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## Coalition News

The Coalition's 2022 Annual Giving Campaign is well underway. A sincere thank you to those of you who have made contributions this year. We are grateful for your support, which enables the Coalition to continue its work on issues that will preserve our national parks and public lands for the enjoyment of generations to come.

From inadequate budgets to persistent employee morale issues, the issues confronting the National Park Service are significant. The Coalition continues to advocate for change and improvement, and we hope you will continue to join in our

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## Award Nominations Deadline Approaching

The Executive Council is accepting your [nominations for the 2022 George Hartzog Award](#). This [award](#) is given to an individual(s) who demonstrates outstanding support for the mission of the National Park Service. Please take a moment to remember and recommend that inspirational colleague who consistently went beyond expectations to serve the NPS. Complete details and the nomination form are available on the [website](#).

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## Advocacy Actions

Below is a summary of actions we took in November:

- The recording from the Coalition's November 16 webinar, Advocacy and the *Antiquities Act*: Protecting Land through National Monument Designations, is now available to view [online](#).
- Thank you to the almost 200 Coalition members who signed this [letter](#) to President Biden, urging him to continue

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to use the *Antiquities Act* to protect critical landscapes and cultural treasures by designating additional national monuments.

- The Coalition signed a [letter](#) to Congressional appropriators supporting disaster relief provisions in the final Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations to enable public land management agencies in their recovery from the multiple national disasters of the year.
- The Coalition joined in [requesting](#) the Department of the Interior to pause oil and gas lease sales in the second quarter of 2023 until rulemaking to reform the onshore oil and gas program.
- The Coalition [requested](#) the Internal Revenue Service disallow renewable energy tax credits for projects on public lands within a certain radius of the National Park System and and National Historical Landmarks associated with the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, which would include Amache and Minidoka.
- The Coalition joined with numerous organizations in providing detailed scoping [comments](#) on the proposed management plan for Bears Ears National Monument.

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

The Rosenwald Park Campaign was created to promote the establishment of a multi-site National Park celebrating the life and legacy of **Julius Rosenwald**. The Campaign was founded in 2016 with the support of the National Parks Conservation Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Coalition was the third group to express its support for the park.

To date, over 170 organizations have officially endorsed the creation of the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park. While they represent a broad spectrum of groups, including national park advocacy organizations, synagogues, churches, and Black and Jewish organizations, the Campaign continues to seek additional organizations to support the efforts of the Campaign. Please consider reaching out to your own network and asking the non-profit organizations that you are associated with to consider signing on in support of creating a Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park. Email **[dorothycanter@rosenwaldpark.org](mailto:dorothycanter@rosenwaldpark.org)** for assistance with a support request or with your recommendations of additional organizations to contact.

You can also join the Rosenwald Park Campaign mailing list for updates and information or visit their **[website](#)** for more information.

## On the Horizon

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

- Drafting and Editing the 2022 Annual Report
- Looking ahead to the 2023 Strategic Plan
- 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 18 new members in November, for a total of 2,303. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

## NPS News

Just like our families, the National Park Service family is engaged in its [Winter Festivities](#) preparations. From holiday

recipes, crafts, and events at individual parks, our national parks remain a open and welcoming to all during these dark and cold days.

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