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## The Coalition To Protect America's National Parks

*Voices of Experience - Advocating The Protection of America's National Park System*

**Happy New Year!**

We've joined [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)! Please follow us @protectnps.

In December, we brought on 11 new members, bringing our total membership to 1120 at the end of 2015. Over the course of the year, 78 new members joined the organization. In 2016, raising our membership numbers will be a top priority.

As part of our Centennial Biographies project, we posted three new bios in December. Please go to our website to read the stories of [Jerry Mernin](#), [Caleb "Cal" Cooper](#), [Ernest Allen Connally](#). Please continue to submit names for additional individuals to highlight.



**Pro Bike Race Proposed Again at Colorado National Monument** - In 2010-2011, the National Park Service (NPS) denied a permit request to hold a professional bicycle race on the main road into Colorado National Monument, citing conflicts with NPS management policies and impacts to access for park visitors - a decision strongly supported by the Coalition at the time. Recent news reports suggest that the park may be reconsidering allowing the race after all. The Coalition has written the new superintendent asking him to reaffirm the previously-made decision. To read our letter see: <http://protectnps.org/3006-2/>

**Continuing Concerns about the Appropriate Management of Big Cypress** - A recent NPS planning document at Big Cypress National Preserve (BICY) surprisingly quotes a disputed district court statement regarding the appropriate management of the Preserve. The court statement was challenged by the Coalition in a September 2015 *amicus curiae* brief and subsequently disavowed in a federal brief filed by the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of NPS. The Coalition has written to NPS Director Jon Jarvis asking NPS to stop referring to the disputed court statement in BICY management documents. To read our letter see: <http://protectnps.org/big-cypress-planning-document-has-unexpected-reference-to-disputed-court-statement/>

Each December, we say goodbye to some board members and welcome new ones. Special thanks to David Barna and Ernie Quintana for their contributions to the organization. Welcome to our new Executive Council members [Sheridan Steele and Pat Tiller](#).

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