



The Coalition Report

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Coalition Actions

The Coalition sent [a letter](#) to Interior Secretary Doug Burgum urging the agency to uphold the historic integrity of the White House during the construction of the new East Wing ballroom.

Coalition Executive Council member Elaine Leslie gave an interview to *KNPR* for [an article](#) about the effects of the government shutdown on scientific studies.

The Coalition put out a press release that was picked up by many media outlets: [Government reopens, but the crisis in our national parks deepens](#).

National/Regional NPS Updates

A summary of news pertaining to management and oversight of the NPS, to current trends and issues affecting the National Park System and its programs, or intersecting with the parks on a more regional basis.

- *“Accountability to the president” now grounds for firing (Schedule F, the remix)* - The Office of Personnel Management has released draft final regulations for Schedule F, now renamed “Schedule Policy/Career,” a new job classification that would make around 50,000 federal employees at-will employees. In the draft, the OPM calls civil service protections “unconstitutional overcorrections,” and explains that “critical to the success of any presidency is the ability to implement an agenda endorsed by the American people.” Source: [Government Executive](#)
- *Interior to charge agencies for downsizing* - The Interior’s Office of the Secretary is charging federal agencies for each employee that has been rolled up to the Interior Department level - functions like human resources, IT, finance, etc. that have been moved from their home agencies. That charge includes the employee’s pay and benefits, an additional \$5,000 per employee to cover training, travel, and equipment, and an additional 10.5% of their combined pay and benefits for “overhead expenses.” This applies to 5,700 employees. Source: [Government Executive](#)
- *Threats to Endangered Species Act* - On November 19, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced four proposed rules to the Endangered Species Act that would weaken species protections, including changes to listing critical habitat and making exceptions for “economic, national security and other relevant impacts.” [Public comment is open](#) until December 22 on the proposed changes. Source: [Department of the Interior](#), [National Parks Conservation Association](#)
- *Modernization of the America the Beautiful passes* - On November 25, the Department of the Interior announced that it will now offer fully digital American the Beautiful passes through [Recreation.gov](#), starting on January 1, 2026. This includes Annual, Military, Senior, 4th Grade, and Access passes. The new passes will allow two motorcycles per pass. For non-U.S. residents, Annual Passes will increase in cost to \$250. Additionally, 11 of the “most visited national parks” will add a \$100 per person fee for non-residents “in addition to the standard entrance fee” to enter. Fee free days will also only apply to U.S. residents. Source: [National Park Service Office of Communications](#)
- *More NPS employees to unionize* - On November 24, employees from Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, and Rocky Mountain National Parks, as well as Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and the “Denver Regional Office,” filed paperwork with the Federal Labor Relations Board to join the National Treasury Employees Union. Source: [KNAU](#)
- *NPS Director candidate backs out* - Susan Buxton, director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and a leading candidate for the NPS Director role, withdrew her

candidacy “due to family reasons. Source: [E&E News](#)

- *Some shutdown pay still not received* - Some seasonal employees at national parks “in the Northern and Central Rockies” have still not been given their back pay for being furloughed during the government shutdown. The Department of the Interior was said to be investigating the issue on November 25, but no news was relayed before the *Coalition Report* went to publishing. Source: [New York Times](#)
- *Grants canceled* - On September 23, the Department of the Interior announced the cancellation of 79 government grants totaling \$14 million, calling the recipients “wasteful environmental groups.” The cancellations appear aimed at any work related to climate change, including native species reseeding efforts for the NPS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Geological Survey, as well as grant recipients “that happen to proclaim diversity, equity, and inclusion values.” Source: [High Country News](#)
- *Majority of Americans opposed to NPS cuts* - On November 12, the National Parks Conservation Association released new data from a YouGov nationwide survey of 3,000 American citizens showing that only 16% support continued staffing cuts to the NPS and only 12% support a massive budget reduction. Furthermore, 78% agree that national parks should not remove photos, signs, or other materials that tell America’s history. Source: [National Parks Conservation Association](#)
- *Abandoned wells in national parks* - *National Parks Traveler* published [an article](#) about the efforts to track down and remediate inactive oil and gas wells inside the National Park System. Source: *National Parks Traveler*
- *Jon Jarvis speaks out* - *The Guardian* published [an interview](#) with former NPS Director Jon Jarvis in which he called the current state of affairs at the NPS a “nightmare” and encouraged American citizens to “raise hell” to protect the national parks. Source: *The Guardian*
- *NPS.gov contract* - Peraton, a technology security company, has been tasked with “maintaining the performance, security, and reliability of *NPS.gov*.” The work falls under the company’s existing contract with the U.S. Geological Survey, and will include “fostering innovations that support trip planning, access to educational resources and enjoyment of the nation’s natural treasures.” Source: [ExecutiveBiz](#)
- *Returning lands to Indigenous stewardship* - *Atmos* published [an article](#) exploring the possibilities and political realities surrounding efforts to return public lands to Native stewardship. Source: *Atmos*
- *Historic national park poster exhibit* - The Poster House in New York has opened an exhibit called “Blazing a Trail: Dorothy Waugh’s National Parks Posters,” featuring 17 posters created between 1934 and 1936. They will be on display until February 22, 2026. Source:

