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CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Supporters:

As we embark on a new decade, it’s the perfect time to reflect on the accomplishments of National Park Trust this past year. Despite our nation’s historic financial downturn that significantly affected all nonprofit organizations, including the Trust, we have much to celebrate. Across the country, we have advanced our land conservation and new youth education programs. Our deepest thanks to our sponsors, members and donors for your continued loyal and generous support during a difficult economic year. We hope that we can count on your growing support this year as we continue our important work to ensure that ‘everyone will have an American park experience’.

This 2009 Annual Report highlights the Trust’s numerous achievements over the past year, all accomplished with a modest operating budget, lean staff, and dedicated board. We are honored to be included in the prestigious 2009/2010 Catalogue for Philanthropy of Greater Washington, which selected NPT after rigorous evaluation as “one of the best”. The Catalogue “shines a light on small nonprofit organizations where your contribution really makes a difference.”

Just as the Catalogue “shines a light” on the Trust, we also spotlight individuals whose outstanding leadership and innovation over the past year have contributed to our vision and mission. In early 2009, we honored award-winning documentary creators Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan as co-recipients of NPT’s first American Park Experience Award for their work to enhance the appreciation and awareness of our parks through their historic PBS series, The National Parks: America’s Best Idea. Equally important we were delighted in October 2009 to recognize Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger with the ninth Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award for his extensive work to conserve California’s diverse ecosystems and his cutting-edge environmental initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of connecting youth to our parks, last fall we kicked off our new Where’s Buddy Bison Been?® pilot program in 17 education centers across the country. We are learning firsthand from teachers and students about the numerous educational and health benefits of this program and are confident that this program will contribute to the development of our conservation stewards of the next decades.

Our mascot, Buddy Bison™, touches adults and children alike by providing a fun incentive to connect our youth to parks, especially those that live in underserved communities. Buddy Bison™ has stampeded into many homes, schools, and offices, including those of Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis. Photos of Secretary Salazar and Director Jarvis with Buddy Bison™ at Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks can be seen on our website, www.ParkTrust.org, along with galleries of others who have traveled with Buddy Bison™. Learn more about how you can get involved with this exciting program on page 9.

We continue to pursue important land projects. NPT was awarded a Save America’s Treasures matching grant for the preservation of Claymont Court, a significant historic property built by a direct descendent of George Washington in Jefferson County, West Virginia. This would not have been possible without the help of Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito and her staff. We have also forged a partnership with the Pacific Forest Trust to expand the boundary of Yosemite National Park to encompass the original boundary drawn by John Muir, and are working with the Wilderness Land Trust to protect a valuable inholding, a critical elk migration corridor, within the Maroon Bells – Snowmass Wilderness Area in Colorado.

At our flagship project, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, we are pleased that after 140 years, the bison have now been returned to this unique ecosystem. NPT played a key leadership role in the creation of this unit of the national park system in Kansas. See pages 12-16 to read about several of our land projects, where NPT is making a difference, one park at a time.

All of these accomplishments and many more would not have been possible without your interest and support. Please visit our website where you can subscribe to our free e-newsletters, NPT News and the new Buddy Bison’s Buzz, written by kids, for kids. The e-newsletters keep you up-to-date on NPT’s progress and how you can help.

If you have friends, family and colleagues who may be interested in learning more about NPT, please let us know. Consider gifting an annual membership to NPT as a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or thank you present to loved ones.

Your help and support will guarantee a successful 2010 for NPT and for our rapidly growing list of program beneficiaries – adults and children alike.

Thank you!

Warmest regards,

F. William Brownell  Grace K. Lee
Chair, Board of Trustees  Executive Director
Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan Receive NPT’s First American Park Experience Award

NPT is exceptionally honored that filmmaker, Ken Burns and writer, Dayton Duncan, became the co-recipients of National Park Trust’s first American Park Experience Award for their creation of the new PBS documentary series, The National Parks: America’s Best Idea, which aired in fall 2009 to rave reviews and millions of viewers.

NPT Board Chair, William Brownell noted, “the film inspires millions about the importance not only of preserving and protecting our national parks, but also the need for our generation and successive generations to witness and learn firsthand about these natural treasures.”

Guests of NPT were treated to an exclusive preview and a Q&A with the film’s writer, Dayton Duncan. Duncan extended his heartfelt thanks to NPT, acknowledging the Trust’s work to protect critical parklands across the county, in particular “for saving the Tallgrass Prairie”, a parcel that has a deep personal connection for Duncan. This new unit of the National Park Service, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve was established due in large part to the singular lead role that NPT played in its creation.

In accepting his award Ken Burns expressed that, “our film celebrates the beauty of these parks and the vision and foresight of the men and women who made sure that this land would be preserved.” The six-part documentary traces the birth of the national park idea in the mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years. Over six years in the making, Burns says, “the heart and soul of the film is not just a history of the parks but about our emotional connection to them.”

Burns stated that through educational outreach, he is committed to reaching diverse populations who may not have an historical connection to the parks. He believes that the film will encourage people to visit the parks and wants to ensure that all Americans understand that “we together own some of the most spectacular real estate in the world.”

Burns is renowned for his filmmaking style of using archival footage and photographs. Among his most notable productions are The Civil War, Baseball and Jazz. Burns’ documentaries have been nominated for two Academy Awards and have won seven Emmy Awards. Duncan is the author of nine books and his articles have appeared in The New York Times, The Boston Globe, and many other publications. He has been involved with the work of documentary filmmaker Burns for many years.

