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FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL PARKS AWARD
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Attached are the vote tallies for 179 representatives and 57 senators currently serving in Congress who received the National Parks Conservation Association's (NPCA) "Friend of the National Parks" award for their support of legislation that upheld the standards and integrity of the National Park System in the 111th Congress (2009-2010). This is the fifth time NPCA has given this award, having presented it to 231 Members of the 105th Congress, to 202 Members of the 106th Congress, to 215 Members of the 107th Congress, and to 238 Members of the 108th Congress. Due to a dearth of park-related roll call votes, NPCA was unable to present the award to the 109th and 110th Congresses.

NPCA compiled votes for six national park-related bills in the Senate and twelve in the House. To receive the award, senators had to vote correctly at least four out of six times (67%). Representatives received the award if they voted correctly on at least seven of the twelve votes cast (58%).

The Senate votes selected were:

1. **SENATE VOTE 184, S.J.RES.26: DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION (Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions).** On June 10, 2010 the Senate rejected a motion to proceed on a disapproval resolution offered by Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) that would have prevented the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions. America's national parks are showing signs of climate change. Glaciers are disappearing faster than scientists predicted only a few years ago; native trees and animals are losing ground because changing temperatures and weather patterns are making the availability of food, water, and shelter less certain. NPCA opposed this effort to prevent the EPA from using its authority under the Clean Air Act. The motion was rejected 47 yeas-53 nays. A NO VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

2. **SENATE VOTE 331, H.R. 2996: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS BILL.** On October 29, 2009 the Senate approved the conference report to

the Interior Appropriations Bill by a vote of 72 yeas-28 nays and the bill was signed into law by President Obama on October 30, 2009. The bill increased critical funding for the annual operating needs of the National Park Service by $130 million and made vital investments in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

3. **SENATE VOTE 188, S.AMDT. 1067 to S.AMDT. 1058 to H.R. 627: CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Firearms in National Park System).** On May 12, 2009 Sen. Coburn (R-OK) offered an amendment to the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act that would allow individuals to openly carry rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic weapons in national parks if the firearm was in compliance with State law. NPCA and park ranger groups believe that allowing visitors to carry loaded guns in national parks poses increased risk of the opportunistic shooting of wildlife and vandalism of historic resources, as well as increases the risk of gun-related accidents. The amendment passed 67 yeas-29 nays and H.R. 627 was signed into law by President Obama on May 22, 2009. A NO VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

4. **SENATE VOTE 106, H.R. 146: OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT.** On March 19, 2009 the Senate passed this landmark public lands bill that included nearly 50 national park-related provisions; including establishment of new park units, boundary expansions, and park wilderness protection. The bill passed by a vote of 77 yeas-20 nays and was signed into law by President Obama on March 30, 2009. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

5. **SENATE VOTE 101, S.AMDT. 680 to S.AMDT. 684 to H.R. 146: OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT (Construction in National Park System).** On March 18, 2009 Sen. Coburn (R-OK) offered an amendment to the Public Land Management bill that would have prohibited the Secretary of Interior from beginning any new construction projects in units of the National Park System until all existing sites' projects were fully operational. This amendment could have effectively prohibited the Park Service from using their much-needed construction

budget for essential projects like dam removal, replacement of deteriorating sewage systems, or construction expenditures to tear down outmoded facilities. It would have tied the hands of park managers, preventing them from using their discretion to strategically pursue any new construction where necessary to protect irreplaceable park resources and enhance visitor enjoyment. The motion to table the amendment passed by a vote of 79 yeas-19 nays. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

6. **SENATE VOTE 1, S. 22: OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT (on Cloture).** On January 11, 2009 the Senate agreed to a cloture motion to proceed on the Public Land Management Act, a landmark public lands bill that included nearly 50 national park-related provisions. This cloture vote was a significant hurdle cleared toward final passage. The cloture motion was agreed to 66 yeas-12 nays. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

The House votes selected were:

1. **HOUSE VOTE 537, H.R. 5110: CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION ACT.** On September 23, 2010 the House voted on a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5110, sponsored by former Rep. Kirkpatrick (D-AZ). The bill failed the two-thirds threshold needed for passage by a vote of 244 yeas-174 nays. The bill would have added important resources to our nation's first archaeological reserve (designated in 1892) to increase knowledge of the native culture living there in the 13th and 14th centuries. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

