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New District Manager Selected for Coos Bay BLM

North Bend – The Coos Bay District of the Bureau of Land Management has a new District Manager. Mark Johnson, a long time Coos County resident and veteran BLM employee, began his new position as District Manager this week.

Oregon and Washington BLM State Director, Elaine Brong, selected Johnson to fill the position left vacant when former District Manager Sue Richardson accepted a job in Washington, D.C late last year.

“Mark is a dedicated and experienced manager who is well prepared to assume the position of District Manager for the Coos Bay District,” stated Brong.

Johnson has worked for the BLM in Oregon and Idaho since 1979 in various field and managerial positions. He joined the Coos Bay District in 1997, and served most recently as the Associate District Manager for the District.

In addition to his varied BLM experience, Johnson is a Coos County native and long-time Oregonian. He graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay and received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Oregon State University in Soil Science.

As District Manager, Johnson will be responsible for the management of about 330,000 acres of scattered public lands on the west slopes of the Coast Range from Florence to the California border. The Coos Bay District employs approximately 150 people.

Johnson is eager to bring his local perspective to the District. “I am very grateful to represent the BLM and Coos Bay District employees,” said Johnson. “Being a native of Coos County, I understand the important role BLM lands play in this region. I look forward to working with the many people who have an interest in BLM land management.

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