NPT created the American Park Experience Award in 2009 to recognize an individual or group that has made outstanding contributions to enhance the awareness and appreciation of our nation’s parks, wildlife refuges and/or historic landmarks.

Editors Note: NPT also presented Burns with Richard Adler’s Wilderness Suite and his signed autobiography. The Tony Award-winning composer was commissioned by the Department of Interior to write the symphony based on his experiences touring America’s parklands. As a result of his symphony, he received the coveted National Park Service Honorary Park Ranger Award. Burns and Duncan joined the esteemed list of Honorary Park Rangers for their film.
“I’ll be back.” That was the promise Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger made when his state’s unprecedented budget crisis forced the postponement of the Vento event from June to October this past year.

The Governor was worth the wait. His larger-than-life personality and engaging storytelling had the audience enthralled when he accepted the 2009 Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award. In his remarks the Governor said, “Bruce Vento was an amazing man there’s no two ways about it. We have seen it in today’s video footage of all the things he accomplished. And we all know how hard he worked for the people and the environment. It is a true honor to receive this award in his name.” Rob Lowe and Jamie Lee Curtis narrated the video tribute.

The California Governor accepted the award on October 29 at the Newseum in Washington, DC. The Award recognized the Governor for his overall record in land conservation, the highlights of which include the creation of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the protection of important coastal areas in California, the preservation and stewardship of related forests and stream habitat, and his initiatives promoting youth fitness and out-of-doors experiences, exemplified in the California Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights. NPT also recognized the Governor for his leadership in addressing climate change and alternative energy.

NPT underscored the Governor’s commitment to reducing greenhouse gases by making the event carbon neutral thanks to a generous donation from Hunton & Williams and CantorCO2e.

“NPT’s mission is to conserve critical parklands and to provide important recreational and educational parkland opportunities for current and future generations. Working to make the Vento event carbon neutral is a manifestation of the Trust’s commitment to environmental conservation, and is a tribute to Governor Schwarzenegger’s leadership role in environmental preservation,” says NPT Board Chair, William Brownell. NPT purchased verified carbon credits to offset the emissions caused by travel of attendees, including the Governor, as well as energy consumed by the venue and catering service.

At the event Board Vice Chair, Diana Leon Taylor, presented the Governor with what she calls the ‘real’ award — his own Buddy Bison™, NPT’s wooly mascot. Buddy Bison™ encourages children and their families to reconnect with our nation’s parks. Immediately following the award reception, the Governor took a photo with Buddy Bison™ and sent it to his 1.3 million followers on Twitter.

Each year, NPT honors a public servant with the Vento Award for their commitment to the environment and service, skill and innovation in support of our public lands. The bipartisan-award was established in 2000 to honor the legacy of Bruce F. Vento, a 12-term Congressman from Minnesota who was a committed environmentalist and a champion of legislation for America’s parks. Each recipient of the Vento Award has expanded the nation’s understanding of what it means to have a lifelong legacy and commitment to protecting America’s heritage.
**First Youth to Parks™ Recipients Share Their American Park Experience**

Sixteen-year-old twin brothers, Amos and Aaron Green, had the honor of meeting Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and sharing their American park experience at the 2009 Vento event. The brothers, who are students at Potomac, Maryland’s Bullis School, shared some of their transformational experiences with attendees.

“I would never have had that experience had it not been for the National Park Trust. I learned more about the environment, went kayaking, saw a bear for the first time, and spent a memorable and life-changing few weeks in nature. If I had the money I would provide a scholarship so that others could have the same experience that I did,” said Amos Green.

His brother Aaron said, “Going on the Harpers Ferry trip was one of the best decisions I have ever made. When we arrived there, I didn’t know anyone except my brother. That first night, we all stayed up until about 3 in the morning, just talking to each other about shared life and personal experiences. In that one night, I made 6 new best friends. We huddled around the fire and just talked to one another. Being away from everything else and coming together let us open up our minds and bond together.”

Amos and Aaron, along with other students who are part of DC’s Black Student Fund, were the first recipients of NPT’s Youth to Parks™ National Scholarship Fund. The group visited Harpers Ferry National Historic Park and stayed at For Love of Children’s Outdoor Education Center, an NPT partner. On the trip, they canoed on the Shenandoah River, hiked the many trails, went on a GPS scavenger hunt in search of African-American history at Harpers Ferry, learned about alternative energy and participated in leadership training exercises.

**New Development Director Joins NPT**

National Park Trust welcomes Shana Newman Fajardo as NPT’s new Development Director. Shana comes to NPT with a strong fundraising background and a passion for community service and the outdoors.

Prior to joining NPT, Shana served as a member of Montgomery County Maryland’s Habitat for Humanity development team. In her role as the Corporate and Foundations Relations manager, Shana worked to secure critical funding for Habitat’s affordable housing programs. Through her efforts, hundreds of men, women and children now have a place to call home.

“We are very excited to have Shana on board as we launch critical new youth education and land preservation programs at National Park Trust. Her experience and contacts will be invaluable in helping us achieve our vision that everyone will have an American park experience,” says Executive Director, Grace Lee. Shana earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and minor in Spanish at Florida State University. She lives in Gaithersburg, MD with her husband.
NPT Welcomes New Board Members

National Park Trust is pleased to announce that Siobhan Davenport, Chuck Knauss and Richard Lodish have been elected to join the NPT Board of Trustees. “These three new board members bring a wide range of experience, expertise, and a passion for youth and park conservation that will help NPT expand its important work,” says NPT Executive Director, Grace Lee.

