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Annual Giving Campaign

'Tis the season for our annual giving campaign! You've likely seen a few emails by now and hopefully received our letter in the mail. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a gift to the Coalition this year. Anything you can give helps us to continue our work as strong and vocal advocates for our national parks and public lands. We truly appreciate all of your support and promise to keep working hard on your behalf. Click the link below to make your gift today.

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Seeking Hartzog Award Nominations

Each year, the Coalition recognizes significant contributions by individuals or groups who demonstrate outstanding support for the mission of the National Park System and/or the National Park Service. Recipients can be active NPS employees, NPS retirees or members of the general public who have demonstrated support for the mission of the National Park System or provided invaluable service or leadership to parks or the National Park Service or its programs. You can see the list of past winners [here](#).

Do you have a nominee in mind? Please send it our way! Nominations must be placed no later than **December 15, 2019**. Click on the link below for more information or to make a nomination.

Hartzog Award Nominations

NPS Deserves Better

Coalition Chair Phil Francis released a statement in response to the [recent report](#)



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Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at 1,794 members.

by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) on evaporating staff levels at the National Park Service (NPS).

The “decline in staffing levels and the constant push for our NPS employees to ‘do more with less’ is taking its toll,” Francis said. Click the box below to read the full statement.

CPANP Statement

Uranium Mining at GRCA

Coalition member and former superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park Rob Arnberger co-authored a recent op-ed with former public health researcher Pat Kelly on the dangers of opening up areas near the Grand Canyon for uranium mining. "Our water and our Grand Canyon is under attack by the very interests that see profit in the ground and downplay the risk of negative health impacts for generations to come." Click below to read the full op-ed from the *Arizona Daily Star*.

**Op-ed: Uranium Mining Threatens
Water, Natural Heritage**

Editorial Board Meetings on LWCF

Coalition members Rick Smith and Bill Wade

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recently met with the editorial staff at the *Everett Daily Herald* to discuss the importance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Restore Our Parks Act, which would address the growing deferred maintenance backlog at national parks. Click below to read *The Herald* Editorial Board's op-ed on the critical pieces of legislation that would benefit our national parks.

Editorial: Summit in sight for two parks funding bills

CPANP Speaks Out on Ranger Reassignments

Coalition chair Phil Francis recently spoke to the media about the current administration's decision to order NPS rangers from across the country to the U.S. - Mexico border. In addition to numerous other concerns, Francis says that with national parks already chronically understaffed, "temporarily reassigning rangers to border patrols risks causing problems in their home parks." Read the full article at the link below.

Full Article: Park Rangers to Border

This Land is Our Land

Just a quick update about CPANP's actions behind the scenes as we move towards the end of the year. Click [here](#) to read the full post.

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

The National Park Service is doing great work at Channel Islands National Park to save the [island fox](#), a species that lives on six of the eight Channel Islands - and is found nowhere else in the world. Thanks to an island fox recovery program, the park was able to reverse the certain extinction of this endangered population. Watch the recent feature about this remarkable success on [The Today Show](#).

The advisory board whose recommendations included bringing in food trucks and wi-fi to NPS campgrounds has been disbanded. “No action has been taken on the committee's recommendations nor will any action be taken in the future unless and until the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service determine the recommendations will improve the visitor experience, protect national park resources, and are determined to be prudent investments,” a National Park Service spokesperson told the *Hill* in a statement. Read the full article [here](#).

The next time you head to a national park, take a moment to really listen to the sounds around you. Natural sounds recordist Jacob Job manages the CSU Listening Lab which analyzes thousands of hours of audio recordings from national parks. The NPS uses these recordings to advance understanding about the ecological and cultural soundscapes unique to each park, and to reduce noise so that visitors can enjoy the natural park setting. Read more about Job's work and listen to several fascinating recordings from parks around the country in this [*National Parks Traveler*](#) article.

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