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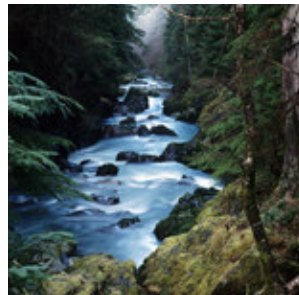
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Learning Activity of the Month

Is Your Daughter, Niece or Granddaughter Looking for An Adventure of a Lifetime?

Here's an awesome opportunity for high school girls interested in a challenge and committed to serving their community. [Click to learn more about this Passages NW activity.](#)

Welcome

Dear Andrea,

March was an exciting time for wild lands in the North Cascades! Continuing in our great tradition of protecting wild places, I wanted to share some exciting news in the North Cascades of Washington state.

Sen. Patty Murray and Rep. Dave Reichert have introduced legislation that would add 22,000 acres of low elevation forest to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness near Seattle and provide Wild and Scenic Rivers protection on two rivers, the Pratt and the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie.

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness is one of the most popular wilderness destinations in the country. The additions bring

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Featured Item

[103.7 The Mountain Earth Day 2009 Concert](#)
LOW DOUGH SHOW
Featuring Paulo Nutini and Serena Ryder

April 26th at [Showbox at The Market](#). Tickets are \$10.37 (plus service charge) and on

lower elevation forests into wilderness designation to preserve them for future generations and provide easy access for many to a truly wild experience.

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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Exploring Wild Rivers

As the sun began to peak above the horizon we emerged from our tent to greet the new day and the river that flowed past our camp. My 4-year-old son, Aki, joined me as I pulled my fly rod from its case and made a few quick roll casts where the Pratt River joins the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie.



Aki flyfishes for the first time

[Click here to continue reading Tom's story.](#)

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

The National Parks: An Evening with Ken Burns & Dayton Duncan

On April 20th, KCTS 9 is hosting a special evening with world reknown documentary filmmakers, Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, as they preview their 12-part documentary, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."

[Find out more about this event and others here.](#)

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

Olallie Lake, Alpine Lakes Wilderness

In the summer, Olallie Lake is abuzz with hikers desiring to take a dip in an alpine lake on a hot day. During the early spring, Olallie Lake is a quiet place and a snowshoer can often enjoy the

sale Saturday, April 4 at 10am through [Ticketmaster](#) and the Showbox at the Market Box Office (for a reduced service charge).

Doors open at 7:00pm.
Show starts at 8:00pm.

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snowy surrounds to him or herself. The journey to the lakes takes the intrepid snowshoer past a number of creeks, including a beautiful waterfall stemming from the flanks of Granite Mountain.



Creek crossing on the way to Olallie Lake

[Learn more about this beautiful hike by clicking here.](#)

Vibrant Communities

Wenatchee

Situated in a fertile valley in Central Washington at the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers, Wenatchee is the second most populous city in the central part of the state and serves as the Chelan County seat.

[Learn more about Wenatchee by clicking here.](#)



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