Coalition News

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, the Coalition continues its video series, #VoicesofExperience, which highlights some of the dedicated individuals behind the Coalition’s success. Be sure to watch former Coalition Chair Maureen Finnerty!

Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from the Coalition’s actions in August:

- The Coalition joined in submitting comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service supporting the 2023-2024 Station-Specific hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations, which would phase out the use of lead ammunition by 2026 and encourage FWS to accelerate this timeline to 18 months.
- The Coalition joined in submitting detailed comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service on their proposed revisions to the Endangered Species Act. The revisions respond to the 2019 rollback of ESA protections.
- The Coalition remains engaged in pursuing protections for public lands and cultural sites.
- The Coalition issued a press release commending the designation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I’tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument.
- Additionally, the Coalition signed a letter requesting the Minidoka National Heritage Site be designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).
- The Coalition continues to provide comments on NPS air tour management plans. Most recently, the Coalition submitted detailed comments on the Bandelier National Monument proposed plan and environmental assessment.
- The Coalition continues its work pursuing increased protections for public lands and historical and cultural sites.
- The Coalition continued its efforts to have the NPS remove regional NREAP requirements by signing a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Environmental Quality commenting on the pre-hearing draft implementation plan.
- The Coalition remains engaged on the issues surrounding the Dominion Energy’s transmission line across the James River. We joined in signing a letter to the Department of Interior expressing concerns about the Army Corps of Engineers environmental review of the project.

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 September:

- Tracking FY 2024 appropriations
- Starting preparations and advocacy related to a potential government shutdown
- Continued engagement on issues related to the NPS workforce
- Recruitment and nominations for the Coalition’s Executive Council
- Preparation of numerous comments related to issues across the National Park System

On the Horizon

The Coalition added 26 new members in August, for a total of 2,510. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join here.

NPS News

On August 23, the National Park Service debuted a new podcast, My Park Story, to share stories from individuals about their connections to NPS and how NPS has impacted their lives. New episodes will be released every other Wednesday, and a bonus episode was released on August 25th in celebration the 107th birthday of the NPS. You can find the podcast on the NPS site or on Apple podcasts.