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NEW DISTRICT RANGER FOR KENTON RANGER DISTRICT ANNOUNCED

Ironwood, MI. – Forest Supervisor Susan Spear, announces Barbara Van Alstine as the new District Ranger for the Kenton Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest.

Barbara joins the Ottawa from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest where she was District Ranger on the Wallowa Valley District (Enterprise, Oregon). "Barbara brings with her a wealth of experience and has worked in forest products, recreation, wilderness, and fire/fuels." said Supervisor Spear. "We are excited to have her join us."

Barbara is "coming home" to the Upper Midwest as she was raised in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. "I love my job and have looked forward to being a Ranger my whole career. In this I have been truly blessed. At the start of my career I never thought I would leave the Great Lakes States. So it is with great joy that I return." said Van Alstine.

Barbara will be starting in her new position on September 2, 2008.

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