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

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Despite our best advocacy efforts from our Executive Council and our members (see recent op-eds [here](#) and [here](#)), David Bernhardt was confirmed as the new Secretary of the Interior. The Coalition continues to harbor concerns about his policies and strong ties to the energy extraction industry. Click on the box below to read our statement on Mr. Bernhardt's confirmation.

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## Coalition Weighs In on Proposed National Register Changes

The National Park Service recently proposed several changes to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Coalition submitted comments, expressing our view that the proposed changes to sections of the NHRP governing nominations are inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the Act, and would substantially impede future efforts to preserve our nation's historic heritage. Read our full comments [here](#) and click below to read Executive Council Member Bob Mackreth's oped in National Parks Traveler.

**Op-ed on Proposed NR Changes**

### Member Goals

The Coalition's membership recently surpassed the 1,700 mark. While this is reason to celebrate, it's also a great excuse to kick-start a member campaign. We'd love to make it to 2,000 members this year - a big goal and we need your help! Please help us recruit new members. The bigger the number, the louder our voices and the wider our reach. Read our recent blog post on membership below.

**Blog Post: This Land is Our Land**

## Shopping On Amazon Smile

[Amazon Smile](#) is exactly like Amazon and has all the same products, but when you shop on Amazon Smile, Amazon donates to the Coalition.

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## Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,713** members.

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## Focus on Friends

Protecting and preserving our natural and cultural resources is a big job. While NPS employees do a great job upholding the mission, they can't take care of these irreplaceable resources alone. Friends Groups assist national parks by supporting projects and programs that are as diverse as the parks they work with. And we'd like to highlight the challenges and successes of these groups. Are you part of a Friends Group? Do you have a good story to share? Please let us know. Click below to read more on the blog.

[Blog Post: This Land is Our Land](#)

## What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

The Coalition has advocated for the protection of large carnivores in Alaska and made clear our opposition to using liberalized hunting regulations (such as shooting bears in dens) in national parks and wildlife refuges. This columnist urges all Alaskans to join environmental groups and wildlife scientists in voicing their disapproval. Click [here](#) to read more.

Congrats to Coalition Executive Council

## Contact Us

Member Brenda Barrett. Her newsletter, *Living Landscape Observer*, **recently won** the George Wright Society 2019 Communications Award. Her on-line forum and monthly e-newsletter serve as key sources of news and opinion on contemporary landscape conservation. Since its launch in 2012, Brenda has used the *Observer* as a catalyst for the exchange of ideas and best practices from the U.S. and around the world. Click **here** to check out the latest from *Living Landscape Observer*.

Do you have a favorite national park restaurant? See if it made the cut in this **round-up** of top national park restaurants.

NPCA turns 100 this year! **Here's** a little history and a lot of love for one of our favorite partners.

We had some great conversation on our social media accounts about **this** article on high visitation at Yosemite National Park. In case you missed it - is temporarily closing a national park an effective way to protect it?

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