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Coalition Opposes Delisting of Yellowstone Grizzly Bears

After 35 years of Federal protection, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a proposed rule to remove the Greater Yellowstone population of grizzly bears from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. If “delisting” occurs, the surrounding states will classify grizzly bears as game animals, which will allow trophy hunting of grizzlies immediately adjacent to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Click below to see our comments to FWS.

Read Our Comments to FWS
Say "NO" to an Oil Refinery Here!

Meridian Energy Group proposes to construct and operate an oil refinery approximately three miles from the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Click below to see the Coalition’s letter opposing the refinery that was sent to the Billings County (ND) Commissioners.

Coalition Comments on Director’s Order #21 - Philanthropic Partnerships

The NPS has proposed changes in its servicewide policies related to philanthropic partnerships and fundraising. While the draft guidance is a step in the right direction, it has a number of shortcomings that need to be addressed to make it more effective for both the NPS and its philanthropic partners. Click below to see our comments.

Support the Coalition’s Fellowship Program Launch
We are excited to announce the launch of our Coalition Fellowship Program. This program will provide much needed support of our communications & advocacy work, at the same time as building leadership and conservation skills in young talent who are dedicated to our mission.

We need your help to get this program off the ground. From now until the end of June, a generous Coalition member will match every donation you make towards this program, dollar-for-dollar—up to $2,500. Please help by making a donation!

DONATE TODAY!

New Supporter Category

The Coalition is happy to announce the addition of a new supporter category. This category includes individuals, organizations, or companies that want to support the Coalition, but do not qualify as members because they have never worked for the National Park Service. Supporters will encourage the Coalition in its efforts by providing financial support in the form of cash or in-kind services. We encourage you to reach out to individuals and organizations that you think would be interested in joining the Coalition as a supporter, and you can learn more about the new supporter category below.
What We’re Reading This Month

-"As park stewards, we must protect our natural resources, to leave them unimpaired for future generations. And of course, nobody likes overcrowded parks. But there are steps that can mitigate the impact of crowds on both the environment and to visitor experience without closing or restricting access to parklands.” Don’t miss this opinion article by Phil Francis titled, “Limiting Access to National Parks is Rarely Necessary,” in The New York Times Room for Debate: Should Overcrowded National Parks Have Restricted Access? Read here.

-Check out this op-ed by Maureen Finnerty, “Protecting America's Parks,” about the establishment of the Park Institute of America in the Greensboro News & Record. Read here.

-"As a former National Park Service employee, I’m proud to support a park system that is growing to more accurately reflect the diverse range of stories and places in American history.” Read more of this op-ed, "Preserving Women’s Stories," by member Jackie Lowey in The East Hampton Star. Read here.

-Suggest a Name for the Centennial Biographies Series

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-“Women’s rights and the Park Service have seen much progress in the last 100 years, but there is still work to do.” Read more in “History of women’s rights, parks intersect,” an op-ed by Phil Francis in the Knoxville News Sentinel. Read here.

-In case you missed it, the title story of Discover Magazine’s April issue was “Science in the National Parks: Inside America’s Wildest Research Spots.” Read here.

Click here to enjoy a short video about the history of the National Park System, published this past month by ABC News.
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