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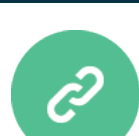
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November kicks off our Annual Giving Campaign. This end-of-year giving is vital to helping us continue to fight for the protection of our NPS employees and the National Park System. Keep an eye out for a letter in your mailbox in the coming weeks. You can also contribute any time by visiting our [website](#). We truly appreciate your ongoing support.

Government Shutdown

We remain deeply concerned about the **impacts** of this ongoing government shutdown on our NPS employees and our national parks. Keeping parks open without **adequate staffing** puts resources and visitors **at risk**.

If our government is closed, than our parks should be too. Thank you for joining our **letter**, signed by over **450 former NPS employees**, urging Secretary Burgum to close our parks during this shutdown.

In addition, thousands of NPS employees are working - or on furlough - without pay. We continue to push Congress to reopen the government with adequate funding and staffing for our parks and public lands.

Advocacy Issues and Actions

- The Coalition joined the National Parks Conservation Association in submitting **comments** on the NPS effort to improve visitor services. The comments emphasized that, "without bolstering the ranks of the park service employees, the visitor experience will be severely degraded."
- Additionally, we submitted formal **comments** regarding the proposed rescission of the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, urging the BLM to retain and/or revise-and-retain many portions of the Public Lands Rule, rather than rescind ALL of it.
- We issued a **statement** with partners, expressing deep concern over Senator Lee's new bills that would open national parks to off-road vehicles (ORVs), fundamentally altering the visitor experience and damaging landscapes that draw millions of visitors each year.
- The Coalition signed on in opposition to S. 1462, the "**Fix Our Forests Act**" (FOFA). Many of the forest management provisions eliminate science from decision-making and undermine environmental and public engagement laws. These provisions of the bill represent the antithesis of effective, science-based wildfire mitigation and offer false solutions that would harm communities, ecosystems, and biodiversity.

On the Horizon

- Continued outreach to media and Congressional offices on the government shutdown and impacts to parks, public lands, and NPS employees.
- Ongoing advocacy and education surrounding the impacts of federal workforce cuts on the National Park System.
- Building partnerships at the Historic New England Summit in Connecticut.
- Support for the extension of the Great American Outdoors Act (America the Beautiful Act).
- Tracking new policies, regulations, and legislation related to parks and public lands.

Member Count

The Coalition added 43 new members in October, for a total of 4,731.

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

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

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