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Help NPCA Celebrate their Centennial

NPCA will be celebrating their Centennial in 2019. As part of this celebration, they will be highlighting their partnership with and support of the National Park Service through a series of stories. If you have a story (or know someone who does), with a tie to NPCA, please contact Mary Martin at QSMAMO@frontinernet.net. Mary is serving as our liaison to NPCA for their centennial plans. These will be shared in across their platforms, in print and online. This is a critical time in history to give voice and support to current NPS employees by highlighting examples of challenging situations that turned into successes. Please share your story today.

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What We're Reading
This Month

Email Mary with your Story

Portland Press Herald: Former Acadia superintendent: Trump's proposed budget cuts threaten national parks

"Under Donald Trump's proposed budget cuts, the dual mission of the National Park Service - providing for public use and enjoyment while protecting park resources and values, now and for future generations - will most certainly suffer." Read the op-ed from Coalition Executive Council member, Sheridan Steele, on Trump's proposed budget cuts at the link below.

Read Sheridan's Op-Ed

CPANP Statement on Trump's FY 19 Budget and Infrastructure Plan

CPANP released a statement in response to Trump's FY 19 Budget proposal and his infrastructure plan. Follow the link to see the statement in full.

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Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,457** members.

Interior Department's Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Plan is Irresponsible

Despite hard lessons learned from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes to open 98% of the Outer Continental Shelf to oil and gas exploration and development. Click "Read More" to see the Coalition's comments on the proposed leasing program.

[Review the Coalition's Comments](#)

Knox News: Georgiana Vines: Coalition concerned about possible cuts to national parks budget

Coalition Chair, Phil Francis, was recently interviewed by the Knoxville newspaper expressing the Coalition's concern and frustration with plans to cut the NPS's budget. Click the link to read the interview.

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What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

How environmentally friendly are your members of Congress? Use LCV's 2017 National Environmental Scorecard to find out how they voted over the last year! Check it out [here](#).

A group of paleontologists exploring land around Utah's Bears Ears National Monument last year say they have found a rare cache of prehistoric fossils on an "extensive" site that as of this month is no longer protected as a national monument. Read more about the discovery in [The Hill](#).

The latest issue of the Living Landscape Observer includes [an article](#) about Don Hellmann, a member of the Coalition's Executive Council. It gives a behind the scenes look at the legislative process. Don is the former Assistant Director for Legislative and Congressional Affairs for the

National Park Service. Don ended his 40-year career working with Congress at the beginning of 2017, which included the last 22 years with the National Park Service.

While the disputed delisting of the Greater Yellowstone grizzly bear is the subject of ongoing lawsuits, the State of Wyoming is charging ahead with plans for a grizzly bear hunt, just months after the iconic bears were removed from the protections of the Endangered Species Act. Click [here](#) to see Coalition member Joan Anselmo's op-ed in the Casper (WY) Star Tribune.

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