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Good morning everyone: Yes you have heard it correctly, Donna and I will be retiring from the National Park Service on November 2. It's hard to believe we have been blessed to have been here for 16 years.

As many of you know, we had decided to retire last year in June, but Betty Janes (Deputy Superintendent) also wanted to retire at the same time. We both realized one of us needed to stay behind to make sure the Mesa Verde Research and Visitor Center continued to move ahead. That responsibility was mine - so we stayed. During that time we were able to hire a new Deputy and use the remainder of the year to have him become familiar with the 4 park operations. I promised to stay on till the end of the fiscal year and help move into FY 2010. That time is here and we are ready to go.

As for our future plans, not sure. I do know that we will spend at least the next 3 to 4 months remodeling our house in the Pacific Northwest. Doing some travelling and looking at some volunteer opportunities in National Parks. I started as a volunteer at Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego and that seems like an appropriate way to finish up a career. There is a unique one at Olympic National Park as a *snorkeler* ---NO KIDDING. Since I was a diver with the National Parks at Isle Royale National Park, it seems like a perfect fit. They are currently surveying 42 miles on the Elwa River. I guess I could also scout the best fishing holes in the process.

Bill Nelligan has been chosen to be Acting Superintendent at Mesa Verde. The Regional Director will work with Bill to select and Acting Deputy sometime after the first of the year. This will provide an excellent learning and mentoring experience for the person selected.

I know I will not be able to individually say "THANK YOU" for all you do for the Park Service and the people of our Nation, but PLEASE accept my THANKS for the privilege of allowing me to work with you and enriching our lives.

I will truly miss all of you.

My very best to you.

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