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Marcilynn Burke Named Deputy Director of the Bureau of Land Management

Washington, D.C. – Bureau of Land Management Director Robert Abbey today announced Marcilynn Burke, an attorney and professor at the University of Houston Law Center, as deputy director for policy of the BLM.

“Marcilynn Burke brings a well-rounded knowledge of natural resource and environmental stewardship issues to the table,” Abbey said. “Her expertise in renewable energy and other land management issues will make her a valuable member of the BLM’s leadership team.”

Burke most recently taught environmental law courses on land use and its management, natural resources, and property at the University of Houston Law Center in Texas. She has also served as visiting assistant professor of law at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden, N.J., and at Seattle University School of Law. She previously was with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in Washington, D.C, where she focused on environmental law, antitrust, and civil and criminal litigation.

Burke received her bachelor’s degree in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her law degree from Yale Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Raymond A. Jackson of the Eastern District of Virginia.

The BLM manages more land - 256 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, 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. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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