Siobhan Davenport brings a commitment and dedication to the nation’s underserved youth. As the Executive Director of The Ricksprings Foundation, Ms. Davenport oversees all aspects of the organization’s programming. The Foundation primarily focuses on funding programs which help low income women and youth. “I was drawn to the NPT board because of the organization’s commitment to reconnecting young people to our nation’s parks. Encouraging youth — particularly those who otherwise wouldn’t have the opportunity — to experience and learn about the natural world not only ensures the health and well-being of our children but of our environment as well.” Prior to her role at The Ricksprings Foundation, Ms. Davenport had a career in broadcast news.

Chuck Knauss is a passionate outdoorsman and brings accomplished legal and legislative experience to the NPT board. He is a senior partner in the law firm of Bingham McCutchen and is nationally recognized as an authority on the Clean Air Act and climate regulation. Chuck has 25 years of experience addressing all aspects of this federal statute, including several years as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he figured prominently in the development of the comprehensive 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. Chuck attributes his love of nature to birding and fishing adventures as a youth and to ornithology, marine ecology and evolutionary biology studies in college. “I have a great love of the outdoors and our nation’s parks, and I am committed to NPT’s vision ‘that everyone will have an American park experience’. It is of utmost importance to engage all stakeholders in the protection, expansion and use of these national treasures.”

Richard Lodish brings leadership and expertise in education to the board. He has been principal of the Maryland-based Sidwell Friends Lower School since 1976 and associate headmaster since 1992. Published widely on educational matters including articles in The Washington Post and the The New York Times, he holds a doctorate from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. He previously taught in the Cleveland Public Schools, at Catholic and Tufts Universities, hosted a children’s television program, and directed institutes for beginning teachers, as well as advanced leadership seminars for administrators. Lodish says, “Guided by its Quaker values, Sidwell Friends is committed to practicing responsible environmental stewardship. Our curriculum is grounded in teaching students about the natural world and their relationship to it. I am looking forward to working with NPT to build a strong Where’s Buddy Bison Been?® program that will be implemented in our school and in schools across the country.”

Touloumne Meadows, Yosemite National Park
NPT NEWS BRIEFS

Award Winning Work at NPT

This past year, NPT was recognized for its important work with two awards.

FLOC Recognizes NPT with the Roll Away the Stone Award for Youth to Parks™ Partnership

For Love of Children, a Washington, DC-based tutoring and mentoring group, honored NPT with its Roll Away the Stone Award. The Award recognizes partners who have significantly contributed to FLOC’s ability to provide quality programming and increase FLOC’s capacity to serve the community.

NPT partnered with FLOC’s Outdoor Education Center to more fully implement our Youth to Parks™ programs. Since 2008, NPT has provided scholarships for Washington, DC-area kids to attend the OEC's environmental programs. NPT has also participated in joint fundraising efforts and raised awareness of the facility among NPT supporters.

At the summer award ceremony, FLOC Program Director, Alison Henkin said, “our partnership has opened new doors which have given many new students the opportunity to canoe the Shenandoah River, participate in our ropes courses and go on GPS cultural scavenger hunts. Because of the hard work and commitment of the National Park Trust, we have been able to introduce even more young people to the beauty of nature and have them learn ways to be better stewards of our earth and our communities.”

The Roll Away the Stone Award is named after FLOC founder Fred Taylor’s inspirational book about the challenges facing DC students. The book outlines how FLOC students face obstacles along every step of their journey – facing stones that sometimes look like mountains. His life’s work has been to create a community to stand alongside those who face barriers and together help roll away the stone. NPT is proud to be FLOC’s partner.

NPT Wins ECO Awards for its Annual Report and Website

NPT’s Annual Report won the 2009 ECO Award of Excellence for environmental writing, the highest honor awarded by the organization Global Environmental Communications (GEC). NPT’s website also won an ECO Award of Merit.

Each year, the ECO Awards recognize outstanding achievement by environmental communications for their efforts in conveying environmental issues, whether for a scientific or lay audience.

“National Park Trust’s 2008 Annual Report is beautifully crafted and well written. Content is well organized; copy is compelling as well as informative. An excellent example of first-class environmental writing,” said GEC judges.

NPT Joins Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition

NPT joined fifty-two national, regional and state land conservation and outdoor recreation groups to urge Congress and the Obama Administration to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The Coalition’s report, Conserving America’s Landscapes, details the need for full and dedicated funding for the LWCF. The LWCF is the premier federal program for buying open space and creating parks, forests, wildlife habitat, and recreation areas for Americans across the country.

NPT Board Chair, William Brownell says, “The National Park Trust will continue to bring private partners to the table in our efforts to protect American parklands; however, the private sector will never be able to adequately ensure the protection of our nation’s parks. We need the federal government’s assistance and strongly support dedicated funding over the long term for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.”

In the report, the Coalition recommends $900 million annually for the LWCF federal and state grants programs. The Coalition has made tremendous progress toward reaching its goal. Secretary Ken Salazar and others in the Obama Administration are champions for LWCF. In addition, two authorizing bills have been introduced to permanently dedicate LWCF funding at $900 million annually (not subject to appropriations) by the Chairmen of both the House and Senate authorizing Committees, Congressman Nick Rahall and Senator Jeff Bingaman, as well as the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Max Baucus.

