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Disaster Averted at the Grand Canyon

### Success Story: Disaster Averted at the Grand Canyon

Citing strong public opposition to a proposed commercial development near the southern boundary of Grand Canyon National Park, the Kaibab National Forest Supervisor recently announced her decision to deny a road easement request that would have enabled the massive construction project. To read about the Coalition's involvement in this issue, please click below.

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Issues Summary Updated  
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An updated summary of the issues we are involved with has been posted on the Coalition's website.

Please [visit here](#) to read the updated issues summary.



### Coalition Comments on Proposed Changes to Cape Hatteras ORV Rule

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2015 included a rider that required NPS to consider a variety of changes to the 2012 final rule for off-road vehicle (ORV) management at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. NPS has published an environmental assess (EA) describing the proposed changes, all of which favor increased ORV access at the Seashore. To read our comments, please click below.

[Read Our Comments](#)

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## Park Institute of America To Inspire Stewardship for Future Generations



**Robert D. "Bob" Barbee**  
Read his story [here](#).

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The Coalition has announced the establishment of a Park Institute of America. The Institute is a collaboration with Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and will be located on Duke's campus in Durham, North Carolina. The goal of the Institute is to engage in broad conversations about the importance of parks and protected areas as a vital component of society. The Institute will advocate for parks and other important natural and historic places through public education and will make practical recommendations to advance public policy.

To read more, please click below.

**Read More About the Park Institute of America**

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**Jayne Belnap**  
Read her story [here](#).

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## Request for Social Media Content

We encourage you to visit our new [Twitter page](#) and [Instagram page](#). If you have any short items you would like to be posted on these social media pages, such as news or pictures, please email those to [susannah\\_albert-chandhok@protectnps.org](mailto:susannah_albert-chandhok@protectnps.org).

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## EPA to Regulate Methane Emissions

The Coalition has joined other national park advocacy groups in praising the recent U.S.-Canada joint statement on climate, energy, and arctic leadership, which includes plans for the U.S. EPA to begin developing regulations for methane emissions from



**David J. "Dave"  
Parsons**  
Read his story [here](#).

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**John William "Bill"  
Wade**  
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existing oil and gas sources. This measure, along with the pending revision of the Regional Haze Rule, will contribute to improving air quality and visibility in many units of the National Park System. To read more, please click below.

**Read Our Joint Letter to President  
Obama**

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### **Centennial Biography Series**

In honor of the Centennial of the National Park Service, we are highlighting some employees who have made significant contributions to the Service in any number of ways. We encourage members to suggest more employee names to be highlighted throughout the coming year.

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