Lovaas Closes The Circle

Allan Lovaas is back in the north country again.

A wildlife biologist with a master's degree from Montana State in Bozeman, Lovaas arrived in Anchorage in March to pick up the reins as chief, division of natural resources for the Alaska Region – the job previously held by James Larson.

Lovaas' prior assignment was five years as chief scientist for the NPS Midwest Region out of Omaha, Nebraska. Before the Omaha berth, Lovaas worked six years at Wind Cave PN on bison, elk, antelope and prairie dogs. Previous to his National Park service, Lovaas put in 10 years with the Montana State Fish and Game Department, and that stint was preceded by two years of work for the Canadian Wildlife Service out of Edmonton – mostly in the Canadian National Parks and the Yukon Territory.

"In a way," said Lovaas, "I've come full circle . . . back to the North Country again."