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*Help Out North Cascades National Park & Learn About Native Plants*

Combine a family camping trip with a short volunteer opportunity and naturalist walk. Learn about native plants while pulling non-native plants and gathering seeds for replanting.

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

[Washington Wilderness Coalition](#)

For nearly thirty years, the mission of the Washington Wilderness Coalition has been to preserve and restore wild areas in Washington State through citizen empowerment, support for grassroots community groups, advocacy and public education.

Learn more about the great work they do [here](#).

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## Welcome

Dear Andrea,

It's almost the end of August, which means fall colors and blueberries will soon be here. With the amazing weather we've had this summer, I've been getting out for quite a few hikes to new places such as Spider Meadows in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. Every time I step out my front door and hit the backcountry, I'm always stunned by the beauty of our North Cascades. Enjoy the remainder of summer!

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 Tom Vogl

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### Parenting is About Opening Doors

In the short time I've lived in Seattle, my family and I have explored many of the scenic and wild places the Northwest has to offer. As the father of three boys, my most memorable experiences have been taking kids on new adventures, introducing them to the wonders of the outdoors. [Click here to continue reading Tom's story.](#)



*Tom Vogl & son*

## Conservation

### Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

*Learn about the Art of Wildlife Tracking*

Explore the Methow's wild side with professional wildlife tracker, Gabe Spence. This class will focus on learning to identify the wide variety of species that use the Methow Valley through the tracks and signs that they leave behind.

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

## Recreation

### Explore the North Cascades

*Melakwa Lake, Alpine Lakes Wilderness*

Love a lake swim to beat the summer heat? This dayhike or backpacking trip offers a great lakeside destination just off of I-90. The Denny Creek trail is widely known for its waterfalls and natural creek-side waterslide, but beyond the waterfalls you'll find the shores of deep blue Melakwa Lake.



*Melakwa Lake*

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

## Vibrant Communities

### Chelan

The [City of Chelan](#) is nestled along the shores of the third deepest lake in the United States – the 51-mile long Lake Chelan. Known as a world-class recreation destination, Chelan features breathtaking scenery, vineyards, boating, hiking trails and fishing.

*The National Parks: a Ken Burns Series Coming to PBS in September!*

Renowned filmmaker Ken Burns and longtime colleague, Dayton Duncan, have joined together to create an incredible PBS documentary series on our National Parks. The series launches on local PBS stations in late September 2009. To watch preview videos and learn more, visit the [PBS website's special page](#) on the film. If you live in the Northwest, check out [KCTS' page](#) on the series, including special footage from Washington state National Parks.

### The North Cascades Are Calling -- You!

We're now on [Facebook!](#) Make sure to check out our new nonprofit page and [become a Fan](#) of the North Cascades!

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](http://www.experiencewilderness.org) to plan your next adventure into the North Cascades.

### Questions? Comments?

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