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Any current, former, or retired employee of
the National Park Service can join the
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Parks.

Our voice is only as strong as our
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11th Circuit Confirms NPS Conservation Mandate Applies at Big Cypress National Preserve

Based on deference to agency discretion, a recent U.S. Court of Appeals decision sided with the NPS in a lawsuit filed by conservation groups over the controversial 2011 general management plan for the Preserve's Addition lands. Despite the affirmation of the NPS plan, the court also held that the NPS Organic Act's "conservation mandate" applies at all units of the National Park System, in stark contrast to the "multiple use mandate" that had been described for the Preserve in a lower court ruling.



Please click below to see our letter to Superintendent Tammy Whittington regarding the court decision.

Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,168** members.

NPS Centennial Biography Series, November 2016



Lawrence E. (Larry) Aten
Read his story [here](#).

Read Our Letter

Nominations Open for the 2016 George Hartzog Award



Photo: Kevin Kissling, CEO of Eastern National (left) presents George Minnucci the 2015 George Hartzog Award

As of November 1, 2016, we welcome nominations for the George Hartzog Award. The Award is given to the individual or individuals who demonstrate outstanding support for the mission of the National Park System and/or the National Park Service.

Nominations will, as a minimum, include pertinent personal information, career history to particularly include work related to the National Park System and/or National



Jerry Belson
Read his story
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**Ronal C. (Ron)
Kerbo**
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Park Service and a narrative supporting why the individual or individuals merit the award. Additional support information may include media reports, other citations or awards from like-minded organizations, testimonials from other individuals or organizations, and outcomes from their efforts that have benefited national parks.

Award nominations must be received no later than November 23, 2016. Send nominations by email to Amy Gilbert (amy_gilbert@protectnps.org). You must provide a written justification for your nomination.

Criteria for the award recipients:

- Recipients can be Active NPS employees, NPS retirees or members of the general public who have demonstrated support for the mission of the Park System or provided invaluable service or leadership to parks or the National Park Service.
- Recipients are also eligible if they instill public understanding and appreciation for the National Park Service or engage in activities to communicate the unique value of Parks to the general public and Society.

Email Your Nominations

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**The Old Dominion Deserves Better
from Dominion Electric**



**Robert W. (Bob)
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"We must soon make a choice for which future generations of Virginians and Americans will forever hold us responsible. Dominion Virginia Power plans to construct 44 massive electric transmission towers across and near the historic James River within close sight of Jamestown Island, the first permanent English settlement in the New World and arguably one of our nation's most historically significant places.

This thoughtless plan would negatively affect not only Jamestown Island but also the much-admired Colonial Parkway and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. This wanton act of vandalism must not happen for the sake of this generation and succeeding generations. The Army Corps of Engineers is mulling the question at this moment."

Click below to read the full article published on October 28 by Executive Council member Pat Tiller in *the Washington Post*.

[Read the Full Article](#)

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Membership Survey Results

Thank you to all who completed our membership survey! Your insights are very valuable, and we are so grateful for your feedback.

We wanted to share a sample of our results from the survey. A more detailed summary of the results and our action plan based on the results will appear in the Coalition's annual report in early 2017.

Quick sample of responses:

- -265 total responses
- -85% of respondents were either extremely satisfied or satisfied overall with the Coalition
- -88% of respondents were either
- extremely satisfied or satisfied overall with the Coalition's monthly brief

Thank you so much again to all for filling out the Coalition's membership survey!

What We're Reading This Month

-Recent court decision to benefit parks: *"The companies that own and operate a Greek shipping vessel were sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Seattle, Washington...In addition to the \$1.3 million fine, U.S. District Judge Coughenour ordered a \$200,000 community service payment to be shared between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Parks Foundation."*

[Click here to read more](#) about this court decision from the United States Department of Justice.

- "The NPS should closely review its management priorities and funding mechanisms for maintaining historic resources and work to ensure their preservation for the next 100 years."

Read the full article, "Preserving Historic Resources in the National Park System," by Sharee Williamson, associate general counsel at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, [by visiting this website](#).

- "David McCullough, through his research and writing, as well as his personal contributions, has long been a supporter of national parks. McCullough's historical interests have largely focused on important figures in American history as well as significant American achievements, many of which have been preserved and interpreted in national parks. As a result, McCullough's highly acclaimed work has helped draw attention to the many historical parks and sites preserved by the NPS."

On October 4, 2016, the Honorary National Park Ranger Award was presented to Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian David McCullough. Read more [by visiting this link](#).

- "From the Eastern Seaboard to the towering mountain ranges of the American West, these National Parks are the best places to fulfill your fall foliage wanderlust."

Read and see photos of "The Best National Parks for Fall Foliage," in *Travel + Leisure* [by visiting this link](#).

Video of the Month: Fall Colors at Great Smoky Mountains National Park



"More Than Just Parks: Smoky Mountains is a visually stunning journey through Great Smoky Mountain National Park during peak fall color."

[Click here](#) to watch a beautiful video exploring the Smoky Mountains in the fall.

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