcome

Dear Andrea,

The North Cascades are home to an amazing migration taking place right now. I recently had the opportunity to go rafting with [Pacific NW Float Trips](#) to witness the return of American Bald Eagles to winter along the banks of the Upper Skagit River. Home to one of the largest concentrations of wintering Bald Eagles in the Continental U.S., the North Cascades is a birder's paradise this time of year. Brave the weather and get out there, seeing the awesome spectacle of these majestic birds in flight is certainly worth it! Check out my [blog post](#) and [view a news story](#) produced by local TV station, Q13 Fox, about the float trip.

If you like what you see in this newsletter, please visit www.experiencewilderness.org where you will find

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

Learning Activity of the Month

Ski For Health

Come catch the ski bug! FREE ski equipment, lessons & trail passes. Touring and skate ski equipment available. Take mini ski lessons in touring or skating techniques. [Learn more here.](#)

Washington Trails Association

The [Washington Trails Association](#) is the voice for hikers in Washington state. WTA protects hiking trails and wildlands, takes volunteers out to maintain our trails, and promotes hiking as a fun and healthy way for people to explore the outdoors.

Featured Item

Ask a Ranger

Have you wondered how or when your favorite trail was built? Do you have other questions about public lands in the North Cascades that you'd like to have answered? Now's your chance to [ask a ranger!](#)

additional adventures and exciting event suggestions. We update our website regularly, so please check back often.

The North Cascades 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.

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

By Cynthia Wilkerson
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I feel incredibly fortunate to call the North Cascades home. The landscape of the North Cascades called to me to return to the Northwest after being gone for several years. [Click here to continue reading Cynthia's story.](#)



Cynthia & family

Conservation

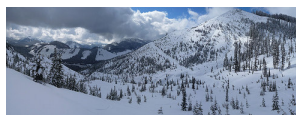
Natural Wonders of the North Cascades
22nd Annual Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival

Each year bald eagles flock to the Upper Skagit River. Bring your binoculars and hit the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival on January 24/25 in Concrete. [Find out more about this event and others here.](#)

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades
Kendall Peak Lakes, Snoqualmie Pass

The snowshoe and cross-country skiing trail leading to Kendall Peak Lakes is an enjoyable winter trip. Whether you are a first-time snowshoer or a seasoned pro, the route offers a gradual incline and views dominated by nearby peaks. [Learn more about this fantastic hike by clicking here.](#)



Kendall Peak Lakes area by Cascade Hiker, Flickr

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Vibrant Communities

Rockport

The small town of Rockport is the place to be if you are a Bald Eagle lover. Host of the annual Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival, the town is home to a huge population of wintering Bald Eagles. [Learn more about Rockport by clicking here.](#)



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