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Kevin Schneider Named Superintendent of White Sands National Monument



Kevin Schneider - NPS Photo

DENVER – Kevin Schneider, a 10-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS) has been named superintendent of White Sands National Monument in New Mexico, according to Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder. Schneider will assume his new position in mid-May.

Schneider currently serves as management assistant at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and for the past three years has focused on external affairs, policy issues, and public relations.

Other NPS positions held by Schneider include park planner at Yellowstone National Park, where he focused on the management of snowmobiles; public affairs specialist with the Service's headquarters in Washington, DC; and as a seasonal employee at Rocky Mountain National Park.

In making the announcement, Snyder said, "Kevin has the skills and good judgment to work with external audiences and Congressional delegation staff. He is an outstanding public servant with a willingness to direct the protection of our natural and cultural resources."

Schneider earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from Montana State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism from Colorado State University. He and his wife, Cate, enjoy hiking, traveling, and cooking.

During his tenure with the NPS, Schneider has received numerous awards including the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award for his leadership in Yellowstone's snowmobile management planning process.

In accepting the position, Schneider said, "I am honored to be moving to White Sands National Monument and southern New Mexico. I look forward to working closely with the local communities and the park's partners to build relationships and serve our visitors."

As superintendent of White Sands National Monument, Schneider will be responsible for the management of 143,733 acres, a staff of approximately 21, and an annual operating budget of more than \$1,416,000. White Sands National Monument contains a significant portion of the world's largest gypsum dunefield. The glistening white dunes rise 60 feet high and cover 275 square miles.

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