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Issue Update: Proposed Rule to Amend Cape Hatteras N.S. Special Regulation for Off-Road Vehicle Management

The purpose of this letter is to submit comments on the proposed rule to amend the Seashore's 2012 special regulations for ORV management. In 2010, NPS finalized the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (ORV plan/EIS) to guide the management and use of ORVs at the Seashore. As part of the selected alternative, certain elements of the plan were implemented through a special rulemaking process. The related Final Rule for ORV management (final rule) was published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2012. NPS is now considering changes to

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the final rule as required by Section 3057(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2015 (the Act).

While some aspects of the proposed changes seem to be adequately justified, we are concerned that other aspects of the proposal are not adequately explained nor justified.

Click below to see our full letter and our concerns.

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Coalition Opposes Bills That Would Undermine the Antiquities Act and Block New Parks

The Coalition has joined with other advocacy organizations in opposing attacks on the Antiquities Act. It is disappointing to see three separate bills to undermine the Antiquities Act - the law which is responsible for originally protecting nearly half of our national parks - being advanced less than a month after our country celebrated the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Please click below to see our concerns.

[Read the Letter](#)

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Membership Update

This past month,
the Coalition
welcomed 4 new
members,
bringing total
membership to
1,167.

Welcome to our
new members!

NPS Centennial Biography Series, October 2016

Environmental Disaster

Silicon Valley is leading the nation's charge toward renewable energy development by making significant investments and pioneering technological advancements. This is important and commendable.

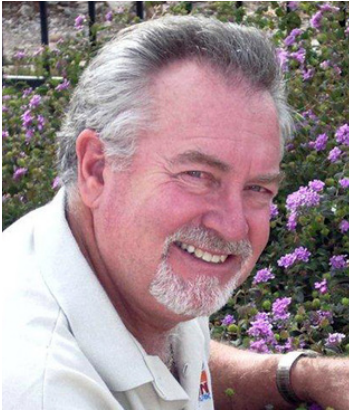
However, in the effort to move toward a sustainable energy future, some companies are failing to seriously consider the size and location of their industrial scale renewable projects.

Click below to read the full op-ed about the proposed Soda Mountain Solar project, published September 9, 2016 in The Mercury News.

Read the Full Op-Ed



**Get Involved: Forest History Society
Repeat Photography Project**



Rob Arnberger
Read his story
[here.](#)



Gerard Baker
Read his story
[here.](#)



**Robert S. (Bob)
Chandler**
Read his story

Are you interested in repeat photography, land management and environmental research? If so, check out the Repeat Photography Project! Please see the message from Project Photo Archivist Sara Pezzoni below:

"The Forest History Society has undertaken a project aimed at collecting sets of repeat photographs relating to land management and environmental research. We aim to provide a centralized location on the web for users to access, compare and interpret them. The project is a collaboration between the Forest History Society and several other institutional and individual collaborators. By providing an authoritative site on the subject we hope to identify previously unknown repeat photographic pairs and sequences, promote the creation of new repeat sets, and foster interest in the future uses of repeat photography.

We welcome insights, recommendations, and collaboration in making this valuable historical information more widely available. If you have photos, research ideas, or any other input that might help, please contact Project Photo Archivist Sara Pezzoni at sara.pezzoni@foresthistor.org. The Repeat Photography Project can be accessed through www.repeatphotography.org."

Job Vacancy: Orbridge Guides

Orbridge Guides is hiring an Expedition

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Michael V. Finley
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Leader / Travel Director. From the job posting, "Orbridge is a leading travel company specializing in small group travel and expeditions. . . We currently are building our core team of Expedition Leaders to provide this strong educational element on future expeditions. Candidates must be experienced and should possess an all around knowledge of the natural and cultural components that make up the various destinations we offer plus have excellent similar experience and skills to handle groups from a variety of organizations. Priority consideration will be given to Naturalists and US Park Service Rangers with particular experience in Alaska."

To see the full job posting, [please click here.](#)

Membership Survey

Thank you so much to all who completed our membership survey! Your feedback and insights are incredibly valuable to us.

The gift card winners have been selected. Congratulations to the winners and thank you all for your participation!

In the next few weeks, you will receive an email from Susannah (susannah_albert-chandhok@protectnps.org) if you indicated an interest in providing further feedback or providing a membership testimonial. Please keep your eye out for this email!

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

What We're Reading This Month

"We must create a more diverse and engaged group of people who are willing to stand up for America's national parks, monuments, and other public lands. The faces of the advocates for these public lands should reflect the faces of our nation, and it's going to take a more inclusive approach to public lands management to create this broader group of advocates." --Maureen Finnerty, chair of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks

Read the full op-ed, "Disconnect Between A Diverse America And Our National Park System," [by visiting this website](#).

"The National Park Service's more than 400 sites are not getting the funding they need from Congress, but Americans can make a difference by asking Congress to do more. Lawmakers should reaffirm our commitment to the national parks and ensure reliable funding for repairs. Our national parks, children, and grandchildren deserve no less."

