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## **NPS Northeast Region News Release**

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### **Kevin Schneider Selected as Superintendent at Acadia National Park and St. Croix Island International Historic Site**

Kevin Schneider has been selected to serve as superintendent of Acadia National Park and St. Croix Island International Historic Site. As superintendent, Schneider will oversee the parks' day-to-day operations and manage numerous park projects, programs, and community partnerships. Schneider replaces Sheridan Steele who retired in late October, 2015. Schneider is currently the deputy superintendent of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. He will begin his new duties in late January.

"Kevin's outstanding work in his previous assignments, coupled with his ability to work in partnership with others made him the clear choice for superintendent," shared Northeast Regional Director Mike Caldwell. "His commitment and passion to the National Park Service and its staff, volunteers and partners, shows that he understands success for a park as special as Acadia is truly a team effort. I look forward to working with Kevin and the Acadia team as they tackle the many challenges and opportunities ahead."

As deputy superintendent at Grand Teton National Park, Schneider managed 330,000 acres of park lands, including the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway and the iconic Teton Range, whose jagged peaks and distinctive geology make it a classic vista of the American West.

"I am honored to be coming to Acadia National Park, and look forward to working with the park's phenomenal staff, partners, and communities. This is an incredible time to be part of Acadia as we celebrate not only the park's centennial in 2016, but also the National Park Service's 100th anniversary."

Schneider began his career with the NPS in 1996 on a trail crew at Rocky Mountain National Park. Other NPS assignments include media and public affairs work with the NPS Office of Communications in Washington, D.C., and communications outreach and strategic planning at Yellowstone National Park, where he primarily worked on winter use plans. He served as management assistant at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in 2005, and was selected as

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superintendent at White Sands National Monument in May 2008. Schneider returned to Yellowstone in late 2010 for several months on a detail assignment as acting chief of natural and cultural resources, before accepting the deputy superintendent position at Grand Teton National Park in 2011.

In addition to his federal employment, Schneider has worked as a Student Conservation Association volunteer in North Cascades National Park.

Schneider graduated cum laude from Colorado State University at Fort Collins with a bachelor of science in natural resources recreation and tourism and earned a master of public administration degree from Montana State University at Bozeman. In recognition of his NPS service and accomplishments, Schneider earned an honor award in 2005 for outstanding service from the Department of Justice's assistant attorney general. He also received the Interior Department's Superior Service Award in 2004.

Schneider will be moving to Acadia with his wife Cate, who grew up in Bangor and graduated from the University of Maine, and their two young children, Sydney and Connor. As avid outdoor enthusiasts, they look forward to hiking, skiing, paddling, and running in the park and Maine's great outdoors.

*About Acadia National Park and St. Croix Island International Historic Site.* America's first eastern national park, people have been drawn to the rugged coast of Maine throughout history. Awed by its beauty and diversity, early 20th-century visionaries donated the land that became Acadia National Park. The park is home to many plants and animals, and the tallest mountain on the U.S. Atlantic coast. Today visitors come to Acadia to hike granite peaks, bike historic carriage roads, or relax and enjoy the scenery. St. Croix Island International Historic Site commemorates the beginning of a permanent French presence in North America

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