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A huge thank you to everyone who purchased our new hat. Together, we raised nearly \$2,000. And although we've wrapped up that fundraiser, we just launched a new opportunity to display your support for our parks. **[Make a donation to the Coalition and receive a sticker](#)** that reminds us all to "Use Our Outside Voice."

[Issues and Actions](#)

- Coalition EC member and former Yosemite superintendent Don Neubacher strongly condemned the plan to grant a private developer an easement through Yosemite to access private property, calling it "**[so ridiculous, it makes you sick](#)**." The Coalition **[issued a statement](#)** and continues to work closely with Congressional offices on this issue.
- During a **[recent live interview](#)**, Coalition member Joan Anzelmo from the Friends of the Moose-Wilson Corridor highlighted urgent efforts to halt the construction of a separated bicycle pathway through the sensitive Moose-Wilson Corridor. This proposed pathway would remove thousands of trees and cause severe environmental damage to critical wildlife habitats and archaeological sites.
- The Coalition and Keep Big Bend Wild filed an amicus brief, challenging the Department of Homeland Security's border infrastructure construction in **[Big Bend National Park](#)**.
- The Coalition worked with numerous media outlets on reports that the Administration redirected millions of dollars of **[National Park Service funds](#)** and entrance fee revenues away from parks nationwide to finance Washington, D.C. vanity projects.

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

[2026 Hartzog Award Nominations](#)

The George Hartzog Award recognizes individuals and groups demonstrating outstanding support for the National Park System and National Park Service. Nominations are now open for 2026. Review the submission criteria and submit your nomination **[here](#)**.

[Coastal Symposium Outreach](#)

The Park Institute of America is hosting the **[Coastal Resiliency Research Symposium](#)** from September 17-18 at the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort, North Carolina. Under the theme *Conservation, Communities, and Coastal Futures*, the event will gather a diverse group of professionals, researchers, community leaders, and students to discuss building more resilient coastal environments. Participants will focus on topics like environmental justice, restoration, and community resilience within North Carolina and the Southeast, with **[registration](#)** and agenda details available online.

[Ranger Rendezvous](#)

The Coalition's annual meeting will be held in October in Tucson, Arizona. Our Executive Council will meet during the Association of National Park Rangers' (ANPR) Ranger Rendezvous - and we plan to join some of the conference as well. **[Registration is open](#)** and we hope to see you there!

[On Common Ground: An American Inheritance](#)

Co-creators Bill Hedden and John Leshy have launched a new six-part documentary podcast series, "On Common Ground: An American Inheritance," about protecting America's public lands. You can find it on **[Apple Podcasts](#)** or **[Spotify](#)**.

[The Fire Pit](#)

Coalition EC member Jeff Mow recently flew out to California to film an appearance on the Fire Pit - a show where two unlikely Americans sit together over a campfire to discuss environmental issues, their life stories, and the world-at-large. Watch his full episode **[here](#)**.

[Member Count](#)

The Coalition added 110 new members in August, for a total of 5,257.

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

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

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