2. **HOUSE VOTE 513, H.R. 3534: CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT.** On July 30, 2010 the House passed H.R. 3534 by a vote of 209 yeas-193 nays. Title V of the CLEAR Act would have restored the decades-old promise to protect national parks and other lands and waters through the Land and Water Conservation Fund with receipts from offshore oil and gas drilling. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

3. **HOUSE VOTE 435, H.R. 4438: SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOUNDARY EXPANSION ACT.** On July 13, 2010 the House passed H.R. 4438, sponsored by former Rep. Rodriguez (D-TX) by a vote of 264 yeas-114 nays. The legislation to expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park by over 150 acres would add farm fields and other lands integral to the history of the missions. Most of the expansion lands were to be managed through cooperative agreements and ownership was to remain with existing agencies and institutions. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

4. **HOUSE VOTE 150, H.R. 1612: PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS ACT.** On March 20, 2010 Rep. Lummis (R-WY) moved to recommit H.R. 1612 and the motion to recommit was agreed to by a vote of 387 yeas-21 nays. H.R. 1612 in its original form was a cost-effective way to reinvest in national parks and public lands and provide jobs and training that would have prepared a new generation of leaders for careers in a variety of fields. The motion to recommit would have effectively reduced the funds devoted to service projects in parks. This bill-killing motion drew support because it was combined with a requirement for sex offender background checks. A NO VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

5. **HOUSE VOTE 144, H.R. 4395: GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK BOUNDARY REVISION (to include Gettysburg Train Station).** On March 19, 2010 the House passed H.R. 4395, sponsored by Rep. Platts (R-PA) by a vote of 372 yeas-31 nays. The bill would have added historically significant properties to the Park, including the Lincoln Train Station where President Abraham Lincoln arrived before delivering the Gettysburg Address. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

6. **HOUSE VOTE 23, H.R. 3726: CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE ESTABLISHMENT ACT.** On January 27, 2010 the House passed H.R. 3726, sponsored by Rep. Christensen (D-VI) by a vote of 240 yeas-175 nays. The bill

would preserve the historic Castle Nugent estate, an 18th century Danish cotton plantation on the island of St. Croix, and interpret the impact of the Caribbean slave trade. It would also protect valuable natural resources including coral reefs. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

7. **HOUSE VOTE 826, H.R. 2996: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS BILL.** On October 29, 2009 the House approved the conference report to the Interior Appropriations Bill by a vote of 247 yeas-178 nays and the bill was signed into law by President Obama on October 30, 2009. The bill increased critical funding for the annual operating needs of the National Park Service by $130 million and made vital investments in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

8. **HOUSE VOTE 648, H.R. 1376: WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT ESTABLISHMENT ACT.** On July 27, 2009 the House passed H.R. 1376, sponsored by former Rep. Edwards (D-TX) by a vote of 308 yeas-74 nays. The bill would establish the Waco Mammoth Site which contains the largest known concentration of Columbian mammoths that died in a single event 68,000 years ago. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

9. **HOUSE VOTE 540, H.R. 1044: PORT CHICAGO NAVAL MAGAZINE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ENHANCEMENT ACT.** On July 15, 2009 the House passed H.R. 1044, sponsored by Rep. George Miller (D-CA) by a vote of 415 yeas-3 nays and the bill was signed into law by President Obama on October 28, 2009. This memorial commemorates the 320 lives lost on July 17, 1944 when munitions ships being loaded by African American labor battalions blew up. The subsequent labor stoppage, court martial, and trial led to the desegregation of the military. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

10. **HOUSE VOTE 477, H.R. 2454: AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT.** On June 26, 2009 the House passed H.R. 2454, sponsored by Rep. Waxman (D-CA) by a vote of 219 yeas-212 nays. This bill would have reduced

greenhouse gas emissions and safeguarded our vital natural resources from climate change impacts already underway. America's national parks are showing signs of climate change. Glaciers are disappearing faster than scientists predicted only a few years ago; native trees and animals are losing ground because changing temperatures and weather patterns are making the availability of food, water, and shelter less certain. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

11. **HOUSE VOTE 277, SEC. 512 of SEN. AMDT. to H.R. 627: CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Firearms in National Park System).** On May 20, 2009 the House took up the Senate amendment to the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act that would allow individuals to openly carry rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic weapons in national parks if the firearm was in compliance with State law. NPCA and park ranger groups believe that allowing visitors to carry loaded guns in national parks poses increased risk of the opportunistic shooting of wildlife and vandalism of historic resources, as well as increases the risk of gun-related accidents. The motion to concur with the Senate amendment was agreed to 279 yeas-147 nays and H.R. 627 was signed into law by President Obama on May 22, 2009. A NO VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

