

The Sea to Shining Sea project welcomes Guadalupe Mountains National Park (GUMO) as they successfully broadcast a LIVE program to the NPS booth during the NAI conference. Staff at Guadalupe Mountains National Park conducted an interpretive program highlighting scenic geological features and the natural vegetation of the park.

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Karl Pierce (NAI location) and Adam Butterick (GUMO location) test LIVE equipment in preparation for the broadcast to the National Park Service LIVE portal at National Association for Interpretation.

On November 17th, Guadalupe Mountains National Park (GUMO) conducted a LIVE Broadcast to the National Association for Interpretation's National Interpreters Workshop (NIW) in Las Vegas, NV. GUMO Visual Information Specialist, Adam Butterick was able to troubleshoot and get the backpack system up and running in an acceptable time. It was GUMO's first time working with new equipment and they expected some delays, but those were minimal. Once they had a strong connection and all the AV equipment was talking cohesively, they were able to showcase a beautiful section of the park. El Capitan was in the background alongside Guadalupe Peak – two of the most amazing geological structures of West Texas. With a pan of the camera, Adam was able to highlight the area of "The Bowl" and "Hunter Peak." Brady Owens, an incredible and knowledgeable Seasonal Interpretation Park Ranger, was able to display animal and plant life and give an interpretive talk as people at the National Park Service booth asked him questions. Park Ranger Michael Haynie and Chief of Interpretation Karl Pierce, who were attending the NIW facilitated audience involvement on the workshop end. GUMO used a Canon XL2 connected to a laptop as the video feed was able to zoom in and focus on small details of plants as Brady was discussing specific details about their structure. This is a great program that every park should embrace and utilize. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of, as technology allows us to connect our parks to those who matter the most.