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Coalition News

The Coalition's annual giving campaign is well underway. Welcome to our new members and supporters, and a sincere thank you to those of you who continue to support the work of the Coalition! Our success is due to your generosity. Together, we are the Voices of Experience, working on behalf of our national parks.

Advocacy Actions

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

- Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 remain under consideration, and funding for NPS is threatened. The Coalition joined in submitting to Congress a letter expressing opposition to proposed funding cuts for NPS in the House version of the Interior Appropriations bill and joined in providing comments on pending amendments to the House Interior Appropriations bill. Chair Mike Murray also discussed the demoralizing impacting proposed reductions have on NPS and its dedicated employees in a *National Parks Traveler* article.
- The Coalition has engaged on numerous park level resource management issues. We provided comments on the grizzly bear restoration management plan for the North Cascades National Park Service Complex and the livestock plan for Theodore Roosevelt National Park. We partnered with NPCA in submitting detailed comments on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument draft resource management plan and draft environmental impact statement, and we also signed a separate letter with numerous partner organizations. Finally, Chair Mike Murray discussed the approval for the taking of a bald or golden eagle in Valles Caldera National Preserve with *National Parks Traveler*.
- The Coalition continues to support additional protections for public lands through use of the Antiquities Act. The Coalition issued press releases in support of expansion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and in support of the Pit River Tribe's request for land in the Medicine Lake Highlands of Northern California, also known as Sáttitla, to be protected as a national monument.

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

Announcements

The Rosenwald Park Campaign's award-winning, short documentary, *Rosenwald: Toward a More Perfect Union*, is now available publicly on The Parks Channel website. The Campaign is sponsoring a number of events featuring the film and hosting panel discussions on Julius Rosenwald's life and legacy and the remarkable impact of the Rosenwald schools. These events help share this amazing story and build support for creating a national historic park.

On the Horizon

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

- Compiling the 2023 Annual Report
- Preparing for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Executive Council
- Continued advocacy surrounding FY 2024 appropriations and averting a government shutdown
- Continued engagement on issues related to the NPS workforce and employee morale
- Advocacy in support of national monument campaigns
- Preparation of numerous comments related to issues across the National Park System

Member Count

The Coalition added 25 new members in November, for a total of 2,550. 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 you begin your holiday planning in earnest, the National Park Service also has something special planned for visitors. From a holiday house tour at the Vanderbilt Mansion, to a Santa Train at Steamtown National Historic Site, or holiday concerts at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, there are opportunities to celebrate our parks with friends and families throughout the holiday season. Don't forget to check the NPS calendar for events throughout the country.

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