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What We’re Working On

The Work Continues...

Although our focus right now is strongly on COVID-19, we continue to advocate for greater protection for NPS staff. You can read the coalition’s statement of support for NPS employees and visitors at national parks to purchase inholidings, or privately owned lands, from willing sellers to complete our efforts to secure the future of our national parks.

Support the Budget Needs

Our members are being encouraged to visit national parks, putting NPS employees and visitors at risk of the COVID-19 pandemic. In a recent letter written by a Coalition member, who writes, “what is especially distressing is the lack of communication from the NPS about the situation.”

NPS Employee Safety Concerns

The coalition joined 328 other national park advocates in penning an editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune, urging Congress to support parks and public lands amid the coronavirus response. In the editorial, we call for greater protection for NPS staff. You can read the full text of the letter here.

Great American Outdoors Act

The coalition is urging the new administration to support the Great American Outdoors Act, which will soon have the opportunity to advocate for this Act in support of S. Res. 372 and H. Res. 835.

Although it’s hard to focus on anything other than the fallout from COVID-19, protecting our Planet continues. And if you need to escape into the beauty of nature, we recommend checking out the virtual tour of the National Parks.

Biodiversity

Along these same lines, we joined over 140 organizations in support of S. Res. 372 and H. Res. 835, the “Thirty by Thirty Resolution to Save Nature.” These resolutions call on the federal government to conserve at least 30 percent of the land and ocean in our country by 2030, and creates park stewards for tomorrow. 

The coalition also submitted extensive comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding its proposed “streamlining” of the NEPA process. Although the coalition did not oppose the Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS) “only to actions directed at migratory birds, their nests, or their eggs. Injury to or taking of any other bird, whether or not prohibited by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.” However, we did oppose the proposed change to its Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

We submitted extensive comments to the Department of the Interior regarding the proposed change to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The coalition strongly opposes the “only to actions directed at migratory birds, their nests, or their eggs. Injury to or taking of any other bird, whether or not prohibited by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.”

We strongly support this Act and hope we can help to secure its passage. Although it’s hard to focus on anything other than the fallout from COVID-19, there’s no reason you can’t enjoy a virtual visit to your national park. Check out the virtual tour.

Botany, Wildlife, and Biodiversity

The coalition continues to advocate for the budget needs of the National Park Service. In addition, the Coalition joined 328 other national park advocates in penning an editorial in the Seattle Times, urging Congress to support parks and public lands. In the editorial, we call for greater protection for NPS staff. You can read the full text of the letter here.

We hope this monthly brief finds you staying safe and healthy. In these difficult times, we continue to advocate for ourselves and our families. We encourage you to consider supporting the Coalition today.

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