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SUCCESS STORY: Chaco Culture

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt has directed the BLM to change course and defer leases within 10 miles of the park over the next year while regulators prepare a new management plan for the region's resources.

CPANP submitted comments on BLM's proposed leasing plan back in 2017, expressing concern about a number of potential adverse cultural and natural resource impacts to Chaco Culture NHP from possible oil and gas development.

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LWCF Legislation Update

The Coalition is encouraged by the support shown for national parks and public lands in the recent House Natural Resources Committee markup of legislation to require mandatory annual funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). CPANP issued a statement in support of their actions, continuing our advocacy for this critical fund.

Full Statement on LWCF Markup

CPANP Statement on Restore our Parks Act

The Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act recently passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee with strong, bipartisan support. Read our statement of support below.

Statement on Restore our Parks

Maintenance Backlog in the News



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Membership Update

The Coalition's
membership

Coalition Chair Phil Francis recently participated in an interview with the Public News Service about the extensive deferred maintenance backlog at national parks. The House and Senate will continue to consider legislation to address the \$12 billion backlog. Read more below.

Link to Interview

More on LWCF

CPANP Executive Council member Doug Morris was quoted in *National Parks Traveler* regarding Secretary Bernhardt and Vice President Pence's visit to Yellowstone National Park. "It's worth noting the primary reason that Yellowstone and other national, state, and local parks are readily available for the enjoyment and well-being of all Americans; the Land and Water Conservation Fund." Read the full article [here](#).

In another LWCF news, Coalition member John Tucker penned an op ed about the importance of LWCF funds in South Carolina. Read the full piece below.

LWCF and South Carolina

Say No To Hydraulic Fracking

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at **1,729**
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The Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks, in partnership with The Wilderness Society, the Natural Resource Defense Council, the National Parks Conservation Association and the Los Padres ForestWatch, recently submitted comments regarding the BLM, Bakersfield Field Office Resource Management Plan, Hydraulic Fracturing Analysis - Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). In the comments, CPANP and partners state that BLM did not consider in the Draft SEIS potential impacts to protected public lands, including national parks and monuments.

[More on Fracking Comments](#)

Comments On AZ Border Projects

The Coalition submitted comments on the Pima and Cochise Counties, Arizona, Border Infrastructure Project. CPANP has supported the NPS in its efforts to uphold its “conservation mandate,” and while generally supportive of efforts to increase border security, the Coalition expressed concerns about several areas of this project. Click below for our full comments.

[Full Comments](#)

This Land is Our Land Updates

June was National Camping Month and it was the perfect opportunity to branch out and explore the great outdoors. Read more in our latest blog post [here](#).

We're also pleased to bring you the inaugural blog post in our Focus on Friends series, which will highlight some of the great work Friends Groups across the country are doing in support of our national parks. Read a guest blog post on the St. Croix River Association by Emilee Martell below.

Focus on Friends

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

Julius Rosenwald was a businessman and philanthropist who provided partial funding for the construction of over 5,000 schools throughout the south to improve educational opportunities for African Americans. On June 13th, Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) jointly introduced the *Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act* (S. 1863/H.R. 3250), which requires a special resources study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools to

determine the best ways to commemorate that chapter of American history. Read more in [this press release](#) from NPCA.

In Ketchikan, Alaska, 8th graders from Schoenbar Middle School are dropped on six nearby uninhabited islands to survive for two days and nights. “The survival trip,” has occurred annually for 45 years. According to [this](#) fascinating article from *The Atlantic*, it serves not only as the students’ final science exam but also, more importantly, as preparation for growing up in the unforgiving wilderness they call home.

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