Primarily funded from federal offshore oil revenues received by the federal government, the LWCF program has only once been fully funded by Congress at the authorized level of $900 million since its inception forty-four years ago, with a funding level of only $156 million nationwide in 2008. Since its inception more than $17 billion of this authorized funding has been diverted away from land conservation for other uses.

Since its creation in 1965, LWCF funding has been used to safeguard some of America’s most iconic places, including Redwood National Park, Valley Forge National Historical Park, the Appalachian Trail National Scenic Trail and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site.

The LWCF program also includes an important state grants component that supports parks at the state and local level. These grants go toward the development of park facilities and recreational amenities – creating quality jobs and supporting the quality-of-life factors that can make the difference for communities seeking to attract employers and a strong work force.
Board Member Perspective
Creating Dynamic Experiences for Youth in Nature

I believe that the best way to love, care and understand the Earth is to experience it. I remember the first time that I saw a snowcapped mountain. I was hiking in Vermont and nothing could have prepared me for the majestic beauty that I was about to experience. I remember the first time I saw the beauty of a coral reef and studied its fragile ecosystem, and I remember the first time I saw a harbor so polluted that no one was permitted to enter the waters for fear of contamination. These are but a few memories that help me to connect with and take responsibility for my world.

As cities become more dense, life more complex and technological, I worry that today’s children grow further and further apart from experiences that connect us with our humanity. How do we help children grow to truly love and appreciate the world that is their home so that they can connect to issues pertaining to conservation and preservation of the environment in a way that is meaningful to them? How does a child who has never left the city relate to nature?

NPT’s Youth to Parks™ and Where’s Buddy Bison Been?® programs are designed to create a dynamic array of experiences for children by turning our parks into classrooms. With the help of NPT’s mascot, Buddy Bison™, children can connect with nature in fun, creative and exciting ways. They are given an opportunity to connect their corner of the world to a national network where they can share what they have learned, created and experienced. When children become engaged they grow into adults who care. I admire the National Park Trust for bridging the life and beauty of the parks to the lives and experiences of children and thereby helping to cultivate the next generation of conservationists.

Editor’s Note: Diana Leon Taylor is the Vice Chair of the NPT Board of Trustees and Chair of the Youth to Parks™ Committee. She is the founder and principal of Sage Group Consulting.

Summer of Firsts During the First Summer of NPT’s Youth to Parks™ Scholarship Program

Our Youth to Parks™ National Scholarship Fund impacted the lives of more than 150 students this summer as they expanded their horizons and stepped outside their comfort zone by having hands-on learning and recreational experiences in nature. NPT has partnered with organizations across the country, including the National Hispanic Environmental Council, the Lassen Park Foundation, For Love of Children’s Outdoor Education Center, and DC’s Black Student Fund. NPT also provided matching seed money for Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge to bring Florida’s Boys and Girls Clubs participants out to the Refuge.

We seek programs that focus on children from diverse and often challenging backgrounds who otherwise would not have an opportunity to experience nature in a meaningful way. Our wish is that their experiences will have a profound impact on their lives and inspire the next generation of conservation leaders. Given the feedback we’ve received from our first summer, we are well on our way!

I’ll never go into the desert again with the mind I had when I started the program. I always thought the desert was just heat and dirt. Now I see how beautiful its plants, creatures and landscapes really are. The colors of the sky in the day and at night, the way Joshua trees bend in the wind, the intelligence and vulnerability of desert tortoises – all tell stories that give the desert character, and make you wonder. – Keya, 16

I got to see my first bear in the wild. AWESOME! – Dakota, 15

The Sequoias were amazing. This was my first time seeing the Sequoias up close, so I guess Buddy Bison™ and I experienced a first together. – Joshua, 15

I like rock climbing. It’s so fun. I got over my fears the first time so that the second time I could blow up the mountain and come back down – Aslan, 12

There were so many firsts throughout the week, things that I had never had the opportunity to do before, such as field tests, bird watching, pitching my own tent and sleeping on rocks, hiking in the company of friends and not thinking twice about being tired but looking forward to more. – Jessica, 16
Buddy Bison™ Charges into Schools Across the Country

Yes, our adorable wooly mascot is the most well-traveled bison in the country – and the world!

Our innovative new school pilot program, Where’s Buddy Bison Been?® (WBBB), launched in 2009 in 17 education centers across the country. Buddy Bison™, along with his toolkit filled with park resource information and educational materials, was presented to public charter schools, independent schools and art centers in Washington, DC, Maryland, New York, Texas, Arizona, Utah, and Minnesota. In exchange for being part of the pilot program, NPT is asking the schools for their creativity, feedback, stories and photos to help us build an even more robust program that can be launched on a larger scale next year.

The educators’ response has been overwhelming – NPT can barely keep up with demand and the feedback. Schools are using Buddy Bison™ to get children excited about being active outdoors and visiting our nation’s parks – photos and stories are pouring in. Students, inspired by Buddy Bison™, are learning about history and geography, are cleaning up parks, writing book reviews, journaling about their experiences, illustrating books, rock climbing and overcoming their fear of the outdoors.