Read the entire op-ed by Sean Smith, Covington, WA mayor pro tem and a former National Park Ranger, [by visiting this link](#).

"It's easy for members of Congress to say they love national parks...but the decisions lawmakers make in Washington have profound effects - both directly and indirectly - on all national parks. Ultimately, when it comes to their work in Washington, does a member's rhetoric match their record?"

Don't miss the National Parks Action Fund's 2016 Congressional

Scorecard, which you can find [by visiting this website](#).

- "These [public] lands are an American resource that have been critical to achieving my Olympic dreams. I wanted to make sure they are around for the next generation of athletes too," -Chloe Woodruff, Olympic Mountain Biker.

Olympians are joining the fight to ensure that public lands stay in public hands. To learn more, visit www.OlympiansForPublicLands.org

- "[N]ational parks and photography go hand in hand."

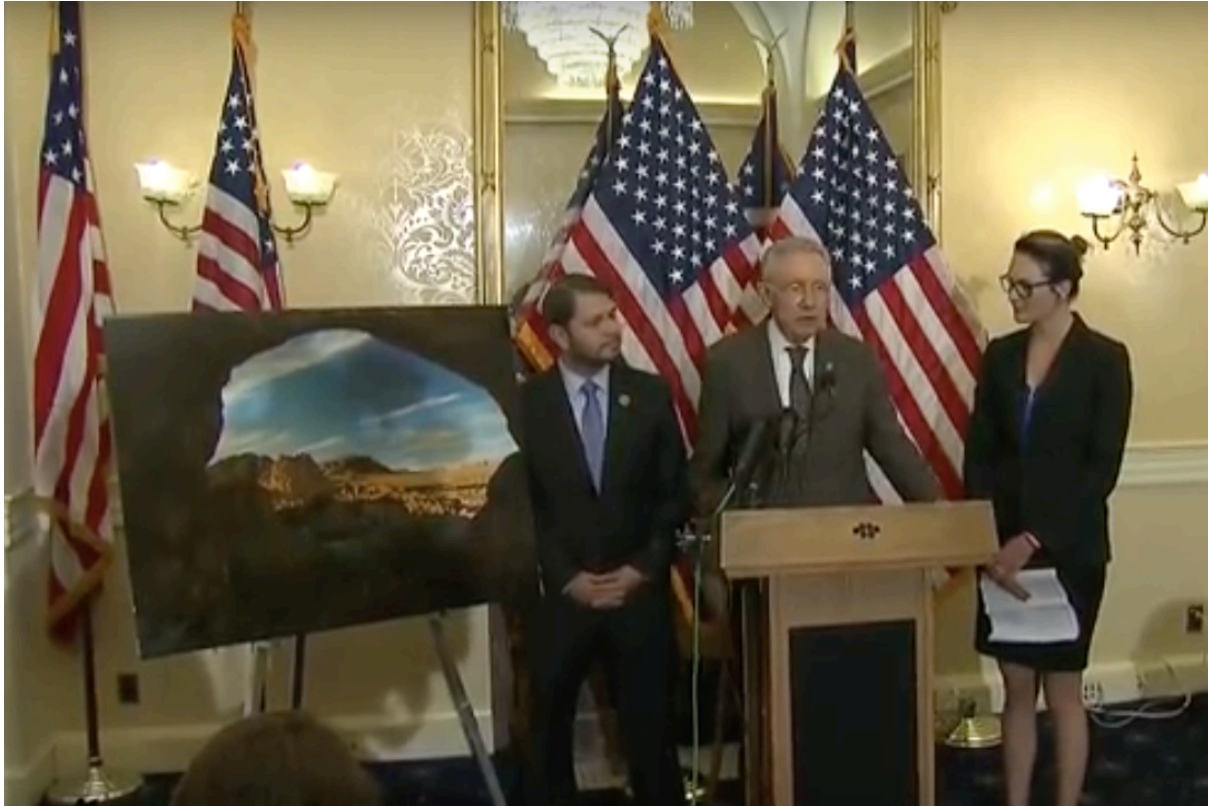
Check out this post titled "Behind the Lens: Visiting National Parks," by Pete Souza, Chief White House Photographer, of photos from the President Obama's national park visits over the years.

[See the post and photographs here](#).

- "From white sand seashores and rugged mountains to ancient cliff dwellings and forests of towering trees, America's public lands give us so much."

There are many reasons to love America's public lands. See the Department of Interior's top reasons [by visiting this link](#).

Video of the Month: Protecting Public Lands



Did you know that public lands provide 193,500 miles of hiking and running trails and 12,659 miles of mountain biking trails?

[Click here](#) to watch Nevada Senator Harry Reid, joined by Olympic pentathlete Margaux Isaksen and Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) discuss the value of public lands and the need to protect them.

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