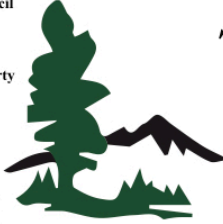


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The Coalition To Protect America's National Parks

Voices of Experience

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We, the undersigned, are former employees of the National Park Service (NPS) and active members of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks (Coalition). As a group, the Coalition represents more than 35,000 years of national park management experience. We have devoted our careers to serving the American people and protecting places like Glacier, Grand Canyon, and Zion National Parks. We are writing out of concern for the alarming number of oil and gas proposals that are advancing next to national parks, as well as broader efforts by the Interior Department to reduce protections for national parks in order to encourage oil and gas drilling.

National parks represent the best of America. They protect our grandest canyons and tallest peaks, shelter wildlife species – like bison, grizzly bear and bald eagle – that are intertwined with our national identity, and preserve the visible record of our nation's diverse and colorful past. In our increasingly busy and complex world, national parks are where we go to refresh our spirits and bear witness to the awe-inspiring beauty of nature and the perseverance of our ancestors and others who traveled before us.

As former land managers, we understand the need to balance competing priorities. But we fear the pendulum is swinging too far to the side of development. In recent months, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed oil and gas leases adjacent or in close proximity to several national parks, including Zion National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Capitol Reef National Park, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Hovenweep National Monument, and Fort Laramie National Historic Site. Additionally, the BLM has decided not to prepare several "master leasing plans" (MLPs) in Utah, which were intended to help protect nearby national parks from the adverse impacts of future oil and gas activity.

We know from years of experience that people come to national parks with certain expectations. They expect pristine views of snow-capped mountains and rivers running through deep-bottomed canyons. They expect to see herds of bison and elk and the occasional bear or wolf. They expect dark night skies and peace and quiet in the companionship of friends and family. But they do not expect national parks that are surrounded by oil and gas rigs, shrouded in haze, and disrupted by noise from industrial activity. There are places where oil and gas development is entirely appropriate. But rarely do those places include the lands that surround our national parks.

In 2008, the BLM sold several oil and gas leases next to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks in Utah. It was a rushed exercise, and NPS was not consulted until late in the process. A federal court halted the leases, because of the grave threat to the national parks, and an internal review conducted by a veteran BLM/NPS leadership team recommended a series of changes to BLM's leasing program designed to avoid similar conflicts in the future. Those recommendations were largely adopted, and are achieving their goals. Master Leasing Plans (MLP's) are reducing conflicts across the West, including around Arches and Canyonlands, and a new leasing process has created a vehicle for identifying and resolving NPS concerns for leases proposed near national parks. MLP's prevent irreparable damage to park resources and avoid costly litigation, while allowing appropriate levels of oil and gas development to occur

Our national parks are not meant to be islands in seas of development. For this reason, we ask that you avoid issuing any oil and gas leases near our national parks, including the parks identified in paragraph 3 above. There are many other places on our public lands where industry can pursue oil and gas leasing without threatening the majestic scenery, wildlife, visitor experience, and dark night skies that make our national parks such special places.

In closing, we appreciate that oil and gas leasing on federal lands near national parks is a nationally important activity that must be well planned and managed in order to ensure there is an appropriate balance between energy development and resource conservation. We ask that you continue to uphold the policies that were adopted following the 2008 lease sale in Utah. Those policies, which include the Master Leasing Plan policy, are protecting our national parks, while reducing conflicts with proposed oil and gas development.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks Executive Council:

Maureen Finnerty, Chair of Executive Council, Superintendent at Olympic and Everglades National Parks, 31 years

Philip A. Francis, Jr., Vice Chair of Executive Council, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, 30+ years

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Maria Burks, Commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor, Golden Gate NRA (district ranger), Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP (superintendent), the NPS Office of the Director (special assistant, Vail Agenda) and Cape Cod NS (superintendent), 39 years

Mark A. Butler, Superintendent, Joshua Tree NP, Project Management Division Chief, Yosemite NP, 38 years

David M. Graber, Chief Scientist for the Pacific West Region of NPS, 40 years

Donald J. Hellmann, Assistant Director for Legislative and Congressional Affairs for the National Park Service, 40 years

Douglas K. Morris, Superintendent at Saguaro and Shenandoah National Parks, 40 years

