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George Schaaf to lead Parks & Rec as new director

The City and Borough of Juneau is pleased to announce that George Schaaf will lead the Parks & Recreation Department as its next Director. Schaaf will move into the top position after current director Kirk Duncan retires in May.

Schaaf previously held a leadership position within the department as the Parks & Landscape Superintendent. For the past year, he's chaired the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Special Committee and also served on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

"When you ask people why they choose to live in Juneau, it all comes down to our quality of life here. The Parks & Recreation Department helps to make Juneau a place where people want to live, work and raise a family. I know the people who work there and they are as dedicated to making Juneau a great place to live as I am. I'm excited to be coming back to CBJ to work alongside them again," Schaaf said.

Currently, Schaaf works to build public-private partnerships that support recreation in Juneau and around the state as the Regional Partnership Coordinator at the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Region.

"We are excited to have George head up our Parks & Recreation Department. When he worked for us before, he was very well respected as someone who had the ability to deal with difficult issues and build strong teams. George has particular expertise in building collaborative partnerships within the community to get things done," Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove said.

Schaaf has also served as Executive Director of Trail Mix and was a Wilderness Forestry Technician for the U.S Forest Service. Prior to coming to Juneau, Schaaf worked in outdoor education in Colorado.

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