The WBBB program launch coincided with the airing of the new PBS series created by Ken Burns entitled, The National Parks: America’s Best Idea. PBS and Burns generously donated copies of his mini-documentaries and other educational resources on the national parks which have been included in Buddy Bison’s™ school toolkits.

You can track Buddy Bison’s™ adventures on the NPT website, www.ParkTrust.org, where you can follow his travels on his Google map; you can also become his fan on Facebook; and, yes, you can even read his tweets on Twitter. On the website, each pilot school has their own gallery to display photos and art. We’ve also created a new e-newsletter, Buddy Bison’s Buzz, which is written by and for children.

WBBB was also featured on the Children and Nature Network’s (C&NN) homepage. C&NN is the brainchild of NPT partner, Richard Louv and Executive Director, Cheryl Charles. Louv’s best selling book, Last Child in the Woods, is credited with building the growing movement to reconnect children and nature.

I really love this program. There are so many places it can be integrated into my curriculum.

– Mary Williams, 5th grade teacher at KIPP DC: Key Academy

Get your own Buddy Bison™ at ParkTrust.org

NPT welcomes the following pilot schools and art centers:

- Arts Horizon Leroy Neiman Art Center in Harlem, New York
- The Bullis School in Potomac, Maryland
- Beauvoir, The National Cathedral Elementary School in Washington, DC
- Capital City Public Charter School in Washington, DC
- Children First Academy in Phoenix, Arizona
- E.L. Haynes Public Charter School in Washington, DC
- KIPP DC (Key Academy, LEAP Academy, and Promise Academy) in Washington, DC
- Manara Academy in Coppell, Texas
- National Presbyterian School in Washington, DC
- Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy in Baltimore, Maryland
- Sidwell Friends School in Bethesda, Maryland
- Sitar Arts Center in Washington, DC
- Schoolcraft Learning Community School in Bemidji, Minnesota
- Venture Learning Academy in Ogden, Utah
- Washington Latin Public Charter School in Washington, DC

I am using Buddy to generate excitement about the adventure trips that we take. I think that Buddy helps students who are uncomfortable being outside feel a little more at ease having him around.

– Damon Cory-Watson, Adventure Coordinator at Capital City Public Charter School
Buddy Bison’s™ VIP Photo Gallery

Buddy Bison™ is a very popular mascot. His list of celebrity friends includes:

- Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis who snapped this shot with young friends at Yosemite National Park.
- DOI Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Will Shafroth, who took Buddy Bison™ to Yellowstone National Park.
- Senator Barbara Boxer of California who took this photo with her grandson.
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from California who was presented his Buddy Bison™ at the Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award and promptly “tweeted” this photo to his 1.3 million contacts!
- Teen actor Dominic Scott Kay from *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End* and the voice of Wilbur in *Charlotte’s Web*.
- Award winning documentary filmmaker, Ken Burns, who was presented with Buddy Bison™ when he received the first American Park Experience Award at a lunch in Washington, DC.
- NBA legend, Dikembe Mutombo, a 4-time defensive player of the year, who sent us this photo of Buddy Bison™ over the Thanksgiving holiday at his home in Atlanta.
Buddy Bison™ Helps Define Environmentalist through Student Interviews

As part of our education program, Where’s Buddy Bison Been?®, students from our pilot schools interview a wide range of professionals to help expand their definition of what it means to be an environmentalist. These interviews will be featured in Buddy Bison’s Buzz, our new student e-newsletter and on our website.

Fifth grader, Alexander Taylor, conducted the first Buddy Bison™ student interview. Alexander is a student at DC’s National Presbyterian School. He had the unique opportunity to interview Secretary Ken Salazar about our parks, Buddy Bison™ and professional opportunities in the environmental arena.

During his interview, Secretary Salazar mentioned that there will be more than 10,000 new jobs created within the Department of the Interior in the upcoming years. When asked what he thought about Buddy Bison™, the Secretary smiled and said, “the Buddy Bison™ program is a great program…..I take Buddy wherever I go…it’s a great symbol of our national parks.”

National Park Service Director, Jon Jarvis, traveled to E.L. Haynes Public Charter School in Washington, DC to be interviewed by their third grade students. The students presented Director Jarvis with an original book, Buddy Bison Goes to a Park, which was written by Maryland author, Rob Cohen, and illustrated by the students. Director Jarvis read the story aloud and showed everyone the beautiful artistic drawings created especially for the park service.

He also told the children that he has taken Buddy Bison™ to many parks, saying that at Yellowstone, it was so cold that Buddy was held over the steam pots to keep him warm. He explained to the students that, as the Director of the National Park Service, he considers himself the “head park ranger”. At the end of the program, Director Jarvis had the students take the Junior Ranger oath and declared it an ‘official’ Junior Ranger Day at E.L. Haynes.

Visit our website to read this charming story about Buddy Bison’s™ trip to Yellowstone National Park. The book is the first in a series of Buddy Bison™ stories that have been created by Cohen. Future books will be available online and in the toolkits, ready to be illustrated by other students.

The Buddy Bison™ program is a great program…..I take Buddy wherever I go…it’s a great symbol of our national parks.
– DOI Secretary Ken Salazar

Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar and National Presbyterian School 5th-Grader, Alexander Taylor

E.L. Haynes third-graders taking the Junior Ranger oath with NPS Director, Jon Jarvis

NPS Director, Jon Jarvis, reading Buddy Bison Goes to a Park to E.L. Haynes third-graders
Claymont Court Mansion – a home built by a direct descendant of George Washington – received a $150,000 grant from the federal Save America’s Treasures (SAT) grant program, thanks to an appropriations request by Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito. The West Virginia representative acted on behalf of a request by the National Park Trust, which has partnered with the Mansion’s owner to preserve the historic structure.

