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Lane Baker named superintendent of three Southeast Arizona national park sites

DENVER – Lane Baker, a 25-year veteran of the federal government, has been named superintendent of the National Park Service's (NPS) Southeast Arizona units: Coronado National Memorial, Chiricahua National Monument, and Fort Bowie National Historic Site. She will assume her new duties on March 25.

"Lane brings a lifetime of law enforcement and partnership building experience to her new position and will be an asset for the NPS and the local communities," said Intermountain Region Director John Wessels, who announced her appointment.



Lane Baker - NPS photo

"I am honored to take on this new assignment in the Intermountain Region with the Southeast Arizona Group," Baker said. "Overseeing our stewardship of these three unique and varied parks is an exciting opportunity. I am really looking forward to working with the parks' staffs and our NPS partners, as well as with state and federal agencies and all our local communities."

Baker now serves as chief of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services (LESES) at Park Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. In this position, she has provided national leadership and program direction in all aspects of law enforcement, security and emergency policy, including investigative services, professional responsibility, intelligence, stress management in critical incidents, firearms and commissioning of personnel. She manages a program with a budget of more than \$10 million and about 60 employees. The program sets policy and standards for more than 1,500 protection rangers and special agents throughout the NPS.

During her time in the Washington office, Baker revised and maintained the NPS law enforcement reference manual, updated the NPS Continuation of Operations plan, restructured protocols and procedures for emergency medical services, developed an all-hazards response plan, reorganized the Investigative Services branch, and established a policy office for internal affairs. She oversaw major growth in NPS Security and Intelligence through partnerships with

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the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the Department of the Interior. A partnership with Georgetown University in Washington has built the NPS workforce by recruiting interns for the Washington office.

In addition, LESES under Baker has partnered with the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration for traffic safety projects in the parks, with the National Park Foundation for the Harry Yount ranger recognition award, and with the Center for Park Management to review and revamp the NPS's staffing tool for visitor and resource protection. Her division also has worked with the Department of Justice to fund a national victim assistance program, and with the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the National Marijuana Initiative to fight the illegal cultivation of pot on public lands.

Before joining the Washington office, Baker worked in a variety of field assignments. She was deputy chief ranger of Yellowstone National Park, district ranger at Old Faithful in Yellowstone, sub-district ranger at Everglades National Park, and supervisory ranger at Yosemite National Park. While at Yellowstone, she volunteered with the Gardiner, MT ambulance department. She also is a member of the Fairfax County, VA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in suburban Washington.

Baker, who has 25 years' experience in visitor and resource protection, taught high school biology and physical sciences in California public schools for five years before joining the NPS. She also coached softball and basketball.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental biology from California Polytechnic State University and a Master of Science degree in biology from the University of the Pacific, both in Southern California.

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