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Welcome

Andrea,

With the New Year just around the corner, this is a great opportunity to reflect on the past year's successes. We have highlighted two of those in this month's newsletter. [Rambling through the forests of Roslyn](#) showcases the forest and its many recreation opportunities that we talked about in last month's article on the work we're doing to make recreation sustainable in

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Know someone who would like to learn more about the North Cascades?

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Makes a Great Holiday Gift

Still trying to complete your holiday shopping list? The *Live from the Mountain Music Lounge Volume 16* is still on sale. Get your own limited-edition CD at any of the 7 Western Washington REI stores or at REI.com. The **CD features 19 tracks** by Collective Soul, Brandi Carlile, Keane, David Gray and more. And don't forget, **proceeds from the CD benefit The Wilderness Society**, helping protect the places where we love to explore, hike and camp.

the City of Roslyn.

We also give you an update on a story that we've talked about in the past with [Will Alpine Lakes bill get day in Senate soon?](#)

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Wild and Scenic bill is the only wilderness bill in this Congress to pass the House of Representatives and the Senate's natural resources committee. We have high hopes that it will pass before Congress closes up shop for the year, but if it does not, we'll be working hard to try pass it in the new Congress next year.

Finally, there's still time left to buy the [Live from the Mountain Music Lounge Volume 16](#) for a friend or loved one before the limited edition CD is sold out - it makes a great gift!

Warm wishes for the holiday season from all of us at The Wilderness Society.

Until next time,
Peter Dykstra
Pacific Northwest Regional 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 Eric Hunter-Gale
Climber

Connecting the Dots

When people ask me why I climb mountains I usually respond with a standard answer about personal challenge, health benefits or comradery. But the real reason I climb is so I can play "Connect the Dots!"

Whenever I get a view from a summit in the North Cascades I search the landscape for places I have been in the surrounding mountains, and others I can't wait to visit. I connect the dots from peak to peak, through forested valleys, across glaciers and over high passes. I trace my favorite routes and map out my next adventures.

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



Eric on Mt. Spickard's summit, North Cascades National Park

[Buy a limited CD from REI.com today!](#)

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

The [Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance](#) is an advocacy, education and recreation group working to create, protect and promote mountain biking opportunities in Washington state. Evergreen advocates for trail access and funding, coordinates volunteers to build and maintain trails, educates riders how to safely and responsibly ride off road and organizes rides for all levels.

Learning Activity of the Month

Owl Prowl 'Round the Basecamp

No less than four species of owls live in the forests around the North Cascades Basecamp in Mazama. Join North Cascades Basecamp for an owl prowling, and learn from a seasoned naturalist about these animals, their nocturnal lifestyles, and their signatory hoots.

[Learn more about this activity and others.](#)

The North Cascades Are Calling -- You!

We're now on [Facebook!](#) Make sure and ["like" our page!](#)

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

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

Will Alpine Lakes bill get day in Senate soon?

Originally designated in 1976, the [Alpine Lakes Wilderness](#) has since become one of the most visited wilderness areas in the country a true recreation mecca for the hiker, kayaker and hunter alike. There is now an opportunity to add 22,000 acres to the existing wilderness, along with adding 10 miles of the Pratt River and nearly 30 miles of the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River to the National Wild and Scenic River System.

The measure, championed by Senator Patty Murray and Representative Dave Reichert, has passed out of the House of Representatives and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.

[Learn how Alpine Lakes might get a day in the Senate.](#)

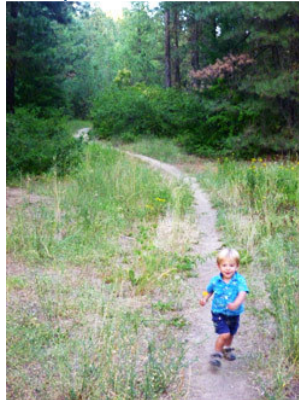
Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

Rambling through the forests around Roslyn

Next time you're in the City of Roslyn, park your car downtown and look up the ridge towards the north. Just on the outskirts of town, you can walk right into the 300 acre city-owned Roslyn Urban Forest (RUF). Keep your eyes peeled for the signs welcoming you at the boundaries.

The RUF also includes some forested land around the [historic cemeteries](#). Those lands link up with public access through a sensitive area called the Stream C corridor, providing access through Suncadia Resort all the way to the Cle Elum River.



A young boy on the banks of Baker River

Now's the time to grab your snowshoes, boots or skis and explore this part of Roslyn.

[Learn more about this hike.](#)

Vibrant Communities

Roslyn

Nestled in the hills east of Snoqualmie Pass, Roslyn is a charming town rich in history and beauty. Once known as a logging and coal-mining town, Roslyn today is a gateway to the many recreational opportunities, including access to the

Cascades!

Visit:

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

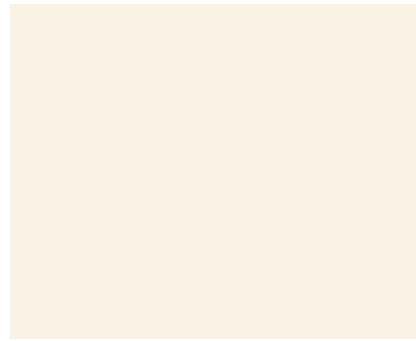
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spectacular Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

With thousands of acres of mountain forest and high country lakes and streams, the area is a summer paradise for backpacking, camping and fishing. Just minutes from Roslyn, Cle Elum Lake offers year round recreation and relaxation. Nearby Salmon La Sac is a favorite base camp for backpackers and kayakers.

[Learn more about Roslyn.](#)



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