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Washington DC Office Launch

Beginning January 1, 2017, the Coalition's main office will be in Washington, DC. Bill Wade will continue to serve as our Business Manager and our business office will be listed as the Tucson, AZ address.

The main office address in DC is:
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Investing in Our National Park Service: A Proposal for the Transition Team

Today's Challenge: Now celebrating its 100th anniversary, the national parks remain what American author Wallace Stegner once called *America's Best Idea*. Our parks enjoy bipartisan support and are a model for park systems around the globe. By any measure, the idea is a success.

But, as we mark the centennial, it is a timely

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the start of
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that you will
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to ask this question: will the System continue to serve its intended purpose in a new century? Will it remain effective and popular in the next fifty or one hundred years?

Coalition Recommendations: The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks has prepared three papers with recommendations to address the most critical issues facing our parks in the next four years. These issues are Effective Leadership and Development, Funding for Infrastructure and Staffing, and Partnership Opportunities.

To read our full proposal for the transition team, please click the button below.

[Read the Full Proposal](#)

Membership Report & Next Steps

In Fall 2016, Coalition staff developed and sent out a membership survey to gain feedback from members about overall satisfaction with the Coalition, satisfaction with Coalition communications, perceptions of the Coalition, and areas for improvement.

We thank our 265 members who responded to the survey. Your input is invaluable, and we thank you for taking the time to respond!

Results from the membership survey indicated overall satisfaction with the Coalition and satisfaction with Coalition communications is high. Survey respondents

the Coalition.

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also indicated areas for improvement, including polishing communications and adding ways for members to be more involved and engaged in the Coalition's work.

In 2017, based on what we heard from members in the membership survey, Coalition staff will take actions to improve and polish communications, as well as describe opportunities for membership involvement on the website and in the monthly brief. One of these actions can be seen in this brief with our first "Member Action of the Month."

More information about the membership survey and our next steps to improve membership experiences can be found in our annual newsletter.

Additionally, you can read the membership survey report as a PDF by clicking the button below.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support!

[Read the Membership Survey Report](#)

Help Us Grow Our Membership

Do you know someone retiring from the National Park Service?

Is someone you mentored still working?

We need your help to recruit new members! Any current, former, or retired employee of the National Park Service can join the

 **Forward**

Member Action of the Month

Note: In each monthly brief, starting this month, we will publish a "Member Action of the Month." We hope all members will participate!

Using the social media buttons above or the button below, please "Like" our [Facebook page](#) and share one of the Coalition's Facebook posts on your profile.

**The Coalition's
Facebook Page**

Membership Update

The Coalition's
membership

Coalition to Protect America's National
Parks.

Please spread the word about the benefits
of being a member of the Coalition!

Find Out More About Membership

Proposed Dominion Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton Transmission Line Project

This letter follows up on our January 26, 2016, letter opposing Dominion Virginia Power's (Dominion) proposed Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton project. Based upon credible new evidence, at least four viable alternatives exist to Dominion's ill-conceived proposal. There is no compelling need to construct high transmission towers across the James River in close proximity to Jamestown Island - a unit of the U.S. National Park System and arguably one of America's most historically significant sites. Click below to read the full letter.

Read the Letter

Success Story: NPS Moose-Wilson Corridor Plan Will Protect Wildlife at Grand Teton National Park

The NPS has recently approved the Final Moose-Wilson Corridor Comprehensive Management Plan for Grand Teton National

currently stands
at **1,190**
members.



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Park. The plan provides a cautious approach to management that protects wildlife and important habitat along the corridor, despite tremendous political pressure from state and local officials to develop the corridor for increased recreational use. Click below for more information about the plan.

[Read More About the Plan](#)

Retired National Parks Pair to Share Book of Its History and Future

"When Rolf Diamant was old enough to get his driver's license, he hopped in a borrowed station wagon with a friend, loaded up some sleeping bags and started driving across the country to California. Badlands. Mesa Verde. Every little park in between.

Nora Mitchell was the self-proclaimed 'travel bug' in her family, but they would together often camp and hike in the Great Smoky Mountains."

Read more in the *Bradenton Herald* about Rolf Diamant & Nora Mitchell, both members of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks, and their new book titled *A Thinking Person's Guide To America's National Parks* by clicking the button below.

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"Millions of Americans and international visitors have formed their own stories in our national parks, rooted in wonder. Years ago, at the base of Yosemite Falls, I watched my daughter and her close-knit group of friends grow in their passion for nature at the park where I met and eventually married my husband. Our national parks provide us with priceless memories and inspiration, and yet, these magnificent places are struggling from years of inadequate funding due to inaction by Congress."

Read the full op-ed written by Coalition member Mary Martin published in *Record Searchlight* by clicking the button below.

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What We're Reading This Month

"For years I have told my family and friends that I am one issue voter and my issue is the United States National Park Service."

Don't miss "And Now for the Next Four Years," an article by Coalition Executive Council member Brenda Barrett in the *Living Landscape Observer*, [by visiting this link](#). And thank you Brenda for the shout out to the Coalition in this article!

"The NPS History Electronic Library is a portal to thousands of electronic publications and videos, covering the history of the National Park Service and the cultural and natural history of the national parks, monuments, and historic sites of the U.S. National Park System."

To read these electronic documents, with over 100 new documents from this past month, please visit npshistory.com.

Video of the Month: Sunrise to Sunset -- Stunning Timelapse Video of America's National Parks



Ring in the New Year with this video highlighting many national parks across the U.S. From *The Guardian*: "From coast to coast, Hawaii to Maine, the beauty, nature and scope of US national parks are breathtaking."

[Click here](#) to watch the full video.

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