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## MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK News Release

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### Help Us Make America's Best Idea Even Better! Join Mount Rainier National Park on September 26 for a Day of Service and Celebration

Ashford, WA – Be part of an unprecedented event on September 26 when Mount Rainier National Park and national parks across the country invite you to make America's Best Idea – the national parks – even better. Presented by the National Park Service and National Park Foundation, it will be a special day of service and celebration for visitors and volunteers to experience their parks and catch a sneak preview of Ken Burns's new documentary *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* premiering on PBS on September 27.

"We are excited about the opportunity to greet old friends and welcome new visitors to explain how Mount Rainier National Park is part of America's Best Idea," said Acting Superintendent Randy King. "Making that best idea even better is our goal and one we can only accomplish with the support of our visitors, volunteers, and partners."

Mount Rainier is looking for volunteers to help on a variety of projects including revegetation of the former site of the Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise, trail maintenance projects, restoration work in the historic Longmire Campground for use by future volunteers or helping rebuild the Glacier Basin Trail on the east side of the park, which was obliterated by flooding three years ago. Projects will be available for all ages and levels of physical ability.

To thank volunteers, the park will offer a sneak peak of the new Ken Burns film *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* that premieres on September 27. Volunteers participating in the scheduled National Public Lands Day activities at the park will be treated to refreshments and a preview of the film at the Longmire Community Building beginning at 3:30 p.m. on September 26.

The Mount Rainier National Park event is just one of many occurring in the national parks across the country. The nationwide program is cosponsored by the National Park Foundation ([www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org)), the National Park Service's Congressionally-chartered philanthropic partner. See [www.nps.gov/September26](http://www.nps.gov/September26) for more information.

For more information on the Mount Rainier National Park event please call Kevin Bacher, Volunteer Coordinator, 360-569-2211, ext. 3385, the park's website at [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora) or its volunteer program blog at [rainiervolunteers.blogspot.com](http://rainiervolunteers.blogspot.com).

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