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A quick note on our website - we have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our website, and you might see some formatting errors. We appreciate your patience as we work to resolve the issues.

Coalition News

Today, the Coalition released a new report, [Action Needed to Protect National Parks from Oil and Gas Development](#). The report highlights the impacts of oil and gas development near Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Chaco Culture National Historic Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Grand

Teton National Park. It also urges the Biden administration and Congress to take action to curb the adverse effects of energy extraction on our parks, public lands, and communities.

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2022 Annual Report

We are excited to announce that the 2022 Annual Report is in the mail! If you have not received your copy, it should arrive soon. Meanwhile, the report is available online to read and share.



Thank You

Thank you so very much for your generosity during our Annual Giving Campaign. We are only able to continue our work as advocates for our National Park System with your support. We look forward to working together throughout the year.

Amazon has announced it will wind down its Amazon Smile program by the end of February. Thank you to all of you who have supported the Coalition by ordering through Smile. Although the program is going away, you can still continue to support the work of

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Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from actions we took in January:

- The Coalition submitted comments on proposed Visitor Use Management Plans for [Yosemite National Park](#), [Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks](#), and [Rocky Mountain National Park](#).
- Additionally, Executive Council member Sheridan Steele wrote a [blog](#) post about Rocky Mountain's successful pilot of a visitor management system.
- The Coalition joined in comments to the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management expressing concerns about proceeding with [second quarter](#) and [third quarter](#) oil and gas lease sales before identified structural deficiencies in the program have been addressed.
- Coalition Chair Mike Murray continued his [press](#) efforts to highlight the Coalition's concerns over current proposed Air Tour Management plans.

These are just some of our advocacy actions this month. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more and take a look at additional efforts.

Announcements

A summary of legislation enacted during the

A summary of legislation enacted during the 117th Congress that impacted the National Park Service and System is now on our website.

On the Horizon

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

- Amplification of the report looking at the impacts of oil and gas development on our national parks
- Celebrating the Coalition's 20th Anniversary in 2023
- 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

Member Count

The Coalition added 37 new members in January, for a total of 2,371. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Conservation News

In January, [60 Minutes](#) aired a segment,

which now is available online, discussing their assessment that our planet is in the midst of its sixth mass extinction of wildlife. The segment also notes the success of targeted conservation efforts in reversing declining wildlife population.

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