

MOUNTAINEERS CONSERVATION AND RESPONSIBLE RECREATION



PROTECTING THE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Conservation - a pillar of our organization

- Direct and personal stake in the outdoors
- Successful conservation depends on these personal connections
- Opportunity to add net new people to the conservation movement
- Strong history in this work

Our focus - *Protecting the Outdoor Experience*

- Protecting public lands and the experiences they provide
- Access to get people outside
- Awakenning the conservation ethic in recreationists through education and stewardship

OUR WORK IS UNIQUE BECAUSE

- More direct stake than most conservation organizations
- Outdoor community
- Authentic voice – boots on the ground
- Expanding role of human powered recreation



EDUCATION

STEWARDSHIP

ADVOCACY

**Conservation Currents
E-Newsletter**
20,000+ subscribers

Mountaineers Books
80k books, 50k events
and outreach

**Backcountry Impact
Series and Partnership
with LNT**
550 students and
volunteers trained

**Wilderness Weed
Watchers**
50 volunteers 600 hours

Stewardship Days
375 volunteers
1,800 hours

**Partnerships to provide
more relevant and
accessible stewardship
opportunities**

- **Wilderness campaigns & work**
- **20 Letters**
- **Outdoor Alliance**
- **Land Manager Support and Partnerships**

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

We connect our members, and the Washington public, pertinent resources on conservation and public lands issues.

- Backcountry Impact Series as a Course Component
- Our continued partnership with Leave No Trace
- Conservation Currents
- Mountaineers Books



STEWARDSHIP

- Graduation Requirement
- Partnerships
- Relevance and Accessibility
- Leveraging our Resources



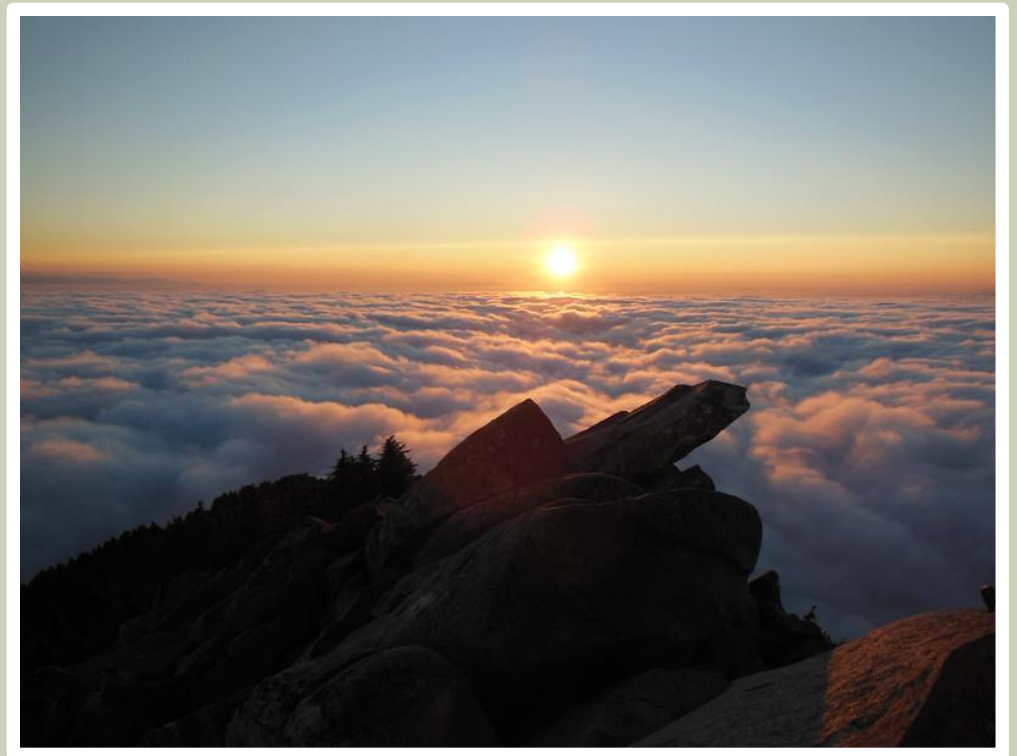
CONSERVATION ADVOCACY

The Mountaineers is Washington's leading voice for protecting the outdoor experience in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. We undertake our policy work through bringing together partners and coalitions, advocating for the protection of our wild places, and working with land managers and lawmakers. We do all of this to protect the wild places that inspire us.



OUR WILDERNESS-FOCUS WORK

- Alpine Lakes and Wild Olympics
- North Cascades
- LWCF & WWRC
- Current ONP Wilderness Stewardship
- 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act



STEWARDSHIP TO CONSERVATION ADVOCACY

Conservation Education

Create awareness and buy-in through Backcountry Impact Series presentations, focusing on Leave No Trace skills specific to climbing in Washington State and highlighting the value of stewardship.

Goal number of people reached: 200

Stewardship

Promote six stewardship days at local climbing areas, making the course's stewardship requirement easier and more relevant for students to fulfill, and furthering the connections between recreational experiences and conservation.

*Goal numbers:
75% of students complete their stewardship requirement*

Conservation Advocacy

Introduce specific issues and avenues to implement climbing-related advocacy. This would be done primary through email communications, leveraging the engagement organizing model.

Goal: Introduce students to specific conservation advocacy issues. Engage a core number of individuals (1-5) to take the lead on issues and give them the tools to continue to advocate for conservation issues in the future.

ACCESS

- How does access and permitting fit in with what I've shared so far?
- We get people outside
- Conservation depends on personal connections
- Human-powered recreation is the future of conservation

OUR WORK THIS YEAR

- Leadership role in national access work in partnership with the Wilderness Society
 - Work in DC
 - Legislation
- Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests
- Unified outfitter/guide and nonprofit coalition



LEADING WASHINGTON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FORWARD

Protecting the Outdoor Experience through Education,
Stewardship and Advocacy

