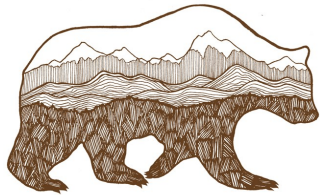


Paw Prints

March 2017



Friends of the
NORTH CASCADES
GRIZZLY BEAR

Sunshine Fund

Time for the Grizzly!

Please join Northwest Trek in supporting the reintroduction of grizzly bears in the North Cascades! There are currently fewer than 10 grizzly bears in this area, which spans nearly 10,000 square miles, and if no action is taken, they will go locally extinct. The National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have released four alternatives for grizzly bear restoration. Trek is joining PDZA, Woodland Park Zoo and other Friends of the North Cascades Grizzly Bear in endorsing Alternative C: Incremental Restoration.

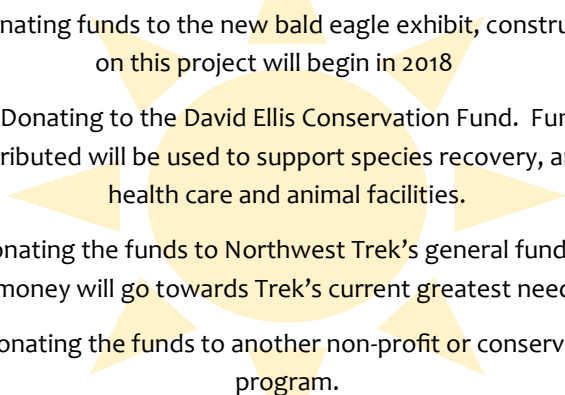
Out of the four options, Alternative C is what we feel is the best because it would entail the slow release of grizzly bears by expert wildlife scientists into remote areas of the North Cascades National Park and other nearby lands over five to 10 years, with an initial goal of 25 bears. The methods outlined in Alternative C have been used by biologists working to restore grizzlies elsewhere in the country with a lot of success.

If you support the reintroduction, we urge you to submit a comment on the Environmental Impact Statement. **The deadline to comment and show your support is March 14th before midnight.** All you need to write as a comment is that you support reintroduction of grizzly bears in the North Cascades, but it would be best to specify that you support Alternative C. Sample comments and letters (as well as cool education materials) can be found at:

www.northcascadesgrizzly.org

The volunteer program will no longer be collecting for the Sunshine Fund. The money is not being used for intended purposes and we don't want to collect more money without intent. Instead of individual passes, all current volunteers will receive a Metro Parks familiarization pass that can be used repeatedly to bring visitors into the park. If you have any questions please see Jessica Moore.

We would like to hear from you all, as our dedicated volunteers, what you would like to do with the exiting funds. Some options include, but are not limited to:

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1. Donating funds to the new bald eagle exhibit, construction on this project will begin in 2018
 2. Donating to the David Ellis Conservation Fund. Funds contributed will be used to support species recovery, animal health care and animal facilities.
 3. Donating the funds to Northwest Trek's general fund. The money will go towards Trek's current greatest need.
 4. Donating the funds to another non-profit or conservation program.

Since this is the money that you as volunteers have collected over the years, we would love it if you decide where you would like it to go. Please fill out this very short survey raking the options by following the link below or emailing MacKenzie at MacKenzie.Schaefer@nwtrek.org

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DW3DZS3>



New Volunteer Portal

We will soon be using a new site called Better Impact for all of our new and existing volunteer information. This will be an easy way for all important information to be stored and also includes an improved volunteer application. This helps us save paper by not having to print out applications and most of our other paperwork. We will continue to update you on how to use this resource and where to find it.

If you have family or friends interested in becoming volunteers, continue directing them to the volunteer tab on the Northwest Trek website, as the link for the application has been updated.

Happy Birthday!



Jenna Andrews-Arico • March 10th

Ken Lindt
March 17th



Jerry Whittig • March 11th



Carl Schuler • March 13th



Chuck Pool
March 27th

Emily Ashlock
March 12th



Upcoming important dates

March 11th and 12th: Volunteer refresher training (Don't forget to RSVP to Brienne!)

March 18th: Hours change!

Monday-Friday 9:30-4:00

Saturday and Sunday 9:30-5:00

Trams Hourly

March 18th: AAZK Bowling

6:30-8:30 at Daffodil Bowl in Puyallup

\$12 per person prior to event (\$14 at the door)

March 25th, April 1st, 8th, and 15th:

New Volunteer Training

April 22nd: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Questions? Email MacKenzie at mackenzie.schaefer@nwtrek.org

