

5/12/17

Office of the Associate Director

*A brief overview of major issues, decisions, and happenings in the bureau and the Department of the Interior.*

- Welcome to the Main Interior Building! A big thanks to DC staff for their attention to the move processes – several have reported that this process was far smoother and much less intrusive than originally feared. Special thanks, as always, to the immense and unequalled efforts of the division move coordinators: Tom Tansey, Joe Cook, and Maria Scott. Appreciations also to the handful of individuals that provided them key assistance throughout. This was a job very, very well done.
- Please join me in welcoming Mike Caldwell as the newest member of the PPFL leadership team. Mike will be serving as the PPFL chief of staff with the responsibility of coordinating across PPFL divisions on key managerial initiatives/projects. Additionally, Mike will assist in representing the AD's Office when interfacing with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and external partners. Mike officially starts his assignment on June 5, 2017. Mike will be a tremendous resource for PPFL and I feel fortunate have Mike as part of our senior team.
- The Omnibus Appropriation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 was enacted. In addition to providing budget security through September 30, 2017, it also included a slight increase (roughly 2.3 percent for Operations of the National Park Service [ONPS]) over the FY 2016 enacted level. The Budget Office will release the final breakdown as soon as possible.