Michael B. Murray, Superintendent of the Outer Banks Group, 34 years

Richard Ring, Associate Director of NPS, Park superintendent at: Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and Everglades & Dry Tortugas National Parks 26 years

Sheridan Steele, Superintendent at: Acadia National Park, Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Rocky Mountain NP (Deputy) and Fort Scott National Historic Site, 38 years

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Cordell J. Roy, Utah State Coordinator, 42 years

Tom Vaughan, Superintendent of Chaco Culture National Historic Park, 23 years

Tony Bonanno, Regional Chief Ranger, Intermountain Region, Retired, 32 years

Michael Sutton, former Ranger, Virgin Islands National Park

Mark D Flora, Chief, Planning & Evaluation Branch, Water Resources Division, 30 years

Philip Brueck, Deputy Superintendent, SE Utah Group, Deputy Regional Director, Northeast Region

Keith B. Dunbar, (retired) Chief of Park Planning and Environmental Compliance, Pacific West Region, 35 years

Walter J Chavez, Superintendent, San Juan National Historic Site, 42 years

Katherine C. Ziegenfus, Management Analyst at the Denver Service Center, 37 years

Joan Anzelmo, Superintendent Colorado National Monument; Park Spokesperson Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, 35 Years

George E. Buckingham, Chief Ranger Bryce Canyon, Crater Lake National Parks, (Retired), 35 years

John Freemuth. seasonal, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area 1979-80, author of Islands Under Siege: National Parks and the Politics of External Threats

Mark Motsko, Worked at at Denali, Theodore Roosevelt, Crater Lake, Great Smoky Mountains and Yellowstone National Parks, 32 years

Debra Levie, Park Ranger at Independence National Historic Park, 4 years

Philip Heckman, Administrative Officer at Rocky Mountain National Park 32 years

J. W. Wade, Superintendent Shenandoah National Park, 32 years

Sharon Paris, Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 7 years

Michael Wurm, Volunteer Program Manager, Lowell National Historical Park, 33 years

Delora M. Loope, Aquatic Ecologist at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, 13 years

Don Castleberry, Regional Director, Midwest Region, Omaha NE, Associate Director, Operations, Washington DC, 32 years

Kent Cave, Supervisory Park Ranger Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 34 years

Thomas W. Griffiths, Asst. Supt., Ozark National Riverways, Chief Ranger, Denali National Park and Preserve, 35 years

John Jameson, Senior Archaeologist at the Southeast Archeological Center, 25 years

Linda Finn, Planner, Harpers Ferry Center, 25 years

George Oviatt, chief natural resources, Buffalo National River, 27 years

Richard B. Smith, Assoc. Reg. Director, Resources Mgmt., 31 years

Barbara J. ("BJ") Griffin, Superintendent of Yosemite and Manager, Presidio of San Francisco, 34 years

Ray W. "Skip" Snow, Wildlife Biologist at Everglades National Park, 38.

Warren E Bielenberg, Chief, Education and Visitor Services, Midwest Regional Office, 34 years

