

HURRICANE RIDGE ROAD 2010 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Why is there a local effort underway to increase winter access to Hurricane Ridge Road?** In 2006, the current schedule of opening this road from Friday through Sunday was adopted by the National Park Service due to budgetary limitations and in an effort to create a predictable schedule that met public use levels and desires. Members of the local community have recently expressed an interest in expanding the use season to include daily access to Hurricane Ridge throughout the winter.
- 2. What is the total funding necessary to keep the Road open during the winter months?** The National Park Service has determined that funding of \$325,000 is needed in order to keep the Road open for daily access this winter. These costs cover the hiring of a dedicated maintenance crew, park rangers to provide emergency services and fuel and equipment.
- 3. What local funds are needed in order to provide the necessary funding?** Earlier this year a delegation of Port Angeles city officials met with representatives from the Department of Interior and Congressman Norm Dicks' Office. As a result of this meeting, the Department of Interior agreed to provide an additional \$250,000 a year for the next two to three years on a trial basis to cover a portion of the costs to provide daily access to Hurricane Ridge Road during the winter months. The Department indicated that the remaining funding of \$75,000 a year would have to be provided by the local community.
- 4. How many years is the local funding commitment required?** The primary focus of the local fund raising efforts is to secure funding for the 2010-11 winter season. Congressman Dicks has made an appropriation request that would provide full funding to keep the road opened through the winter season in future years. If this funding is approved next year, there will be no need to raise additional local funds. However, if the request is not approved, then the local funding will be needed for a three year period.
- 5. Why was a three-year period identified for opening the road?** The Department of Interior would like to evaluate the winter demand for use of Hurricane Ridge Road during a three-year period. If there is sufficient demand, then they will consider long-term funding to keep the Road opened. If the demand is not sufficient, then they will likely discontinue funding.
- 6. What happens if the community is not able to raise the \$75,000 local funding required?** If the \$75,000 is not raised this year, then plans call for continued fund raising with a goal to open the Road for daily winter access next year. If this occurs, all individuals and organizations that provided funding will be given the choice of getting a refund or allowing the funds to be used for next year's efforts.
- 7. How can individuals or groups contribute to the local fund raising campaign?** There are several easy options for making donations to help with this campaign. First of all, all checks should be written to the Washington's National Park Fund with the notation "Olympic NP-Hurricane Ridge" in order to insure that all donations are used for this campaign. Chase Bank has an account established locally, #000003676627323, and payments can be made at the Bank located at 101 W Front Street. Checks can also be sent to the Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce at 121 East Railroad Avenue or to Washington's National Park Fund at P.O. Box 64626, University Place, WA 98464. Donations can also be made on-line by credit card at <http://wnpf.org> by clicking the "Donate Now" button and select the Olympic National Park with a note that the donation is to be used for Hurricane Ridge Road. All donations will be used directly for the \$75,000 required local funding commitment with no administrative charges deducted for the donation.
- 8. Are donations tax deductible?** In order for contributions to be considered to be tax deductible they should be made payable to the Washington's National Park Fund which is a 501(c)(3) organization.