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The Coalition To Protect America's National Parks

Voices of Experience

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Message from the Chair

Effective July 1, Amy Gilbert is now the Coalition's full time Executive Director. This has been our goal for over a year. Thanks to a lot of hard work on Amy's part (working with our exceptional interns), and the support of our members, we achieved our goal. It is a crucial step toward moving the organization to the next level. Amy and her colleagues will continue to be engaged in fund raising, along with numerous other activities essential to our growth and increased effectiveness.

I will be spending the next 5 months working with Amy to transition the Coalition to an Executive Director driven organization from a Chair driven organization. Amy will be the focal point for all Coalition business. Many of the things she will handle herself, others she will reach out to the Chair, other appropriate individuals on the Executive Council (EC) or within the membership, to resolve. Amy's role on issues will be one of facilitator and coordinator. Issues that arise will continue to be referred to the Chair of the Issues Committee, Doug Morris. Doug and his committee will discuss our potential involvement (or not) with the Chair, Amy and others, to determine whether the Coalition will take on the work load required. Our members

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July Fireworks

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Membership Update

This past month,
the Coalition

will continue to be the authors of written material, and spokespersons on the vast majority of issues. Amy will help where needed in the process.

Hiring Amy was a huge step forward for our organization. I think she is exactly “what the doctor ordered.” As we continue to grow, it is envisioned that some additional paid staff will likely be needed. But, I think we are positioned nicely to continue to move in a positive direction.

Membership Survey & the Chance to Win Gift Cards!

To help us improve our membership services, we hope you take some time to fill out the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks' [membership survey](#). We appreciate your membership, and we want to make sure that we meet all of your expectations.

After you complete the survey, you will be eligible to win a [\\$25 gift card from Amazon](#) for your participation. To enter, *you must provide your contact information* where asked on *page 10* of the survey. This information will be separated from your other responses (which are anonymous).

Thank you for your time in filling out this survey and for your membership.

Complete the Survey

welcomed 3 new members, bringing total membership to **1,160.**

Welcome to our new members!

NPS Centennial Biography Series, August 2016



Herma Albertson Baggley
Read her story [here.](#)

Imogene B. La Covey
Read her story [here.](#)



Protect the Mojave National Preserve!

Say "No" to Soda Mountain Solar

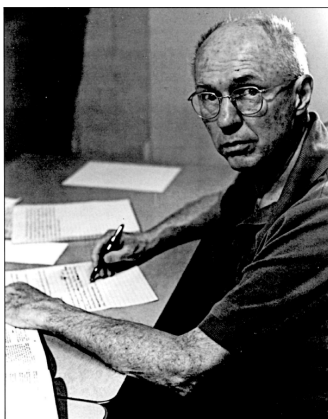
The Bureau of Land Management has given the go ahead to a massive solar energy development proposed by Soda Mountain Solar, LLC that would be constructed less than a mile from the boundary of Mojave National Preserve. The project threatens important wildlife habitat and migration corridors. Click below to see the Coalition's letter opposing the project to the San Bernadino County Board of Supervisors.

[Read Our Letter](#)

Protect Clean Air in National Parks

As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) works toward finalizing a long overdue revision of the Regional Haze Rule, the Coalition and its members continue to advocate for improving air quality and protecting visibility in national parks. Click "Read More" below to see Coalition member Chris Shaver's letter to the editor regarding EPA's proposed revision to this important air quality regulation.

[Read More](#)



Ralph H. Lewis
Read his story
[here.](#)



Request for Photos & Social Media Content

If you have any **photos** that we could use for promotional materials, we would be delighted to have them. Also, we would be happy to share any news items you have on the Coalition's social media sites.

Please email those to
susannah_albert-chandhok@protectnps.org.



Abigail B. Miller
Read her story
[here.](#)

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for the
Centennial
Biography
Series

Audition Opportunity for Subaru Car Owners

Are you a retired National Park Service ranger and a Subaru car owner? If so, consider this opportunity to audition for a Subaru-sponsored corporate video encouraging people to get involved in community land conservation efforts!

Subaru is looking for Subaru owners who are retired park rangers and have a passion for life and community. If this sounds like you, email bostoncastingsubaru@gmail.com with your name, phone number, model/make of your car, occupation, hobbies/interests,



where you live, and a recent photo. If cast, you would be needed for 2 days to shoot an interview and footage of you and your Subaru.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please email bostoncastingsubaru@gmail.com.

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What We're Reading This Month

- "Many generations of Americans have loved and used their national parks. It is up to us to ensure that this trend continues with our new demographics."

Don't miss this op-ed, titled "Celebrate the Success, But Don't Stop Now," by Executive Council member Kate Stevenson in National Parks Traveler. [Read here](#).

- "For anyone who dreams but does not dare, who truly believes in stewardship of wild lands of wonder for future generations...this is a compelling must-read."

These are journalist Keith Epstein's words about "Our Perfect Wild," a new novel by Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan and Ray Bane (Ray is the former NPS Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park).

[Find out more about the book here](#) and [check out the book's Facebook page](#), where you can find information on upcoming book signings and readings.



On July 4th of this past month, America celebrated the 240th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

[Click here](#) to watch the Fourth of July fireworks over the National Mall in Washington D.C.

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