12. **HOUSE VOTE 153, H.R. 146: OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT.** On March 25, 2009 the House passed a motion to concur with the Senate amendments to H.R. 146. This landmark public lands bill included nearly 50 national park-related provisions; including establishment of new park units, boundary expansions, and park wilderness protection. The motion was agreed to 285 yeas-140 nays and the bill was signed into law by President Obama on March 30, 2009. A YES VOTE IS THE CORRECT VOTE.

(Note: Members with a perfect score are listed below in bold print)

Alaska
67%   Sen. Lisa Murkowski
83%   Sen. Mark Begich

Arizona
91.63% Rep. Ed Pastor (4th district)
91.63% Rep. Raul Grijalva (7th district)
74.97% Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (8th district)

Arkansas
67%   Sen. Mark Pryor
66.64% Rep. Mike Ross (4th district)

California
100%   Sen. Dianne Feinstein
100%   Sen. Barbara Boxer
91.63% Rep. Mike Thompson (1st district)
91.53% Rep. Doris Matsui (5th district)
91.63% Rep. Lynn Woolsey (6th district)
91.63% Rep. George Miller (7th district)
91.63% Rep. Barbara Lee (9th district)
83.3%   Rep. Jerry McNerney (11th district)
74.97% Rep. Jackie Speier (12th district)
66.64% Rep. Pete Stark (13th district)
91.63% Rep. Anna Eshoo (14th district)
91.63% Rep. Michael Honda (15th district)
83.3%   Rep. Zoe Lofgren (16th district)
91.63% Rep. Sam Farr (17th district)
83.3%   Rep. Dennis Cardoza (18th district)
66.64% Rep. Jim Costa (20th district)
91.63% Rep. Lois Capps (23rd district)
91.63% Rep. Brad Sherman (27th district)
91.63% Rep. Howard Berman (28th district)
91.63% Rep. Adam Schiff (29th district)
99.96% Rep. Henry Waxman (30th district)
91.63% Rep. Xavier Becerra (31st district)
66.64% Rep. Judy Chu (32nd district)
91.63% Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (34th district)

74.97% Rep. Maxine Waters (35th district)
83.3%   Rep. Laura Richardson (37th district)
99.96% Rep. Grace Napolitano (38th district)
83.3%   Rep. Linda Sanchez (39th district)
83.3%   Rep. Joe Baca (43rd district)
91.63% Rep. Loretta Sanchez (47th district)
83.3%   Rep. Bob Filner (51st district)
91.63% Rep. Susan Davis (53rd district)

Colorado
83%   Sen. Mark Udall
67%   Sen. Michael Bennet
83.3% Rep. Diana DeGette (1st district)
83.3% Rep. Jared Polis (2nd district)
66.64% Rep. Ed Perlmutter (7th district)

Connecticut
100%   Sen. Joe Lieberman
91.63% Rep. John Larson (1st district)
74.97% Rep. Joseph Courtney (2nd district)
91.63% Rep. Rosa DeLauro (3rd district)
83.3%   Rep. Jim Himes (4th district)
91.63% Rep. Christopher Murphy (5th district)

Delaware
100%   Sen. Tom Carper

Florida
83%   Sen. Bill Nelson
91.63% Rep. Corrine Brown (3rd district)
91.63% Rep. Kathy Castor (11th district)
91.63% Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (20th district)
74.97% Rep. Alcee Hastings (23rd district)

Georgia
74.97% Rep. Sanford Bishop (2nd district)
83.3%   Rep. Henry Johnson (4th district)
91.63% Rep. John Lewis (5th district)
74.97% Rep. John Barrow (12th district)
91.63% Rep. David Scott (13th district)

Hawaii
100%   Sen. Daniel Inouye
100%   Sen. Daniel Akaka
91.63% Rep. Mazie Hirono (2nd district)

Idaho
67%   Sen. Michael Crapo
67%   Sen. Jim Risch

Illinois
100%   Sen. Richard Durbin
66.64% Sen. Mark Kirk *for his voting record in House, before being elected to Senate*
74.97% Rep. Bobby Rush (1st district)
91.63% Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (2nd district)
91.63% Rep. Daniel Lipinski (3rd district)
66.64% Rep. Luis Gutierrez (4th district)
74.97% Rep. Mike Quigley (5th district)
74.97% Rep. Danny Davis (7th district)
91.63% Rep. Jan Schakowsky (9th district)
58.31% Rep. Jerry Costello (12th district)

