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In July, environmental icon and honorary Coalition member, Nat Reed, passed away. To honor his memory, the Coalition will be collecting stories about his legacy and the impact he made on the National Park Service. Please share your stories with Amy Gilbert at amy_gilbert@protectnps.org. More details will follow with specifics on a memorial service to be held on December 1st on Jupiter Island.

If you'd like to reach out to his family directly, they request all correspondence to be addressed to:

Office of Nathaniel Reed
P.O. Box 1213
Hobe Sound, FL 33475

[Read about Nat Reed and His Legacy](#)

ACTION ALERT: LWCF Re-Authorization

Please reach out to your two senators and your representative to urge them to act before the Land and Water Conservation

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Fund expires on September 30th, 2018. Once the authorization is lost, we have no way of knowing, especially under the current administration, when it might be reconsidered - if ever.

We are asking you to speak as an individual, rather than as a member of the Coalition. Talk about your experience working for the NPS and the good you've seen LWCF do or the good things you know it does across the country. The Coalition has sent and will continue to send correspondence representing our group, but when elected officials hear from individual voters, it carries tremendous weight! Follow the link below for more details, including talking points to use in your outreach. The LWCF Coalition also has state-by-state details on the program's impact, check out their resources [here](#).

Learn the Talking Points

Coalition Concerned about BLM Oil and Gas Leasing Near Carlsbad Caverns

BLM has announced it will lease 142 parcels for oil and gas development in southeastern New Mexico. Although BLM has decided to “defer” leasing a number of parcels adjacent to Carlsbad Caverns NP, concerns remain about various aspects of the planning process. Click the link to see our comment letter.

See our Comments

Coalition Comments on Proposed Changes

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Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,580** members.

The Coalition submitted comments expressing our opposition to proposed revisions to CEQ's regulations. Read our comments at the link below.

[Read our Comments on CEQ/NEPA](#)

Coalition Supports Passage of S. 3172

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The Coalition sent a letter of support to Chairman Senator Murkowski of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, urging for passage of S. 3172 and work towards addressing the maintenance backlog. Read our letter to Sen. Murkowski at the link below.

[See our Letter to Sen. Murkowski](#)

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

Parks transcend party lines! Last week, U.S. Representative and House Natural Resources Committee Chairman, Rob Bishop (R-UT), with the support of numerous bipartisan members of Congress, including committee Ranking Member Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), introduced a bipartisan bill to provide funding to address the \$11.6B maintenance backlog and #FixOurParks. This bill, along with the recently introduced bill in the Senate, shows that Congress is ready to get serious about paying for our parks' maintenance needs. Read more about the bill [here](#).

In [National Geographic](#), a Colorado resident set

out to trace the Native American roots of some of America's most famous national parks, a symbolic act to reclaim overlooked history and raise awareness about who first explored these areas.

Thousands of scientists have spoken out against President Trump's proposed border wall, citing the harm in will do animals and plants in the sensitive region. Learn more about their opposition in the [Washington Post](#).

During the Antiquities Act review earlier this year, it has come to light through a FOIA request that Secretary Zinke and administration officials ignored and dismissed benefits of national monuments. Read more about what was uncovered [here](#).

As summer is winding down, check out [NPCA's list](#) of America's best National Park beaches!

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