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Oregon Youth Authority Director Robert S. Jester today announced the appointment of Joan Palmateer as OYA's Assistant Director for Facility Operations. Palmateer will join OYA on August 4, capping a 28-year career with the Oregon Department of Corrections.

"Joan Palmateer is recognized in Oregon and throughout the nation as an outstanding corrections leader," Jester said. "She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and instant corrections credibility."

Palmateer currently is administrator of the Office of Population Management at the Oregon Department of Corrections. She previously has held a variety of jobs at DOC, including corrections officer, and superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary and the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for women. She also serves as a trainer, consultant, and inspector for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, American Correctional Association and the National Institute of Corrections.

The Oregon Youth Authority is Oregon's juvenile corrections agency. It has custody of approximately 2,000 offenders who committed crimes while under the age of 18, and provides supervision and services in all 36 counties and in correctional facilities. Palmateer will oversee 11 youth correctional facilities and transition programs that serve 925 youth offenders, has 1,009 staff and a biennial budget of approximately \$144 million.