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DCNR Names New Manager at Frances Slocum State Park

Harrisburg – The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has named Brian Taylor manager of Frances Slocum State Park in Luzerne County.

“Serving a park complex in the northeastern section of the state that is heavily visited and increasingly popular, Brian brings to Frances Slocum a wealth of public relations skills,” said DCNR Secretary Ellen Ferretti. “He has progressed quickly through the bureau ranks because of his leadership ability.”

Taylor was named to head operations at the 1,035-acre Frances Slocum facility where a 165-acre lake, swimming pool, environmental education and other features draw more than 350,000 visitors a year. Named in honor of Frances Slocum, a Quaker girl taken captive and raised by American Indians, the state park provided temporary housing to hundreds of Wyoming Valley families routed by Tropical Storm Agnes flooding in 1972.

“There is a lot happening at Frances Slocum right now and I am privileged to be part of a state park that provides so many opportunities for the public to get outdoors and enjoy Northeast Pennsylvania’s natural resources,” Taylor said. “I am looking forward to working with the staff, volunteers, and visiting public to continue the high level of visitor experiences the park has to offer.”

Taylor, 27, replaces Rex Bradish, who was named manager at Promised Land State Park, Pike County.

The new Frances Slocum manager began his DCNR career in 2011, working first as a manager trainee in the Bureau of State Parks Region 2 Office in Butler County, and then as assistant manager at Promised Land State Park. Before joining DCNR he worked as an environmental interpreter at Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center, Huntingdon County, and as a white-water rafting guide on the French Broad River in Hot Springs, N.C.

A native of New Wilmington, Lawrence County, Taylor holds a bachelor’s degree in recreation, park and tourism management from the Pennsylvania State University.

For more information on Frances Slocum and Pennsylvania’s other 119 state parks, telephone 1-888-PA-PARKS from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us (select “State Parks”).

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