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September Brief

Good morning! We hope you're enjoying the end of summer. It has been another busy month for the Coalition and we're looking forward to keeping up the momentum as we move into fall. Here's a quick look at events and actions from the past month.

Advocacy Actions

There has been some big news this month. The NPS has a Director nominee, new oil and gas leasing can resume, and national parks continue to handle record-breaking crowds. Here are a few of the actions we took in August:

- [Statement](#) on the NPS Director nominee
- Member [opeds](#) on the threat of orphaned oil and gas wells
- Expressing [support](#) for oil and gas leasing reform
- [Comments](#) detailing concerns over Air Tour Management Plans
- A [letter](#) urging DOI to make GAOA funds available to more park units across the system
- [Support](#) for more park funding on an annual basis, especially as parks face record-breaking crowds

Visit our [website](#) to learn more or take a look at our other advocacy efforts.

Announcements

Unfortunately, ANPR's annual Ranger Rendezvous has been canceled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. But we're already looking forward to joining them in 2022! You can learn more [here](#).

On the Horizon

Here is a look at a few of the issues we'll be keeping an eye on during the month of September:

- NPS Director confirmation hearings
- Great American Outdoors Act implementation
- Budget reconciliation
- NPS operations (including visitor management)
- Ongoing oil and gas leasing concerns
- Additional Air Tour Management Plans

Member Count

The Coalition added 35 new members in August, bringing the total to 1,987. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Reading Rec

Do we need more national parks? [Here](#) is an article with some thought-provoking ideas.

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