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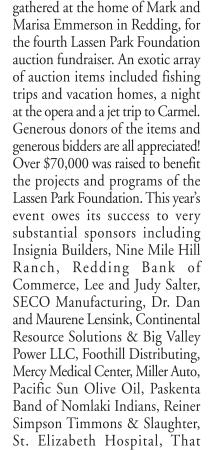
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**DONORS** 



Thank you to all for making this a great evening for the Lassen Park Foundation. Our projects and programs will be enhanced by your special interest and support.

Tullis Paving.

Kitchen Place, The Café at Turtle Bay, The Karat Patch, The McConnell Foundation, and



LVNP Chief of Interpretation Karen Haner and LPF Executive Director Jane Ziad at the welcome table.



Pam Koeberer Pitts preparing the Silent Auction.



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## MANY SUPPORTERS OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Over 250 contributions specifically for the capital campaign for the Southwest Visitor Facility at Lassen Volcanic National Park have resulted in \$400,000 raised towards the goal of \$500,000 for the Foundation's portion of the expenses. Your contributions support the state-of-the-art video that visitors will view at the facility. Northern Light Productions of Boston, MA has been filming in LVNP during the past year. The Foundation's contribution also supports the original concept plan and other interpretive areas of the project.

During the summer months, it was learned that the new facility would not go into construction this year. The Park management has said that the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Services Facility is still on track; it's just taken a different path than originally planned. The project made it as far as the bidding process this past year and was delayed when the second round of bids came in six to eight million dollars over budget. Rather than sending this project back to re-compete for the additional funds a decision was made to redesign the facility so it will be built within budget. There is a strong commitment from Washington to the Park level to fast-track this project through planning and have a contract for its construction awarded during 2006. Once awarded, construction will begin in May 2007 and be completed during 2008. After approval, the Park website (www.nps.gov/lavo) will display information and drawings of the redesigned facility in January 2006

## LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN JOHN KOEBERER

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

We are delighted with the number of wonderful contributions to this important visitor facility project. It just shows that we are all very connected to this very special national park, and unique place on earth. Donors often make gifts to honor loved ones, honoring times past and times present when they visit the park each summer for rest and renewal. We are working with the National Park Service to push forward on this vital



effort and are assured that it is top priority! We know that you think so too. Thank you for all your support during this past year. It inspires us to work hard towards completion of the fundraising. We hope that if you haven't made a contribution yet that you will. There is still an opportunity to have your name on the donor wall.

Best holiday wishes to you and your family,

John Koeberer Chairman

## A DAY IN THE PARK

The 10th Annual Day in the Park on August 6th sponsored by the Lassen Park Foundation, the Lassen Loomis Museum Association, and the National Park Service for a fun-filled family celebration and barbeque provided by Anderson Rotary and many community contributors.



# EVERY CONTRIBUTION TELLS A STORY

Leslie Wilson made a contribution to the Southwest Visitor Services Facility in memory of Anne Linderman Clerk and Myra Lipson Wizansky, friends who are part of Leslie's Lassen experience. The Wilson and Wizansky families made an annual camping trip to LVNP for many years, at Kings Creek Campground (now closed) and at Butte Lake. Every year the children would look forward to their special time together and the adults would reflect on another year gone by. Later at Butte Campground Leslie formed a friendship with Norman and Anne Clerk. Now, although Anne and Myra are now gone, Leslie feels their presence when she is at "Lassen" each summer and has chosen to remember her friends in a memorial contribution.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

Mary G. Martin, a 36-year veteran of the National Park Service, is the new superintendent of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Martin replaces Marilyn H. Parris who transferred to Haleakalâ National Park in Hawaii as superintendent. Martin began her work at the Mineral Headquarters of Lassen Volcanic in October. "I am confident that the communities around Lassen Volcanic will enjoy Mary's keen sense of professionalism, fair play and desire to build partnerships and friendships," said National Park Service Regional Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "She is one of the finest superintendents I know, with an unerring sense of what is right for the parks." Martin transfers from Barstow, California where she has