Dave Forney, Superintendent at Upper Delaware Scenic & Rec River, 33 years
Gary E. Davis, Science Advisor, Channel Islands National Park, 50 years
B. Riley McClelland, Research Biologist - Wildlife, Glacier National Park, 37 years
Paul Stevens, Chief Park Ranger, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 30 years
Dr. Jerry Freilich, Research Coordinator at Olympic National Park, 23 years
John Hunter, Museum Curator at Washington Office
Larry Walling, Former Chief, Transportation Division, Denver Service Center
Gilbert Soper, Chief Park Ranger Golden Gate National Recreation Area, 35 years
Jane C. Anderson, Deputy Fee Manager, 34 years
Phil Francis, Former Park Superintendent 41 years
Max Old Bear, Park Ranger at Isle Royale National Park, Everglades National Park, Mt. Rainier National Park, Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore.
Kathy Tonnessen, Ph.D., NPS Research Coordinator, Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, University of Montana, 24 years
Bob Reynolds, Superintendent Outer Banks Group, 30 years
Connie Rudd, Superintendent at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area, 35 years.
Donald Falvey, Superintendent, Zion National Park, 28 years
David N Given, Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region, 32 years
Carolyn Knoll, Park Ranger at World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, 4 years
Bruce Craig, Training Coordinator, Mather Training Centre, Chief Resources Management, Gettysburg National Military Park (14 years with the NPS); Director Atlantic Regional Office, National Park Conservation Association (7 years); Executive Director Conference of National Park Cooperating Associations (2 years); Executive Director, National Park Trust (3 years)
Bruce Dombrowski, US Nat'l Park Ranger (ret.), Point Reyes National Seashore, 35 years.
Bruce Douglas McKeeman, Superintendent, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Deputy Superintendent, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, 36 years
Peter K. Nigh, Superintendent, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, 32 years
Dale J., Chief Ranger Lake Mead National Recreation , Chief Ranger Death Valley National Monument, Retired with 33 years
Kate Faulkner, Chief of Natural Resources Management, Channel Islands National Park and Northwest Alaska Areas. 35 years
Bruce Murphy, Trail Foreman, Glacier Park, 7 years.
Edward F. Clark, Chief Ranger (VRP), Big Cypress National Preserve, 21+ years
Bruce Bytnar, District Ranger at The Blue Ridge Parkway, 33 years
Dan Moses, Management Assistant, North Cascades NP, 32 years
Oron L. Bass, Jr Wildlife Biologist at Everglades National Park, 36 years
Roger A. Rudolph, Chief Ranger Yosemite National Park 1986 - 1991
Assistant Superintendent Olympic National Park 1991 - 2002
Carla Louise McConnell, Project Manager (retired), General Architect Denver Service Center, 17 years
Richard Wells, Park Superintendent at Gateway National Recreation Area, 32 years
Steven Gazzano, Supervisory Park Ranger (LE) Cape Cod NS, 34 years.
Allen Bohnert, Chief of Museum Services in Southeast Regional Office, 29 years
Nathan Walker, Cartographic Technician at Mesa Verde National Park, 4 years

Nicholas J Eason, Chief of Resource Management and Visitor Protection, Dinosaur National Monument; Unit Manager, Canyonlands National Park, 30 years
Donald E. Magee, Superintendent, USS Arizona Memorial, 33 years
Mary E. Elms, wife of Wallace Elms-Park Ranger and Superintendent-last Park Carlsbad National Park, I was with him in the NPS 32 years.
Terry Savage, Superintendent of Boston National Historical Park, Superintendent of the Boston support office, 42 years
Gail C Menard, Chief of Administration, Intermountain Regional Office, Santa Fe; Yellowstone National Park, 26 years
Dick Falb, Denver Service Center Planning/Design/Construction Office, 29 years
Denis Davis, Utah State Coordinator, Superintendent Timpanogis Cave National Monument, 37 years
Machelle Davis (Frye), Chief Concessions & Administration Curecanti NRA & Black Canyon National Park, 20 years
Michael Warren, NPS Program lead Structural fire, National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, ID, 35 years
James Hummel, Chief Park Ranger Voyageurs NP and Katmai NP, 37 years
Gary Brandow, Administrative Officer at Glacier National Park, 40 years
William C Walters, Associate to the Director, Washington Office, 15 years
Edwin A. Hession
Robert Yearout, Chief, Concessions Management, Washington Office, 34 years
jay eickenhorst, park ranger, partnership liaison, golden gate national recreation area, 36 years
D. Thomas Ross, formerly NPS Assistant Director, Recreation and Conservation
David C. Hartman WASO Park Facility Management Division 42 years
William L. Huie, Recreation Planner at Southeast Regional Office, 31 years
Francis A Ketterson, Chief, Division of Cultural Resources, Midwest Regional Office, Chief, Division of Interpretation, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, 36 years
Stephen Petersburg, Natural Resource Specialist, Dinosaur National Monument, 30 years
Bonnie Winslow, Chief Ranger at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, 22 years
Cherry Payne, Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve
Brian R Adams, Chief Ranger at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, 30 years
Denis Osowski, Telecommunications Equipment Operator at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 1 year
Luke E Dalton; Chief I&RM Wupatki/Sunset Crater; Interpretive Ranger, Zion
Lynn Jamison, Administrative Officer Chickasaw Nat'l Rec Area, 18 years
Charles Barry Cooper, Superintendent, Aztec Ruins National Monument, 34 years
Laura Rotegard
Larry Henderson, Park Manager at Mount Rainier National Park, Park Superintendent at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 36 years
Tom Wilson, Public Affairs Officer, Washington, D.C. office, 6 years
Bill Jackson, Chief Water Resources Division, 22 years
Joe Abrell, Chief, Resource Management and Science at Great Smoky Mtns NP 30 years
Gary Williams, Chief Office of Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation, Washington Office, 17 years
Warren Hill, past Superintendent Niobrara-Missouri National Scenic Riverways; past Associate Regional Director, Operations, Midwest Region

