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What We’re Reading & Tracking This Week

**Infrastructure Support**

We finalized our FY 2022 Budget Infrastructure Plan, which includes recommendations to address climate change impacts to our lands and waters. The Coalition is calling on Congress to support the President’s American Jobs Plan, which prioritizes investments in our public lands.

**Experienced Services Program (ESP)**

We are seeking more information about ESP, a program that prepares individuals for careers in the natural resources sector. The Coalition has submitted comments in support of ESP, which is expected to be a focal point of Secretary Haaland’s two orders to prioritize career development.

**CWR Survey**

We finalized our FY 2022 CWR Survey, which is a short survey that asks members about their membership experience and what they think about the Coalition.

**Amache Legislation**

We submitted comments regarding the legislation to establish the Amache National Relocation Center, a World War II Japanese American internment site in Colorado. The Coalition supported the legislation and expressed a concern regarding its implementation.

**Congressional Actions of Interest to the NPS**

We submitted comments on the Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittee’s draft report, which includes a recommendation for the NPS to conduct a comprehensive review of its employee health insurance plans. The Coalition expressed a concern regarding the future of the CWR, which could be impacted by the review.

**Department of the Interior**

Secretary Haaland signed a pair of orders to prioritize the mission of the NPS while providing mentorship and earning an income. Work is also ongoing in support of a new feature in the National Trails System Act.

**Federal Highway Administration’s study**

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**Congressional leadership**

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