been superintendent of Mojave National Preserve since 1995, shortly after the park was authorized. Her ten years as superintendent has been marked by creating park programs where none had existed, mapping boundaries, including wilderness, moving all burros from within park boundaries to the Fund for Animals Ranch in Texas or to Bureau of Land Management round up centers, closing and capping off mines, and accepting donations of former ranches. Martin's career has led her from the San Francisco Bay Area to Vermont to Yosemite National Park to Anchorage, Alaska to Washington, D.C. working in human resources for the NPS. In 1994, when Mojave National Preserve was designated a unit of the National Park System, she was named its first deputy superintendent, becoming the park superintendent within a year. An avid outdoors person, Martin is a black diamond run skier, a camper, a regular rider in the annual NPS horse unit at the Bishop Mule Days Parade, and enjoys traveling. She also spends summers with her family camping in the Lassen Volcanic area.

"I am fond of high altitude parks,' Martin said. "After ten years in the high desert I was beginning to look for that perfect combination of community, staff, challenge, resource, and altitude to throw my hat in the ring. Lassen Volcanic National Park presented all the right combinations and I am thrilled to have been selected as superintendent."

# NEW SUPERVISOR FOR LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST

"I'm thrilled to be the Lassen National Forest's new supervisor," Tippin said. "Being a native of California with earlier assignments there, I'm looking forward to reconnecting with folks I've worked with in the past, building new relationships with Forest employees and the community, and returning to my home state. The employees of the Lassen National Forest are known for their skill and ability to get work done in a productive manner. That, coupled with the beautiful work setting, will make this assignment a real highlight of my life and career."



Laurie Tippin is the new Supervisor of Lassen National Forest in Susanville and replaces Ed Cole who became Sierra National Forest Supervisor in May. Tippin was previously Deputy Supervisor of the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest in Wisconsin. "Tippin's solid experience in forest management, stewardship contracting and fuels reduction makes her an excellent match for the Lassen National Forest, which falls within the area covered by the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act," said Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Jack Blackwell. A native of Sacramento, Tippin is a forester by profession. Since 1977 she has worked in

positions of increasing responsibility on seven national forests, as well as at the national headquarters. From early positions on the Tahoe National Forest and Six Rivers National Forest, she then worked on the Plumas National Forest as a district timber management assistant. A detail assignment took her to the Sierra National Forest where she was the forest's assistant timber management officer. In 1992, she accepted a permanent assignment as an assistant timber management officer on the Eldorado National Forest in Placerville. In 1994, Tippin was promoted to Timber Management and State and Private Forestry Officer for the Boise National Forest in Idaho. In 2000, she went to the Forest Service's Washington DC headquarters office to become national program coordinator for the agency's stewardship contracting demonstration project. That program allows National Forests to test new contracting authorities to meet land management goals and the needs of local communities. She also provided national oversight to timber sale litigation. During that two-year assignment, she was detailed to the post of Acting Forest Supervisor on the Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho and in 2002 took up her post in Wisconsin.



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Summer youth programs build personal relationships and leadership skills.

# YOUTH PROGRAM EXPERIENCES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

Three youth groups were the recipients of small grants from the Lassen Park Foundation this past summer for an experience of challenge, fun, and friendship in the beautiful surroundings of Lassen Volcanic National Park. As one of the group coordinators described the experience, "I wasn't sure if the boys would be able to complete the Peak hike but all seven boys rallied and encouraged each other to

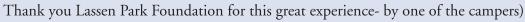
the top and were soon playing in the snow. One boy who had said there was no way he could do it, was ready to go again the next day. This was a wonderful therapeutic recreation outing that caused the boys to step out of their comfort zones and accomplish new things, build stronger relationships with peers and

nes and accomplish new things, build stronger relationships with peers and adults, and improve their self-confidence and self-esteem."

The groups who received grants this year were the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Redding who took 17 youth on their trip. An ongoing partnership with Redding Police



Department is an added element of support; the officers provide transportation for this trip. Grace Community youth group of Chico took a group of 18 junior high students camping and Youth for Change of Paradise took 9 boys 7-14 years old.



"I liked it when we cooked marshmallows into smores. I had a fun time sitting around the fire watching the stars and having good conversation. I was warm in my sleeping bag when I was sleeping. I liked playing guitar around the fire. And I learned that you shouldn't be scared when you see a bear. just sit there and be still. I saw Lake Almanor from the top (of Lassen Peak). I played in the snow at the top. This was my first time climbing a volcano."

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