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Chris Orr Joins Lava Beds Team

TULELAKE, California—Lava Beds National Monument is pleased to announce the naming of Chris Orr as Fire Management Officer.

“We look forward to Chris’ fire and local expertise enhancing the management of Lava Beds and the Tule Lake Unit,” says Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

Orr, a graduate of Tulelake High School and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, grew up in the Tulelake Basin and began his wildland fire career at Lava Beds in 1992. He continued his career at the Klamath Refuges, Moab UT, and the Fremont and Modoc National Forests, where he was the Assistant District Fire Management Officer of the Doublehead District. His career came full circle in 2013 when he was hired as Acting Fire Management Officer at Lava Beds.

As the new Permanent Fire Management Officer at Lava Beds and Tule Lake, Orr will be responsible for the more than 48,000 acres including designated wilderness. The high desert environment is known for its dry conditions and fast growing fires. His local ties, both professional and personal, will be invaluable.

“I have spent my entire career looking up at Lava Beds, hoping to come back. I am excited to be a part of the management and protection of such a great set of resources,” says Orr about his new position.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with

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diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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