Indiana
83.3%   Rep. Peter Visclosky (1st district)
58.31% Rep. Joseph Donnelly (2nd district)
91.63% Rep. Andre Carson (7th district)

Iowa
100%   Sen. Tom Harkin
74.97% Rep. Bruce Braley (1st district)
91.63% Rep. Dave Loebsack (2nd district)
83.3%   Rep. Leonard Boswell (3rd district)

Kentucky
91.63% Rep. John Yarmuth (3rd district)
83.3%   Rep. Ben Chandler (6th district)

Louisiana
67%   Sen. Mary Landrieu

Maine
67%   Sen. Olympia Snowe
67%   Sen. Susan Collins
91.63% Rep. Chellie Pingree (1st district)
83.3%   Rep. Michael Michaud (2nd district)

Maryland
83%   Sen. Barbara Mikulski
100%   Sen. Ben Cardin
91.63% Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (2nd district)
91.63% Rep. John Sarbanes (3rd district)
91.63% Rep. Donna Edwards (4th district)
91.63% Rep. Steny Hoyer (5th district)
91.63% Rep. Elijah Cummings (7th district)
91.63% Rep. Chris Van Hollen (8th district)

Massachusetts
100%   Sen. John Kerry
91.63% Rep. John Olver (1st district)
91.63% Rep. Richard Neal (2nd district)
91.63% Rep. Jim McGovern (3rd district)
74.97% Rep. Barney Frank (4th district)
83.3%   Rep. Niki Tsongas (5th district)
91.63% Rep. John Tierney (6th district)
91.63% Rep. Edward Markey (7th district)
83.3%   Rep. Michael Capuano (8th district)
83.3%   Rep. Stephen Lynch (9th district)

Michigan
100%   Sen. Carl Levin
100%   Sen. Debbie Stabenow
91.63% Rep. Dale Kildee (5th district)
91.63% Rep. Gary Peters (9th district)
83.3%   Rep. Sander Levin (12th district)
91.63% Rep. John Conyers (14th district)
91.63% Rep. John Dingell (15th district)

Minnesota
67%   Sen. Amy Klobuchar
74.97% Rep. Tim Walz (1st district)

91.63% Rep. Betty McCollum (4ᵗʰ district)
91.63% Rep. Keith Ellison (5ᵗʰ district)
66.64% Rep. Collin Peterson (7ᵗʰ district)

Mississippi
67%   Sen. Thad Cochran
83.3%   Rep. Bennie Thompson (2ⁿᵈ district)

Missouri
83%   Sen. Claire McCaskill
83.3%   Rep. William Lacy Clay (1ˢᵗ district)
83.3%   Rep. Russ Carnahan (3ʳᵈ district)
91.63% Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (5ᵗʰ district)

Montana
83%   Sen. Max Baucus
83%   Sen. Jon Tester

Nebraska
67%   Sen. Ben Nelson

Nevada
83%   Sen. Harry Reid
83.3%   Rep. Shelley Berkley (1ˢᵗ district)

New Hampshire
83%   Sen. Jeanne Shaheen

New Jersey
100%   Sen. Frank Lautenberg
100%   Sen. Robert Menendez
91.63% Rep. Robert Andrews (1ˢᵗ district)
58.31% Rep. Christopher Smith (4ᵗʰ district)
83.3%   Rep. Frank Pallone (6ᵗʰ district)
99.96% Rep. Bill Pascrell (8ᵗʰ district)
91.63% Rep. Steven Rothman (9ᵗʰ district)
91.63% Rep. Donald Payne (10ᵗʰ district)
91.63% Rep. Rush Holt (12ᵗʰ district)
74.97% Rep. Albio Sires (13ᵗʰ district)

New Mexico
100%   Sen. Jeff Bingaman
100%   Sen. Tom Udall
83.3% Rep. Martin Heinrich (1st district)
91.63% Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (3rd district)