The Claymont Court Mansion, located in West Virginia’s eastern panhandle, was one of fifty-two SAT grant recipients included in the FY2010 Interior Appropriations bill signed into law by President Obama. An additional forty-one historic preservation projects received funding through the SAT competitive grant process for a total of only ninety-three SAT grants nationwide.

“The Save America’s Treasures grant is the premiere historic preservation grant in the nation and to receive funds is a great honor and recognition of the historic significance of the Claymont Court Mansion. We are grateful to Congresswoman Capito for recognizing how important this project is for the Washington Family Legacy in Jefferson County, WV and for recognizing that heritage tourism can bring significant economic benefits to the area,” says William Brownell, Chair of the National Park Trust.

“Save America’s Treasures invests in our nation’s irreplaceable legacy of buildings, documents, collections and artistic works,” said First Lady Michelle Obama, Honorary Chairman of the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. “These awards empower communities all over the country to rescue and restore this priceless heritage, and ensure that future generations continue to learn from the voices, ideas, events and people represented by these projects.”

As with most federal grants, the federal funds require a 50/50 match, bringing the total grant amount to $300,000. The National Park Trust has already received a preservation grant from the 1772 Foundation, which provides funds to restore American historic treasures. Fundraising efforts will begin in earnest to match the federal funds.

Claymont Court is considered the crown jewel of the eight remaining Washington Family Homes in Jefferson County. At 16,000 square feet, it is the largest of the Washington Homes and is listed as nationally significant on the National Register of Historic Places. The mansion is particularly unique in that it provides visitors the same viewsheds that were seen 200 years ago when the mansion was built.

George Washington first surveyed the land as a teenager in the 1750s and bought his first property along Bullskin Run near the mansion. His brothers and their descendants followed his example and virtually dominated the area as landowners in the 19th century.

Four years ago, the National Park Trust partnered with The Claymont Society, owners of the Claymont Court Mansion, to determine ways to preserve the mansion and the 345 acres surrounding the property. The success in receiving the SAT grant is a big step toward achieving that preservation goal. NPT is also working with the Society to place the property into a conservation easement, protecting the property from development in perpetuity, and to create Washington’s Way West National Heritage Area, which would celebrate George Washington’s vision of the area as a gateway to the west for the young nation.

“The unique history associated with this beautiful mansion is unquestionable. Claymont Court is the only Washington family home open to the public and it retains so much of the same character it possessed when it was first built. When we have an opportunity to help preserve its beauty and its elegance, I think it’s critical that we jump at the chance,” says West Virginia Congresswoman Capito.
The naturalist John Muir is closely associated with Yosemite National Park. He helped draw up its proposed boundaries in 1889 and wrote magazine articles that led to its creation in 1890. Overgrazing of meadows, logging of Giant Sequoia, and other damage caused Muir to become an advocate for further protection. He co-founded the Sierra Club in 1892 to protect the area. In 1903, the 65-year-old Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt were able to give Secret Service agents the slip and disappear for three days, camping in the wild.

It was during this excursion, historians believe, that Muir persuaded the President to expand the National Park System and to combine into one park under federal authority both Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove. However, not all of the land he originally envisioned for protection was included in Yosemite National Park, despite a hard fight by Muir and others. Critical land was excluded due to political pressures and Muir died in 1914 without seeing his full dream realized. The defeat, however, galvanized the American conservation movement to push for the creation in 1916 of the National Park Service and a higher level of protection for all national parks – a memorial Muir would have relished.

Several of those excluded parcels have been under high threat of development, due to their proximity to the park’s picturesque western boundary. The area’s conservation has been a key goal of park managers and supporters. NPT has partnered with the Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) to help the park service expand Yosemite’s western boundary to include about 1,000 acres which had been included in Muir’s original vision for the park. The parcels are currently owned by PFT. If we are successful in our efforts to expand the park boundary, those parcels will be transferred to the National Park Service to be included in Yosemite National Park. NPT is also helping PFT complete the necessary steps needed for the purchase of additional ‘trophy’ properties under threat of development. Acquisition of these vital lands would represent an important milestone in celebration of the NPS’s centennial celebration in 2016.

“We are so pleased to be working to fulfill John Muir’s vision for the protection and enjoyment of this national treasure,” says Grace Lee, NPT’s Executive Director.

*Editor’s Note: Portions of this article are from the July 2008 Smithsonian Magazine.*
Protecting a Piece in the Puzzle of Colorado’s High Elk Corridor

The High Elk Corridor is a valley system in Colorado’s majestic Elk Mountains that connects the Maroon Bells–Snowmass and Raggeds Wilderness Areas. The Corridor stretches from the old silver mining town of Gothic, near Crested Butte, to the town of Marble, Colorado. Between these rural settlements, one in the Gunnison River drainage and the other in the Roaring Fork, lie thousands of acres of Rocky Mountain splendor. However, what appears to be virgin wilderness is actually an historic mining center long since recovered from the glory days of Colorado’s mineral exploitation era. And, much of the land is made up of hundreds of mining claims and three platted townsites – privately owned sites that can be sold and developed into homesites at any time.

