

## **Gil Lusk**

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### Career Experience:

1962 -1997 U.S. National Park Service – Major Assignments

- 1969 – 1971 First Superintendent of Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, Virginia. Construction, staffing, public relations, management duties, liaison with Wolf Trap Foundation and performing arts. Set-up and first two seasons.
- 1976 – 1981 First Superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park. Converted State Park to National Park during Bicentennial. Construction, staffing, transition from State, research, management, public relations, land acquisition and Bicentennial programs and activities.
- 1981 – 1986 Superintendent, Big Bend National Park and Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River. Park Management, extensive relations with Mexico. Laid foundation for creation of International Peace Park.
- 1986 – 1994 Superintendent, Glacier National Park. Park Management, public relations, Native American relations, Canadian relations. Laid foundation for current Yellowstone to Yukon (Y to Y) concept in Montana and Canada. Served as Chair of the Governor’s Flathead Basin Commission for four years.
- 1994 – 1996 Montana Nature Conservancy Board of Directors.
- 1994 – 1997 Special Assistant to the Director of the NPS. Responsible for Management of all National Park Service Training Centers and complete rework of the Employee Development Program for the NPS.

### Roles Since 1997

1997 – 2011 Managing Partner, The Cholla Group, LLC. This LLC is a currently dormant real estate investment group with holdings in Cochise County.

1997 – 1999 Served on Board of the Sonoran Institute in Tucson, AZ.

2009 – 2011 Serving second two year term as elected Property Owner’s Association Board Member in Quail Creek, a community of over 3,300 people. Board consists of five members, three representing Robson Communities and two elected by the community representing community interests. During the last election I ran unopposed.

2009 – 2011 Chair of the Solar Park Foundation Board, Benson, AZ. This foundation has been established to identify and bring new and emerging technologies to Cochise County.

Education:

1965 BA in American History and Sociology / Anthropology - Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

2001 Honorary PhD for Distinguished Public Service (*Beneficiorum Civibus*) awarded by Gettysburg College.

Awards and other Honors:

1986 – Meritorious Service Award – Department of the Interior – Interior Secretary Hodel  
This is the second highest honor award from the Department of the Interior for management accomplishments at Valley Forge NHP, Big Bend NP and Mexico.

1993 – Montana Exemplary Public Service Award from the Nature Conservancy of Montana for management accomplishments at Glacier NP and with the State of Montana and Canada.

1993 – The US Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture, awarded me with a three month sabbatical at the USFS Pinchot Institute in Pennsylvania and at Yale for my cooperative working relationships with the Flathead National Forest while at Glacier.

1997 – Distinguished Service Award – Department of the Interior – Interior Secretary Babbitt and President Clinton. This is the highest honor award from the Department of the Interior for overall career achievement.

Skills and Abilities: (not in priority order)

Complex Management Scenarios	Public Speaking
Public and Community Relations	Natural Resources Management
Communication	Team Building and Relationships
Recreational Management and Use	Budget Administration
Board Relations	Working State / Federal Relations
Computer skills and abilities	Compromise when needed
Concessioner Operations (Food, Lodging, Services)	Political Understanding & Relations

References:

Duane Blumberg – Mayor of Sahuarita

Ron Darrah – President, Quail Creek Property Owner’s Association

Jean Davis – Director & President of the Board, The Animal League of Green Valley