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New Deputy Named for the Deschutes National Forest

BEND –Mary Farnsworth will be the new Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Deschutes National Forest beginning September 15th. She hails from the Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in western Idaho where she has been the District Ranger since 2003.



Growing up in San Diego, California, Farnsworth achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management in 1989 from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. Mary’s Forest Service career began while she was still in college, working summers at the Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest in Washington. There she learned the ropes in timber, wildlife, engineering and fire disciplines.

After graduation in the summer of 1990, Mary worked right here in Central Oregon as a Redmond Hotshot. “With that experience, I gained a huge appreciation and desire to move into fire management,” says Farnsworth. In 1991, she transferred to the Tahoe National Forest in California, then on to the Eldorado National Forest as the District Fire Management Officer.

By 2000, Mary was moving on to Forest Service headquarters in Washington D.C. as a Fire Management Specialist. In our nation’s capital, she worked on implementation of the National Fire Plan and development of the Healthy Forest Initiative.

Mary is a gardener specializing in the cultivation of gourds, which she then crafts into birdhouses. She is an avid outdoorswoman, enjoying cycling, backpacking and sea kayaking. In this active life she also finds time to spend with her two cats, Ernie and Lou.

“I’m really excited about coming to the Deschutes National Forest,” says Farnsworth. “I look forward to the new challenges and to working with people at the Forest and in the Central Oregon communities.”

