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Re: Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series,
"Plant Diversity in Olympic National Park" on March 14 at 7pm
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At **Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm**, ecologist **Dr. Catharine Copass** will discuss the stunning array of plant community diversity in the Park, from coastal red alder bluffs to rocky dry alpine meadows. The presentation is hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Zoom. Learn more and access the Zoom link at nols.org/ONP. No registration is required.

During the talk, Dr. Copass will revisit her project to inventory, classify, and map the vegetation resources of the Park. The presentation will highlight results from the vegetation classification work, which described over 300 unique communities. Copass will introduce the Park's newest vegetation map, which combined the classification with state of the art mapping techniques to create a map at unprecedented resolution and accuracy. The presentation will explore the new map and provide new perspectives on familiar park landscapes.

The free talks continue each month through April 11. Recordings are available the day after the presentations. View the series recordings at nols.org/ONP.

The series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System.

For more information about visiting Olympic National Park, see www.nps.gov/olym.

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Dr. Catharine Copass.



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