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Big Concerns Regarding Proposed Big Cypress Backcountry Access Plan and Wilderness Study

Recent management plans at Big Cypress have mischaracterized the Preserve's legislative mandate and shortchanged the amount of eligible wilderness in the 1988 Addition to the Preserve. A proposed new backcountry access plan and wilderness study (plan/study) for the original Preserve appears to be headed toward the same shortcomings. To read our comments on the preliminary alternatives newsletter for the plan/study, please click below.

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**NPS Centennial
Biography Series,
March 2015**

**Benjamin H.
Thompson**
Read his story [here.](#)

Coalition Supports Proposed Changes to Virginia's Powerline Approval Process

The Coalition has joined forces with conservation and historic preservation groups to support legislation in the Virginia House of Delegates that would better protect historic resources by strengthening the State's requirements related to approval of new high voltage transmission lines. While the proposed legislation would not retroactively apply to Virginia Dominion Power's proposed new transmission line across the James River near historic Jamestown, it would create a higher standard of protection of historic resources in future projects. To read our joint letter to the Chair of the Special Subcommittee on Energy, please click below.

[Read our Joint Letter](#)

Award Winners for 2015



George Hartzog Award

George Minnucci, Eastern National's recently retired chief executive officer, was presented with the 2015 George Hartzog Award by Kevin Kissling, the new CEO of Eastern National,



1872 Award

Deny Galvin was presented with the 2015 CPANP 1872 Award by Maureen Finnerty for his dedicated, outstanding service and support for the mission and goals



Jerry L. Rodgers
Read his story [here](#).



Mary Martin
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on behalf of The Coalition. Mr. Minnucci was presented the award for his over 4 decades of significant support of the servicewide NPS interpretive program.

of the Coalition. Deny continues to counsel, guide and support the Coalition on numerous wide ranging issues of concern, helping us to protect our National Parks.

Membership Updates

The Coalition welcomes four new members, adding to our total of 1,132 members!



Centennial Biography Series

In honor of the Centennial of the National Park Service, we are highlighting some employees who have made significant contributions to the Service in any number of ways. We encourage members to suggest more employee names to be highlighted throughout the coming year.

Make a Suggestion for the
Centennial Biography Series

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Enjoy the Following Video!



"In what could be a rare 'super bloom', Death Valley is transforming from a valley of death to a valley of life.

'If you get the chance to see a bloom in Death Valley, especially a super bloom, you should take the opportunity to see it because it could be a once in a lifetime opportunity.' - Park Ranger Alan Van Valkenburg

Join Alan in this episode of "Death Valley Exposed" and learn more about the current bloom that is spreading across the park.

Death Valley Exposed is a video podcast series that highlights various snapshots from Death Valley National Park. Produced by Bristlecone Media and the National Park Service in association with Death Valley Natural History Association, an official nonprofit partner of Death Valley National Park."

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