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## **David Allen Selected as Fire Management Officer**

Chief Ranger Kevin Hendricks has announced that David Allen has been selected as the new Fire Management Officer for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks.

Allen brings 24 years of fire experience and has worked for the parks for 12 years as the Sequoia National Park District Fire Management Officer and Aviation Manager. Allen has previous experience with fire management in Yellowstone National Park with a helitack crew, Yosemite National Park as the Prescribed Fire Specialist, and at Indiana Dunes National Park as the Fire Management Officer. He received a Bachelors of Science degree in biology from UC Berkeley in 1989.

“Dave brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to this position. Hendricks said. “His performance here in the parks, as well as in a number of other prior jobs and assignments, has shown his ability to lead and direct a complex program. Fire and aviation programs are high-risk, and Dave has shown real leadership in risk management and employee safety; I expect him to continue to make these high priorities in the Fire and Aviation Branch.”

“I’m confident that Dave will do an outstanding job and continue to make the parks Fire and Aviation program among the very best in the National Park Service,” Hendricks concluded.

Allen has grown to understand the issues of fire management in the Sierra Nevada during his tenure here. “Managing a highly fire-adapted and fire-prone area such as these parks is a challenge I look forward to,” Allen said. “Balancing the need to reduce the risk of unwanted fire to our communities, taking advantage of fire for ecological health, and doing all of this in a compromised airshed is not an easy task. We need to be good neighbors as well as dedicated land managers that preserve these parks for future generations.”

<http://www.nps.gov/seki/naturescience/current-fires.htm>