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AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS**
— VOICES OF EXPERIENCE —

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Coalition News

The Coalition is partnering with [Vet Voice Foundation](#) on a new advocacy effort related to conservation, national monument designations, and additional protections for public lands. If you or someone you know is both a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and a former employee or volunteer with of the National Park Service - and would be interested in engaging on these issues - we invite you to provide your contact information via this [form](#).

Advocacy Actions

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

- The Coalition celebrated BLM actions taken to help better protect natural and cultural resources. We issued a [press release](#) supporting the "no action" decision on the proposed [Ambler Road](#) project and a [press release](#) in support of the agency's final [Public Lands Rule](#).
- We issued a [statement of support](#) urging the designation of the Chuckwalla National Monument.
- The Coalition remains engaged in protecting our parks from the negative impacts of energy development on public lands. We issued a [press release](#) in support of the [BLM's oil and gas rule](#). We joined in [protesting](#) BLM's second quarter oil and gas lease sale for New Mexico. Additionally, we both submitted [comments](#) and joined a comment [letter](#) with four organizations to BLM on its draft Programmatic EIS for utility scale solar energy development.

These are a selection of our advocacy actions this month. Please visit our [website](#) for a complete summary of our actions and recent [blog](#) post.

Announcements

The Association of National Park Rangers is helping to raise funds to rehabilitate the [Museum of the National Park Ranger](#) at Yellowstone National Park. The museum houses a collection of equipment, recordings, uniforms, and other interpretive displays demonstrating the evolution of rangers since its inception in the early 1900s. To donate to the Ranger Museum Fund, click [here](#) and scroll to the NPS Ranger Museum Fund option.

On the Horizon

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

- Planning Hill visits and advocacy related to FY 2025 Interior appropriations and the protection of public lands.
- Advocacy related to national monument designation, including a partnership with Vet Voice Foundation.
- Continued meetings with NPS leadership related to issues impacting the NPS workforce and employee morale.
- Continued advocacy related to reforms to the onshore federal oil and gas leasing system.

Member Count

The Coalition added 29 new members in April, for a total of 2,659. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

NPS News

NPS has released [information](#) on Wave 3 of projects under the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund, authorized by the Great American Outdoors Act. Information on the fourth and final wave is expected in the next few weeks. These funds are crucial to address the longstanding NPS maintenance backlog, which will revitalize our parks and support local economic development.

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