

Michael T. Reynolds

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Since August 1 of 2016, Michael T. Reynolds (Mike) has been serving as the Deputy Director of Operations for the National Park Service. In this capacity, he is responsible for the day to day operations of the 7 regions and the 413 parks nation-wide for the National Park Service (NPS) as well as program areas in Washington DC. These programs serve communities and NPS stakeholders in many facets including natural, cultural, and recreation resources, facilities, planning and lands, visitor and resource protection, fire, safety, and interpretation and education programs and partnerships and community based programs like rivers and trails or National Historic Landmarks. He has 30 years of service in the Department of the Interior.



In April, 2014, Reynolds was assigned to the National Park Service Headquarters in Washington DC as the Associate Director for Workforce, Relevancy, and Inclusion overseeing the NPS' human capital, training, relevancy, youth, and recruitment programs nationwide. His leadership focus was on changing systems and processes for Workforce and Inclusion to have an employee-focused program relevant and ready to support the NPS and its people for its Centennial in 2016 and beyond.

Reynolds was appointed National Park Service (NPS) Midwest Regional Director in 2011. During his time as Regional Director of the Midwest Region, Reynolds focused on leadership efforts to move the National Park Service toward a new century of service as the anniversary of the National Parks and National Park System arrives in 2016 and to position programs and people in the Midwest to be ready for the many challenges it faces.

Prior to his appointment as the Midwest Regional Director, Reynolds served as Deputy Regional Director of the Northeast Region in Philadelphia for 4 years. Earlier in his career when he was Superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore, Reynolds created innovative ways to work with the local community and park partners. He also effectively reorganized park operations to create a more efficient organization grounded in sound business planning. His NPS career also includes stints as a resource manager, planner, and a division chief at Yosemite National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Cape Cod National Seashore, Curecanti National Recreation Area, and the NPS Denver Service Center which is the National Park Service's planning, design, project management and engineering office serving parks nationwide.

The third generation of his family to work for the NPS, Reynolds grew up in Yosemite National Park. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MBA from Regis University in Denver. He was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University in the spring of 2011.