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DCNR Appoints New Manager at Oil Creek State Park

Harrisburg – The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources today named David Hallman as manager of Oil Creek State Park in Venango County. He is former assistant manager of Nockamixon State Park in Bucks County.

“Leaving one of our most heavily visited state parks in the southeastern section of the state, David Hallman brings to Oil Creek State Park a wealth of managerial and public relations skills,” said DCNR Secretary Richard Allan. “His employment background can only strengthen the already strong environmental education efforts under way at Oil Creek, where more than 180,000 visitors are drawn annually.”

Hallman will oversee Oil Creek State Park’s 7,096 acres in Venango County’s Oil Creek Valley, site of the world’s first commercial oil well. Through its environmental education center and programs, Oil Creek State Park helps tell the story of the early petroleum industry by interpreting oil wells and boom towns, and early transportation.

“Oil Creek is an outstanding state park with a wonderful resource base and link to the history of the area, and my family and I are extremely excited about this next journey in our lives,” Hallman said. “Oil Creek not only seems like a great place to work, but a great place to live as well. I am eager to meet the staff and to learn all that this beautiful part of the state has to offer.”

The new manager replaces Jacob Weiland, who was named assistant manager at Moraine State Park, Butler County.

Hallman, 31, began his Bureau of State Parks career in 2007 as an environmental education specialist assigned to Kettle Creek State Park, Clinton County, and Ole Bull State Park, Potter County. Before becoming Nockamixon’s assistant park manager in 2010, Hallman also worked as an education specialist at Sizerville State Park, Cameron County, and as a park manager trainee with the bureau’s Region 2 office at Moraine State Park, Butler County.

Hallman, a native of Dayton, Armstrong County, holds a bachelor’s degree in parks and resource management from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the Act 120 Police Academy at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is married and the father of a 2-year-old son.

For more information on Oil Creek and Pennsylvania's other 119 state parks, call 1-888-PA-PARKS between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; or visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us (select "Find a Park").

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