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Coalition News

The Coalition's 2023 [Annual Report](#) is on the way! We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing the highlights of the year. We are thankful for all of your work to help protect our parks and public lands last year and look forward to a busy and productive 2024. Keep an eye on your mailbox - members should be receiving a hard copy soon.



Advocacy Actions

Below are highlights from the Coalition's work in January:

- The Coalition provided detailed [comments](#) on the proposed revisions to evaluation and authorization procedures for fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness areas. Among other things, the letter requests that the NPS identify why it is considering this change and expresses concern that this change could set a precedent for other recreational activities in wilderness areas.
- The Coalition engaged on numerous park-related issues. We provided [comments](#) to New River Gorge National Park and Preserve as they consider the demolition of structures within the park. We also sent a [letter](#) regarding concerns over trespass livestock at Big Bend National Park.
- Coalition Chair Phil Francis [discussed](#) the negative impact a continued government shutdown could have on NPS employee morale.
- The Coalition continues its work to protect parks from the impacts of oil and gas development and joined in detailed comments to BLM on the proposed [New Mexico](#) and [Nevada](#) 2024 second quarter proposed oil and gas lease draft environmental assessment and draft finding of no significant impact.
- The Coalition remains an active participant in issues impacting air quality and concerns over [regional haze](#).

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

National Monument campaigns are ramping up! This [video](#) from the Surfrider Foundation urges President Biden to designate and expand several national monuments in California. A recent [AP article](#) highlights the Tribal leaders in the Great Basin who are working to designate the Bahsahwahbee National Monument within the National Park System. Be sure you check out our recent [video](#) highlighting how the Coalition's impactful advocacy has helped to influence the designation of several new national monuments and the protection of more public land.

On the Horizon

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

- Wrapping up the 2024 annual work plan and strategic plan
- Continued advocacy surrounding FY 2024 Interior appropriations
- Planning and outreach related to the NPS workforce and employee morale
- Advocacy in support of numerous national monument campaigns and a push to protect more public land
- Ongoing action to protect mature and old-growth forests and improve air quality in our national parks

Member Count

The Coalition added 18 new members in January, for a total of 2,580. 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 NPS made incredible strides in 2023 thanks to the vital support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). With over 85 million acres under its care, the NPS skillfully balanced preservation with public enjoyment. This year, their efforts were supercharged by the LWCF's \$900 million annual fund, ensuring vital land acquisitions and enhancing visitor experiences without using taxpayer dollars. Click [here](#) to read about the NPS's remarkable achievements in 2023 and explore how these initiatives are enriching our national parks.