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The Hats Are BACK!

Get ready to show your support for our national parks. In celebration of the upcoming 109th birthday of the NPS, the "Protect Our Parks" hat has been re-released.

This hat is more than just a fashion statement; a portion of each sale directly contributes to the Coalition's essential advocacy, legal, and communications work, all aimed at safeguarding our National Park System.

Order your hat today and help us Protect Our Parks!

[Purchase Your Hat Here](#)

Advocacy Issues and Actions

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

- We **released a report** in partnership with the SEEC Institute, outlining how climate change is reshaping the National Park System and proposing actionable solutions to safeguard them.
- The Coalition continued to work with the media ... click to see recent stories from [High Country News](#) and [PBS News Hour](#).
- The Coalition, in partnership with NPCA, ANPR, and PEER, released a new **analysis** detailing the real-world consequences of further staffing cuts, from slashed visitor services and delayed maintenance to weakened wildfire response and threats to cultural and natural resource protection.
- The Coalition continued to track the FY 2026 appropriations process, **warning** that the House Appropriations Bill would decimate parks and programs and deepen an existing crisis.

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.

NPS Experienced Services Program

The **Experienced Services Program (ESP)** for the National Park Service (NPS) is a chance for experienced workers, age 55+, to share their knowledge and skills. As an ESP enrollee, you would have the opportunity to earn an income, provide mentorship, and apply your skills. Interested in part-time work? You can see current jobs [here](#) and apply below.

[Apply Here](#)

Share Your Story

The **Environmental Data and Governance Initiative** (EDGI) is still looking for participants to undertake confidential interviews for a research project on the concerns, perspectives, and ongoing experiences of current and former federal employees in the NPS and other environmental agencies.

If you choose to participate, your participation will be kept confidential. The project has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Whitman College. To share your experience or find out more, please contact interview coordinator [Scout Blum](#) on Signal (@scoutblum.26).

On the Horizon

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

- District meetings with Congressional offices during August recess
- Tracking the seen and unseen impacts of recent staffing cuts on the National Park System
- Support for the America the Beautiful Act
- Celebrating the Founders' Day and focusing on August as a month of action

Member Count

The Coalition added 135 new members in July, for a total of 4,630.

Membership is open to current, former NPS employees, and volunteers.

Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).