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Coalition News

In celebration of our 20th Anniversary, the Coalition launched the video series [#VoicesofExperience](#) highlighting some of the dedicated individuals behind the Coalition's success. Be sure to watch Coalition Treasurer [Cheryl Schreier](#) and past Chair [Phil Francis](#). More videos will be released throughout the summer!

Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from the many actions we took in July:

- As a member of the National Parks Second Century Action Coalition, we joined in [comments](#) to the House Committee on Appropriations expressing opposition to the Committee approved NPS FY2024 appropriation, which would cut \$436 million for Fiscal Year 2024, an approximate 13 percent reduction.
- The Coalition submitted detailed [comments](#) to NPS on the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the use of electronic bikes within units of the National Park System.
- The Coalition submitted [comments](#) on a proposed rule on rights-of-way, leasing, and operations for renewable energy on BLM public lands.
- Advocacy for increased protection of public lands and historical and cultural sites continued with a [press release](#) commending the designation of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument. Additionally, the Coalition issued a [press release](#) thanking the BLM and U.S. Forest Service for holding a local, public hearing on Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument.
- The Coalition remains committed to pursuing implementation of regional haze requirements. We joined with 46 organizations in a [letter](#) to the EPA urging prompt action on the Regional Haze Round 2 State Implementation Plans.
- The Coalition continues its work to protect public lands with responsible oil and gas leasing by joining comments on the [Utah](#) fourth quarter draft Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Significant Impact. The Coalition also signed on to scoping comments for the [Wyoming](#) 2024 first quarter competitive oil and gas lease sale.

These are just some of our advocacy actions this month. Please visit our [website](#) and [blog](#) to learn more and see all of the Coalition's work.

On the Horizon

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

- Tracking budget and appropriations for FY 2024
- Continuing the 20th Anniversary celebration with interviews from EC members, past and present
- Workforce Issues meeting with our colleagues at NPCA and ANPR
- Amplification for new and existing national monument campaigns

Member Count

The Coalition added 18 new members in July, for a total of 2,496. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

NPS News

As noted above, on July 19 the House Committee on Appropriations reported to the House the [Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bill](#) for the Department of the Interior, which includes funding for the National Park Service. The Committee recommended cutting NPS' budget by approximately \$436 million. This would result in an approximate nine percent reduction for park operations, potentially resulting in a loss of 1,000 rangers and other staff, and about a 52 percent reduction in construction funding. You can support the NPS by [contacting your Representative](#) and letting him or her know you oppose these cuts due to the detrimental effects they would have on the National Park System.

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