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Joshua Tree National Park News Release

Joshua Tree National Park Launches 75th Anniversary Website, Hires Anniversary Coordinator

In 2011, Joshua Tree National Park, in conjunction with numerous community partners, will carry out a year-long celebration of its 75th anniversary as part of our nation's National Park System. On Monday, December 6, a 75th anniversary website: www.jtnp75.org, will be available for public use. The site will contain information, articles, a calendar of events, and interactive features designed provide information and promote public involvement with the park during its anniversary year. To coordinate 75th anniversary activities, the park has hired George Land to be the 75th Anniversary Coordinator.

Joshua Tree was established as a national monument on August 10, 1936 by a Presidential Proclamation signed by President Franklin Roosevelt. In 1994, Joshua Tree was expanded in size and re-designated a national park when Congress passed, and President William Clinton signed, the California Desert Protection Act on October 31, 1994.

The park and its partners plan to use the entire 2011 year to host special events and activities that will focus on the park's history, its future, and the relationship that Californians, all Americans, and a growing number of international visitors have with the park and its "75 years of inspiration."

The www.jtnp75.org site will contain a simple application for community organizations and individuals who wish to apply to host sanctioned 75th anniversary events. Other features will include a photo gallery of the park and a place where people can leave memories of past trips to Joshua Tree. The site will be frequently updated as details on planned anniversary events are developed.

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