New York
100%   Sen. Chuck Schumer
83%   Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand
74.97% Rep. Timothy Bishop (1st district)
83.3%   Rep. Steve Israel (2nd district)
74.97% Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (4th district)
83.3%   Rep. Gary Ackerman (5th district)
83.3%   Rep. Gregory Meeks (6th district)
91.63% Rep. Joseph Crowley (7th district)
83.3%   Rep. Jerrold Nadler (8th district)
83.3%   Rep. Anthony Weiner (9th district)
83.3%   Rep. Edolphus Towns (10th district)
91.63% Rep. Yvette Clarke (11th district)
91.63% Rep. Nydia Velazquez (12th district)
83.3%   Rep. Carolyn Maloney (14th district)
91.63% Rep. Charles Rangel (15th district)
91.63% Rep. Jose Serrano (16th district)
66.64% Rep. Eliot Engel (17th district)
91.63% Rep. Nita Lowey (18th district)
91.63% Rep. Paul Tonko (21st district)
74.97% Rep. Maurice Hinchey (22nd district)
74.97% Rep. Brian Higgins (27th district)
91.63% Rep. Louise Slaughter (28th district)

North Carolina
83%   Sen. Kay Hagan
91.63% Rep. George Butterfield (1st district)
91.63% Rep. David Price (4th district)
74.97% Rep. Mike McIntyre (7th district)
74.97% Rep. Larry Kissell (8th district)
74.97% Rep. Heath Shuler (11th district)
99.96% Rep. Melvin Watt (12th district)
83.3%   Rep. Brad Miller (13th district)

North Dakota
83%   Sen. Kent Conrad

Ohio
83%   Sen. Sherrod Brown
83.3%   Rep. Marcy Kaptur (9th district)
74.97% Rep. Dennis Kucinich (10th district)
83.3%   Rep. Marcia Fudge (11th district)
91.63% Rep. Betty Sutton (13th district)
83.3%   Rep. Tim Ryan (17th district)

Oregon
83%   Sen. Ron Wyden
83%   Sen. Jeff Merkley
91.63% Rep. David Wu (1st district)
99.96% Rep. Earl Blumenauer (3rd district)
66.64% Rep. Peter DeFazio (4th district)
66.64% Rep. Kurt Schrader (5th district)

Pennsylvania
83%   Sen. Bob Casey
91.63% Rep. Robert Brady (1st district)
91.63% Rep. Chaka Fattah (2nd district)
74.97% Rep. Jason Altmire (4th district)
91.63% Rep. Allyson Schwartz (13th district)
83.3%   Rep. Mike Doyle (14th district)
58.31% Rep. Tim Holden (17th district)

Rhode Island
100%   Sen. Jack Reed
100%   Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse
91.63% Rep. Jim Langevin (2nd district)

South Carolina
91.63% Rep. James Clyburn (6th district)

South Dakota
100%   Sen. Tim Johnson

Tennessee
67%   Sen. Lamar Alexander
83.3% Rep. Jim Cooper (5th district)
83.3% Rep. Steve Cohen (9th district)

Texas
83.3% Rep. Al Green (9th district)
74.97% Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (15th district)
83.3%   Rep. Silvestre Reyes (16th district)
83.3%   Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (18th district)
83.3%   Rep. Charles Gonzalez (20th district)
91.63% Rep. Lloyd Doggett (25th district)
66.64% Rep. Henry Cuellar (28th district)
66.64% Rep. Gene Green (29th district)
74.97% Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (30th district)

Utah
66.64% Rep. Jim Matheson (2nd district)

Vermont
83%   Sen. Patrick Leahy
83%   Sen. Bernard Sanders
74.97% Rep. Peter Welch (At Large)

Virginia
83%   Sen. Jim Webb
83%   Sen. Mark Warner
99.96% Rep. Robert Scott (3rd district)
91.63% Rep. James Moran (8th district)
91.63% Rep. Gerald Connolly (11th district)

Washington
100%   Sen. Patty Murray
100%   Sen. Maria Cantwell
83.3%   Rep. Jay Inslee (1st district)
83.3%   Rep. Rick Larsen (2nd district)
83.3%   Rep. Norm Dicks (6th district)
91.63% Rep. Jim McDermott (7th district)
58.31% Rep. Dave Reichert (8th district)
74.97% Rep. Adam Smith (9th district)

West Virginia
67%   Sen. Jay Rockefeller
74.97% Rep. Nick Rahall (3rd district)

Wisconsin
83%   Sen. Herb Kohl
91.63% Rep. Tammy Baldwin (2nd district)
74.97% Rep. Ron Kind (3rd district)
83.3%   Rep. Gwen Moore (4th district)