With the centennial celebration of national parks this year, parks across the country have seen record numbers of visitors. With limited manpower and budget constraints, the National Park Service continues to rely on volunteers to maintain parks and keep the experience for visitors as memorable as it has been for the last 100 years. Mount Rainier is no exception, and the National Park Service relies on many helping hands.

Our Results:

- 3,000 sq ft of vista was cleared near the Longmire Community Building
- Repaired 30 ft of trail within the campground and winterized 12 total sites

**Why did we do it?**
To provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors - all while allowing the National Park Service staff to focus on next steps for both projects. The campground is ready for the change in season and the cleared vista will soon be the home to a ranger memorial.

- Completed maintenance work on nearly 900 ft of trails
- Installed 100 checks along the trail edge to help with water runoff and protect from erosion

**Why did we do it?**
There are hundreds of trails in Mount Rainier - all maintained by NPS. The work completed will help maintain the trails for at least the next decade (if not more)

- Relocated 42 willow stakes to allow for restoration of the road
- 4 large woody structures - aka, willow fencing, were installed, to aide in soil bioengineering

**Why did we do it?**
Westside Rd has been closed to the public because of safety concerns from flooding and road damage. The installment of the willow stake fencing supports tree growth along the sides of the road, stabilizing the soil and making it safe again for visitor use.

“Though 100 miles south of Seattle, Mount Rainier is an icon in the city’s skyline and a major day trip and overnight destination for our visitors. It’s incumbent on all of us to care for and maintain this tourism asset and national treasure.”
- Tom Norwalk, President & CEO of Visit Seattle

More than 2 million visitors travel to Mount Rainier National Park to enjoy one of the most beautiful places in the United States. To provide them with the best experience and keep the park pristine for the next 100 years, volunteer support is key.

THANK YOU for being a part of this very important initiative to preserve the travel experience for generations to enjoy.
“We’re very excited to work with the Tourism Cares group. What better way to celebrate the centennial than to join in and help take care of these beautiful places!”

- Kevin Bacher, Volunteer and Outreach Program Manager for the National Park Service

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