E. Peter Walzer, Supervisory Ranger LE (retired), Gettysburg NMP, 30 years
Ken Phillips, Branch Chief Search and Rescue, 30 years
Sean Smith, Park Ranger at Glacier, North Cascades, and Yellowstone, 5 years
Janis Kozlowski, Park Manager, Alaska Region, 34 years
Dee Renee Ericks, District Ranger, Retired, Olympic National Park, 28 years
Lawrence A Lang, Park Ranger at Olympic National Park, 33 years
Nancy Stone, Superintendent, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, 33 years
Gilbert E. Blinn, Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park, 1985-1997; Superintendent, Badlands National Park, 1979-1986; Superintendent, Katmai National Monument, 1969-1979. 38 year
B. William Henry, Supervisory Park Ranger, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 30 years
Thomas M. Lorig, Park Ranger Interpreter, Dinosaur National Monument, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, 10 years
Tom Patterson, Fire Management Officer and Park Ranger in Joshua Tree National Park, 28 years
Anne Worthington, Superintendent at Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, 20 years
Ron Wilson, Chief Ranger in three National Parks.
Michael K. Johnson, Chief Ranger at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania NMP, 34 years
David A. Clary, Regional Historian, Midwest Region, 10 years
Joseph Collins, Human Resources Manager, Northeast Region, 29 years
Sherry Justus, Chief of Interpretation, Visitor Services and Natural Resources, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 25 years
Michael Adlerstein, Associate Regional Director, Northeast Regional Office, 29 years
Peggy Dolinich, Regional Volunteer Program Manager, Pacific West Region, 40 years
Nelson Siler, Park Ranger/Safety Manager at Yellowstone National Park, 32 years
Michael B. Murray, Superintendent of Outer Banks Group, Deputy Superintendent Cape Cod National Seashore, 34 years
Bill Halainen, staff ranger, Ranger Activities Division, Washington Office, management assistant Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, 41 years
Robert Dunnagan, Assistant Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, 35 years
Sam Weddle, Chief Ranger at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and Vicksburg National Military Park, 36 years
Paul B. Cole III, Park Superintendent at Roosevelt Vanderbilt NHS, Park Superintendent at Sandy Hook NRA, 35 years
Joseph Sovcik, Resource Management, Southwest Regional Office, 13 years
Sarah Bransom, Environmental Protection Specialist, Appalachian National Scenic Trail; 32 years
John Howard, Superintendent at Antietam National Battlefield 17 years.
Douglas Stover, Historian at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 32 years
Maryanne Gerbauckas, Associate Regional Director NER, Superintendent Edison NHP , 42 years
Deb Liggett. Superintendent, Lake Clark and Katmai NP and Preserves, 28 years
Charles B Voll, Archaeologist at Southwest Region, 35 years
Stephen W. Hastings
Daniel J. Jenner, Retired Supervisory Park Ranger, Valley Forge Nat'l. Park. 30 years

Thomas A. Cherry, retired law enforcement training manager at Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 33 years

Jerry Yarbrough, Superintendent Fort Davis National Historic Site, 35 years

Carl S. Christensen, Formerly Chief Park Ranger in the Pacific West Regional Office and Gulf Islands National Seashore, 36 years

William J Carroll, Deputy Superintendent at Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

Amanda Zeman, Cultural Resource Specialist at Grand Canyon & Petrified Forest National Parks, 10 years

James Redford, Law Enforcement Park Ranger at Colonial National Historical Park, 27 years

George Alderson, Student Trainee Park Naturalist at Yosemite National Park and Lava Beds National Monument, 3 years

Sarah Peskin, Chief of Planning and Legislation, North Atlantic Regional Office, 30 years

Douglas DeNio, Registered Profession Engineer, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver Service Center, 20 years

William A. Sanders; Superintendent Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Acting Associate NE Regional Director, NPS Ranger Careers Manager Washington Office, 33 years

Robbyn Jackson, Chief of Cultural Resources and Museum Management at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Historical Architect at the Pacific West Regional Office; 30.

