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As we near the end of 2016, we hope that you will consider making a donation to the Coalition.

As we move in to 2017 and beyond, your donation will help us continue our vital work advocating for the protection of our national parks and programs. The Coalition is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and monetary donations are tax deductible. You can make a secure donation using PayPal by clicking the button below.

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Help Us Grow Our Membership

Do you know someone retiring from the
National Park Service?

Is someone you mentored still working?

We need your help to recruit new members!
Any current, former, or retired employee of
the National Park Service can join the
Coalition to Protect America's National
Parks.

Our voice is only as strong as our
membership, and we're looking to grow our
ranks and amplify our voices of experience.

Please spread the word about the benefits
of being a member of the Coalition!

Find Out More About Membership

Membership Update

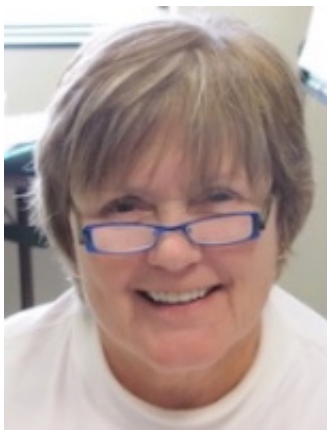
The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,176** members.



NPS Centennial Biography Series, December 2016



Rick Cook
Read his story [here.](#)



Maureen Finnerty

Eagle Crest “Gen-Tie” Project Will Have Significant Impact on Joshua Tree NP - An EIS Should be Prepared

BLM has issued an environmental assessment (EA) for the next phase of a controversial electric energy production facility to be located immediately adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park.

The EA falls short in its analysis of potentially significant impacts to the park and its wildlife and groundwater resources.

Please click below to see our letter to Jerry Perez, California State Director of Bureau of Land Management.

[Read Our Letter](#)

Op-Ed: Eagle Crest Project Will Harm Joshua Tree NP Resources

The Coalition applauds the transfer of 20,000 acres of the Eagle Mountain lands from BLM

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Hugh C. Miller
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back to Joshua Tree National Park. However, the Eagle Crest Pumped Storage Project remains a major threat to the park's resources.

Click below to read the full article published on November 7 by Maureen Finnerty, Chair of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks, in *the Desert Sun*.

Read the Full Op-Ed



NPS Announces Fee-Free Entrance Days for 2017

Mark your calendar! In 2017, you can visit national parks for free on the following days:

- January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 20: Presidents Day
- April 15-16 & April 22-23: National Park Week Weekends
- August 25: National Park Service Birthday
- September 30: National Public Lands Day



**Robert G. (Bob)
Stanton**
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-November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend

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What We're Reading This Month

-In Bookstores Now! *A Thinking Person's Guide to America's National Parks* contains twenty-three essays from contributing authors (including Coalition members) with deep connections to the national parks. This book was recently named by *The Wall Street Journal* as a "Best Book of 2016 for People of a Certain Age." Find out more about the book by [visiting this webpage](#).

-Book Alert! *Yellowstone Ranger* is the memoir of long-time, legendary Yellowstone ranger Jerry Mernin. Be sure to check out the book [by visiting this website](#) and read more about Jerry Mernin in his NPS Centennial Biography written by Coalition member Rick Smith [by visiting this link](#).

-"U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis today announced the designation of 10 new national historic landmarks, including properties that honor LGBT and civil rights history. The designation recognizes the properties as places that possess exceptional value and quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States."

Read more about this announcement [by visiting this link.](#)

Video of the Month: National Parks Turn Into Classrooms to Turn On a New Generation of Nature Lovers



From PBS NewsHour: "At the Muir Woods National Monument just north of San Francisco, students learning by seeing, touching and smelling. The education program is administered by the National Park Service in an attempt to expose the next generation to the nation's parks."

[Click here](#) to watch the full video, posted on November 22, 2016.

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