Happy New Year! We’d like to thank our outgoing Executive Council members: Brenda Barrett, Sarah Bransom, and Rebecca Harriett. We’d also like to express our deep gratitude to outgoing Chair Phil Francis and Vice Chair Maria Burks for all of their hard work and dedication in leading the organization throughout their terms.

We are pleased to welcome our new Executive Council members: Linda Mazzu, Cheryl Schreier, Bill Shaddox, Terri Thomas, and Clara Wooden.

We are also happy to announce our new
Executive Council leadership team. Mike Murray and Don Hellmann, our Issues Committee leads, will serve as our Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your generosity during our Annual Giving Campaign. We truly appreciate your support and we look forward to getting to work in 2022. If you did not have a chance to make a donation during the campaign, you can always donate via our website.

Advocacy Actions

Here are a few of the actions we took in December:

- The Coalition continues to offer our support and encouragement to Director Sams. We published an oped and sent a letter in the tradition of the Lane Letter.
- The Biden Administration issued a progress report on their America the Beautiful initiative and we issued a statement of support.
- We remained involved in regional haze issues in both South Carolina and Tennessee.
- The Coalition also joined comments on Burnett Oil’s mitigation plan at Big Cypress National Preserve.
all the same products, but when you shop on Amazon Smile, Amazon donates to the Coalition.

- Need a roundup of the big news that impacted our National Park System in 2021? Take a listen to this podcast from National Parks Traveler, featuring our own Phil Francis.

Visit our website to learn more and take a look at our other advocacy efforts.

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2021 Annual Report

We are wrapping up the production of our 2021 Annual Report. This publication highlights our advocacy efforts this past year and will provide an overview of our financial and membership numbers. You’ll hear from new Coalition Chair Mike Murray and we’ll reveal our 2021 award winners. Keep an eye on your mailbox in late January or early February - it will be coming your way soon!

Announcements

Calling all Yellowstone National Park Employees - especially those within driving distance of Cheyenne, Wyoming! On March 5, 2022, the Wyoming State Museum in Cheyenne is throwing a huge "Yellowstone Birthday Party" to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the park. To bring a human-

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focused element to the event, the museum is hoping to have some real life (former or current) Yellowstone Rangers at the event to tell their personal stories and get kids super excited about National Parks and Rangers. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please reach out to Melisa McChesney, the museum's Curator of Community Engagement. She is available by phone (307-630-2573) or email (melisa.mcchesney@wyo.gov).

On the Horizon

Here is a look at some of the work we'll be tackling in January:

- NPS Budget related issues
- Reaching out to Director Sams for member engagement opportunities
- National Monument advocacy
- Federal oil and gas leasing program
- Coalition Executive Council Annual Meeting

Member Count

The Coalition added 15 new members in December, bringing the total to 2,099. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join here.
Reading Rec

The New York Times has an interactive look at how climate change is impacting every country in the world. In the postcard on the United States, you can search by county to see how climate change is impacting your area.