Gary Johnston, Biologist, Biological Resources Management Division, 28 years

Milford Fletcher, Chief Scientist of Southwest Region, 25 years

Paul Henderson, Assistant Superintendent at Southeast Utah Group, 39 years

Steven D. Harrison, Chief of Resource Management, Carl Sandburg Home NHS and Outer Banks Group, 30 years

Thomas P. Workman, Park Superintendent Cabrillo National Monument, Kalaupapa National Historical Park, 40 years

John Cissell, Superintendent Kennesaw Mountain NBP, 33 years

Jason Tillotson, Park Ranger at Curecanti National Recreation Area, 1 year

Shirley M. Clark, Asst Regional Chief Scientist, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 30

Roberta Barrows, Park Ranger at Grand Teton National Park, 5 years

Peter E. Baril, Richmond National Battlefield Park, Colonial National Historical Park, 25 years

Jerry L. Rogers, Associate Director for Cultural Resources, 34 years

Brenda Barrett Coordinator National Heritage Areas 8 years

David Shaver, Chief, Geologic Resources Division, 28 years

Albert E. (Gene) Casey, Park Ranger, Mount Rainier National Park, 36 years

John P. Bloom, Editor of historical publications, Washington Office, 4 years

Edward D Carlin, Retired, 42 years

Barry Sullivan, Superintendent Fire Island National Seashore, Superintendent Gateway National Recreation Area, 35 years

Laurel Boyers, Wilderness Ranger/Wilderness Manager at Yosemite National Park, 30 years

John Morris, Interpretive Program Manager in the Alaska Regional Office (retired), 30 years

Tom Haraden, Asst. Chief of Interpretation at Zion National Park, 37 years

Clair A. Roberts, National Park Ranger at Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, and a few more National Parks, 27 years

Richard M. Bryant, retired Chief of Resource Management at Bryce Canyon National Park and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, 32 years

David Donohue, Budget Officer, Southwest Region, 30 years
John R. Erisman, Park Ranger at Grand Canyon NP and the C&O Canal NHP, 25 years
James Zinck
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Kristin Murphy, Park Guide Intern at Canyonlands National Park, <1 year
Ray Herrmann, leader, cooperative park studies unit, 20 years
Sanford P. Rabinowitch, Park Ranger Subsistence Manager, Alaska Regional Office, 31 years
Craig C. Axtell, Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Bryce Canyon National Park (Retired), 35 years
Larry B. Thomas. Retired from the NPS at Canyonlands National Park
Rick Ernenwein, Planner and Resource Management Specialist, 30 years
Richard A. Rasp, Park Ranger at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Redwood National Park, 32 years
Jack Ramsden, Communications Supervisor, Great Smoky Mountains and Crater Lake National Parks, 24 years
Frank J. Deckert, Park Superintendent at Big Bend and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks, 36 years
Scott Sticha, Park Ranger at Grand Canyon Parashant, 32 years
Larry N. Kilborn, Architect at Denver Service Center, 30 years
Tim Harvey, Division Chief, Washington Park Facility Management, 40 years
Jacqueline A. Gonzales, former Park Guide at Manzanar National Historic Site and Interpretive VUA at Cape Cod National Seashore, 5 years
Charles E Schultheis, Chief of Facility Management, Cabrillo National Monument, 36 years
Alfred J. Poole, III, Center Manager, WASO, 17 years
Don Bachman - Seasonal Park Ranger Mt Rainier & Rocky Mountain NP. 6 years
Steve Whitesell, Regional Director National Capital Region, Associate Director Park Planning Facilities and Lands, 37 years
Patrick H. Reed, Superintendent at Mammoth Cave National Park and Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, 42 years
E. Macdougall Palmer (2) Assistant to the Regional Chief Scientist - National Capital Region, Facility Manager - Center for Urban Ecology, Assistant Superintendent Rock Creek Park, 32 Years (1961 -1993)
Fred J Fagergren, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve and Bryce Canyon National Park, 34 years
Bruce Edmonston, Chief Ranger at Franklin Roosevelt NHS, Lake Roosevelt NRA, 29 yrs NPS.
Richard Hanks, Park Superintendent at Ft Donelson, 35 years
Steve Bruner, Strategic Planner at Yellowstone/Katmai/Lake Clark, 2 years
William O'Donnell, District Interpreter, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, 30 years
William F. Loftus, Ph.D., Fishery Biologist at EVER, 17
Norman D. Hellmers, Superintendent at Lincoln Home NHS, 31 years
O.V. Olsen, Park Ranger at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, IT Specialist in Intermountain Region, 30 years
Warren Lee Brown, Program Manager, Park Planning, Washington Office, 27 years
James Evans, Program Manager, Washington Headquarters Office, 15 years
Leslie Starr Hart, Park Manager, Intermountain Region; Chief, Office of Professional and Employee Development, Denver Service Center, 35 years

