



**THE COALITION TO PROTECT  
AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS**  
VOICES OF EXPERIENCE

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**2025 Annual Report**

2025 was a year of full of challenges for our parks and public lands - but our Voices have never been stronger. We just wrapped up our **2025 Annual Report**. Please take a look and click through the electronic version - hard copies should be arriving to your mailboxes soon. Thank you for your continued support as we keep up the fight to protect our parks.

**Advocacy Issues and Actions**

- The Coalition joined over **150 organizations** in a letter urging the Senate to oppose the nomination of Stevan Pearce to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Mr. Pearce's record in Congress, including his public support for selling off America's public lands and his efforts to undermine national monuments and the Antiquities Act, demonstrates that he is the wrong candidate to lead the agency.
- We continue **to condemn** the administration's removal of history and sound science from national parks across the country. Our national parks must interpret the **full American story** and scientific truth, rather than serve as partisan propaganda tools.
- We joined five other conservation organizations in filing an amicus curiae brief urging the Virginia Court of Appeals to uphold the voiding of the Prince William Digital Gateway's rezoning, arguing the data center project would irreparably harm **Manassas Battlefield** and its irreplaceable resources.
- We urged the BLM to cancel or defer the **Utah 2026 Quarter 2** oil and gas lease sale of over 54,000 acres to allow for a full environmental review and to ensure legal compliance in protecting national parks, wildlife habitats, and the **Old Spanish National Historic Trail**.

January was a busy month and these are just a snapshot of our actions. Please take a look at our website for the **full summary** of our work in January.

**Public Lands Bookclub**

- **Living Landscape Observer** is hosting a Public Lands Reading Group. This month, they will discuss the politics of resource extraction and use, specifically regarding recent executive orders to expand mining, timber, and mineral production. The next meeting will be on February 26, 2026 at 5 pm E.T. For more information, click **here**.

**On the Horizon**

- Continuing the push to educate decision-makers on the impacts of the nearly 25% loss in permanent staff since January 2025 - and fight hard against additional cuts.
- Ongoing tracking of nominations and hearings.
- Continued defense of national monuments and public lands.
- Pushing back against the removal of history and science in our national parks.

**Member Count**

The Coalition added 42 new members in January, for a total of 4,923.

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

Know anyone interested in becoming a member or supporter? They can join **here**.