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National Natural Landmarks Program

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Spanish Peaks, Colorado

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NNL Program

- Established in 1962
- Administered by the National Park Service



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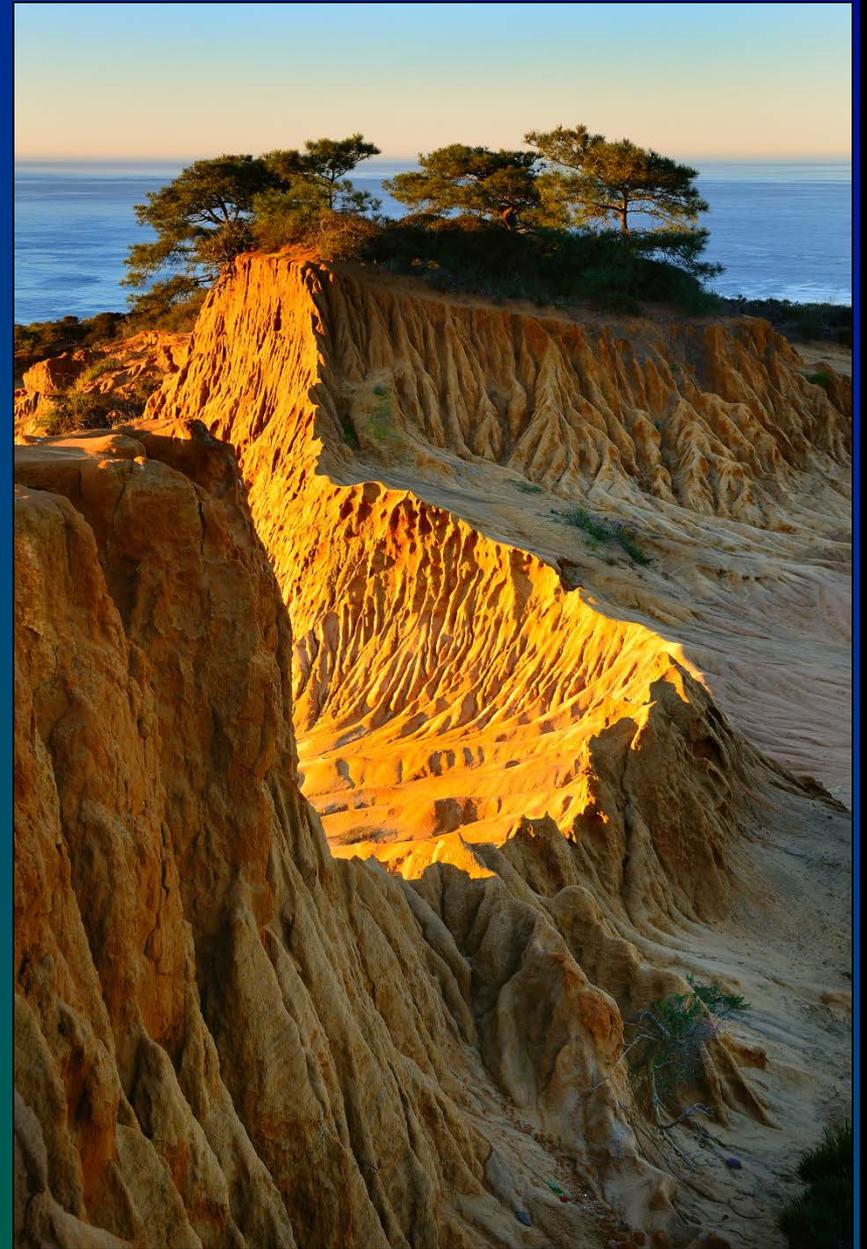
Cave Without A Name, Texas



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NNLS...

- Natural areas recognized for their outstanding biological and/or geological features
- Designated by the Secretary of the Interior
- Under public and private ownership





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- 596 NNL Sites
- 60% of sites include recognition of geologic resources (1° & 2° features)
 - Geologic processes, products & history





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Landmark Designation

- is **NOT** a land withdrawal
- does **NOT** change ownership of the site
- does **NOT** necessitate public access
- does **NOT** dictate land use activities



Landmark Designation

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- Highlights presence of significant natural resources
- Tool for land-use planning (NEPA)
- Creates and cultivates conservation partnerships



Supporting Conservation (Promote Geologic Heritage)

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- Technical assistance
 - Assisting with small grants
 - Advocacy and raising awareness



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Technical Assistance

- June 2006, NPS Geologists provide assessment of site condition and management recommendations



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Evaluation of the Erosion of Fossil Dinosaur Tracks at Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison Fossil Area National Natural Landmark, Morrison, Colorado

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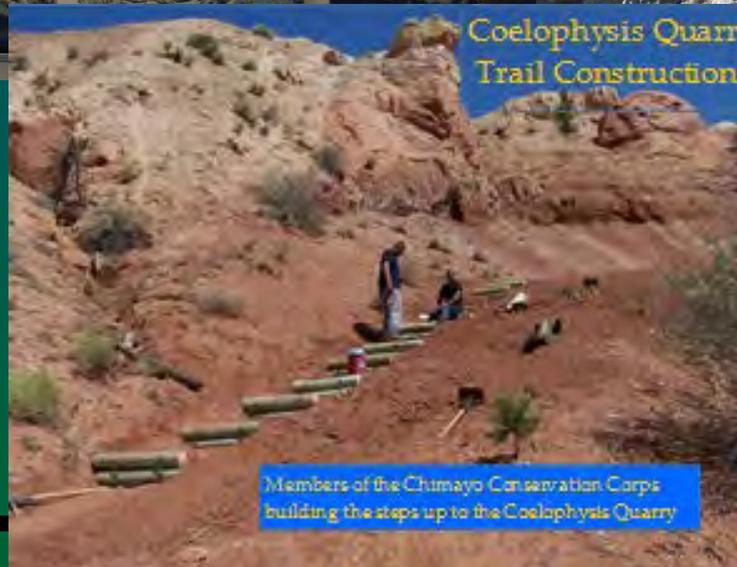
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Small Grants



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NPS Challenge
Cost Share
Program



National Park
Foundation
Impact Grants



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Advocacy



Mauna Kea, Hawaii

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- Providing comments through NEPA process
- Notifying other agencies & organizations about presence of NNL sites



Greenwood Canyon National Natural Landmark

~ Designated 1975 ~



important for the discovery of Early Cretaceous mammalian fossils