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Coalition News

The Coalition continues its work to reduce the impacts of regional haze in our national parks. There are advocacy opportunities for members in multiple states, including [Kentucky](#) and [Georgia](#) (with more to come), as we seek engagement from both individuals and organizations through action alerts, sign-on letters, and public meetings. Please share these opportunities with friends, family, and colleagues who may live in these states.

Advocacy Actions

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

- The Coalition joined with partner organizations in multiple [letters](#) to Congress urging it to reject potential amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Defense appropriations, State, and Homeland Security bills that would erode existing environmental protections.
- The Coalition continues to engage on significant, park-specific matters. We submitted [comments](#) on the draft Tomales Point Area Plan/Environmental Assessment and also joined with partner organizations in [comments](#). We signed [comments](#) on the Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan and a [letter](#) on Resource Analysis for access to the Johnson Tract within Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. We also [joined](#) with our partners in requesting Congressional oversight and engagement in efforts to remediate a former DoD site along the shoreline of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
- The Coalition continues to advocate for establishment of the [1908 Springfield Race Riot](#) National Monument and the [Chuckwalla](#) National Monument. We also joined with Vet Voice Foundation in sending a [letter](#) to the President in support of three proposed national monuments in California.

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

Partner News

The Coalition continues to advocate for Minidoka National Historic Site. Following BLM's approval of the Lava Ridge Wind Project adjacent to the site, we issued a [statement](#) condemning the action. Now, we are asking for your help. Friends of Minidoka is organizing a [letter](#) expressing opposition to President Biden. Please consider signing; the deadline is July 10.

On the Horizon

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

- Advocacy related to FY 2025 appropriations.
- National monument designations.
- 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 34 new members in June, for a total of 2,732. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

NPS News

Supporting the the National Park Service workforce continues to be a priority for the Coalition. *National Parks Traveler* published an [article](#) assessing diversity within NPS. Numerous Coalition Executive Council [members](#) were featured, including Clara Wooden, Elaine Leslie, Sue Fritzke, and Linda Mazzu.

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