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BLM Selects New Salem District Manager

Portland, Ore. – Today, Ed Shepard, the Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Director, announced the selection of Mr. Miles Brown as the District Manager for the BLM’s office in Salem, Oregon. Mr. Brown is currently the BLM’s Branch Chief of Rangeland Resource, Recreation, and Wilderness in Portland, Oregon.

“Miles brings a broad range of knowledge and skills to this position and a deep loyalty to the legacy of the BLM,” said BLM Oregon State Director, Ed Shepard. “From his pragmatic and sensitive efforts on the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area negotiations and his work in the development of rangeland partnerships in New Mexico, to his insights on watershed enhancement boards, forest health, and O&C commitments in Coos Bay, Miles has done it all,” continued Shepard.

Miles began his Federal career in 1977 and has held various roles with the BLM including: Supervisory Range Conservationist, Natural Resources Specialist, Field Manager, and State Office Branch Chief. He replaces Aaron Horton, who is retiring after a 35-year Federal career.

Mr. Brown will serve as the line manager and advise the State Director on policies and programs pertinent to the Salem District as they relate to the management of natural resources. The 403,000-acre Salem District employs 150 foresters, land surveyors, wildlife biologists, hydrologists, fish biologists, botanists, outdoor recreation planners, civil engineers, computer specialists, fire managers, law enforcement officers, and other specialists to manage BLM lands in the District.

The District’s northern boundary is the Columbia River, and its southern boundary lies halfway between Salem and Eugene. From east to west, the District stretches from the crest of the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean. Seventy-three percent of Oregon’s population lives within the boundaries of the Salem District. The District manages its forests for recreation, wildlife, forest products, and more. Sightseeing, camping, hiking, boating, hunting, fishing, cutting fire wood, and collecting mushrooms are just a few of the activities Oregonians enjoy on BLM Salem lands.

The Salem District has a mixed pattern of ownership with large areas of private, State, and other Federal agency lands – coupled with significant urban interface issues. “Miles’ excellent partnership development skills will serve him well in working with stakeholders associated with key Salem District resources and programs, such as the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area in Newport,” continued Shepard. Additional information about the BLM’s Salem District and its programs is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>

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