[The Guardian](#)

Around the Parks

Reports are in alphabetical order by park/program name.

- *Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area* - The tan riffleshell, an endangered mussel found only within the Big South Fork of the Cumberland and the upper Clinch Rivers, is showing evidence of growth and expansion due to recovery efforts. The NPS is working closely with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to protect and monitor the species. Source: [Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area](#)
- *Cape Hatteras National Seashore* - A new organization called Defenders of Croatoan has formed to “serve as a policy and advocacy group” intending to protect Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands from the impacts of erosion and flooding. The founders feel that the local, state, and federal response to storm damage has been too slow and fragmented, and they would like to see stronger funding efforts directed to the region. Source: [Island Free Press](#)
- *Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park* - National Park Partners of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Moccasin Bend received a \$15,000 grant from the Historic Property/Land Acquisition Fund from the Tennessee Historical Commission to fund the restoration of Brown’s Ferry Tavern. The building is the oldest standing structure in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and has historic ties to the American Indian Removal of 1838 and the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Source: [National Park Partners of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Moccasin Bend](#)
- *Glacier National Park* - In 2025, the Glacier Conservancy pledged \$4.39 million to the park, more than 25% of its annual \$16 million budget. Funding is being used for infrastructure and programming in the park. Source: [Hungry Horse News](#)
- *Independence National Historical Park* - On November 13, Independence Hall closed for an interior rehabilitation in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It will be underway through January 28. Source: [Independence National Historical Park](#)
- *Joshua Tree National Park* - Joshua Tree National Park Association received a \$20,000 grant from the California Fire Foundation to purchase and install 5,000-gallon water tanks in remote, high fire risk areas of the park. The project is expected to be complete by July 31, 2026. Source: [Joshua Tree National Park Association](#)
- *Korean War Veterans Memorial* - KRON4 published [an article](#) about the efforts of two families to have family members who died during the Korean War added to the Wall of Remembrance. The Department of Defense determines the names listed, defining the Korean War Theatre as Korea’s territorial limits and the surrounding bodies of water. The

two families argue that their loved ones were killed during a surveillance mission over the South China Sea and should be included. The families have recently met with officials from the Pentagon and hope that the DOD may reconsider. Source: *KRON4*

- *Lake Mead National Recreation Area* - On November 18, the NPS issued a solicitation for proposals for a 10-year concession contract operating guided water tours, food and beverage, and retail services at Las Vegas Boat Harbor. Proposals are due by February 19. Source: [Lake Mead National Recreation Area](#)
- *Missouri National Recreational River* - On November 25, the National Park Trust and the National Park Service announced the acquisition of a 676-acre property on James River Island, near Yankton, South Dakota. The acquisition by the NPS was made through \$1.6 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and included support from the National Park Foundation for the property appraisal. The NPS plans to keep the island undeveloped and available for “compatible recreational activities,” supporting the island’s native habitat and endangered species. Source: [Outdoor Sportswire](#)
- *Obed Wild and Scenic River* - On November 17, it was announced that an endangered mussel species, the slabside pearly mussel (*Pleuroaia dolabelloides*), was recently found inside the park for the first time. Previously, the mussel had only been found in a couple other tributaries of the Tennessee River system. Source: [Obed Wild and Scenic River](#)
- *Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore* - On November 19, the park opened the application window for commercial use authorizations for transportation services, and guided backpacking, kayaking, photography workshops, and ice climbing for the 2026 and 2027 operating seasons. Applications are due by January 19. Source: [Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore](#)
- *Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park* - *The Guardian* published [a profile](#) about Betty Reid Soskin, who retired as the oldest-ever NPS ranger at 100-years-old. She is now 104. The article touched on her life as an activist and ranger, and her views of current events and on aging. Source: *The Guardian*
- *Saguaro National Park*- The park has submitted a request to the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program to support the rehabilitation of a garage on a historic property in 2026. The building will be utilized to “support staff and research or project needs, and streamline park operations for long-term sustainability.” Source: [Saguaro National Park](#)
- *Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks* - On November 19, the NPS announced a solicitation for proposals for a 10-year concession contract providing pack station, guided trail rides, and other services from Cedar Grove Pack Station and Grant Grove Stables. Proposals are due February 19. Source: [Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks](#)
- *Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore* - *mLive* published [an article](#) about the Preventive