Since 1996 preservation groups have been working to protect this exceptional place. Former President Jimmy Carter, a longtime visitor to Crested Butte, added his voice to the cause in 2003. “Rosalynn and I have had the privilege of hiking from Crested Butte to Aspen along an extraordinarily beautiful and rigorous trail. We’ve traveled to over a 150 countries, and the mountains of Colorado remain one of our favorite destinations. We hope that these lands will be protected and preserved in all their glory.”

NPT has partnered with the Wilderness Land Trust (WLT) to protect a piece in that puzzle, a 10-acre mining claim above Gothic and a few hundred feet from a popular hiking trail. While the parcel is relatively small, it sits in the High Elk Corridor and purchasing the parcel gets us one step closer to protecting this spectacular area forever.

Editor’s note: Thanks to The Aspen Times and the Trust for Public Land for background information on the High Elk Corridor. NPT and WLT hope to transfer the parcel to the U.S. Forest Service in the summer of 2010.

Youth Plant Trees Donated by NPT and Dedication Made in Memory of Bruce Vento

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fifth and sixth grade students from a local Minnesota school helped create a forest of oaks, chokecherries, dogwoods and more by planting 300 native trees donated by NPT at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

NPT Board Member, Sue Vento, attended the event held at the Sanctuary and said, “On a damp day, the students dug in – literally! The trees they planted add to the beauty at the Sanctuary now and well into the future. Bruce would have loved working along side the students as they worked to beautify and protect this unique urban respite.” A new tree was also planted in honor of Bruce Vento, who dedicated his life to the preservation of our nation’s natural resources.

National Park Trust has partnered with the Lower Phalen Creek Project to help restore the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in the heart of St. Paul, Minnesota. The 27-acre Sanctuary is located on a tributary of the Mississippi River and once supported flourishing wildlife and vegetation. In 1990, the Lower Phalen Creek Project began its efforts to combat years of industrial contamination and community negligence and return this area to its original beauty.

The project includes the restoration of the land’s wetland and stream habitats and the development of educational materials for both adults and children to foster learning about the area and environmental conservation. Recent efforts have focused on removing invasive species (cattails, purple loosestrife and burdock), planting native vegetation and stabilizing the banks of the sanctuary’s spring-fed stream. The trees donated by NPT, through a grant from the Apache Foundation, provide shelter and a habitat for many species, including songbirds and waterfowl.
Filling the Holes in the ‘Swiss Cheese’ Park

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) is the world’s largest urban national park. It has more area codes (5) and zip codes (26), including the notable 90210 zip code of Beverly Hills, than any other unit in the National Park System. The park includes over 500 miles of recreation trails and 47 miles of beaches, all within access to Los Angeles’ diverse and often park-poor urban population. SMMNRA is covered by chaparral forest growth and is home to a number of rare and endangered species, such as Steelhead trout, and provides habitat for over 450 animal species, including mountain lion, coyotes, and bobcats.

However, the SMMNRA is often referred to as the “swiss cheese” park because there are so many privately held parcels within the NRA – of the 153,000 acres within the SMMNRA boundaries; approximately 72,000 are still privately owned. Those ‘holes’ make it difficult to manage the NRA’s natural and cultural resources.

NPT has embarked on an effort with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to help fill in one of those large ‘swiss cheese holes’. We are working with TPL to garner legislative support for Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) to acquire the 208-acre Malibu Creek property and transfer it to the National Park Service. The property is one of the National Park Service’s highest acquisition priorities in the region and is ideally situated to link the NRAs Peter Strauss Ranch, a restored children’s park with horseback riding and cultural activities, with the 4000-acre Malibu Creek State Park.

Located in a desirable scenic location just south of Mulholland Highway, the property is being actively marketed as sites for ranch compound units. The landowner, however, is making the Malibu Creek property available for conservation if funds are available for acquisition. Adding it to the SMMNRA would prevent further fragmentation and development within the recreation area’s boundaries.

“We’re making use of the contacts we have on the Hill so that this property can be acquired with LWCF acquisition funds,” says Rick Lehman, NPT Board Member and former Congressman from California. The nation’s budget for fiscal year 2010 included $1 million for the property. NPT will continue to work to increase the amount for full acquisition of the $3 million property for the following fiscal year.
Making Lasting Connections

Part of NPT’s work is to link people interested in conservation. This past year, NPT successfully connected a family interested in protecting their property to their local land trust. They own 154 acres of farmland and forest in Jefferson County, WV, and includes headwaters to the Shenandoah River. They wanted to ensure their property would never be developed and contacted NPT for advice. NPT organized a meeting between the landowners and the local land trust to put the property into a conservation easement. Within two months, all of the procedural work had been completed and the property is now protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement managed by the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle and the Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board.

“You can never underestimate the importance of making connections that have a lasting effect on land conservation,” says NPT’s Executive Director, Grace Lee.

Oh Give Me a Home…

After 140 years, bison have returned to the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in the Flint Hills of Kansas, one of the last remnants of the vast tallgrass prairie eco-system.

Thirteen bison were plucked from a herd of 500 in South Dakota and trucked to the Preserve in east-central Kansas. Once the bison arrived, they were placed in a pen for a few days on the 1,100-acre Windmill Pasture that would be their new home. After they became accustomed to their new locale, the bison were released to roam.

