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KATE MILLER RETIRED FROM VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Voyageurs National Park Superintendent Kathleen (Kate) Miller retired from the National Park Service on February 29, 2008.

Following an 11- year career as an Associate Professor at Prince Georges Community College in Maryland, Miller began her NPS career in 1980 as a Historian at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore; then transferred to the position of National Register Programs Historian at the Alaska Regional Office. In 1986, she returned to Apostle Islands as the Assistant Chief for Resources Management, then returned to the Alaska Regional Office as the Regional Historian in 1988, where she was instrumental in establishing the Aleutian World War II National Historic Area.

In 1991, Miller returned to Wisconsin to serve as Executive Director of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute and vice President of Northland College in Ashland. She returned to the NPS and Apostle Islands in 1991 as Chief, Division of Resources Education. At Apostle Islands, she coordinated the NPS involvement in developing the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, which operates through a unique Federal, State, and local partnership. In 1997, she became Superintendent of Effigy Mounds National Monument before taking a position with the Minnesota State Historical Society in late 1999.

Miller returned to the NPS as the Deputy Superintendent at Voyageurs National Park in 2002, becoming Superintendent in 2005. Perhaps her most significant achievement while at Voyageurs is her success in working with local and regional leaders toward more positive relationships between area communities and the park. Evidence of the change, Miller says, is the proposed Centennial Challenge project, a partnership with the City of International Falls to develop a Voyageur Heritage Center on the city's riverfront. "We need a culture change within and outside the park that would not compromise national park standards but would value collaboration and a tourism-friendly environment. I feel confident that it's going to last." Miller said.

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Upon retirement, Miller plans to enjoy more time traveling with her husband, former NPS Superintendent Pat Miller, and is looking forward to welcoming her first grandchild this spring. She intends to remain in the Northern Minnesota area and pursue her passions for writing and enjoying the outdoors.

Voyageurs National Park Facility Manager Raoul Lufbery will serve in an Acting Superintendent capacity until a new Superintendent is selected.

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