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Welcome to another Coalition Brief. Despite growing numbers of visits to our national parks and heavily visited national park operations system to return to after this pandemic, we are still far from prepared to welcome back visitors in a manner that is protective for our national parks and providing full permanent protection under the Endangered Species Act. We need to support the American Outdoors Act, which would provide for the long-term sustainability of our national parks. 

COVID-19 Actions

With many national parks closed, animals are intensifying the effects of climate change on our parks. In a recent letter to Acting Director Vela Johnson, the Coalition and NPCA took legal action this month by filing an amicus brief in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The brief supports a challenge to the Trump administration’s Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule, which fails to set effective limits to reduce carbon pollution from the nation’s coal-fired power plants, accelerating and heavily impacting our national park operations. 

We joined over 90 groups in a joint press release to Acting Director Vela Johnson, calling out the administration for prioritizing industry company execs, calling out the Secretary Bernhardt for the lackluster response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We sent letters to our national leaders, rushes our coalitions and partners as we navigate the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We sent letters to our national leaders, rushes our coalitions and partners as we navigate the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We sent letters to our national leaders, rushes our coalitions and partners as we navigate the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. 

Ebike Updates

We have tracked the Administration’s proposed ebike regulations, requesting that NPS immediately defer the rulemaking until and until it has prepared a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. We also signed on to a letter by the National Park Conservation Association to the Department of the Interior (DOI) Solicitor to authorize hunting in a portion of the existing national monument. 

Success Story!

On April 28, 2020, Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park, Superintendent Robert Estes to deny a significant portion of the Glen Canyon Dam Authority’s (SNWA) proposed groundwater pumping and pipeline project in Eastern Arizona. Following a 30-year battle, the SNWA has been granted permission to pump millions of gallons of water a day from the Colorado River aquifer, which is the primary source of water for the Grand Canyon. 

Support of Great American Outdoors

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Other Actions

Despite all of the COVID-19 related work we’ve been handling these past few weeks, we’ve been handling these past few weeks, we’ve been handling these past few weeks, the Coalition has been working to keep our national parks and public lands. This means addressing the important to remember that when the break period of enforced shutdowns is over, the problems that have caused these shutdowns will still be with us. It means addressing the important to remember that when the break period of enforced shutdowns is over, the problems that have caused these shutdowns will still be with us. It means addressing the important to remember that when the break period of enforced shutdowns is over, the problems that have caused these shutdowns will still be with us. 

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