

Nominee: Jonathan Jarvis, Director – National Park Service

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After more than 34 years of dedicated public service in the National Park Service (NPS), on September 24, 2009, Jonathan Jarvis took over as the agency's eighteenth director where he oversees roughly two hundred thousand employees, 400 national parks, monuments, battlefields, historic sites, recreational areas, scenic rivers and trails and other areas covering approximately 84 million acres across the country. Throughout his career, Jarvis has been ardent supporter of protecting and preserving America's treasures – its national parks.

Early Commitment to Our Parks:

Jonathan Jarvis was raised in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, backed up against national forest land where he learned first-hand about the importance of our country's natural resources. Jarvis stated that he knew from that early time in his life that he wanted to pursue a career related to the protection and enjoyment of the outdoors. After graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1975 with a degree in biology, Jarvis immediately took a road trip across the country, camping in many of our great national parks, including Yellowstone, Glacier, and Olympic. Jarvis has stated that "from that trip forward he was hooked on national parks," which led him to devote his career to the care, management, and stewardship of these important places.

A Life of Public Service:

In 1975, Jarvis began his career at the National Park Service as a ranger on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. where he staffed the Bicentennial Information Center. Jarvis moved up through the organization as a protection ranger, resource management specialist, park biologist and chief of natural and cultural resources through Prince William, Guadalupe Mountains, Crater Lake, and North Cascades. Jarvis then went on to serve as superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in Alaska, Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho, and Mount Rainier in Ashford, Washington.

Beginning in 2002, Jarvis took over as Director of the Pacific West Region for the NPS, where he had responsibility for an area that extends from Nevada to Hawaii and the outer Pacific. It includes such varied parks as Yosemite, Olympic Sequoia, Death Valley and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks, to Lake Roosevelt and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Areas, to the U.S.S. Arizona and Fort Clatsop Memorials and Manzanar National Historic Site. The region preserves resources as varied as remote wilderness, rain forests, and deserts to major urban parks and important cultural sites. Along with managing these important sites, Jarvis also oversaw 3,000 employees with a \$350 million annual budget.

Notable Accomplishments:

As the Pacific West Region director, Jarvis set high standards for the parks to achieve environmental and financial sustainability. During his tenure, he ordered that his 56 parks be carbon neutral by 2016, when NPS celebrates its centennial. Jarvis also coordinated a series of regional scientific workshops on addressing climate change in the parks. In fact, as NPS Director, Jarvis continues his commitment to mitigating the effects of climate change in our National Parks. He recently announced that NPS is developing a strategic framework for short and long-term action in the areas of mitigation, adaptation, and communication. He will also continue NPS' "Climate Friendly Parks Program" to promote sustainable operations in parks and create climate action plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Jarvis also instituted programs to reach out to and connect the youth of the Los Angeles area to our national parks, which will help provide them with unique recreational opportunities while promoting healthy lifestyles.

An Emphasis on Community Service:

Throughout Jarvis' stints at parks across the country, he has strived to become a contributing member of the local communities that are connected to the parks and he has encouraged his staff to do the same. Jarvis has stated that "gateway communities and parks have an important relationship that needs to be developed through mutual respect and cooperation."

Mr. Jarvis is currently the co-leader of the Children in Nature taskforce with the National Association of State Park Directors. He is also proud of his work with the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor in an effort to provide a quality visitor experience to the USS Arizona Memorial. Mr. Jarvis also served a term as president of the George Wright Society, nonprofit association of researchers, managers, administrators, educators, and other professionals who work on behalf of the scientific and heritage values of protected areas.

Because of his passion and long-standing commitment to the preservation and stewardship of our national parks and lands, Director Jonathan Jarvis is an excellent candidate for honorary membership to ASLA.



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Honorary Membership Selection Committee
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Dear ASLA Honorary Membership Selection Committee:

On behalf of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), I am writing to support the nomination of National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis to become an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

As a dedicated servant of the National Park Service (NPS), Director Jarvis has been a strong supporter of our national parks and public lands. Throughout his career, he has worked tirelessly for the protection and preservation of some of America's most precious natural resources. He has also taken important steps to increase visitor participation and promote an enhanced visitor experience in our national and state park systems.

Director Jarvis has also taken important steps to introduce more young people to the wonders of our parks. As Director of the Pacific West Region of NPS, he instituted programs to reach out to and connect the youth of the Los Angeles area to our national parks, which will help provide them with unique recreational opportunities while promoting healthy lifestyles.

Because of Director Jonathan Jarvis' important contributions to this country's parks and public lands and his efforts in the conservation of our natural resources, the National Recreation and Parks Association supports his candidacy for honorary membership to ASLA. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-887-0290

Sincerely,

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Stacey L. Pine
Chief Government Affairs Officer



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Dear ASLA Honorary Membership Selection Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors on the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) unanimously supports and endorses the nomination of National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis to become an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

Throughout his career, Director Jarvis has been a dedicated public servant and strong supporter of this country's park system - both the National Parks and America's State Parks. He has dedicated his life's work to the protection and preservation of our public lands and natural resources. He has also taken important steps to increase visitor participation and promote an enhanced visitor experience in our national and state park systems.

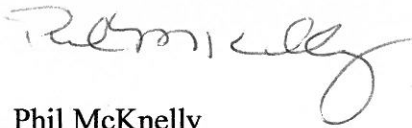
Further, as a member of NASPD's Children in Nature Task Force, Director Jarvis has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring that our young people re-connect with nature. Mr. Jarvis' work in encouraging more young people to experience our parks, will not only provide them with unique recreational opportunities and a sense of stewardship of the land, it will also provide important health benefits.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (919)676-8365 or by e-mail at naspd@me.com.

Sincerely,

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Phil McKnelly
Executive Director