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## Coalition Receives Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) presented the Coalition with the **2026 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award**. Established in 1986, this award honors the spirit of fierce advocacy and protection of our national parks modeled by its namesake, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, an ardent champion for Everglades National Park. As lifelong stewards of our national parks, the Coalition is honored to receive this award from one of our closest allies.

## Issues and Actions

- The Coalition issued a [statement](#) following the release of the President's budget, stating that, "the budget proposed today by the president will make [the crisis in our parks] far worse." We also **urged** Congress to increase funding for the National Park Service and restore lost staff in the FY2027 Interior Appropriation bill.
- We issued a [statement](#) on the Senate passage of a bill that will open the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to mining, calling it a "reckless decision that puts one of America's most treasured landscapes at risk." Former superintendents of Voyageurs National Park - including Executive Council member Mike Ward - **sent a letter** to Congress, prior to the vote, highlighting how this decision threatens Voyageurs NP as well.
- Several members of the Executive Council spoke with [the LA Times](#) about the challenges facing national parks this summer due to recent NPS staffing cuts.
- The Coalition is actively engaged in protecting parks from external threats. This includes advocating for continued protections for [Chaco Culture National Historical Park](#), opposing leasing of land for oil and gas development near the [Old Spanish National Historic Trail](#) and [Theodore Roosevelt National Park](#), and protecting air quality at [Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakalā National Parks](#).

This is just a brief overview of our activities. For a comprehensive summary of our work in April, please visit our [website](#).

## Opportunity for Members & Supporters

Please join NPCA for "Defending Clean Air in National Parks: Regional Haze Briefing" on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Known as the 'Clean Air for Parks' Rule, the Clean Air Act's Regional Haze Rule is intended to improve air quality and scenic views specifically in national parks and wilderness areas (156 federally designated Class I areas), the only regulation of its kind. But sadly, to date, no Class I area has achieved the Clean Air Act goal of natural visibility; there is much work to do.

In anticipation of a rulemaking process by EPA in the coming months that will revise the Regional Haze Rule for future planning periods, NPCA is hosting an Introduction to Regional Haze Webinar to equip CPANP members, allies and friends with knowledge and tools to engage in an expected rulemaking comment period. We welcome anyone interested in defending clean air in parks, public lands and communities across the country!

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 27th at 4pm EDT/1pm PDT**. Registration is required and can be found [HERE](#).

## The Stewardship Archive

The George Wright Society has launched [The Stewardship Archive](#) to safeguard over 3 terabytes of public information from seven federal agencies, ensuring access to vital conservation knowledge amid growing concerns about the removal of public information. This initiative aims to preserve data on America's public lands, waters, and cultural heritage to support future stewardship and informed decision-making. More information, including a user guide and FAQs, can be found [here](#).

## On the Horizon

- Fighting for more NPS staff in parks, programs, and offices.
- Continued work with Congressional offices on hearings and questions related to the FY 2027 budget.
- Tracking issues of concern at parks from Big Bend to Theodore Roosevelt National Parks.
- Support for reauthorization of the Legacy Restoration Fund established by the Great American Outdoors Act to repair and reconstruct infrastructure in national parks and other federal public lands.
- Protecting Clean Air in Parks presentation on May 27, 2026.

## Member Count

The Coalition added 59 new members in April, for a total of 5,049.

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

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