Coalition Brief
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Coalition News

The Coalition, along with ANPR and NPCA, is conducting a survey to gather input on issues impacting the National Park Service, in particular issues pertaining to employee morale, housing, and hiring. The survey can be accessed [here]. We welcome your input and encourage you to share with friends and colleagues within NPS.

The Coalition's annual giving campaign begins this month. Our success is due to your support and generosity, for which we are so grateful. We hope you will consider continuing your support. Additional information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from the Coalition's actions in September:

- Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 remain unfinished and a focus of the Coalition's advocacy work, as the Continuing Resolution expires November 17th, 2023. The Coalition joined with partner organizations in a letter to the House of Representatives expressing concerns with the current version of the Interior Appropriations bill.
- The Coalition also sent a letter to NPS requesting clarification on its contingency plans should there be a government shutdown.
- The Coalition continues to support and engage with NPS as visitor use management efforts. This month we submitted comments on the Grand Teton National Park visitor use management planning process.
- The Coalition signed a letter to President Biden requesting he rescind the Department of Homeland Security's waiver of 26 environmental laws to resume construction of a wall along the Southern border.

These are a selection of our advocacy actions this month. Please visit our website for a complete summary of our actions and press coverage.

Announcements

The Executive Council now welcomes your nominations for the 2023 George Hartzog Award. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding support for the mission of the National Park Service. Complete details and the nomination form are available on the website.

On the Horizon

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

- Advocacy surrounding FY 2024 appropriations and averting a government shutdown
- Continued engagement on issues related to the NPS workforce
- Advocacy in support of national recreation opportunities
- Preparing for the Coalition's Executive Council
- Preparation of numerous comments related to issues across the National Park System

Member Count

The Coalition added 31 new members in October, for a total of 2,560. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here].

NPS News

The fifth and final free entrance day to National Parks will occur on Saturday, November 11th, 2023, in honor of Veterans' Day. Parks across the nation will host events honoring the those who have served in our nation's armed forces. We join the National Park Service in thanking all our veterans for their service.