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#### **Action Alert: Tracking Park Impacts**

This summer, we are closely tracking what is happening at national parks and the programs and offices that support them. We have numerous Congressional offices and members of the media who are interested in what we are hearing and seeing.

Can you please send an email to our staff assistant (Debbie Reed) and/or our communications team (Doug Gordon and Sam Nurick) with any stories, photos, videos, or anything else you are seeing/hearing about the impacts the recent job cuts are having on parks this summer? You can reach them at:

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#### **Concern Over Air Quality and Regional Haze**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) put forward a plan years ago to tackle haze pollution, but it was fairly weak. While the EPA initially pushed back, they've now proposed to approve that flawed plan. This decision lets polluters in Texas and Oklahoma off the hook for reducing the emissions that cause haze.

If you're as concerned as we are, please sign this [letter](#) to oppose the EPA's decision.

The deadline to sign is Monday, July 21, 2025.

#### **Open for Comment**

There are two initiatives that are open for comment right now - one regarding DOI Regulatory Reform and one on the censorship of NPS signage. While the Coalition has submitted [comments](#) and is working hard to make [our voice](#) heard, we believe it would be impactful for our members to weigh in with their concerns as well. Please click [here](#) to access sample comments and information on submission.

#### **Support for Park Friends**

Coalition members on the East Coast- the Friends of the Springfield Armory are looking for individuals interested in supporting the only NPS Site in Western Massachusetts. They need volunteers to fill three of seventeen board positions. If you are in Western Massachusetts and have an interest or would like to hear more, please contact Roger Johnson at [atneyak@aol.com](mailto:atneyak@aol.com) or 413-695-3791.

#### **Advocacy Issues and Actions**

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

- In a big win, efforts to sell off millions of acres of public lands were dropped from a Senate bill thanks to widespread [bipartisan opposition](#), including efforts by the Coalition.
- During this difficult yet crucial moment, the Coalition has successfully drawn [public media interest](#) and highlighted the critical need to protect our parks and public lands. While the work continues, we've compiled some of our recent communications efforts at the link.
- The Coalition joined partners in a [letter](#) sent in strong opposition to the proposed rule by the Office of Personnel Management that would undermine 140 years of civil service protections, potentially leading to the politically motivated dismissal of thousands of NPS employees and jeopardizing the management of our national parks.
- The National Parks Second Century Action Coalition is [urging](#) Congress to reject the President's proposed \$1.2 billion cut to the NPS, warning it would be the largest in history and severely undermine the parks' ability to protect our natural and historical treasures.

These are just a small selection of our advocacy actions in the past few weeks. Please visit our [website](#) for a complete summary of our actions.

#### **On the Horizon**

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

- Release of a new report focused on the impacts of climate change in national parks.
- Advocacy focused on FY 2026 appropriations for the National Park Service.
- Continuing to highlight the negative impacts that firings, forced resignations, buyouts, and a hiring freeze are having on our National Park System.
- Participating in events with partner organizations focused on the impact that federal job cuts and harmful policies have on our parks and public lands.
- Tracking the impacts of staffing reductions and other policies on our national parks. Please help us out and share what you are seeing in your national parks!
- Quarterly Executive Council Meeting.

#### **Give to the Coalition**

We are currently holding our summer fundraising drive and hope you can help support our efforts. Members, supporters, and the public can all donate to the Coalition. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our organization's tax identification number is 20-2002652. Your donation will help the Coalition continue our work to support federal employees, our national parks, and public lands. [Donate today!](#)

#### **Member Count**

The Coalition added 170 new members in June, for a total of 4,490. Membership is open to current and former NPS employees and volunteers. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? [They can join here.](#)