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John Morlock Named Superintendent of Fort Davis National Historic Site



DENVER – John Morlock, a 29-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), has been named superintendent of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Texas, according to Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder. Morlock will assume his new position on April 26.

In making the announcement, Snyder said, “The breadth and depth of John’s knowledge and experience in fire management, field operations, and natural resource management make him an ideal fit for this critical position. His thorough understanding of park management will help him develop strong bonds with the community and our partners in the Fort Davis area.”

John Morlock - NPS Photo

Morlock is the fire management officer at Big Bend National Park and leads the Southwest Texas Parks Group, which provides fire management support for Big Bend, Fort Davis, Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River, Amistad National Recreation Area and Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site. He has served in that post since December 1996. He also has been a member of national fire management teams and coordinated the Los Diablos Program, which brings Mexican firefighters into the United States to assist on wildfires and prescribed burns. His efforts with Los Diablos earned him a Superior Service Award in 2008.

Morlock began his NPS career in 1980 as a river ranger, patrolling the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River and stretches of the Rio Grande in Big Bend. In 1989, he transferred to the new El Malpais National Monument as one of its first park rangers. Morlock’s next assignment was at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah as a supervisory park ranger. He was instrumental there in implementing a prescribed burning program for the park.

A native of Liberty, Texas, Morlock has a bachelor’s degree in recreation and parks from Texas A & M University. He met his wife, Adamina, an elementary school teacher, during his first assignment at Big Bend. They have two children: Ananda, 24 and Juan Diego, 17.

“I am very excited at having been selected to serve Fort Davis, its staff and the surrounding community,” Morlock said. “I look forward to working with regional and park staff and the park’s varied partners in telling the compelling stories of Fort Davis and preserving its rich historical resources.”

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