



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

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**A Landmark Occasion**

The Coalition has officially surpassed 5,000 **members**. This is an incredible accomplishment for our organization and we are grateful to have all of you on board, helping us support our NPS employees and the National Park System.

**Issues and Actions**

- The Court of Appeals of Virginia upheld an earlier court ruling voiding land rezoning changes essential to the construction of the Prince William Digital Gateway. These court rulings **halt development** of the Gateway, a massive, destructive data center project which poses serious threats to nearby Manassas National Battlefield Park.
- A judge's ruling **halted the construction** of President Trump's ballroom at the White House. In February, the Coalition filed **public concerns** about the project.
- In **comments** submitted last month, the Coalition weighed in on a proposed rule that would impact employee evaluations, calling it "politically driven to align employees with the ongoing political agenda and weed out those who are not perceived as 'loyal.'"
- The Coalition and partners strongly oppose a **proposed** rule that ignores the Park Service's obligation to protect wildlife by eliminating regulations that forbid bear baiting in national preserves in Alaska - making it much harder for the Park Service to take steps to protect wildlife from aggressive state hunting policies.
- We remain focused on the many threats to parks and public lands across the country, from **Yosemite** and **Big Bend** National Parks to **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**.

These points offer a brief overview of our activities. For a comprehensive summary of our work in March, please visit our [website](#).

**Fighting to Protect Clean Air**

In 2024, the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) proposed a strong revision to their original regional haze plan (submitted to EPA in 2022) that would make reasonable progress towards natural visibility in Hawaii's unique national parks and decrease air pollution for overburdened communities. But in February, the EPA proposed to partially disapprove of Hawaii's haze plan, essentially making sure gas-fired power plants that were slated to close would continue to operate.

Please consider **signing this letter** to oppose EPA's proposed disapproval and urge them to approve of HDOH's strong plan. Deadline is 9am PDT on Monday, April 20th.

**On the Horizon**

- Executive Council Quarterly Meeting
- Tracking the release of the President's Proposed FY 2027 Budget
- Attending NPCA's **Salute to the Parks** as this year's honoree
- Fighting censorship in our national parks
- Continued work to defend parks, monuments, and public lands

**Member Count**

The Coalition added 48 new members in March, for a total of 5,001.

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

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