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Forest Supervisor Tapped to Lead BLM's National Conservation Lands Program

Washington, D.C. – Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze today announced the selection of long-time public lands manager Kristin Bail to head the BLM's 15-year old National Conservation Lands program in the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters. Bail is currently the Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in North Carolina with the U.S. Forest Service. She will report to her new position September 6.

"Kristin comes to us with a passion for the National Conservation Lands and a commitment to collaborative management," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "Kristin's many years of field experience, broad leadership capability and deep knowledge of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System make her an outstanding choice for this position."

Bail brings an abundance of experience from just over 30 years of public land management service across Oregon, Arizona, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. She began her federal career as a student trainee at the BLM's Oregon State Office and has since had extensive experience in field positions as well as in policy and leadership roles throughout the BLM and Forest Service, including a staff position in the BLM's National Conservation Lands System.

"I am thrilled to return to the BLM in this position," Bail said. "I have watched this program over the years grow from an idea to the tremendous program that it has become today. I'm glad to be part of it."

Bail grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and has a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Washington State University. Her husband, Barron, retired from the BLM in 2010 after a 32 year career with the agency. She enjoys hiking, tennis, and weaving.

The National Conservation Lands encompass 874 units and more than 30 million acres of public lands across the nation. The mission of the National Conservation Lands is to conserve, protect, and restore these nationally significant landscapes that are recognized for their outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. These public lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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