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Yosemite National Park

Special Message For Immediate Release

Holiday Message

Holiday Message From The Superintendent

As we find ourselves in the midst of another holiday season, we would like to offer all of you a special thanks for all of the hard work over the past year. It's been another year of success and good tidings for Yosemite, and we hope to carry that energy into the New Year as the National Park Service celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Looking back on 2015, Yosemite National Park accomplished an incredible array of projects and programs. You have so much to be proud of. This past year, the park helped kick off the Every Kid in a Park program and also participated in the Find Your Park campaign.

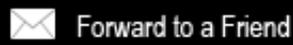
We also celebrated Yosemite National Park's 125th Anniversary with a wonderful day of festivities that not even the rain could put a damper on. We successfully reintroduced a group of endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn

sneep into the park's wilderness. We increased the opportunities for thousands of students to enjoy Yosemite with youth programs Parks As Classrooms and A Class Act. We expanded and strengthened relationships with our primary park partners, Gateway Communities, and with many international delegations that visited Yosemite. And let's not forget an important legacy project, the restoration of the Mariposa Grove. The Mariposa Grove is the birthplace of the national park idea and serves as an inspirational icon to the nation and world.

Overall, we applaud all the work by the park's dedicated staff, from entrance station personnel to resource staff to others that directly and indirectly served the public and our visitors. We hosted over 4 millions park visitors in 2015 and created many opportunities for connecting, recreating, and learning about the wonders of Yosemite. That's an incredible achievement!

Our best holiday wishes to all of you. You are simply an awesome group that inspires the public each and every day.

With respect and admiration,
Don Neubacher, on behalf of the ELT (D. Neubacher)

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