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Jon Jarvis, National Park Service Director, to speak at WNPf's Spring Dinner and Auction, Saturday, April 23rd

Seattle, WA –Washington's National Park Fund is pleased to announce that Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, will serve as keynote speaker at the Spring Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 23rd. Jarvis, who holds the parks' most influential seat in the nation, will speak to the importance of philanthropy in the national park service as well as celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service this year.

Director Jarvis' visit falls during National Parks Week, April 17 – 24.

Jarvis oversees more than 22,000 employees and a \$3 billion budget. The 400 national park sites that he oversees attracted more than 305 million visitors last year, generating more than \$30 billion in economic benefits across the nation.

“We're delighted that our good friend Jon will be with us at the Spring Dinner and Auction,” said Laurie Ward, WNPf Executive Director. “ He is a tireless advocate for the parks and in this Centennial year, we look forward to his insights about our partnership, the importance of giving back, and the future of these precious wild places.”

Superintendents from our local national parks will also attend: Sarah Creachbaum, Olympic National Park; Randy King, Mount Rainier National Park; and Karen Taylor-Goodrich, North Cascades National Park. A number of rangers and scientists will also attend as we celebrate our focus on science and research under the theme of “Our Parks, Their Home.” Learn more and purchase tickets at www.wnpf.org. \$150 per person or \$1,200 for a table of eight as they last. Call 206-623-2063 with any ticketing questions.

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ABOUT JON JARVIS

Jon Jarvis is the 18th Director of our country's National Park Service. He started his career as a seasonal interpreter in Washington, D.C. in 1976. He has served in the NPS for 39 years in roles ranging from resource management to park biologist to superintendent and regional director. He has served as Superintendent for Mount Rainier National Park and Chief of Resources at North Cascades National Park.

ABOUT THE SPRING DINNER AND AUCTION

Support Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks at Washington's National Park Fund's

signature spring event. Mix and mingle with park superintendents and rangers, staff, and volunteers from the three parks as well as community leaders and members of the Fund's Board of Directors. Bid on unique items especially for outdoor enthusiasts. Sustain science and research programs in the parks with your Fund-A-Need contribution. Partake in local Northwest cuisine and a lively dessert dash. Washington's National Park Fund is the official fundraising partner for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

ABOUT WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL PARK FUND

Over the past seven years, more than \$3 million has been contributed to the parks through Washington's National Park Fund, the official fundraising partner for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. Annually, superintendents of the three parks submit a list of priority projects that, except for charitable contributions, could not otherwise happen. 100% of donations to Washington's National Park Fund stay right here in Washington for the benefit of Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.

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