Search and Rescue program supported by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes. Since the program was initiated in 2014, emergency calls in the park have dropped by 85%. 15-20 volunteers each summer offer guidance at high impact areas of the park, such as the Dune Climb and 9 & 10 overlook sites. Source: *mLive*

- *Theodore Roosevelt National Park* - On November 25, the park did a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completion of a rehabilitation project on the South Unit Scenic Loop Road. The \$51 million project was funded by the Great American Outdoors Act. Source: [Theodore Roosevelt National Park](#)
- *Yellowstone National Park* - On November 17, the new Yellowstone River Bridge opened. The project has been going on since 2023, and is still active, with crews working on overlooks, removing the old bridge, and restoring the Lost Creek Drainage. It is expected to be wrapped up in 2026. The \$118 million project is being funded by the Great American Outdoors Act. Source: [Yellowstone National Park Facebook page](#), [National Parks Traveler](#)
- *Zion National Park* - *The Salt Lake Tribune* published [an article](#) about the “long recovery” for the park in the wake of the government shutdown, including catching up on maintenance and making up for a \$1.7 million fee gap. Source: *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Personnel Changes

- *Yosemite National Park* - Ray McPadden was selected as the park’s new superintendent. Ray has been serving in the acting superintendent role since May. Ray has worked for the NPS for 13 years, most recently as the superintendent at Mojave National Preserve. Source: [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

Park People

Here we honor deceased park employees, as well as important news about Coalition Members and other former park employees or volunteers. People are listed alphabetically by last name.

Deceased

- Gary Cummins passed away on November 14. Gary was the first NPS superintendent at Pearl Harbor National Memorial (then called the USS Arizona Memorial), and led the efforts to conduct the first underwater archaeological surveys of the battleship. Source: Steve Hastings/Daniel Martinez
- Jamie Catherine Miars Dalin, 48, passed away on November 8. Jamie was the postmaster overseeing the outlying post offices in Yellowstone National Park (Canyon Village, Lake, Old Faithful, and West Thumb) for a time. Source: [Greybull Standard](#)
- Jackie “Jack” W. Deaton, Sr., 77, passed away on November 11. Jack served for a time on

the board of National Park Partners of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Moccasin Bend.

Source: Chattanooga.com

- Paul Deprey, 58, passed away on October 10. Paul worked for the NPS since 2001, including time at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Joshua Tree National Park, Pearl Harbor National Memorial, Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites. He was serving as the superintendent at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park when he passed. Source: The County
- Thomas “Tom” Hanson Gilmore, 93, passed away on July 4. In his retirement, he spent a summer working as a fire lookout on Mount Washburn in Yellowstone National Park. Source: Legacy/Huber Funeral Homes and Cremation Services: Eden Prairie
- Jean Kabella, 77, passed away on November 22. Jean worked for the NPS “in accounting” for a time. Source: WKDZ
- Arthur “Art” P. Miller, 101, passed away on November 16. Art was the public affairs officer for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the NPS for a time, starting in 1974. Source: Legacy/Logan-Videon Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. - Broomall
- Audrey Ann (Winans) Richter, 90, passed away on November 8. In 1957, Audrey worked at the Lake McDonald Hotel in Glacier National Park for a summer. Source: Post Bulletin
- John F. Rinker, 91, passed away on November 7. He worked for the NPS for many years, in maintenance (parks unspecified). Source: Legacy/WFMZ-TV 69 News
- William “Bill” James Snow III, passed away on November 8. Bill spent a summer in college working as “a ranger on horseback” in Yellowstone National Park. Source: Herald-Tribune

In the News

- Robert G. Stanton, former Director of the National Park Service, was awarded one of the 2025 Champions of the Chesapeake awards “for his decades of leadership in conservation, historic preservation, and public service.” Source: PA Environment Digest Blog

Open for Comment

Items will stay on this list until public comment has closed. Listed alphabetically, except for items affecting the entire NPS, which are listed on top.

