

Biography
Dan Wenk
Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park

Dan Wenk assumed his duties as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park in February, 2011. He manages more than 2.2 million acres, a staff of 800 and has an annual base budget of more than \$36 million, the largest operating budget of any national park in the National Park Service. Dan served as Deputy Director of Operations for the National Park Service in Washington D.C from March 2007 through February 2011, which includes 394 national park sites covering more than 84 million acres. From January through September, 2009, Dan Wenk served as the Acting Director of the National Park Service during the transition of the Obama Administration.

A graduate of Michigan State University, with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Dan joined the National Park Service in 1975 as a Landscape Architect at the Denver Service Center. Subsequent assignments included park landscape architect for Yellowstone National Park from 1979 to 1984 with responsibilities for the planning and development for the park including the removal of facilities from the Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful areas, the rehabilitation of National Park Service and concessionaire facilities throughout the park.

He was named Superintendent of Mount Rushmore National Memorial in 1985. As Superintendent he developed a public/private partnership with the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society to raise over \$60 million in non-federal funds for the preservation of the sculpture and the redevelopment and improvement of visitor facilities at the Memorial.

Mr. Wenk completed the Department of the Interior Senior Executive Service Development Program in April 2001. While in the program he completed two assignments outside of the Department of the Interior with Discovery Communications in their Public Partnerships Office and as a Congressional Fellow with Senator Bob Graham of Florida.

In December 2001, Mr. Wenk was selected as Director of the Denver Service Center, the National Park Service central office with primary responsibility for the Planning, Design and Construction programs of the National Park Service.

Wenk received the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award in 1991 and Secretary Executive Leadership Awards in 2008 and 2009. Dan also received the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2010.