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San Juan Islands National Monument

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### **Secretary Jewell Visits San Juan Island National Monument**

The San Juan Islands recently received a special guest to the new National Monument. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel was on vacation sailing the Salish Sea. Her vacation, like so many others, included a hike to the Turn Point Light Station. Sally, her husband Warren, and a friend hiked to the Turn Point site on a beautiful summer's day. The Secretary was one of a hundred visitors to the Island to enjoy the lighthouse, keeper's quarters and fog signal building along with magnificent views.

Sally, a frequent visitor to Turn Point and Washington State native, normally tries to visit the site at least once a year but made a special effort to ensure that she made it to the site this year because of the recent National Monument designation. Secretary Jewell made special note of the site improvements that she had witnessed over the past several years, which is reflected in her entry in the visitor log.

The Secretary was greeted with a grand tour of the facilities by Spokane District's own Engineer Alex Kwan; who briefed Sally on current and future projects, described logistical and contracting challenges to maintain these remote historic facilities and stressed the critical importance of engaging non-profit partners to help the BLM manage these treasures. We look forward to seeing Secretary Jewell in America's newest National Monument in future.