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NEW WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR SELECTED

MILWAUKEE (July 11, 2008) – Eastern Regional Forester Kent Connaughton today announced the selection of Jo Reyer as the forest supervisor of the Wayne National Forest in southeastern Ohio.

“We are extremely pleased to have Jo assume a new leadership position in the Eastern Region,” Connaughton said. “She brings a wealth of experience, skills, and knowledge to her new position, and will continue to provide valuable perspectives to our Regional Leadership Team. Although I will miss having her on my staff in Milwaukee, she will make wonderful contributions to the Wayne National Forest and surrounding communities.”

“I’m really excited to return to on-the-ground management of a national forest, and look forward to getting to know the employees, ecosystems, and communities of the Wayne National Forest,” Reyer said.

Reyer comes to the Wayne from her current position as the Director of Planning, Appeals, and Litigation in the Forest Service’s Eastern Regional Office in Milwaukee, a position she’s held since 2004. She replaces Mary Reddan, who retired from the Forest Service in March, and acting forest supervisor Jerri Marr, who will return to West Virginia’s Monongahela National Forest as deputy forest supervisor.

Reyer began her Forest Service career as a forestry technician on the Chippewa National Forest in northern Minnesota in 1978, and later served that forest as a public affairs specialist and environmental coordinator. In 1986 she moved to Montana as the public affairs officer for the Bitterroot National Forest, and later served as an assistant ranger on that forest’s Darby Ranger District. In 1990 she became the Medford district ranger on the Chequamegon National Forest in northern Wisconsin. From 1994 to 2001 she served as the Gunflint district ranger on the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota. Following that, she was the public services team leader for the Superior National Forest, managing programs in recreation, wilderness, lands, heritage resources, and public affairs. She also has had temporary assignments with the U.S. Institute for

Environmental Conflict Resolution in Tucson, Arizona and as acting forest supervisor of the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Jo is a graduate of Bemidji State University in Minnesota, with a degree in environmental studies. She has pursued an interest in alternative dispute resolution and mediation, completing courses at Hamline Law School in St. Paul, MN.

Jo will be moving to Ohio in mid-August with her husband Gene Plewe, a small business owner. Daughter Robin (27) lives in New York City and son Marty (23) is a college student in Duluth, MN.

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