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### **TAYLOR-GOODRICH NAMED AS NORTH CASCADES SUPERINTENDENT**

SAN FRANCISCO – Karen Taylor-Goodrich has been selected as the new superintendent of North Cascades National Park Service Complex in Washington State. Taylor-Goodrich has been the superintendent at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in California for the last three years, and will transition to her new duties at North Cascades in March. She replaces the former superintendent at North Cascades, Chip Jenkins, who left the park last year to become the National Park Service Pacific West Deputy Regional Director in Seattle.

“Karen is a proven leader who has successfully managed complex and controversial issues for the National Park Service at the local, national, and international levels. Karen’s collaborative management style and strong background in visitor and resource protection and management, especially in wilderness and wildland fire, will be a great asset to the North Cascades,” said Pacific West Regional Director Chris Lehnertz.

Taylor-Goodrich previously served as the Associate Director for Visitor and Resource Protection in the National Park Service headquarters office in Washington, D.C., and has more than 30 years of experience directing a wide variety of operational programs at Yosemite National Park (California) and Grand Canyon National Park (Arizona), Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (Washington), Cumberland Island National Seashore (Georgia), and National Capital Parks-East (Washington, D.C. and Maryland). Her extensive international work experience includes advancing protected area management projects in Tanzania, sister park agreements in Cambodia and China, a trans-boundary wilderness management agreement between Mexico, Canada and the U.S., and international government manager forums for several World Wilderness Congress agendas. Taylor-Goodrich received a Bachelor of Science degree in geography from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, with additional graduate work in natural resources management.

North Cascades National Park Service Complex was established in 1968, and includes both Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. The North Cascades have long been known as the North American Alps. The area encompasses outstanding wilderness resources



and diverse ecosystems amidst steep, jagged peaks, deep valleys, glaciers, and cascading waterfalls, as well as significant Native American cultural sites.

In accepting the position, Taylor-Goodrich said, “I’m excited about the many opportunities and challenges the North Cascades Complex presents. Returning to work and live in the Pacific Northwest has been a long-time goal, and I look forward to working closely with the park staff, local communities, park partners, and our interagency and Canadian colleagues to protect and conserve this very special region.”

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