Flagstaff Area
National Monuments
Sunset Crater Volcano
Walnut Canyon
Wupatki
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Kayci Cook Collins, Superintendent and Product of Flagstaff National Monuments...
Wupatki

Walnut Canyon
Managing 3 monuments...the more the merrier? Or bad things happen in 3s?
Fun Juggling Act!

Money: $3.5 million operating funds

Employees: 50-70

Visitors: Walnut = 125,000
          Wupatki = 191,000
          Sunset = 185,000

Economic Benefit: $26 million and 337 jobs
Walnut Canyon NM – the basics

- 1915 – Which president proclaimed it?
- 1933 – USFS to NPS
- 1938 – enlarged by which president?
- 1996 – enlarged (who did it this time?)
- Now 3,579 acres
Walnut Canyon NM

What is so special?

- Cliff Dwellings
- Continued significance to tribes
Walnut Canyon NM

What is so special?

- Overlapping ecological communities
- Scenic resources
Wupatki NM

- 1924 – who?
- 1937 - more
- 1941 - less
- 1961 - more
- 1996 – more

35,422 acres
Wupatki NM

What is so special?

- Pueblos – Wupatki, Citadel, Crack-in-Rock
- Significance to contemporary tribes
Wupatki NM

What is so special?

- Native grasslands
- Wilderness – small “w”
Sunset Crater Volcano NM

- 1930 – who?
- 1933 – USFS to NPS
- 1990 – renamed
- 3,040 acres
Sunset Crater Volcano NM

What is so special?

- Sunset Crater Volcano – like it happened yesterday….almost!
It is good to have Friends...
Issues and Opportunities

Why I love to come to work!

- Tension between resource protection and visitor enjoyment
Issues and Opportunities

- Walnut Canyon Special Study
- Walnut Canyon – Walnut Creek flows
- Boundary Issues – collaboration or conflict?
- Tribal Consultation
- Climate Change
- Other interesting issues and projects…
  - Fee Increases  [www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)
  - Celebrating Centennials!
Issues and Opportunities

- Proposed Fee Increases
  - $5 to $8/person for Walnut Canyon
  - $5 to $10/person for Wupatki/Sunset
  - 100% of fees stay at monuments for projects

Public Comment:
- www.parkplanning.nps.gov
Walnut Canyon Centennial

- 1915-2015

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