BLM Selects New Roseburg District Manager

Portland, Ore. – Oregon/Washington State Director Ed Shepard announced the selection of Katrina Symons as the new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Roseburg District Manager. Symons has been the Field Manager of the Grants Pass Field Office since September 2004.

“Katrina understands how essential the BLM’s relationships with local and tribal governments, elected officials, state and federal agencies, and interest groups are to carrying out the agency’s mission,” said State Director Ed Shepard. “Her passion for her work in natural resources and her day-to-day knowledge of the BLM’s programs in western Oregon equips her well for working with the employees, communities and partners in the Roseburg District.”

Symons will report to the Roseburg District on March 11, 2012, replacing Jay Carlson who retired at the end of 2011. Mark Buckbee is the Acting District Manager until Symons’ report date. The Roseburg District Manager serves as the line manager and advises the State Director on policies and programs pertinent to the Roseburg District as they relate to the management of natural resources on public lands.

Symons graduated Magna cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in forest management. Before she became the Grants Pass Field Manager, Symons was a Natural Resource Staff Administrator and a Planning and Environmental Coordinator at the Tillamook Field Office from 1997 to 2004. She has demonstrated skills in restoring watershed health, helping employees plan new avenues for career development, and mentoring students so they can learn about and work with natural resources.

The Roseburg District in southwestern Oregon contains dense stands of Douglas-fir, hemlock, and cedar. Its streams and rivers are home to anadromous (sea run) fish stocks vital to commercial fishing and world-class sport fishing. The local economy relies on the wood products industry, vineyards and other agriculture, and the many tourists who are drawn to the scenic and recreation attractions within the District boundary.

More information about the BLM’s Roseburg District and its programs is available online at: http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/index.php

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about $1 billion, the bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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