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# The Coalition To Protect America's National Parks

*Voices of Experience*

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Congress has failed to reauthorize and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), despite widespread public support for our nation's primary source for preserving nationally significant public lands and providing recreational opportunities in communities across the country. As the Voice of Experience, we know firsthand how important the LWCF is to national parks and other public lands. We sent a joint letter to Congress, sent in partnership with those who have worked for the US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Land Management. Read our letter, below.

## Joint Letter to Congress

## Advocacy Toolkit Launch

Every year, Congress makes decisions that impact our national parks and public lands... and these decisions impact you. We need your help to reach out to members of Congress and advocate for these precious resources. Not sure where to start? We've got

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you covered. We put together an advocacy toolkit to help you reach out to policymakers and join in the fight to protect our parks. Become an advocate for our parks and click on the green box below.

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**Coalition Launches 2018 George B. Hartzog Award Nominations**



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Each year, CPANP recognizes significant contributions by individuals or groups.

The George Hartzog 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 are solicited from the general membership of the Coalition or the National Park Service with the recipient(s) selected by the Executive Council. This award is presented annually or at other times deemed appropriate by the Council.

Criteria:

Recipients can be active NPS employees, NPS retirees or members of the general public who have demonstrated support for the mission of the National Park System or provided invaluable service or leadership to parks or the National Park Service or its programs.

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.

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### Membership Update

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,650** members.

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Nominations can be placed at the link below no later than **December 15, 2018**.

### Make a Nomination

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## Coalition Voices Opposition to Proposed Clean Energy Rule

The Coalition has recently signed on to two joint comment letters expressing our opposition to the EPA's proposed Affordable Clean Energy Rule. The proposed repeal of the 2015 Clean Power Plan rule would roll back robust air emission standards for existing coal-fired power plants and replace it with much weaker requirements. Click [here](#) to read our joint comment letter submitted to the EPA by the Coalition and 79 other groups. Click on the green box below to read the joint comment letter submitted to the EPA by the Coalition, the National Parks Conservation Association, and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

### Joint Comment Letter

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## Flawed EA on proposed Alaska Hunting Rule Change

A National Park Service environmental assessment (EA) fundamentally fails to take a hard look at the potential impacts of a proposed rule change that would open Alaska's national preserves to a variety of controversial and unsportsmanlike hunting practices that target predator species. Click

below to see the Coalition's comments on the EA.

## Coalition Comments on EA

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### Bears Ears Shortchanged Again

Less than a year after President Trump reduced the size of Bear Ears National Monument by 85%, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to manage the surviving area under the agency's hackneyed "multiple-use" strategy, which would leave monument and neighboring national park resources vulnerable to a variety of adverse impacts. To see our joint comment letter with the National Parks Conservation Association, click below.

### Comment Letter on Bears Ears

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### CPANP Urges Congress to Suspend Action on H.R. 6687

The Coalition has sent a letter to Senators Murkowski and Cantwell to urge suspension of further action on H.R. 6687, a bill that would circumvent established processes and mandate that the National Park Service issue long-term leases to continue commercial cattle ranching operations in Point Reyes National Seashore and the northern portion of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Click below to read the letter.

### Letter on H.R. 6687

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## Coalition Pushes for Training on Ethics Standards with Donors and Partners

The Coalition has sent a letter to Acting Director Dan Smith on the necessity of establishing a training program in regards to employee relations with donors and partners. To read our letter, click the box below.

### Letter on Ethics Training

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## Coalition Voices Concern about Atlantic Coast Pipeline

The Coalition sent a letter to Acting Director, Dan Smith, voicing our concern about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the permit granted by the NPS to allow the natural gas pipeline to cross the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Click below to read more.

### Letter on ACC

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## What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

Please remember we are in the middle of our annual giving campaign. The Coalition relies on your donations to help us continue the fight to protect our parks. Click [here](#) to make a gift.

417 park units covering 85 million square acres in every state, the District of Columbia and 4 territories suffer from more than \$11 billion in overdue maintenance repairs. The NPCA has put together a photo book that shows the adverse impacts of the deferred maintenance backlog.

These books have been distributed to all members of Congress. Click [here](#) to view the electronic version.

The rapid pace of climate change continues to make headlines. Last week, the U.S. government published a major and ominous climate report. The report traces the effects climate change has already wrought upon every region of the United States and envisions the devastation yet to come. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

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