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**THE COALITION TO PROTECT
AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS**
— VOICES OF EXPERIENCE —

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New Year, New Look

Happy 2019! It's a new year and we have a new look to our logo. We received over 150 submissions from designers around the world and our Executive Council is pleased to unveil our updated design. In conjunction with our new logo, we're also very excited to announce the release of our new website. You can still find all of our updates and actions at the same web address but now with a fresh new look that's easily accessible

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from mobile or desktop. Click below to go directly to the updated site.

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Thank you all so much for your generous support of the Coalition during our annual giving campaign. We're still tallying up the final numbers but your donations will help us to continue to protect our parks and public lands as we move into 2019. If you missed out on the campaign but still wish to make a donation, please click below to visit our Donate Page.

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CPANP will be hosting our first webinar and we hope you'll join us. This webinar will be focused on how to become an effective advocate. We'll talk about Congress, public lands, and our new Advocacy Toolkit. The sessions will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 2:00 pm ET and Wednesday,



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January 23, 2019, at 11:00 am ET. More
details, including a link to pre-register, will
be sent out soon.

Advocacy Toolkit

Coalition Weighs in on Government Shutdown

CPANP has issued several statements on the
negative impacts caused by this partial
government shutdown. As we are all well
aware, keeping parks partially open with
severely reduced staff results in harm to
visitors and resources. We continue to voice
our concerns for our parks and our
employees. You can read our statements
here and here. Click below to read about
our participation in a telepresser on the
shutdown.

Telepresser on Shutdown

In Support of Improved Ethics Training

CPANP has weighed in on the ethics issues
that are currently front and center for the

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Membership Update

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membership
currently stands
at **1,662**
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NPS, asking the agency to implement far-reaching and detailed reforms to the system it uses to educate its own employees on how to work with donor and partner organizations to raise badly needed support for the nation's national parks. Click [here](#) to read our op-ed in *National Parks Traveler* and click below to read our press release.

Press Release on Ethics Training

Secretary Zinke's Resignation is Good News for Advocates of National Parks

Secretary Zinke's resignation is an opportunity for the current Administration to reconsider our country's priorities for use of our public lands. Coalition Chair Phil Francis says, "I'm hopeful that Secretary Zinke's departure marks a new chapter in the story of America's parks and public lands." Click [here](#) to read our full statement and click below to read our comments in a recent *National Parks Traveler* article.

NPT Article

Concerns Over the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

There has been legislation pending in Congress that would give the NPS the authority to allow construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline beneath the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway, endangering the cultural and natural resources contained within the boundaries of both units of the National Park System. We have issued a [statement](#), detailing our concerns. In partnership with NPCA, we have also filed an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in support of a lawsuit challenging the NPS's decision to allow the construction of the natural gas pipeline across units of the NPS. Click below to read the brief.

Amici Curiae Brief

Congress Fails to Reauthorize or Fully Fund LWCF

Congress and the Trump administration have failed yet again to protect our national parks. The Coalition joined the National Parks Second Century Commission in expressing our support of S. 3172/H.R. 6510, Restore Our Parks Act/Restore Our Parks and

Public Lands Act, and pushed for final passage in the 115th Congress. The letter can be found [here](#). Despite constant pressure from conservation groups, advocates of public lands, and solid bipartisan support, Congress let down millions of Americans who rely on this critical program to experience the great outdoors. Click below for our full statement on LWCF.

LWCF Statement

Coalition Submits Comments on Several Questionable NPS Proposals

CPANP was among over 90 groups who signed a [joint letter](#) in opposition to H.R. 6687, which would endanger the Tule elk of Point Reyes National Seashore. We also submitted [comments](#) to Superintendent Cash at Great Smoky Mountains NP on shortcomings in their environmental assessment on Sochan gathering in the park. CPANP has also signed onto a joint comment letter with NPCA that was sent to the Bureau of Land Management. Over 20 years after Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was established to conserve the area's diverse resources, President Trump issued a

proclamation that cut the monument's size by half. Now BLM proposes to manage the reduced monument as a typical "multiple use" area. Click below to read the joint comments.

Comments on BLM MP

Blog Post: Power of Presidential Sites

Our National Park System is incredibly diverse and it's important to remember that our parks protect irreplaceable cultural resources in addition to our natural treasures. Our past informs our present and these parks preserve our history. Click below to read our thoughts on the powerful pull of presidential sites.

Blog Post

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

Though Zinke is gone, we are still living with his legacy. One of the areas of concern is the makeup of the new National Park System Advisory Board. Phil Francis spoke with the

Washington Post, saying "I hope the agenda will be comprehensive, and not just items consistent with business interests." Click [here](#) to read more about the very real concerns circulating about these new members.

Former NPS Director Jon Jarvis published an excellent article in *The Guardian* about Zinke and the damage he leaves behind. Click [here](#) to read.

How about designating a whole city as a National Park. Could London be the first? As a National Park City "London will be greener in the long-term while protecting its core network of parks and green spaces." Read the article [here](#).

And finally, still looking for a gift for that special person in your life? Phel Jacobsen details her experience with the NPS in her book, *I Married a Park Ranger and Became a Park Wife*. Find it [here](#).

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