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Forest Service Welcomes Robin Estes to Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts

Colville National Forest is very pleased to welcome Robin Estes to the Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts where she will serve as the "Acting" District Ranger in a temporary 3.5 month assignment. Estes brings a wide range of skills and experience to her work, and is no stranger to this forest or the local community; she started her career at Colville National Forest in 1981 as a survey technician.

Since she left the area in 1996, Robin has worked for land management agencies throughout the northwest, including the Washington State Department of Natural Resources at its headquarters in Olympia, WA, and the Bureau of Land Management in both Spokane, WA, and Lakeview, OR.

In her current position as Associate District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Coos Bay District, Estes is responsible for directing district programs and operations that include planning, budget, protection and resource management on approximately 325,000 acres of public lands. She is granted full Line Officer authority with the Forest Service as authorized by the National Service First Memorandum of Understanding, and Forest Service Manuals.

"I am happy to be back to enjoy this record snow year and to witness the many positive changes on the forest and in the community," she said. "I look forward to working with colleagues old and new on the forest and friends in the community. I have a lot of enthusiasm and desire to be as helpful as possible, to support the forest and the community in meeting their goals."

It is customary for government agencies to share employees, or to place individuals in temporary assignments that highlight their skills and experience. Robin Estes is a delightful addition to Colville National Forest's workforce, and we hope that you will join us in welcoming her to our community.

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