

## Washington's National Park Fund Welcomes Bret Wirta to Board of Directors

Jan. 26 -- Washington's National Park Fund is pleased to announce the addition of Bret Wirta to the Board of Directors. Bret brings with him a wide range of experience and leadership in conservation and business.



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Bret is currently the owner and CEO of Wirta Hospitality Worldwide. Based in Seattle, WHW designs, builds, owns and manages community-inspired hospitality projects. Since founding the company in 2003, Bret has designed and built two hotel-anchored developments. His most recent project, The Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center, Sequim, features a 44-solar panel array on the roof of the new conference center. Bret's goal is to show fellow owners and developers that sustainability is economically compatible with affordability.



"Bret's efforts in promoting environmental sustainability will be invaluable to the board," said Washington's National Park Fund Board President Greg Moga. "I look forward to working with him in fulfilling our mission of preserving and protecting Washington's National Parks."

Bret graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and a minor in economics from the University of New Hampshire.

Bret enjoys hiking and backpacking with his family in the Washington's National Parks, especially Olympic National Park. Bret's latest project is launching a website designed to reach those who are not regular hikers or who may never have explored the Olympic Peninsula.

"As a community leader and business owner, Bret understands the special tie our national parks have to the area," said Olympic National Park Superintendent Karen Gustin. "His expertise will be beneficial as we work to strengthen the parks' bonds to their communities and enhance the visitor experience."

Washington's National Park Fund is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to supporting Olympic, North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks through charitable contributions. All gifts to the Fund are fully tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. To learn more about Washington's National Park Fund, visit [www.wnpf.org](http://www.wnpf.org).

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