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

Sun Mountain Lodge Giveaway!

Enter to win a getaway for two to the luxurious Sun Mountain Lodge,

the premier resort on the east side of the North Cascades! This exciting giveaway includes a two-night stay in the beautiful Fireplace Room.

Welcome

Dear Andrea,

January is a great month to get outside and enjoy the North Cascades in winter, but for this month I'm going to encourage you to stay inside and watch some television. After you watch the KCTS 9 / KYVE 47 documentary **North Cascades: People, Places and Stories**, you'll be even more motivated to get outside and enjoy the North Cascades and make sure they are preserved for generations to come.

The Wilderness Society is a proud sponsor and KCTS 9 community partner for the documentary. It premieres the 17th of January at 10:30 p.m. and will air twice more during the month.* So be sure to tune in and watch this wonderful documentary of what makes the North Cascades so special.

We also have a great two-night give-away at Sun Mountain Lodge as a way to honor this event. **Be sure to pass the word along to your friends** to sign up for

The majestic beauty of the North Cascades offers a lifetime of exploration in one of the largest and wildest places left in the United States. Here you can cross country ski on one of the largest trail systems in the country, snowshoe through quiet valleys, or simply sit back and enjoy the falling snow. Come explore the North Cascades!

Conservation Northwest

Conservation Northwest connects and protects old growth and other wild areas from the Washington Coast to the BC Rockies, to benefit people and wildlife. Since 1989 we have protected hundreds of thousands of acres of wildlife habitat all across Washington

the newsletter and enter to [win the weekend getaway](#). Don't forget your snowshoes and skis!!

See you on the couch and on the trail!!
John Chelminiak
North Cascades Initiative Director

*The documentary repeats Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. and January 30 at 7:30 p.m. on KCTS 9 and KYVE 47.

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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Documentary Producing Moments

I'm a fan of Dan and Dean. No, I don't mean the surf music duo from the 60s, Jan and Dean. I mean Dan and Dean, you know, Dan the calf and Dean the cattle puppy. I became fans of theirs while producing the *North Cascades: People, Places and Stories* documentary for [KCTS 9](#), which premieres January 17th at 10:30 p.m. More on Dan and Dean in a moment.



Bill Strothman captures a documentary moment

[Continue reading Doug's story.](#)

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades *Wolves Are Back in Washington!*

Meet one - or rather, a pack! - of the stars of North Cascades: People, Places, and Stories. The return of *Canis lupus*, more commonly known as the gray wolf, will be featured in this upcoming [KCTS 9](#) documentary.

In 2008 the first pack of gray wolves returned to Okanogan County after a 70-year absence from the state. Researchers located a second pack in Pend Oreille County this past July, confirming the wolves' natural return to their historic range. Wildlife biologists consider wolves a critical player in maintaining the balance between predator and prey and key to maintaining healthy ecosystems. Thirty years ago wolves were officially protected as an endangered species in the lower 48 states. More recently, wolves were successfully reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park's ecosystem. The result has been a dramatic restoration of the natural state, including keeping coyotes in check and altering elk behavior so that tree seedlings along rivers that had once been overgrazed can survive.

Be sure to tune in and watch [North Cascades: People, Places, and Stories](#) to

State.

[Learn more about this great organization.](#)

Learning Activity of the Month

Eagles & Salmon: Northwest Icons on the Skagit

January 16, 2010 (8am-5pm)
Skagit River \$95
[North Cascades Institute](#)

Every winter, hundreds of bald eagles migrate to the Skagit River to feast on the Puget Sound's richest salmon runs. This wild spectacle is a gift to the Pacific Northwest - Come join us in celebration and discovery.

[Learn more about this event.](#)

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.

Questions? Comments?

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learn more about this complicated and beautiful animal!

For more information on wolves, visit Conservation Northwest's [webpage on wolves](#).

Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

Cabin Creek Sno-Park, Snoqualmie Pass Area

Just an hour from Seattle lies the Cabin Creek Sno-Park. This area, 10 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass, has plenty of fun trails for all kinds of winter recreation. Here you can cross-country or skate ski on groomed trails, snowshoe up and down rolling hills, or take your skis or snowshoes to the backcountry.



Cross-country skiing

[Learn more about this trip.](#)

Vibrant Communities

Twisp

The town of Twisp sits at the confluence of the Methow and Twisp rivers. Originally founded in 1897, Twisp was the first town to be established in the Methow Valley. The name "Twisp" comes from the Native American word meaning "yellow jacket."

[Learn more about Twisp.](#)



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