



March 1, 2016

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the members of the National Parks Second Century Action Coalitionⁱ, write to express our sincere appreciation for the proposed investment in FY17 for the National Park Service. If enacted, this investment will build off funding increases made in recent years to help restore our nation's most treasured places to serve visitors and protect resources for another 100 years. We look forward to working with your Administration to support this request that better prepares the parks for another hundred years of service to all Americans and our international visitors.

Over the last 100 years, the National Park System has grown to include magnificent examples of America's natural and scenic beauty, as well as places of historic and cultural importance to our country. We appreciate that the FY17 budget further shows the Administration's commitment to protecting and restoring America's favorite places and providing these places for fun, for education and for other benefits.

We fully support the commitment to enhanced operations and construction accounts to put rangers back to work protecting and restoring our parks, reducing the maintenance needs impacting visitor experiences and serving visitors, especially the next generation of stewards and international visitors. In addition, we support the proposed increase for the successful Centennial Challenge, reauthorizing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and supporting the Every Kid in the Park initiative.

We look forward to working with members of your Administration and Congress to ensure this proposed investment in both discretionary and mandatory funding becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

American Forests
American Society of Landscape Architects
American Recreation Coalition
Association of Partners for Public Lands
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
The Corps Network

East Bay Regional Park District
Friends of Acadia
Friends of Oregon Caves and Chateau
Friends of Saguaro National Park
National Park Hospitality Association
National Parks Conservation Association
Southeast Tourism Society
United States Tour Operators Association
U.S. Travel Association
Western National Parks Association
Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts

ⁱ The National Parks Second Century Action Coalition is made up of organizations supporting conservation, recreation, outdoor industry, travel and tourism and historic preservation that are dedicated to promoting the protection, restoration, and enjoyment of the National Park System for the long-term benefit it offers our nation.