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Good morning! We are so pleased to announce that our 2021 Annual Report is officially in the mail. If you haven't already received your copy, it should be there soon. In the meantime, you can click [here](#) to view the electronic version.



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Here are a few of the actions we took in January:

- The Coalition has joined the fight to protect Manassas National Battlefield Park. Take a look at our letter expressing concern over proposed development adjacent to the park.
- We joined several letters urging Congress to pass strong and final FY 22 appropriations bills.
- The Department of the Interior held a public listening session for the American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas and a representative from the Coalition offered comments.
- Orphaned oil and gas wells are a continuing concern for many conservation organizations, including the Coalition, and we submitted comments to BLM.
- The Coalition also signed on to a petition to reduce the rate of oil and gas production on public lands and waters to near zero by 2035.

Visit our website to learn more and take a look at our other advocacy efforts.

Announcements

The Harry Yount Award

This past fall, retired park rangers Jack Morehead and Bill Halainen (also the former editor of the Coalition Report) were awarded the Harry Yount Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors those who have served

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as role models and provided leadership to the service and ranger profession. In October 2021, Halainen and Morehead traveled to Yellowstone National Park to receive the award during a special **Association of National Park Rangers** ceremony. ANPR has taken over this award, as the NPS continues to issue the annual servicewide Harry Yount Award as well. *Ranger* magazine first published this information and you can read more about the award and recipients in their Winter 2022 issue.



Free Cruises

Royal Caribbean and the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) will collaborate in offering enrichment presentations on cruises that will expand the guests' knowledge of the U.S. National Park System.

This program will not begin until this summer, with the cruises available via the Inland Passage to Alaska. These are typically seven-night trips and embark/debark either at Seattle or Vancouver. These cruises will be FREE to the presenter and one guest. The schedule begins in May and cruises sail approximately every week through late in September. If you are interested in participating, please contact ANPR Treasurer Bill Wade for more details at

bwade@anpr.org.

On the Horizon

Here is a look at some of the work we'll be tackling in February:

- The creation of new national monuments
- Continued engagement in the 30 x 30 initiative
- A look at the impacts of energy development on park resources
- Outreach to DOI and NPS leadership for meetings
- Appropriations
- Regulatory concerns

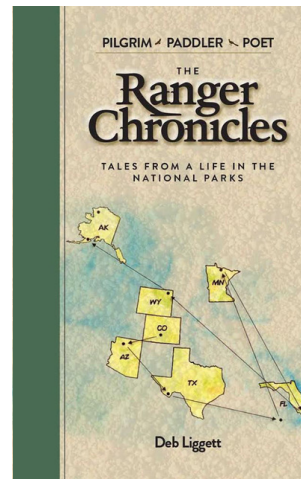
Member Count

The Coalition added several new members in January, bringing the total to 2,142. Know anyone interested in becoming a member? They can join [here](#).

Reading Rec

Pilgrim, Paddler, Poet: The Ranger Chronicles by Deb Liggett is part first-person memoir, part celebration of the natural world, and part insider journalism. With both humor and insight, Liggett takes her reader through landscapes of stark canyons, austere deserts, thundering rivers, tropical

waters, and vast tundra. Liggett is not only a former NPS employee but a Coalition member as well. Pick up your copy today.



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