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The Coalition's annual giving campaign will begin next month. We truly appreciate the generous support you have provided; we hope you will consider making a gift this year to support the continued work of the Coalition. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Advocacy Actions

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Below is a summary of actions we took in September:



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- The Coalition continued to encourage the Administration to designate new national monuments and protect lands at risk. We issued a press release commending Interior Secretary Haaland's visit to Avi Kwa Ame and signed a letter in support. Additionally, we joined a letter to President Biden urging him to establish the Camp Hale - Continental Divide National Monument and published a blog post reflecting on its meaning.
- We joined a letter to DOI requesting the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the James River Transmission line be modified so that the preferred alternative include a decommissioning and removal of the the existing transmission line within 20 years. If this alternative is rejected, the letter requests the Department file a predecisional referral with the CEQ.
- The Coalition joined in a letter to Virginia's U.S. Senators and northern Virginia Representatives expressing concerns over Prince William County's rapid process to approve construction of a data center adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park.
- We joined NPCA in a letter to the BLM providing detailed recommendations for the development of the draft resource management plan for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, including a recommendation that BLM adopts the most protective management alternative for the monument.

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- Coalition Chair Mike Murray published an op-ed in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* advocating for reforms of the to the leasing system of public lands for oil and gas exploration. Additionally, he spoke with *National Park Traveler* on increased efforts of Interior to increase Tribal involvement with the stewardship of public lands.

These are just a few of our advocacy actions this month. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and take a look at our other efforts.

Announcements

For over 25 years, the Friends of Peirce Mill (FOPM) have worked with the National Park Service (NPS) in Rock Creek Park to preserve, restore, and interpret the last working gristmill in Washington, D.C. Using Centennial Challenge funding, NPS and FOPM are about to restore the stone building's historic Oliver Evans milling system - a four story mechanical marvel that turns grain into flour. FOPM is looking for someone in the Washington Metropolitan Area with a background in NPS project management, construction, and/or cultural resources to join their board. Milling experience would be nice, but it is not required! For more information, please contact Angela Kramer at education@friendsofpeircemill.org.

On the Horizon

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

- Planning for the 2022 Annual Giving Campaign and Annual Report
- Looking ahead to 2023, including Executive Council Recruitment
- Continued advocacy on issues such as regional haze, air tour management plans, NPS employee housing, and hunting regulations in national preserves in Alaska
- Ongoing support for use of the Antiquities Act and the designation of national monuments
- Planning for the Coalition's 20th Anniversary in 2023

Member Count

The Coalition added 19 new members in September, for a total of 2,280. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

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