Sign the Coalition’s Letter on the Maintenance Backlog

As the Congress and the President move forward to fund the remainder of FY17 and all of FY18, the Coalition is launching a sign on letter for our members to voice their concern on the maintenance backlog that now totals over 11 billion dollars.

This is the second time the Coalition is doing this type of member action. Last month, we gathered over 260 signatures on our Antiquities Act letter, which was our first time providing a sign-on opportunity for our members.

We understand that our members who are currently employed by the National Park Service may not be able to sign on to this, which makes it all the more important that former employees add their names. The strength of the Coalition is directly tied to those who are part of our membership and who raise their voices to protect & preserve the NPS. We hope you will lend your voice as part of our effort to fund the backlog and sign our letter to the President and members of Congress.
Bears Ears Deserves National Monument Status

The variety and richness of the cultural and natural resources at Bears Ears National Monument matches that of other national monuments and deserve the protection national monument status conveys.

Despite this, a Trump executive order tasked Interior Secretary Zinke with conducting a review that could downsize or rescind Bears Ears and 26 other national monuments.

Click below to see our letter to Secretary Zinke opposing any changes in Bears Ears’ national monument status.

Coalition Alarmed By Extreme Cuts to the National Park Service in the President’s FY18 Budget

The Coalition released the following statement on May 24 in response to the President’s FY18 budget, with proposes a 13% cut to the National Park Service (which translates to nearly 400 million dollars):

“The budget proposed for the National Park Service is the worst budget since World War II,” said the Coalition’s Chair Maureen
Finnerty. “The National Park Service has experienced a multitude of cuts over the years, and we cannot afford any further reductions. We hope that the American public and gateway communities will resist these cuts by contacting their members of Congress and let them know that these cuts are not acceptable and that we cannot afford to reduce our investment in the economic engines for many communities.”

Please click below to read our full statement.

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Coalition Among Groups Opposed to the Administration’s FY18 Budget Blueprint

The Coalition has united with many organizations to state our strong opposition to the Administration’s FY18 budget blueprint.

From the letter: “We applaud the recent, bipartisan work on reaching agreement on FY17 funding. Rather than deep cuts called for in FY18, we write to ask for your support of no less than continued current funding levels of $32.28 billion for key federal resources that protect our clean water and clean air, conserve our wildlife, water and public lands, ensure support for Indian health, address drought, and allow for the continued access to future generations to our national cultural heritage and our national parks. Even these amounts are insufficient to support important environmental and cultural resources programs, but would at least allow for the maintenance of these
The Coalition's membership currently stands at 1,283 members.

programs."

Click below to see our joint letter to Congress.

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Coalition Among Groups Urging President Trump to Protect National Monuments

The Coalition has joined 450 other organizations in writing President Trump, Interior Secretary Zinke, and Commerce Secretary Ross to express our unified opposition to any efforts by the Trump administration to remove or decrease protections for any national monuments.

Click below to read our joint letter to President Trump, Secretary Zinke, and Secretary Ross.

Read Our Joint Letter

Coalition Among Groups Expressing Concern with Executive Order Review of National Monuments

In May, the President signed an Executive Order Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act. As a member of the Next 100 Coalition, The Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks opposes any efforts to rescind and or reduce the protections of any national monuments.

Prior monument designations were made with the support of communities, local officials, tribes, and elected officials, and the requested review dishonors the cultures, histories, and places that these public lands protect. The Next 100 Coalition calls on the President to
keep our public lands diverse and inclusive.

Click below to read our joint letter to President Trump.

Read Our Joint Letter

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Membership Action of the Month

Recently, President Trump ordered a review by the Department of the Interior of national monuments established by presidents since 1996 to determine if the boundaries need to be changed or other modifications made. As part of the review process, an online public comment period on national monuments is open through July 9.

Read the Coalition's statement on this executive order by clicking this link, and please click below to share your comments about the value and importance of protecting national monuments.

Share Your Comments

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What We're Reading This Month

-New book alert! "Hooked on Parks" by Coalition member Thomas A. Smith is "a book about his career and his comrades in the ranger ranks and some of their experiences and passions. The book also includes sections on wildlife, search and rescue, weather, evolution of modern, and some not-so-modern equipment used by rangers." Read more about this new book and purchase a copy by clicking this link.

-Don't miss Denis P. Galvin and Phil Francis in this article, "Trump’s Proposed Budget Hits Public Lands and National Parks Hard," from Men's Journal. Read by clicking this link.

-"If indeed we lose 1,200 FTEs, that means the remaining staff will have to do less with less,' said Phil Francis at the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks. 'But I know these people. They will want to continue to do as much as possible. It's just not fair to balance the budget on the back of our employees.’” Read more from this article in National Parks Traveler by clicking this link.
Love maps and national parks? National Parks Maps is the website is for you! "The new website, National Park Maps, is the brainchild of Matt Holly, a park ranger who works for the National Park Service's (NPS) National Resource Stewardship and Science Directorate, a department that helps the parks manage their natural resources. . .To date, Holly has uploaded more than 1,000 maps from more than 100 of the national park's 412 units.” Visit the website by clicking this link.

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**Video of the Month: Beautiful Views at Yosemite National Park**

Sunlight, water, and mist at Yosemite Falls puts on a mesmerizing display. Click here to watch the video.

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