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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

Salmon Fest 2009!

Head to Leavenworth to celebrate all things salmon! Set in the pristine majesty of the Cascade Mountains, Salmon Fest is an outdoor education adventure you will not want to miss.

Connect your family to nature in a fun and entertaining way.

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

KCTS 9

KCTS 9 is watched by over 2.2 million people in Washington and British Columbia every week. Their mission is "to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve by providing meaningful programming on air, online and in the community that informs, involves and inspires."

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

Welcome

Dear Andrea,

Although summer is winding down, there's still a lot going on in the North Cascades. On September 26th, you can take part in a [Washington Trails Association Trail Work Party](#) in the North Cascades to celebrate National Public Lands Day. In its 16th year, National Public Lands Day is our country's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that American's enjoy.

Following National Public Lands Day is the premiere of Ken Burns' *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* on Sunday, September 27th at 8:00 p.m. on PBS stations, including Washington's own [KCTS 9](#). Don't miss the local companion series, *National Parks: Northwest Stories*, featuring stories from the North Cascades, Olympic National Park and Mt. Rainier on Friday, September 18th and 25th at 7:30 p.m.

I've seen a short preview of the Ken Burns series and I'm looking forward to watching it in entirety with my family and encourage you to do the same.

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.

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A North Cascades Adventure for the Senses

Imagine the wilderness with no sound. Is it still wonderful? Sixteen members of the Puget Sound Association for the Deaf recently visited North Cascades National Park for the first time this summer. Their destination was the Ross Lake National Recreation Area and they began their day at the Skagit Information Center in Seattle City Light's company town of Newhalem, Washington.



Cregan Newhouse

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

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades *Celebrate National Wilderness Month!*

On September 3rd, President Obama declared September 2009 as National Wilderness Month in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the passage of the Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Act, signed on September 3, 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, established the National Wilderness Preservation System and protected the nation's first nine million acres of wilderness – a historic achievement in the conservation world.

The Wilderness Act provides our public lands with the highest level of conservation protection and can only be enacted by Congress. Lands that are designated as wilderness have numerous values ranging from providing clean, clear drinking water to our communities to an abundance of recreational opportunities, including hiking, hunting, fishing, picnicking and rafting.

Make September your month to explore one of the North Cascades wilderness areas, such as Glacier Peak, Alpine Lakes, Boulder River and Stephen Mather. The fall colors are spectacular out there right now!

[Click here to read the 1964 Wilderness Act.](#)

[Click here to read President Obama's National Wilderness Month proclamation.](#)

Recreation

Featured Item

*Parks Climate Challenge:
North Cascades 2009*

This summer, 19 high school students from Chicago, DC, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle spent a month in the North Cascades. It was an opportunity to both connect with a national park and witness impacts of climate change. The group was provided with an audio recorder and two cameras to document this experience and tell their story. This program is a partnership between North Cascades Institute, North Cascades National Park and the National Park Foundation.

[Click here to watch a video about their incredible experience.](#)

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 to plan your next adventure into the North Cascades.

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Explore the North Cascades

Rock Shelter Trail, Ross Lake National Recreation Area

There are days when you don't have time to concern yourself with hike planning and packing that backpack. Sometimes you just want a quick stretch because you have been riding in the car way too long. Rock Shelter Trail fits that need exactly. Located off the Newhalem Creek Campground at milepost 120 on the North Cascades Highway, check out this amazing little hike that takes you to an archaeological site with a fascinating history.



Rock Shelter Gazebo

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

Vibrant Communities

Newhalem

Along Highway 20 and the roaring Skagit River sits the small community of Newhalem. Newhalem is a unique company town owned by Seattle City Light and populated entirely by the Skagit River Hydroelectric Project. Surrounded by the Ross Lake National Recreation Area on all sides, Newhalem acts as a true gateway to the spectacular North Cascades Highway and a multitude of recreational opportunities, including rock climbing, rafting and hiking.

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



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