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JERRY PEREZ SELECTED AS DEPUTY REGIONAL FORESTER

Ogden, Utah— The Forest Service announced that Jerome E. Perez (Jerry) has been selected as the Deputy Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region. Regional Forester Harv Forsgren made the decision public Friday.

“Jerry brings a wealth of experience accumulated from assignments at every organizational level of the outfit and from five Regions,” said Forsgren. “He has a demonstrated track record that evidences a strong land ethic, a passion for public service, and a commitment to providing a safe and rewarding environment for employees. We would like to welcome Jerry and his wife to our Region.”

As Deputy Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region, Perez will work directly under Forsgren. He will assist in management of the Region and its forests. The Region consists of 12 National Forests in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho and western Wyoming.

Perez graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management in 1985. He received a law degree in 2005 from The Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1989-1991 in Ghana, Africa.

With almost twenty years of Federal Service, Perez’s experience ranges all over the agency from Public Affairs Specialist to Environmental Coordinator. His current position is Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky.

Perez said “It’s an honor to be selected as the Deputy for the Intermountain Region. My wife and I are looking forward to moving to Utah. I’m eager to get to know the Region better and help manage the public lands in these beautiful forests.”

Perez will be the first to hold the single Deputy position in the Region. The Region previously consisted of two Deputies, but the positions were recently combined into one. He replaces Mary Wagner, who accepted the Regional Forester position in Oregon, and Cathy Beaty, who retired.

Perez will report to Ogden, Utah in January.

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