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During this critical time in the appropriations cycle, the Coalition remains active in its advocacy for robust FY2023 NPS funding. We submitted [written testimony](#) to the Senate Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, supporting the President's budget request. Furthermore, the Coalition requested additional funding to begin a multiyear effort to restore NPS operational capacity, natural and cultural resource conservation, and natural recreation and preservation. Additionally, we led a [joint initiative](#) to coordinate support among more than 30 partner organizations to encourage Congressional appropriators to increase NPS

Congressional appropriators to increase NPS funding.



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## Advocacy Actions

Below is a summary of actions we took in June:

- The Coalition submitted written testimony to the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, Committee on Natural Resources, in support of three measures pending before the Committee, including the LODGE Act, PACTS Act, and NPF Reauthorization. Read the [full comments](#) or a summary on the [blog](#).
- The Coalition continues its promotion of the Antiquities Act, including signing a [letter](#) to the President urging him to designate Castner Range a national monument. Additionally, Chair Mike Murray issued a [press release](#) commemorating its 116th Anniversary, and we posted a new [blog](#) post.
- Ms. Brenda Barrett represented the Coalition during an [online discussion](#) sponsored by the United States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites to discuss the Antiquities Act as it pertains to the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site.
- We continue our engagement on regional haze and submitted comments on the [California](#) plan for its second implementation period.

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## Announcements

The Park Institute of America, a joint initiative between the Coalition and Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, is hiring a director. The director, who will be based in the Durham area, will lead the PIA in championing parks and protected areas through education, information exchange, and partnerships. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the [PIA web site](#).

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## On the Horizon

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

- Evaluating impacts of federal oil and gas leasing near national parks
- Continued engagement on FY2023 appropriations
- Additional regional haze comment periods
- Support for national monuments
- Executive Council Quarterly Meeting

## Member Count

The Coalition added 15 new members in June, for a total of 2,247. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

## Reading Rec

**National Geographic** this week published an article titled, "Historic Yellowstone Flooding Brings Renewal Despite Destruction." It discusses the potential restorative effect of the flood on the Park's aquatic ecosystem, including sprouting new cottonwood trees and increasing the trout population.

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