



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

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Help Protect Our Parks

This month, the Coalition helped secure a federal court order blocking efforts to censor history and science in our national parks, and testified before Congress in support of continued investment in the infrastructure and resources our national parks need.

Whether in the courtroom or before Congress, the Coalition is working every day to protect America's national parks. Please consider making **a gift today** to help sustain this work. Your support helps us advocate, educate, and take action to #ProtectOurParks.

Issues and Actions

- Coalition Executive Council member Mike Ward **testified** before the Committee on Natural Resources at a legislative field hearing on a Discussion Draft of the Great American Outdoors Act 250 (America the Beautiful Act). We will continue our advocacy and support to help get this over the finish line.
- We continue to fight for the protection of Big Bend National Park, joining a **letter** from former park leaders following the **waiver** of federal laws and other regulations that could 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 submitted formal comments strongly urging the Office of Personnel Management to withdraw its proposed government-wide **NDA**, arguing that it is overly broad, unnecessary, and threatens whistleblower transparency.

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

Irreplaceable America

The Coalition secured a **special designation** for the National Park System through the World Monuments Fund's **Irreplaceable America initiative**, which recognizes heritage places that reflect the breadth of the American experience and face urgent preservation challenges.

Public Lands Webinar

Join the Coalition, **Great Old Broads for Wilderness**, and the **Association of National Park Rangers** for a special webinar, "The History and Future of America's Public Lands."

Retired National Park Service Superintendent Walt Dabney will explore the history, importance, and future of America's public lands, including why they matter, the economic benefits they provide, and what's at stake if they are transferred out of public ownership. The webinar will conclude with a live Q&A.

Thursday, July 23 | 1:00 p.m. Eastern (12:00 p.m. Central | 11:00 a.m. Mountain | 10:00 a.m. Pacific)

[Register today](#) and join the conversation.

On the Horizon

- Executive Council Quarterly Meeting
- Support for the America the Beautiful Act
- Tracking budget and appropriations updates for FY 2027
- Fighting to protect science and history in national parks
- Continued involvement in legal action to protect our parks

Member Count

The Coalition added 52 new members in May, for a total of 5,126.

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

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