Donald Hellmann, Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, 22 years
Maria Abonnel, formerly Chief of Interpretation at Weir Farm National Historic Site and at Fire Island National Seashore, 16 years
Bruce Mac Dougal, Architectural Historian with the National Register in Washington, DC, 8.
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Elaine D. Hall, Chief, Legislative and Legal Affairs, Everglades National Park, 24 years
Diane E. Banta, Outdoor Recreation Planner; Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, 36 years
Rick Jones, Interpretive Planner and Park Ranger, Harper's Ferry Center, 34 years
Donna Williams, Preservation Planner, NPS HQ, 5 years
Mike Tollefson, retired superintendent, Yosemite National Park, 36 years
Cyndy Holda, Public Affairs Specialist, Retired, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 25 years
John Reed, Deputy Regional Director, No Atlantic Reguon, 2 years
Elizabeth Murray; Budget Technician, Public Affairs Assistant at Yellowstone NP; 10 years
William W. Dunmire, Supt. Carlsbad Caverns & Guadalupe Nat'l Parks, 28 years
Mary Martin, Park Superintendent, 37 years
Bennie C Keel, Regional Archeologist, Southeast Archeological Center, 32 years with NPS
Laura Soullière Gates, Superintendent at Cane River Creole National Historical Park, 39 years
Carol J. Spears, Site Manager, at James A. Garfield National Historic Site and First Ladies National Historic Site, 28 years
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Dr. J. Scott Harmon, Historian/Exhibit Planner at Harpers Ferry Center, 24 years
Daniel W. Brown, NPS Retired-36 years, Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, Southeast Deputy Regional Director
Rick Mossman, Acting Superintendent Ft. Laramie NHS, Chief Ranger Wind Cave Nat'l. Park, 36 years
Phillip A. Young, Senior Special Agent at Intermountain Regional Office, 25 years
Carol Kruse, Park Ranger at Flagstaff Area National Monuments, 40 years
Richard Frost, Park Superintendent at Biscayne National Park, 28 years
Elwood Lynn, Assistant Superintendent (retired), Denali National Park and Preserve, 38 years
Edward B. Patrovsky, Park Ranger at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 10 years
Erik R. Hauge; Planner, Air Resources Division (WASO); 21 years
Robert L Peterson Deputy Regional Director, Alaska Region National Park Service 34 years
Hal Grovert, Associate Regional Director, Intermountain Region, 35 years
Harry A. DeLashmutt, Park Ranger Retired - Everglades, Great Smoky Mt, Mt Rainier, Cape Cod, C&O Canal, Wash. Office - Interior Dpt. 32 years
Gary R Miles, Landscape Architect, Denver Service Center, Rocky Mountain Regional Office , 25 years
Denny Huffman, Park Superintendent at Dinosaur National Monument and Colorado National Monument, 35 years
Vito Spinale, Facility Management Specialist, Washington Office and Bandelier NM, 37 years.
Rebecca M. Post, National Historic Landmark Coordinator at Intermountain Region, Santa Fe Support Office, 33 years

Carol A. Clark, retired Park Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve, Canaveral National Seashore, Big Cypress National Preserve.

Deryl B Stone Chief Park Ranger (retired) 28 years of service JNEM St Louis

Sam Vaughn, Associate Manager for Interpretive Planning, Harpers Ferry Center, 40 years

David Barna, Chief Spokesman, 38 years

Douglas Troutman, Park Ranger at Yosemite National Park, 7 years

Molly N. Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Washington, DC, 36 years

Robert Wemple, Engineer Grand Teton National Park, 30 years

Len McKenzie, Deputy Superintendent at Golden Gate National Recreation Area, 36 years

David Nathanson Chief, Branch of library and Archival Services, Harpers Ferry Center, 32 years

David Buccello, Chief Park Ranger, Acadia National Park 30 years

Robert Andrew, Park Ranger, Yosemite National Park, 30 years

Jonathan B Halpern, Chief Environmental Compliance Division, Alaska Regional Office, 10 years

