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MSR® Gear Shed™ Tent Vestibule Wins 2011 Golden *Op Pad* Outdoor Award

Dutch outdoor magazine names the best products of 2011

Seattle, U.S.A. – Cascade Designs, Inc., the Seattle-based industry leader in the design and manufacture of premier outdoor equipment, has won a 2011 Golden Outdoor Award for its MSR Gear Shed tent vestibule from the Netherlands' premier outdoor adventure magazine, *Op Pad*. The MSR Gear Shed vestibule was selected for its innovative concept, light weight and functionality.

The second annual *Op Pad* Outdoor Award competition paid tribute to nine categories, of which three products in each category received a golden, silver or bronze award and a readers' choice award. An independent and qualified jury evaluated each participating product in categories such as innovation, durability, user-friendliness, use of materials and design.



This versatile new MSR Gear Shed tent vestibule adds increased livability to any existing MSR Hubba™ or Hubba Hubba™ tent, transforming a lightweight backpacking tent into a park-and-play or base camp tent. The add-on hoop-style vestibule adds 26.5 square feet of space and features a partial floor to provide a clean place to store gear.

The MSR Gear Shed tent vestibule is available in stores starting January 2011.

About the MSR® (Mountain Safety Research) Brand

Seattle-based Cascade Designs, Inc. engineers the MSR brand of standard-setting, high-performance outdoor equipment. A commitment to quality manufacturing and innovation ensures customers are outfitted with the finest, most reliable gear available for outdoor adventures. MSR brand product lines include stoves, fuel, cookware, water treatment, hydration, shelter, snowshoes and camp towels, the

majority of which are made in the Seattle, U.S.A. and Cork, Ireland manufacturing facilities. For more information, visit www.msrgear.com.

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