



Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership Press Release
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The Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership Welcomes New Directors

The Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership (VLCP), whose goal is to promote the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway region, welcomes Craig Ackerman and Margaret David Bailey to the Board of Directors.

Margaret David Bailey is the current District Ranger on the Klamath Ranger District of the Fremont-Winema National Forest, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Bailey has served in this position for the last five years. Prior to her current assignment, she was the District Ranger on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, Malheur National Forest, in Hines OR. Bailey particularly enjoys the Klamath Ranger District because of its high recreation use by visitors from the Southern Oregon and Northern California area. The Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All-American Road traverses the Klamath Ranger District enroute from Crater Lake National Park to the community of Klamath Falls. There are three interpretive kiosks on this section of the route in locations that beckon the traveler to stop and enjoy the area. Bailey is looking forward to working with the VLCP Board of Directors to develop the visibility of the VLSB to all visitors and highlight why the incredible geology and history makes this area unique.

Craig Ackerman is currently the Superintendent of Crater Lake National Park in Oregon and has served in that capacity for the past four years. Ackerman has been a member of the Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee since 1995. This group of executive level federal land managers from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and regulatory agencies such as EPA and National Marine Fisheries meets regularly to address issues affecting management of and collaboration on federal lands. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Southern Oregon Visitors Association and was President of that organization from 2008 to 2011.

Before coming to the Park Service, Ackerman worked for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources and Department of Commerce as a park superintendent and manager. He was instrumental in the development of the state's first "Rails to Trails" park along a 75 mile stretch of the Wild and Scenic Greenbrier River in the Appalachian Mountains.

Bailey and Ackerman join current VLCP Directors Elizabeth Norton from Susanville, Sharon Thrall from Chester, Darlene Koontz from Mineral, Karen Whitaker from Redding, Virginia Barham and Dick Kelby from Dunsmuir, and Laura Allen from Macdoel.

The Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All-American Road is a two-state, 500 mile drive that reaches from Lake Almanor, California to Crater Lake in Oregon. “The VLCP works collaboratively with communities, agencies, and byway representatives in both California and Oregon to best serve all byway interests,” said Elizabeth Norton, President of the VLCP. “We are pleased to welcome two Directors from Oregon.”

The VLCP, whose work is primarily funded by National Scenic Byway grants, is currently implementing two grant projects with several other community and agency partners. These grants include an interpretive byway map brochure and an interpretive byway auto tour guide. In addition, the VLCP is assisting community partners with the development of three trail projects, including the proposed 80 mile Great Shasta Rail Trail from Burney to McCloud, CA.

For more information on the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, see www.volcaniclegacybyway.org or call 1-866-722-9929.