- *Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area* - Public comment is open through December 31 on a site management plan for the Orrs Ferry unit. There is a storymap for the project. Source: Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

Other Department of the Interior News

- *98% of comments oppose rescission of Public Lands Rule* - The Center for Western Priorities completed an analysis of the public comments for the proposal to rescind the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation and Landscape Health Rule (more commonly known as the Public Lands Rule). They found that 98% of the comments opposed the rescission. The rule puts conservation, ecosystem restoration, and public access on equal footing with extractive uses. Furthermore, 60 Congresspeople submitted a letter on November 10 to the Department of the Interior in support of maintaining the Public Lands Rule. Source: [Center for Western Priorities](#)
- *Petroleum Reserve rule rescinded* - On November 13, the Bureau of Land Management announced a final rule rescinding a 2024 regulatory framework that had restricted leasing on 13 million acres within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Source: [Department of the Interior, Upstream](#)
- *BLM Director nominated* - On November 5, Steve Pearce was nominated to head the Bureau of Land Management. He is a previous New Mexico Congressman who has supported reducing the size of national monuments and expanding oil and gas extraction on federal lands. Source: [E&E News](#)
- *Offshore oil and gas expansion* - On November 20, the Department of the Interior announced it will expand the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, starting in 2026, including "as many as 34 potential offshore lease sales." Source: [Department of the Interior](#)

Congressional Actions

Reports on legislation, hearings, and new public laws of relevance to the national parks, prepared by Chris Soller, former superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore and legislative specialist for the National Park Service.

New Public Laws

P.L. 119-37, Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, And Extensions Act of 2026. Signed by the President on November 12, 2025, it ended the government shutdown and provided continuing appropriations through January 30, 2026.

Senate Actions

November 10 - The Senate passed H.R. 5371, as amended by the Senate, making continuing appropriations and extensions for Fiscal Year 2026, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and after taking action on Senate amendments and motions by a vote of 60 yeas to 40 nays.

November 20 - The Senate passed House Joint Resolution 133, requesting the Secretary of the

Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026. The displays and one-time arrangements will be for the inaugural of the 250th Celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the United States of America's founding.

House of Representatives Actions

November 12 - The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for Fiscal Year 2026, and passed it, as amended, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 209 nays.

November 18 - The House passed House Joint Resolution 133 (see above).

November 20 - The Committee on Natural Resources held a markup on a number of bills, including:

- H.R. 4776, the "SPEED Act," which is aimed at streamlining the federal permitting process by amending the National Environmental Policy Act
- H.R. 573, the "Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act, which would direct the Council on Environmental Quality to produce annual report on the impact of the National Environmental Policy Act on projects, including potential bottlenecks and burdens, NEPA-related lawsuits, and the length and cost of environmental reviews
- H.R. 4386, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to clarify entrance privileges for vehicles with respect to the America the Beautiful interagency pass
- H.R. 4467, the "Vicksburg National Military Park Boundary Modification Act," which would convey 10 acres of land from the park to the State of Mississippi to use as a welcome center and interpretive center or museum.
- H.R. 4503, the "ePermit Act," which seeks to modernize and digitize the federal permitting and environmental review process to increase efficiency and transparency
- H.R. 5131, the "Public Lands Military Readiness Act of 2025," which would extend existing military land withdrawals in Alaska, New Mexico, and California for 25 years

The above bills were ordered reported, as amended.

Proposed Legislation of Note

We don't usually report on proposed legislation until it has gained enough traction to make it to the committee level (see above). Many proposed bills go nowhere. However, some proposals receive significant media attention or would have significant enough impact on the National Park Service that we note them here.

- A new bill by U.S. Representative Riley Moore (R-WV) proposes transferring 25 acres at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park from the NPS to Customs and Border Protection in exchange for 72 acres of CBP land. This would allow the CBP an expansion of its already-

existing Advanced Training Center so that it can increase its personnel by 18,000 agents, in accordance with the One Big Bill. The park has restricted public access to the 25-acre parcel since 2019 due to several sinkholes in the area, and the 72 acres of CBP land are currently surrounded by NPS land, and would allow for the expansion of the Schoolhouse Ridge cultural landscape. The land transfer has been a goal of the NPS and CBP for “more than a decade,” and surveys for the project began around 2018. (Maps can be found in [this article](#) by *The WV Independent Observer*). Source: [WDTV](#), *The WV Independent Observer*

Incidents

Listed alphabetically by park/program.

