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“Thoughts about the Future of National Parks”

Dr. William Tweed, recently retired from the National Park Service, will present his latest book, *Uncertain Path: A Search for the Future of National Parks* on Thursday, February 16 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Medford Branch Library, 205 South Central Avenue.

Yellowstone National Park was established by Congress as the nation’s (and the world’s) first national park on March 1, 1872. The National Park Service, established in 1916, is showing its age. Current efforts by ecologists, climatologists, historians, and anthropologists all suggest the core values are unachievable. So now what? Join the author for a discussion of this critical question.

Dr. Tweed brings to these issues three decades of experience with the National Park Service including work in history, park planning, concessions management, public affairs, and interpretation. He served for many years as a part of the management team at Sequoia and Kings Canyon, retiring there in 2006 from the position of Chief Park Naturalist. In addition to *Uncertain Path*, Tweed is the co-author of *Challenge of the Big Trees: A Resource History of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks* and *Death Valley and the Northern Mohave: A Visitors’ Guide*. He is also a newspaper columnist and lecturer. He serves as the chairman of the Sequoia Parks Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports the twin national parks of the southern Sierra.

This program is sponsored by Friends of the Medford Library and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact the Medford Branch Library at 541-774-8679.



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