



## THE COALITION TO PROTECT AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

— VOICES OF EXPERIENCE —

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### Parks Are Proof Campaign Launch

We have officially launched our #ParksAreProof campaign to highlight how science-based management, conservation, and stewardship have helped national parks protect biodiversity, ecosystems, and cultural resources—while also demonstrating what is at stake if parks are not adequately supported in the future.

This campaign includes detailed [reports](#), media outreach, and congressional engagement to advocate for sustained investment in park staffing, science, resource management, biodiversity monitoring, and climate research. **You can amplify our efforts by taking a minute to fill out an [advocacy letter](#).**

Follow @ProtectNPS on social media and help amplify the message using #ParksAreProof and #ProtectOurParks. And be on the lookout for new stories and content rolling out all summer long.

### Issues and Actions

- Ahead of the budget oversight hearing with Secretary Burgum, the Coalition [shared our list](#) of critical issues with Congressional offices, focusing on the deepening internal crisis and workforce reductions within the NPS.
- We continue to track the potential impacts that [severe budget and staff shortages](#) will have on parks this summer.
- The Coalition weighed in on numerous issues impacting Washington, D.C., including the proposed [Monumental Arch](#) and the [White House Ballroom](#).
- Former park leaders from Big Bend National Park sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Mullin, urging him to reject the waiver of federal laws that would allow physical barriers and roads, as well as related border security infrastructure, to be built inside the park in the absence of environmental or cultural compliance, or public involvement.
- We condemned the Senate's [confirmation](#) of Steve Pearce as head of the BLM, citing his history of supporting public land selloffs.

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

### Protecting Clean Air in Parks

In anticipation of a rulemaking process by EPA in the coming months that will revise the Regional Haze Rule for future planning periods, NPCA hosted a "Defending Clean Air in National Parks" webinar to equip Coalition members, allies and friends with knowledge and tools to engage in an expected rulemaking comment period. You can watch the recording [here](#). More information on protecting clean air in parks can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

### Town Hall on CUIS Land Exchanges

On June 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm EDT, Wild Cumberland, Defenders of Wildlife, and other partner organizations will hold a Virtual Town Hall to discuss **new** information, obtained by FOIA request, relating to four Land Exchanges proposed for Cumberland Island National Seashore. There will be a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session. To participate in the Town Hall, you can [register here](#).

### Request for Assistance

The Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park [Campaign](#) is moving forward in their efforts to establish a multi-site national park celebrating the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald, including the Rosenwald schools. The Rosenwald Woodville school in Gloucester County, Virginia, is looking for assistance writing an interpretive plan. More information can be found [here](#) and interested parties should contact Ronnie Cohen at [rcohen@cnu.edu](mailto:rcohen@cnu.edu).

### On the Horizon

- Tracking and advocacy related to FY 2027 Interior Appropriations.
- Continued participation in legal action against policies and legislation that harm our national parks and NPS workforce.
- Issues work that includes pushing back against energy development near national parks and engaging in concerning park issues in Washington, D.C. and throughout the National Park System.
- 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.

### Member Count

The Coalition added 31 new members in May, for a total of 5,069.

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

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