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National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, serving as Incident Commander for Gulf Oil Spill Response, arriving to deliver Marshall Lecture and for press conference on Thursday

WHO: Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service

WHAT: Press conference & 17th General George C. Marshall Lecture

WHEN: Thursday, May 20

WHERE: Hudson's Bay High School, 1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, WA

- Press conference: 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m., HBHS Room 506/Career Center
- Marshall Lecture: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., HBHS Gym

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On Wednesday, May 19 National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis will fly in from the oil spill Incident Command Center in the Gulf of Mexico to deliver the Thursday morning General George C. Marshall Lecture in Vancouver. He will hold a press conference prior to the lecture. When he completes his Marshall Lecture responsibilities, Jarvis will return to the Gulf.

As Incident Commander at the Mobile, Alabama, Incident Command Center, Jarvis represents the Department of the Interior (DOI) which includes the National Park Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The DOI has dispatched to the Gulf of Mexico more than 400 workers--biologists, archaeologists, health professionals, rangers, public information specialists and others. Jarvis is working along with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency as a part of the Unified Command that is responding to the recent explosion of the oil rig *Deepwater Horizon* and the resulting oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Jarvis is overseeing the ongoing work with the USCG and other agencies, including planning for wildlife reconnaissance and recovery and shoreline cleanup and assessment and conducting surveys, sampling and flyovers to document baseline conditions. Eight national parks are responding to the oil spill.

Jarvis's presentation at the lecture includes Marshall's oversight of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a Depression-era public work relief program that combined conservation, renewal, awareness and appreciation of the nation's natural resources.

The Marshall Lecture is a ticketed event, but tickets are free. Print online tickets until Wednesday at 3 p.m. at www.FortVan.org. After that, free tickets will be available at the door.

Public parking for the lecture is in the two southern parking lots reached via Mill Plain. Public entrances for this event are on the northeast and northwest corners of the gym.