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Welcome

Dear Andrea,

Can you believe it's already been a year since the passage of the Wild Sky Wilderness Act? Thanks to our congressional champions, Senator Murray and Congressman Larsen, visitors and residents alike are able to enjoy this world-class recreation destination in the beautiful North Cascades and know that their children and grandchildren will be able to do the same.

This month we highlight the first anniversary of Wild Sky Wilderness, sharing with you a story from Senator Patty Murray, a hike with a wild view of this beautiful wilderness area and an event in Wild Sky country that you don't want to miss.

Until next month,

--John Chelminiak, North Cascades Initiative Director

The Wilderness Society's North Cascades Initiative envisions the North Cascades as a

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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

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest

Celebrate all things bird and nature at the 7th annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest May 14-17. Each year a variety of migratory birds come from Latin America to the Wenatchee River Valley in North Central Washington to breed and fledge.

Bring the family and enjoy one of nature's spectacular shows.

[Click to learn more about this activity.](#)

YMCA of Snohomish County

Through its six branch operations, the YMCA of Snohomish County provides hundreds of different programs for people of all ages, especially children, youth, and families. Focused on the foundational principles of Well-Being, Inclusivity, Community, and Stewardship the YMCA builds strong kids, strong families, and strong

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 Patty Murray
United States Senator

A Gift for Future Generations It is hard to believe that on May 8th we will be celebrating the one year anniversary of the Wild Sky Wilderness being signed into law. I think this is a great time to reflect on the hard work, tenacity, and dedication it required to get from the proposal being a dream of local activists to the first new wilderness in Washington state in over 20 years.



Senator Patty Murray

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

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades Wild Sky Wilderness First Anniversary Hike

Celebrate the first anniversary of the Wild Sky Wilderness! The Act that established Washington's newest protected wilderness area was signed on May 8, 2008. Come enjoy the wilderness in all its springtime glory, with bursting wildflowers and birdsong.

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

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades Heybrook Lookout, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Hike to an historic lookout tower and soak in the views of the Wild Sky Wilderness Area. First built in 1925, the lookout is among the lowest elevation stations in the Washington Cascades. The present 67 foot tower was built in 1964 and abandoned in 1970. The trail to Heybrook is an excellent spring hike because its low elevation makes it one of the first trails in the area to become snow-free.



Heybrook Lookout, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

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

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Learn more about the great work they do at www.ymca-snoco.org.

Featured Item

Enjoy the North Cascades on a Scenic Driving Tour Each year the Cascade Loop Association produces their popular guide book for the scenic highway. This 400 mile self-guided driving tour circles through the heart of Washington from the waters of Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains and into the high desert climate of the Columbia River Valley. The driving tour is a great way to experience the wonders of the North Cascades National Park, the National Forests and great communities of the North Cascades.

Visit www.CascadeLoop.com or (509) 662-3888 for a **FREE** 68-page Travel Guide!

The North Cascades Are Calling -- You!

Do you love to picnic, hike, camp, climb or commune with nature? Or do you simply like to admire it all from afar? You can do all of that and more in the North Cascades!

Visit: www.experiencewilderness.org to plan your next adventure into the North Cascades.

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



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