



## News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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### **Blackwell Job Corps CCC welcomes new Center Director**

**Rhineland, Wis. – January 27, 2009.** Riana Ventura is Blackwell's new Center Director. She began her duties in early January. As the Center Director, she will be managing the career technical training and educational center at Blackwell, which accommodates 200 male and female students and employs 65 staff members.

Ventura is new to the Forest Service, however, she has an extensive background with the National Park Service in management and administrative functions, as well as several volunteer activities that make her well-qualified for this key leadership role at the Center. "We are pleased that Riana has been selected for this position and know she will be highly effective as the Center Director," said Forest Supervisor, Jeanne Higgins. "We look forward to continue strengthening our partnership with the Center and the Forest."



Ventura is a Wabeno High School graduate. She and her husband, Oscar, and their two children will be residing in the Athelstane area. "I'm looking forward to working with the Forest, Job Corps and the communities. I am also excited to return to my hometown," she said.

#### **About Blackwell:**

Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is located on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National forest between Laona and Wabeno in Forest County. Blackwell offers federal scholarships for young adults under the age of 25. In addition to diversity training, students at Blackwell receive academic training that leads to completion of an HSED or High School Diploma as well as vocational training in Welding, Union Bricklaying and Tile Setting, Union Carpentry, Union Construction Craft Laborer, Union Painting, Health Occupations (CNA), Business Technologies, and Electrician Training. For information on Blackwell JCCCC or to arrange a tour, please call Penny McLaughlin at (715) 674-7654. To fill out a free application for a Blackwell scholarship, please call Joe Kovach at 920-435-1543.