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### **New District Ranger for Plumas NF**

Michael Donald will soon join the Plumas National Forest as permanent District Ranger for the Mt. Hough Ranger District, announced Forest Supervisor Alice Carlton. “Donald has great experience working with diverse groups and will bring a breadth of knowledge about partnerships, stewardship, and collaboration to the forest,” said Carlton

Donald has an extensive background in international affairs, primarily Central America and the Caribbean. His achievements include: brokering an international agreement and resources for a Central American summit to develop a strategy for managing forest fire and pests, leading a USDA watershed restoration program post Hurricane Mitch, managing a forestry stewardship program for the Kootenai National Forest, and negotiating compliance of the Tropical Forestry Conservation Act in Belize.

His most recent position has been with USAID in the Caribbean as regional environmental advisor. Donald has also worked on the Kootenai National Forest as environment affairs coordinator, Olympic National Forest as district fish biologist, and in Washington, DC as Russia program coordinator and in international forestry. He holds dual degrees in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, and Spanish from UC Davis.

Donald will start work on the Plumas National Forest in late June.

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