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National Parks Magazine: Reporting for Duty

This month, we're celebrating a year since the launch of the Weekly National Park System Report. The Spring 2018 edition of NPCA's magazine features an article on the Coalition's Weekly Report and its editor and Coalition member, Bill Halainen. The Coalition is grateful for Bill's continued service and his efforts to share important information with our membership. Attention from the article helped push our membership total over 1,500 (and counting)! Click the link below to read about the return of the 'Morning Report'.

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Coalition Statement on “Made in America” Advisory Committee

The Coalition is troubled by the membership of Secretary Zinke’s “Made in America” Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee. While the mission of this advisory group is clear, to gather advice from those who represent the recreation industry, we believe it is critical to balance the biases of those who seek to expand development and commercial uses of our public lands with advocacy representing the needs of the public. To the contrary, the committee represents a narrow slice of individuals and industries that make money from park development and use. The Secretary’s consistent failure to balance his zeal for development and commercialization of our public lands with a reasonable effort to protect resources is obvious and contradicts the basic duties of his job.

Read our full statement on the committee membership at the link below. We’ve also included an additional article on the announcement in the *What We’re Reading* section at the end of the email.

Read our Statement



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The Coalition's membership

Success Story: BLM Defers Oil and Gas Lease Sale Near Chaco Culture NHP

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced it will hold off on a proposed lease sale of oil and gas parcels near Chaco Culture National Historic Park, citing the need to complete an ongoing analysis of more than 5,000 cultural sites in the proposed leasing area. Check out our Success Story for additional information about BLM's decision.

[See our Success Story](#)

Coalition Among Groups Urging WI Senators & Congressman Duffy to Support Apostle Islands

The Coalition is among 40 groups who have signed on to a letter to Sen. Johnson, Sen. Baldwin and Congressman Duffy to support repair and restoration of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore following the severe October 27-31 storm. Read our letter at the link below.

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at **1,519**
members.

Read the Letter re: Apostle Islands

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As we announced last month, NPCA will be celebrating their Centennial in 2019 and we're collecting stories 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 her corrected email address: QSMAMO@me.com. Please share your story today.

[Email Mary about NPCA Centennial](#)

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

Earlier this month, an op-ed ran in *The Hill* explaining the next steps in the process to address the maintenance backlog. Three legislative measures introduced over the past year would direct more annual federal funding to park maintenance needs. Read more about the funding options [here](#).

Her name has been plastered across the headlines for the past six weeks, but how much do you know about Marjorie Stoneman Douglas? Dubbed

the "Empress of the Everglades", she tirelessly worked to protect the Florida wetlands from development. Learn more about her in the [Washington Post](#).

Read more about the make-up of Secretary Zinke's "Made in America" committee [here](#). All but one of the committee's fifteen members represent an industry trade organization, company or major concessionaire. The Coalition nominated Deny Galvin for a spot on the committee.

Learn about the "find of a lifetime" made in an area cut from Bears Ears NM [here](#). The discovery could be the densest bed of Triassic-era fossils in the nation, and maybe the world. During an initial excavation at the site last year, paleontologists unearthed the intact skulls of three long-snouted phytosaurs, a reptile that lived more than 200 million years ago.

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