

ANPR NEWS

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Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act Signed!

On August 7, President Obama signed the Land Management Flexibility Workforce Act (H.R. 1531), which allows temporary seasonal employees in federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures. This bill allows seasonal temporary employees the chance to be acknowledged and rewarded for their work experience, job performance, and training. Its passage is estimated to help over 10,000 federal employees. ANPR is proud to have been a longtime supporter of this bill.

- Erika Jostad, ANPR President

Register for Ranger Rendezvous Today!

Registration is now open for the annual meeting of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII. Rendezvous will be held on October 21 - 25, 2015, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly located near Asheville, NC. We have 16 breakouts, 7 training seminars, 5 keynotes, 3 field trips, and great exhibitors along with our hospitality suite. The schedule and complete program details are available at <https://aonpr29.wildapricot.org/Ranger-Rendezvous>. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Asheville for an exciting Ranger Rendezvous.

- Ben Walsh, Ranger Rendezvous 38 Coordinator

World Ranger Congress (WRC)

The [application](#) process for being a delegate is now online! There will be at least 3 additional rounds of applications, with the next being due October 1. If you are not immediately selected, don't give up; the more foreign delegates sign up, the more ANPR members will be able to attend.

The [Call for Presentations and Posters](#) will be live through September 15. If you want to experience the WRC but won't be attending as a delegate, you can submit a proposal, and if you are selected, the one-day fee is only \$30! Submitting a proposal is also one of the best ways to up your chances of getting one of the ANPR delegate slots.

- Bob Krumenaker, WRC Conference Chair (bob.wrc8@gmail.com)

ANPR's Mentor Program Needs Your Help

The mentor program needs your help! We have eager protégés currently waiting to be matched with a great mentor like you. There is a current wait-list of protégés needing matches in both the interpretive and law enforcement fields. Many are novices to the National Park Service and need guidance for degree choices and training, as well as how to write a proper USAJobs resume. We all remember how challenging it was to get our first NPS job, and times are getting tougher. Please reach out to us so we can work together to pass down your unique experience and knowledge to our future rangers. Contact Education and Training officer Katlyn Grubb at KFG26@NAU.EDU for more information.

- Katlyn Grubb, Education and Training