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Coalition News

Thank you to the more than 300 Coalition members who signed the letter accompanying the release of the national monuments report, [In Support of the Antiquities Act: The Lasting Impacts of National Monuments](#). Chair Michael Murray gave an extensive [interview](#) to the *Huffington Post* discussing the report. Additionally, *E&E News* also published an [article](#) summarizing the report.

Advocacy Actions

Below is a summary of actions we took in April:

- We partnered on a joint [letter](#) to DOI and NPS requesting a reconsideration of the Bureau of Land Management's NEPA Review for the 2022 1st Quarter lease sales.
- The Coalition joined with its partners on a [letter](#) to DOI and NPS requesting action on pollution reducing requirements to restore clean air and water in national parks and wilderness areas.
- Coalition Vice-Chair Don Hellmann discussed NPS staffing and funding issues for cultural and historic parks with the [National Parks Traveler](#) magazine.
- The Coalition continues to [comment](#) on Potential Alternatives for Air Tour Management Plans and submitted comments for the Haleakalā National Park proposal.
- We continue to engage on issues related to regional haze and partnered on a [letter](#) regarding the implementation plan in Alabama.
- Check out our new [blog post](#) celebrating National Park Week (April 16-24).

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

Announcements

The Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University will be hosting the Fifth Biennial Student Conference from October 3-6, 2022. The [John Freemuth Student Congress](#) this year will focus wildland fire and will explore issues such as managing vegetation and fuels for resilient landscapes, protecting homes and communities, managing fire, and responding to wildfire. Coalition members interested in volunteering to help with the Conference are encouraged to contact Danielle Trujillo, Executive Director, Andrus Center for Public Policy, (208) 426-3784.

On the Horizon

Here is a look at some of the work we'll be pursuing in May:

- Meetings with key Congressional offices during the Coalition's upcoming Virtual Advocacy Days
- Monitoring upcoming federal oil and gas lease sales
- Continued engagement in FY2023 NPS Appropriations
- Regional Haze comments
- America the Beautiful Initiative

Member Count

The Coalition added 19 new members in April bringing the total to 2,225. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 1, begins Public Service Recognition Week. To all of you who have served and those who continue to serve: Thank you! [The #GovPossible](#) and [Partnership for Public Service](#) websites offer many ways to recognize the amazing work done by friends and colleagues. The Partnership also will host a [virtual discussion](#) at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 2, about rebuilding trust in government with Shalanda Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.
- Jonathan and Destry Jarvis have been fighting for the national parks for more than 50 years and now have co-authored a book detailing their battles, inside and outside the National Park Service. On Tuesday, May 17, the two will sit down with the *National Parks Traveler* Editor Kurt Repanshek to discuss their new book, [National Parks Forever, Fifty Years of Fighting and a Case For Independence](#). The webinar will be held at 7 p.m. Eastern, 5 p.m. Mountain, and 4 p.m. Pacific Time and [registration is required](#). More information can be found [here](#).