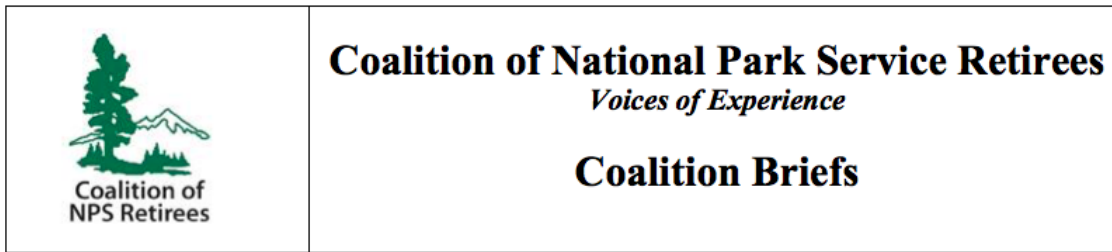


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Issues

Concerns about Energy Development Near National Parks

In a speech on March 17, 2015, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell described how her department will continue to execute the president's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy. The administration has proposed a number of effective, common-sense measures to ensure national parks are shielded from the most damaging effects of ramped up energy production. However, the ongoing delay in the completion and implementation of a variety of management plans and regulations incorporating those measures leaves parks vulnerable to damage. With national parks in the spotlight during the upcoming centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, the Coalition has joined several other park advocacy groups in issuing a press release urging the administration to finalize these important plans and rules before parks are irreparably harmed. For more information, see: <http://www.npca.org/news/media-center/press-releases/2015/time-is-now-to-link.html>

The Coalition distributed 2015 issues summary to all members. These are difficult times, both politically and financially, and the National Park Service cannot thrive without help from others. An outline of the issues summary is available at: <http://npsretirees.org/issues-summary-march-13-2015/>

Other Items of Interest

An Executive Council member participated in the meeting of the Secretary's Centennial Advisory Committee. The meeting included the NPS National Leadership Council and Centennial Coordinators for numerous parks, programs and regions. Over 100 participants spent the day reviewing plans for the NPS Centennial in 2016.

The CNPSR 2014 Annual Report was mailed to all Coalition members. The six page color report highlights activities for the past year and was developed with the help of *Eastern National*.

A panel discussion was held on Capital Hill concerning legislation to make changes in the Antiquities Act. A member of the Executive Council was part of the panel.

The Coalition is surveying members via email to help guide the overall direction of efforts in the coming year. Members concerns and views of the current and future of the NPS are paramount to moving the Coalition forward. Results of the survey will be available later this spring.

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