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COLIN CAMPBELL NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE (Corpus Christi, Texas)

DENVER – Intermountain Regional Director Steve Martin announced today that Colin Campbell, acting assistant superintendent at Grand Teton National Park, has been named superintendent at Padre Island National Seashore near Corpus Christi, Texas. He will assume his new responsibilities in early January 2004. Campbell replaces Jock Whitworth who was recently appointed as superintendent at Zion National Park in Utah.



Colin Campbell

“Colin has demonstrated outstanding skills in managing the complex daily operations at Grand Teton,” stated Regional Director Martin. “His experience and expertise will serve him well in this new post as superintendent at Padre Island.”

“I am very excited about being appointed superintendent of Padre Island National Seashore,” said Campbell. “The change from a mountain to a marine environment will bring many interesting challenges. I look forward to, and welcome, the opportunity to work with local community leaders and the park’s partners on the important issues that affect protection of this unique barrier island ecosystem.”

A 24-year veteran with the National Park Service, Campbell began his career in 1979 as a seasonal park ranger at Yosemite National Park in California. He worked at Yosemite for twelve years in several ranger positions before transferring to Buffalo National River in Arkansas as a law enforcement specialist in 1991. Campbell became Grand Teton National Park’s law enforcement specialist in 1992 - a position he held for two years. In 1994, Campbell was promoted to chief park ranger at Grand Teton; he served in this position until June 2002 when he

accepted a temporary assignment as the acting assistant superintendent. For the past 16 months, Campbell has had direct oversight of the park’s daily operations and budget management.

Prior to joining the National Park Service, Campbell worked as a wildland firefighter for the California Department of Forestry in Cambria, California. He is a 1980 graduate from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management.

Campbell has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career with the National Park Service, including the Superior Service Award. In addition to his work duties, Campbell participated as a volunteer for several community organizations such as Crimestoppers and youth athletic programs.

His wife, Janet Campbell, is a business resources specialist at Grand Teton National Park. The Campbells’ have two daughters; Sarah is a junior at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and Carolyn is a senior at Jackson Hole High School.

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