

Dear Maureen,

This note is to thank the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks for the honor of the 2016 Hartzog Award. It is quite humbling to be recognized by my friends and colleagues who know how hard so many NPS employees work to accomplish the mission of the National Park Service.

I must also thank Director Jon Jarvis for giving me the opportunity to work on the amazing places that the Obama Administration considered for national monument designation. I learned about important stories that need to be told, and significant natural and cultural resources that need to be protected for posterity. I worked with passionate people in and out of government on all these projects.

I must again thank Director Jarvis, and also Secretary Jewell and President Obama for their understanding of the importance of protecting these places and telling these stories, and their willingness to act on that understanding.

Finally, I thank the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks for standing strong in its determination to make these actions stick, and working hard to safeguard the park resources and values we hold dear. You are terrific!

Sincerely,

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