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Dear Wildlife Enthusiast:

ECHO LAKE PARK

Congratulations on qualifying as a Backyard Sanctuary manager. We thank you for your interest in Washington's wildlife. Your sanctuary certificate and outdoor sign are enclosed. We are no longer printing and mailing our newsletter, *Crossing Paths*, to help us meet our sustainability goals by reducing paper use, and our budgeting needs by cutting postage costs. The latest issue of *Crossing Paths* is now available on our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/crospath/>. If you would like to receive an email notice of each new edition's availability, please register through <http://wdfw.wa.gov/lists/>.

Washington State's non-game division, which includes the Backyard Sanctuary Program, is funded through the sales of personalized license plates. People who purchase personalized plates support research and management programs that benefit the 536 species of birds, mammals, and other wildlife that are not hunted or fished in this state. Should you wish to help Washington's wildlife in this way, an application form for a personalized license plate is enclosed.

You have joined the ranks of more than 6000 individuals and families who care enough about Washington's wildlife to become a Backyard Sanctuary manager. You can further help wildlife by telling your friends and neighbors about the Backyard Sanctuary program. The wildlife in your neighborhood will have a more secure future if other people learn to share your sense of environmental stewardship. Enclosed you will find a flyer if you would like to share the program with a friend or neighbor.

Sincerely,

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