Coalition News

Thank you to all our members who signed the Action Alert sent by Secretary Haaland in support of our recent report, Action Needed to Protect National Parks, and who wrote letters encouraging the Administration to address negative impacts of oil and gas development near four national parks and urge the Biden Administration and Congress to take action to make the advance efforts of many organizations on our national parks, public lands, and communities.

Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from actions we took in February:

- The Coalition joined with its partners in submitting additional comments to the Bureau of Land Management on its proposed June 2023 oil and gas lease sale for Wyoming and the Black Hills. While the comments support BLM’s work in issuing instruction memoranda to help reframe the oil and gas lease program, the comments identify continued deficiencies that should be addressed. The Coalition also joined nineteen other conservation groups and co-signed a letter to the BLM in response to proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to Ensure the Future of Energy and Resource Management Plans.

- The Coalition sent detailed comments to the HIP on its National Parks Infrastructure Transportation Plan. The Coalition supports the HIP’s efforts to develop a strategy and response to the national parks system’s pressing needs.

- The Coalition continued its engagement with the National Park Service. Coalition in the Orange County, Virginia, Planning Commission. We expressed concerns about the Wilderness Crossing plan under consideration. The letter describes the plan’s inconsistency with the Preferred Wilderness Gateway Plan developed by stakeholders over a two-year planning period.

- The Coalition is seeking volunteers who would be interested in participating in a new web series series called Ranger Time. Questions will be submitted by users, then posted once a week to the Parks Channel website, YouTube, and other social media platforms. Click here for more information. To volunteer, please contact rangers@theconvention.com.

- The coalition added 21 new members in February, for a total of 2,393. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in joining? They can join and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join.

Announcements

The Parks Channel is seeking volunteers who would be interested in participating in a new web series series called Ranger Time. You can submit questions by email, or ask a question in a chat with a presenter. The video will be recorded remotely on Zoom, then posted once a week to the Parks Channel website, YouTube, and other social media platforms. Click here for more information. To volunteer, please contact rangers@theconvention.com.

On the Horizon

Here is a look at some of the work we’ll be pursuing in March:

- Developing the Coalition’s appropriations priorities ahead of the anticipated release of the president’s budget.
- Support for HIP employees and a lack of reordering employee morale.
- Filling comments on the planning, development, and eventual use of the Presidential Bridge.
- Amplification of new and continuing national monument campaigns across the country.

Member Count

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Conservation News

Following the retirement of former President Jimmy Carter, we are highlighting several events planned to mark his birthday on October 1 and to honor this great leader. To learn more, visit our website.