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Coalition News

We hope you've had a chance to take a look at the **2021 Annual Report!** Our advocacy efforts are well underway in 2022 and we know it will be another busy year, working on behalf of our parks and public lands. Take a look at some of the highlights below. We also have an upcoming event to share on behalf of NPCA and a great new reading recommendation.

Advocacy Actions

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

- Great news to report on the Amache campaign! The former World War II Japanese American incarceration site in Colorado (Amache) is on the verge of becoming a national park site following unanimous Senate and House passage of the bipartisan Amache NHS Act. We issued several statements and quotes in February, including a [statement](#) thanking one of the Senate champions of this legislation.
- The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the Great American Outdoors Act. The Coalition signed on to a [letter](#) regarding this hearing and issued a [statement for the record](#), expressing our appreciation to the NPS and also making a few recommendations.
- We sent a [letter](#) to Director Sams stating our appreciation for the level of attention he is giving to issues related to employee morale and to improving diversity in the workforce, but also describing additional concerns that impact the ability of the NPS to efficiently hire a diverse workforce, and concerns related to employee morale that can and should be addressed.
- The Coalition continues to engage on issues related to Regional Haze. You can read more about our recent efforts [here](#).

Visit our [website](#) to learn more and take a look at our other advocacy efforts.

Announcements

The National Parks Conservation Association will honor three distinguished park protectors at their annual Salute to the Parks gala in Washington, DC on April 6th, 2022, including former Director of the National Park Service Robert G. Stanton. Coalition members are invited to attend the event at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., or join virtually through NPCA's online program. [Click here](#) to read the invitation from NPCA President and CEO Theresa Pierno and learn more, including how to purchase tickets for the event.

On the Horizon

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

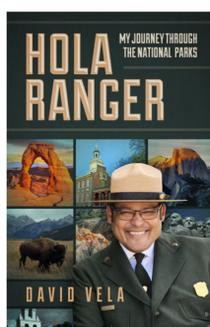
- Release of our report on national monuments and accompanying sign-on letter
- Continued engagement and advocacy on the 30 x 30 initiative
- Federal oil and gas leasing program
- GAOA implementation
- Funding, staffing, and operations for the NPS
- Regional Haze Issues

Member Count

The Coalition added 31 new members in February, bringing the total to 2,173. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Reading Rec

Raymond David Vela, who retired from the NPS as Deputy Director, Exercising the Authority of the Director, has written a memoir. With a public service career spanning over 38 years at the state and federal level, Vela chronicles the life story of a Latino growing up in the farmlands of Southeast Texas, his first visit to a national park, and the impact that it had on his life. The book includes family images, anecdotes from his career, and insight into what it takes to work in and protect a national park. Visit [here](#) to buy your copy today!



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