



## THE COALITION TO PROTECT AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

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### Coalition News

Thursday, August 4, marks the second anniversary of the [Great American Outdoors Act](#). NPS will commemorate this day by [waiving entrance fees](#) at all parks. Please visit the Coalition's website next week to read a new blog post and view other communications to recognize this [historic investment in our parks and public lands](#).

### Advocacy Actions

Below is a summary of actions we took in July:

- The Coalition remains committed to increasing the diversity of cultural and historical national park units by encouraging Congress to establish the [Cesar E. Chavez and the American Farmworker National Historic Park](#).
- We joined our partners in a [letter](#) to the Bureau of Land Management expressing concern with their consideration of an application by Magic Valley Energy to develop a wind farm within the viewshed of the Minidoka National Historic Site. While we support the development of clean, alternative energy, we believe this particular proposal violates the law establishing Minidoka NHS. The Coalition's recommendations include considering alternatives and revising the outdated land use management plan for the Site.
- We continue our engagement on regional haze and submitted comments on proposals from [Oklahoma](#), [Idaho](#), [Hawaii](#), and [Nevada](#).

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

### Announcements

The [Friends of Minidoka](#) are requesting individuals who share their concern about the proposed Lava Ridge wind farm to join them in expressing their concerns individually. The Coalition has partnered in [expressing concerns](#); however, individuals may submit their own comments to BLM by emailing [mbyrne@blm.gov](mailto:mbyrne@blm.gov) and attending [virtual BLM Subcommittee meetings](#). The [Friends of Minidoka](#) website has complete information about written comments and virtual BLM meetings.

### On the Horizon

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

- Release of Coalition reports on the impacts of federal oil and gas leasing near national parks
- Recognition of the anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act
- Continued engagement on FY2023 appropriations
- Additional regional haze comment periods
- Ongoing support for national monuments

### Member Count

The Coalition added 6 new members in June, for a total of 2,254. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

### NPS News

In order to further his goal of increasing access to outdoor recreation under the America the Beautiful Initiative, President Biden announced the reformation of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation. The White House [Fact Sheet](#) is available online.