Thomas Smith Seasonal Horse Patrol Ranger, 15 years

David B. Ames, Associate Regional Director Operations, Alaska Region, 33 years

Richard Wells, Superintendent, Gateway National Recreation Area, 32 years

Maria Burks, Commissioner, National Parks of New York Harbor, 39 years

Randi Sue Smith, Curator, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, 15; DC Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery Archives Fish & Wildlife, 22 years

Dennis Burnett; Deputy Chief, Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, Washington Office; 35 years

Ginny Rousseau; Chief Ranger, Shenandoah National Park; 35 years

Terrence D. Moore, former Chief of Planning and Compliance, Northeast Regional Office, National Park Service, 12, former Executive Director, Pinelands National Reserve, 20 years

Norah Martinez, Chief Ranger at Wrangell St. Elias National Park & Preserve, 33 years

Cherry Payne, Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve, 34 years

Amy Vanderbilt, Going-to-the-Sun Road Communications & Outreach Manager at Glacier National Park, Public Affairs Specialist at Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, 31 years

Donald Bruce Fladmark, Cultural Resources Manager at Glacier National Park, 34 years

James (JD) Swed, Chief Ranger Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, 33 years

Paulette Mullinax Park Ranger on the Blue Ridge Parkway, 7 years

William F. Paleck; Superintendent, North Cascades NPS Complex; Superintendent, Saguaro National Park; 37 years

Richard Knowlen, Supv Park Ranger at Hot Springs National Park, 30 years

Erin K. Broadbent, Superintendent at Kings Mountain National Military Park, 33 years

James Zinck, superintendent, 37 years

Russell P. Smith, Superintendent, First State National Historical Park, 42 years

Rodney L. Danner, Chief, Park Ranger at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 32 years

D. Scott Hartwig, Supervisory Park Historian at Gettysburg National Military Park, 34 years

Denton McCullough

William Jackson, Chief Water Resources Division, 22 years

Dr. Dennis H. Bartow Park Ranger Naturalist Yellowstone National Park 1970; 50+ yrs biologist & environmental educator

Steven D. Bone, Superintendent at Bandelier National Monument, 35 years

Ronald A. Wilson, Chief Ranger, Management Assistant
Oron L. Bass, Jr. Wildlife Biologist at Everglades National Park, 36 years.
Kenneth E. Apschnikat, Superintendent at Abraham Lincoln National Historical Park, 34 years
Gary Johnson, Chief, Division of Resource Planning and Professional Services at Blue Ridge Parkway, 36.
Carol D. Shull, Interim Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, Chief of National Historic Landmarks Survey
Sandra Hamilton, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Quality Division, 12 years
Patricia A. Dantona, IT Specialist Northeast Regional Office, 15 years
Robert White, District Ranger, Kings Canyon National Park, 34 years
Frank Hastings, Superintendent at San Juan National Historical Park, 29.5 years
Maureen Finnerty, Superintendent EVER, 31 years
Pat Grediagin, Chief Ranger Redwood National Park, 28 years
Janet Wise, Deputy Associate Regional Director, Natural Resources, Intermountain Region, 20 years
David J. Parsons; Research Scientist, SEKI, 25 years
Steven Kesselman, Superintendent, Salem Maritime NHS, 27 years
Edwin A. Hession, Archeologist at Interagency Archaeological Services-Atlanta, 7 years
David Graber, Chief Scientist for the Pacific West Region, 34 years.
Stephanie Gibert, Park Ranger at Great Smoky Mtn. Nat. Park, 7 years
Timothy J. Oliverius, Fire Management Officer at Mesa Verde National Park, 32 years
E. Macdougall Palmer, Facility Manager - Center For Urban Ecology - National Capital Region, Assistant Superintendent - Rock Creek Park - National Capital Region – 32 years
John Apel, Biologist at Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, 39
Ries Collier, Chief Resource Management, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, 17 years
Jim Pepper, Superintendent at Hamilton Grange National Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site, 36 years
David H. Wallace, Staff Curator, Historic Furnishing Division, Harpers Ferry Center, 34 years
Nancy A. Nelson, Superintendent of Minute Man National Historical Park; prior position - Special Assistant to 3 Northeast Regional Directors; 35+ years
Florence Six Townsend, Assistant Regional Director, Communications, Midwest Region, 35 years
Gordon Gay, Chief of Interpretation, Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP, 31 years
Wendy Koelfgen, Environmental Protection Specialist, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Park, 12 years
Chris Seymour, Park Ranger-Interpretation at Assateague Island National Seashore, 33 years
John P. Debo, Jr., Superintendent Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 33 years
Faye Walmsley, Chief of Interpretation and Public Information Officer at Ozark National Scenic Riverways, 31 years
Joe Finan Superintendent Saratoga National Historical Park, 36 years
Tom Haraden, Assistant Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Zion National Park, 37
R Bruce Edmonston, Chief Ranger, Home of FDR, 31 years.
David D. Thompson Jr. Regional Director, South East Region; Superintendent, Sequoia, Kings Canyon National Park
Roberta D'Amico, Communications, Washington Office

