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The Coalition to Protect America's Parks: An Early History

Janet McDonnell, retired NPS historian and Coalition member, volunteered her time to write the history of the organization. The decision to do this was made at the Coalition Executive Council (EC) meeting in December, 2017. The EC felt it was very important to capture this detailed history. Janet played a key role in the 2016 Coalition centennial biographies, writing many, and editing all of them. Her work is a fitting way to celebrate the Coalition's 15th birthday in 2018. Read Janet's work at the link below.

Learn our History

Coalition Opposes Legislation to Allow Bikes in Wilderness

The Coalition has joined 150 other organizations in writing Congress to oppose S. 2877 and H.R. 1349, bills that would amend the Wilderness Act to allow the use of mountain bikes in designated Wilderness. Click the link to see the joint letter.

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Success Story: Amid Public Outcry, Zinke Extends Every Kid in a Park Program

In response to reports that the Interior Secretary planned to end the popular "Every Kid in a Park" program, the Coalition joined over two dozen other groups in speaking out in support of the program. Learn about this issue at the link below.

Read the Success Story

Interior Department Proposes to Weaken Critical Offshore Oil and Gas Regulation

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement proposes to revise the Blowout Preventer and Well Control Rule in order "to ease the regulatory burden" on the offshore oil and gas industry. The current rule was issued in 2016 to address industry shortcomings identified after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Click the button to see our comments on the proposed rule.

See our Comments

What We're Reading & Tracking This Month

The Coalition Chair, Phil Francis, issued comments on Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk's retirement, which came after Wenk was notified of his reassignment to the National Capital

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Membership Update

Region. See Phil quoted in the Huffington Post and The Guardian.

The Coalition's membership currently stands at **1,566** members.

Coalition member, Maureen Finnerty, penned a Letter to the Editor (LTE) of the Miami Herald expressing the need to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund before it expires on September 30th.

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The clock is ticking on LWCF's reauthorization. In the past, Secretary Zinke supported the program, but now he wants to nearly completely defund it. Read more about the situation in **Outside Online**.

Coalition News

If you haven't yet heard Park Ranger Lauren Ray's

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parodies of well known hits, you've got to give

them a listen!

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The iconic illustrations by Austrian artist Heinrich Berann have been digitized in high resolution for the first time, three decades after they were created. Check them out online through National Geographic.

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