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FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 2009-- Hank Kashdan has been named associate chief for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Chief Abigail Kimbell announced today. Kashdan, who had been serving as deputy chief for business operations, will be the Forest Service's highest ranking executive after Kimbell.

"Hank brings 35 years of operational and natural resource level of the agency to this position." Kimbell said. He has been a key figure in our managerial discipline, and centralized services, as well as Civilian Conservation Centers."

source management experience from all levels. "I look forward to him taking on these new efforts to address a new safety culture, as well as reinvigoration of our Job Corps

"I am honored by the confidence and trust Chief Kimbell has placed in me," said Kashdan. "I will welcome the challenges of the future as we work the resources."

crucial decisions and demands on natural resources."

Kashdan began his service as a Senior Executive in the Forest Service budget director, a position he held through including assistant director in law enforcement and Kashdan worked in duty stations throughout the country including Washington State, California, and Oregon prior to

2001 when he was appointed the Forest Service national forest administrative officer. He has worked in a variety of positions including in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, and coming to Washington in 1993.

Kashdan is a graduate of Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. Here he replaces Sally Collins who was recently named director of the new Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets located within the office of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Charles "Chuck" Myers was named to replace Hank Kashdan as deputy chief for business operations. Since March, 2008, Myers served as associate deputy chief for the National Forest System in Washington, DC. "Chuck's experiences at all levels of the agency and proven leadership skills make him an excellent choice for leading our operations work," said Kimbell. "He knows how the choices we make in operations affect the work we do in accomplishing our mission."

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"I look forward to the new assignment and the challenge it provides," Myers said. From 2005 until March 2008, Chuck served as regional forester for the southern region of the U.S. Forest Service. Over his 30 years with the Forest Service he held positions in New Hampshire,

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Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and West Virginia. Myers was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania and is a 1972 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with an undergraduate degree in Forest Science and a Master of Science degree in Forestry.

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