The bison are from a herd at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota, which originated from 14 animals donated in 1913 by the New York Zoological Society, and six more in 1916 from Yellowstone National Park. The Wind Cave herd is one of only two known public herds without evidence of historic cattle interbreeding, making the herd prized by bison conservationists.

From a biologic perspective, the bison add a critical variable to restoring the land to a more natural state. They trample taller grasses to allow shorter varieties to bloom and create dust bath depressions in the soil that become puddles where insects breed after the rains return. “Their trampling and wallowing opens up the grass canopy,” said John Blair, a Kansas State University grassland ecologist. He is also director of the Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research Site near Manhattan, KS where another small herd has helped return the landscape into a more natural state. “If you compare the land with and without grazers, you find the grazers bring diversity” – and with that a heartier and more native environment.

At one time estimates of up to 60 million bison roamed the continent. However by the early 1900s, fewer than 1,000 were left. Bison were an integral part of prairie ecosystems before European settlement. Today North America is home to roughly 450,000 bison.

The hope is that this small herd of 13 bison will grow to 100. NPS officials at the park may need to supplement the herd’s hay over their first winter to keep their weight on and train them to respond to the honk of a truck so that two or three years from now they will be easier to round up for health checks.

“There may be an adjustment period for them their first winter here,” said Kristen Hase, a National Park Service biologist at the preserve. In time, though, they should grow from their 350 to 400 pounds today to cows of up to 1,200 pounds and bulls just shy of a ton.

“It’s going to be great to see them grow,” said Wendy Lauritzen, the preserve’s superintendent. “They’re needed here.”

Editor’s Note: NPT played a seminal role in the creation of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve and established the Kansas Park Trust (KPT), which owns and manages most of the Preserve along with the Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service. Two NPT board members are on the KPT board. Portions of this story are from a published article in the Kansas City Star.
A LASTING LEGACY TO OUR NATION'S PARKS

NPT: “One of the Best!”

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“We are honored to be included in this select group of charities and are very pleased that the Catalogue will help spotlight our important work to protect our critical public lands and connect our youth to our country’s unique treasures,” says Executive Director, Grace Lee.

Their new website features innovative giving opportunities, including a gift registry, gift cards, and a special section designed to introduce children to philanthropy.

HOW NPT WORKS

Through Land Preservation, NPT

• Protects threatened, privately owned land or inholdings located within the existing boundary of parks, forests or refuges. There are 4 million acres of privately held inholdings in the National Park System alone, so our work is cut out for us!
• Protects privately owned land adjacent to parklands. Many of these parcels are key viewsheds, wildlife habitats or historic structures, which could drastically alter a park experience if developed.
• Establishes new parklands. The 11,000-acre Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a prime example. Key to our success is working closely with the National Park Service and other agencies to determine acquisition priorities for each region of the country.
• Protects wildlife areas and areas with historical significance through purchase, conservation easement or by providing technical assistance from our experienced staff and dedicated board members. We do not limit our mission to the preservation of national parks alone, but work to protect and expand state and local parks as well.

Ultimately, the National Park Trust works to exchange or give the land it acquires to suitable organizations, which agree to preserve and manage those resources as parklands in perpetuity. Land purchases are made using funds raised by the National Park Trust.

Through Our Youth to Parks™ Programs, NPT

• Provides scholarship opportunities to bring underserved youth to our parks. Through the Youth to Parks™ National Scholarship Fund, NPT distributed nearly $20,000 to our partner organizations and has enabled more than 150 students to have transformational park experiences.
• Engages educators and schools to introduce environmental curricula into their programming using Buddy Bison™ to generate excitement about our nation’s parks, healthy outdoor activities, environmental stewardship, and community service. NPT launched the Where's Buddy Bison Been?® environmental education program in 17 education centers across the country and sees the program as an effective way to cultivate the next generation of conservation leaders.

Our vision is that ‘everyone will have an America park experience’. To achieve this, we believe it is important not only to champion the acquisition and preservation of critical parklands, but also to ensure that the nation’s youth appreciate and experience this important national heritage. Children and Nature Network and its founders, Richard Louv and Cheryl Charles, inspired NPT to create the Youth to Parks™ Programs.
SAVING THE LEGACY OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PARKS

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Our Vision is that ‘Everyone Will Have An American Park Experience’

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Shirley A. Waters
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Amy Weinberg
Karen Weiss
Jane Werner
Rolla J. Wilheit
Belle White
Dorothy G. White
Patrick White
Gloria Whilock Charitable Trust
Todd Whiton
Alex E. Wiebicki
Bo Wiley
Kenneth Wood
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Audited)

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

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<th>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</th>
<th>Total 2009</th>
<th>% of Total</th>
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<td>Contributions and Grants</td>
<td>444,996</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>1,095</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>15,771</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td>461,862</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
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<td><strong>Total Program</strong></td>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
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<td><strong>Total Supporting Services</strong></td>
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| **Total Expenses** | 687,365 | 100.0% |

| Change in Net Assets before Non-operating items | (225,503) |
| Realized and Unrealized Gain (loss) on Investments | (9,133) |
| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** | (234,636) |
| **NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR** | 3,567,122 |
| **NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR** | 3,332,486 |

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Audited)

**June 30, 2009**

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Buddy Bison™ and friends: NPS Director Jon Jarvis; Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar; Park Ranger, Tom Medema; and Mariposa School Children in Yosemite National Park.