

Resolution #2  
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

## **ENLARGING PROTECTION OF NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK AND SURROUNDING WILDERNESS**

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**Background:** Campaigns have been launched to add areas to the North Cascades National Park, and to designate additional national forest wilderness and Wild and Scenic designation for areas in the North Cascades. The campaigns are known as the American Alps Legacy Project (park and wilderness additions) and Cascades Wild (wilderness additions and wild and scenic river designation).

The campaign goals are to improve administration and protection by:

Connecting the two park segments of the current North Cascades National Park under single administration.

Putting trailheads under the administration of trail's destination – the national park.

Providing national park protection to some of the land within the national recreational area giving a greater level of resource protection.

Giving wilderness system protection to some of the areas surrounding the national park.

These campaigns will help to protect the ecological integrity of the North Cascades. The campaigns are in the sturdy phase to determine best land classifications for the lands within the North Cascades.

**Resolution:** The FWOC supports the efforts of the American Alps Legacy Project to add wildlands to the North Cascades National Park, add wild areas in the region to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and connect the two segments of the North Cascades National Park.

The FWOC further supports the efforts of the Wild Cascades Project to add other areas within the North Cascades to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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