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Kate Hammond Named Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument



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DENVER – Kate Hammond, a 14-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), has been named Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in Montana, according to Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder. Hammond will assume her new position in January 2009.

In making the announcement, Snyder said, “Kate brings strong oversight and accountability experience to this new opportunity at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Her exceptional skills in working collaboratively with a variety of internal and external stakeholders will serve her well in her new assignment.”

Hammond is completing the Bevinetto Congressional Fellowship Program, a two-year developmental assignment in Washington, D.C. In that program, she worked as a staff member for the House Natural Resources Committee for one year, followed by a year in the Park Service Director's Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs.

As a project manager for the Park Service's Denver Service Center, Hammond oversaw design and construction of complex projects at park units throughout the western United States, including Grand Canyon and Glacier national parks and Point Reyes National Seashore. As a planner and a project manager for Harpers Ferry Center in West Virginia, she worked with the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe to develop the first General Management Plan for Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Oklahoma. She also helped plan its new visitor center.

Hammond was chief of interpretation at Amistad National Recreation Area in Texas, and worked as a park ranger at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico, Denali National Park in Alaska, and Walden Pond State Park in Massachusetts. Before joining NPS, Hammond was a Peace Corps volunteer in Argentina, where she managed the interpretive program at El Palmar National Park.

At Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, she will assist Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Jerry Case with the area's management.

“I'm looking forward to working with the staff at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, the tribes, and the local communities as we manage the monument and tell the story of this special place,” said Hammond. “My family and I are thrilled to be heading back to the West again, and we are excited to live in Montana.”

Hammond has a bachelors degree in history and environmental studies from Yale University and a master's in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry. She and her husband, Geoff, enjoy running, mountain biking, and skiing. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Avery.

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