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New District Manager at Prineville Bureau of Land Management Office



PRINEVILLE—The Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) welcomes Deborah Henderson-Norton as their new District Manager vice Barron Bail. Ms. Norton graduated from Oregon State University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and a minor in Recreation Management.

Deborah Norton has 26 years of service in the Federal Government working for the Forest Service and the BLM in a variety of jobs, including several leadership positions. Early in her career, Ms. Norton worked as a Recreation Forester on the Flathead and Pike and San Isabel National Forests (NFs) and as a Resource Assistant on the Tongass NF.

From 1988-98, Ms. Norton served as the District Ranger on both the Bonners Ferry Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle NF's and the Salmon-Cobalt District of the Salmon-Challis NF. In 1998, she transferred to Oregon as the Assistant District Manager for Operations at the Salem District BLM. In 2004, she transferred to the BLM Oregon State Office as a Branch Chief for a Maintenance Organization Project Manager position.

"I am excited to have this leadership opportunity in a beautiful location like Central Oregon. I love a challenge and this area will provide that, with its rapidly growing and increasingly diverse population," said Ms. Norton.

Ms. Norton is a single mother of a teenage daughter, Elissa, who enjoys volleyball and playing in the school orchestra. Debbie enjoys traveling, downhill skiing, whitewater rafting, camping, home remodeling and craft projects.

The Bureau of Land Management manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The Bureau of Land Management's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