Rebecca M. Post, former National Historic Landmark Coordinator, Intermountain Support Office-Santa Fe, 33 years
Gary R Miles, Landscape Architect, 25 years
Edward Pontbriand
Denis M Osowski, Telecommunications Equipment Operator at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 1 year
Ann Razor, Superintendent, Tumacacori NHP, 34 years
Robert Hyde, Finance Chief, Commercial Services, Washington Office, 40 years
James W. Stewart, Assistant Director, Park Planning and New Area Studies Washington Office, National Park Service. 37 years
Thomas E. Lubbert, Supt. BITH, Project Manager at DSC, 36 years
Henry Wilson, Trail Crew at Glacier Nat'l Park, 4 summers
Daniel E Sealy
Thomas W. Koczyk, Park Ranger, Antietam, 29 years
Paul Stevens, Chief Park Ranger, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 30 years
Amy Gilbert, Park Ranger at Arlington House, 7 years
Jack Everett Stark, Superintendent Grand Teton National Park, Regional Director North Atlantic Region 35 years
Ernest Quintana, Retired Regional Director Midwest Region, 41 years
Michael Soukup, Ph.D., Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship & Science 31 years
Janis Kozlowski, park manager, Alaska region, 34 years
Peter C. Fitzmaurice, Chief Ranger, Canyonlands and Arches National Parks (Retired)
Paul F, Haertel, Superintendent Acadia National Park, Associate Regional Director, Alaska 41 years
Allyson Mathis, Park Ranger at Grand Canyon National Park, 20 years
D. Scott Hartwig, Supervisory Historian Gettysburg NMP, 34 years
Larry Lee Hakel Chief Park Ranger at Shenandoah National Park, Superintendent at Petersburg National Battlefield, 30 years
Donald H. Weir, PhD, Chief Ranger - Fire Island N.S., 31 years
Ella S. Rayburn, Cultural Resource Specialist at Steamtown Natl Historic Site, 31 years
William Gibson, Superintendent, Dayton Aviation National Historical Park, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, 35 years.
Ken Kehrer, Jr.
Steve Gniadek, Wildlife Biologist at Glacier National Park, 23 years
J. Thomas Ritter, Superintendent Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Assistant Director Operations Washington DC, 35 years
John Muller, Park Ranger, Glen Canyon N.R.A and Rainbow Bridge, 15 years
Tony Bonanno, Regional Chief Ranger, Intermountain Region, 32 years
James C Roach, Site Manager Eisenhower National Historic Site, Chief I & VS Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site, 35 years
Mark Kelleher, Housing Manager at Grand Teton National Park, 40 years
James Corless, Superintendent (Retired), Keweenaw National Historical Park, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, 29 years
Alison Robb, Park Ranger at Black Canyon Natl Park, 30 years

Robert Valen

Timothy Manns, Chief of Interpretation & Visitor Services, North Cascades National Park Service Complex, 34 years

Abigail Miller, former Deputy Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, 18 years

Ronald G. Warfield, Park Ranger/Naturalist, Mount Rainier national Park, 30 years

John Bloom, Historian-Editor, Washington Office, 4 years

Nancy Deschu, retired (Regional Hydrologist, Alaska; 30 years NPS)

Paul B. Cole III, Superintendent, Roosevelt Vanderbilt NHS; Superintendent, Sandy Hook/Gateway NRA; 24 years, Superintendent Roosevelt Campobello International Park, 12 years

Barry Sullivan; Superintendent, Fire Island National Seashore; Superintendent, Gateway National Recreation Area.

Larry Frederick, Chief of Interpretation and Education, Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier National Park, Canyonlands National Park, 37 years

James Edward fox, supervisory park ranger at blue ridge parkway, 31 years

Lora Gale, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Park Ranger Hawaii Volcanoes and Lassen Volcanic National Park (15 years)

Robert Whaley, Chief Ranger at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, 28 years