A Good Opportunity to Protect Southwest Colorado’s Cultural Legacy

During the NPS’s centennial year, we should seize upon every opportunity to ensure that Southwest Colorado’s national parks and monuments remain protected into the next century. One such opportunity would be for the Bureau of Land Management to prepare a master leasing plan to guide proposed oil and gas leasing near these special places. To read an Op-Ed by Coalition member Jane Anderson that was published in the Durango Herald on April 16, 2016, please click below.

Read the Op-Ed by Member Jane Anderson
Coalition Opposes Proposed Energy Facility Near Joshua Tree

The Coalition has voiced concerns about an energy company’s plans to convert two abandoned open pit mines into a massive “pumped storage” hydroelectric energy facility on 2,500 acres near Joshua Tree National Park. The project would draw 28,000 acre-feet of water – enough to supply 40,000 homes for a year – from the Chuckwalla Valley aquifer, likely causing adverse impacts in the park. To read our letter to California Congressman Raul Ruiz, please click below.

Revised Big Cypress Seismic Survey Plan Still Falls Short

In November 2015, NPS issued an environmental assessment (EA) for a controversial plan that would allow an oil company to conduct an oil and gas survey at Big Cypress National Preserve using massive “Vibroseis” trucks. The vehicles, weighing...
61,700 pounds each, would travel across the Preserve’s extensive wetlands, creating over 500 miles of new off-road vehicle tracks, including in some areas deemed eligible as wilderness. Now, less than four months after the 45-day public comment closed on that EA, NPS has issued a new (revised) EA and allowed only two weeks for public comment. To read our comments about this latest plan, please click below.

Read Our Comments

Membership Update

This past month, the Coalition welcomed ___ new members, bringing total membership to ___. Welcome to our new members!

Request for Social Media Content

We encourage you to visit our new Twitter page and Instagram page. Also, if you have any items you would like to be posted on these social media pages, such as news or pictures, please email those to susannah_albert-chandhok@protectnps.org.

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Centennial Biography Series

In honor of the Centennial of the National Park Service, we are highlighting some employees who have made significant contributions to the Service in any number of ways. We encourage members to suggest more employee names to be highlighted throughout the coming year.

Make a Suggestion for the Centennial Biography Series

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