Assateague Island National Seashore

Interagency rescue

On November 19, a boater was reported overdue south of the South Point boat ramp in Ocean City, Maryland. An interagency effort was initiating, including personnel from the NPS, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Ocean City Fire Boat One, Ocean Pines, Berlin, and Stockton Fire Companies, Maryland State Police Aviation, U.S. Coast Guard, Worcester Emergency Services, and Worcester County Sheriff’s Office. Fire Boat One found the individual with a FLIR camera, and the boater was accessed and safely transported to shore. Source: [Town of Ocean City, Maryland](#)

Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Car chase sentencing

On December 11, 2021, U.S. Park Police responded to a report of a disabled vehicle on the parkway, stopped in the left travel lane. As they approached, they noted that the driver appeared to be under the influence of substances, and the car took off “at a high rate of speed.” Officers did not pursue the vehicle, but shortly thereafter found the vehicle after it has crashed into two other vehicles, causing injuries to the occupants in both vehicles, as well as serious injuries to the driver. Law enforcement recovered a machine gun, 26 rounds of ammunition, 60 pills that appeared to be oxycodone, crack cocaine, and a scale from the vehicle. On February 27, 2024, the individual pled guilty to several crimes, including being a felon in possession of ammunition. On November 17, 2025, they were sentenced to 110 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. Source: [U.S. Park Police](#)

Canaveral National Seashore

Storm damage

In recent weeks, the park was “severely impacted by Tropical Storm Imelda, several king tides, and northeaster wind and rain events.” Parking areas 8-13 and the main road north of Eddy Creek remain closed for clean-up and repair. Source: [Canaveral National Seashore](#)

Death Valley National Park

Rain damage

On November 15, 0.6 inches of rain hit the Furnace Creek area, which is more than a quarter of the annual rainfall in the park. The storm damaged and required closures on the following roads: Badwater Road, North Highway, West Side Road, Twenty Mule Team Canyon, Charcoal Kilns Road. Source: [Sierra Wave Media](#)

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

Explosive device found

On November 21, a “buried historic ordnance” was found by NPS preservationist staff while working on a renovation project. The park was cleared of all visitors and staff, and the gas was shutoff at the site. The Baltimore (MD) Police Hazardous Device Team and Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal worked for several hours and removed the device. The park reopened the following day. Source: [Fort Henry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#), [WBAL](#)

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Wildfire

On November 23, a wildfire was reported on “federal land managed by the National Park Service” in San Francisco County, California. No further details were available. Source: [The Sacramento Bee](#)

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Bear rescue

In October, a young black bear became trapped on a cliff adjacent to a road, creating a dangerous situation for visitors and the bear. While law enforcement managed traffic, park biologists tranquilized the bear and rangers rappelled down the cliff to guide the bear into a backhoe bucket. The bear was rescued without injury. Source: [WBIR](#)

Shenandoah National Park

Wildfire

On November 16, a fire of unknown cause started in steep, rocky terrain adjacent to the Appalachian Trail between Rockfish Gap and Turk Gap. Skyline Drive and the Appalachian Trail were closed for three days for firefighting operations. The fire burned 22 acres. Source: [Page Valley News](#)

Yellowstone National Park

Citation for approaching wildlife

On October 6, a visitor walked out into a meadow area to within “several yards” of wolves. As the individual began backing up, several juvenile wolves started running toward them. The individual

sprayed an unidentified substance in the direction of the wolves (likely bear spray). The individual kept backing away and facing them until they reached safety. The incident was caught on video by several other visitors, and their license plate was also recorded and turned into authorities. The individual was reported to be “cited” for the behavior. [Editor note: the Fox News article reported the citation, but also that the incident was “under investigation.”] Source: [Fox News](#), [Cowboy State Daily](#)

Follow-Ups on Previously Reported Incidents

- *Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park* - On November 20, the Oak Flat and Uplands Trails reopened for the first time since wildfires hit the park in July. Several trails, wilderness routes, and campgrounds remain closed. Source: [Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park](#)
- *Grand Canyon National Park* - ABC4 published [an article](#) about the efforts of a Burned Area Emergency Response team to determine emergency stabilization needs at the North Rim after the Dragon Bravo Fire burned the area in July. Source: ABC4
- *Grand Teton National Park* - On November 10, the 32-year-old found guilty of a misdemeanor for cutting a switchback while attempting a climbing/running record on the Grand Teton in September 2024 (see [10/30/24](#), [5/28/25](#), and [9/17/25 Coalition Reports](#)) was pardoned by President Donald Trump. Source: [WyoFile](#)
- *Joshua Tree National Park* - A firefighter reported that the Black Rock Fire, which burned 72 acres in the park in October, was caused by a “day hiker” that lit toilet paper on fire. Source: [SF Gate](#)

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