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Kathryn Stangl Selected as Eugene District Manager

Portland, Oregon – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces Kathryn (Kathy) Stangl as the new Eugene district manager. Stangl replaces Robert Towne, who was the interim district manager after Ginnie Grilley retired in March 2014.

With a bachelor's degree in biology, Stangl applied her education as a fisheries extension agent in the Central African Republic with the Peace Corps. She then began her federal service career with the BLM Cottonwood Field Office in Idaho as a fisheries biologist, preparing biological assessments and conducting field studies. Over the next decade, Stangl moved into leadership positions in Burley, Idaho, and Susanville and Arcata, California. Prior to accepting this position, Stangl served as the national Greater Sage-Grouse project manager, where she led the team effort to complete 15 Environmental Impact Statements and amend nearly 100 land use plans.

"Kathy's strong background in environmental planning will be a great asset for the district, especially as we move forward with completing the resource management plans," said State Director Jerome Perez.

On returning to the west, Stangl said: "I've gained a wealth of experience in D.C., and look forward to bridging the East and West Coast through my connections and knowledge of BLM policies. My goal will be to establish a successful merger of the two districts over the next two years."

Over the past five months, Towne conducted an assessment on the restructuring of the Eugene and Salem districts, which led to a plan for consolidation. "Robert's thoughtful leadership has set the stage for Kathy to make the consolidation a reality," said Perez. Kathy will begin her 2 year assignment on November 3, 2014.

The Eugene district manager advises the state director on public policies and programs within the district. The district extends from the Pacific Coast into the western slopes of the Cascade Range, encompassing 316,000 acres. More than 200,000 visitors a year come to the Eugene district to sightsee, hike, fish, swim, hunt, picnic and pursue other recreational activities. For more information, visit:

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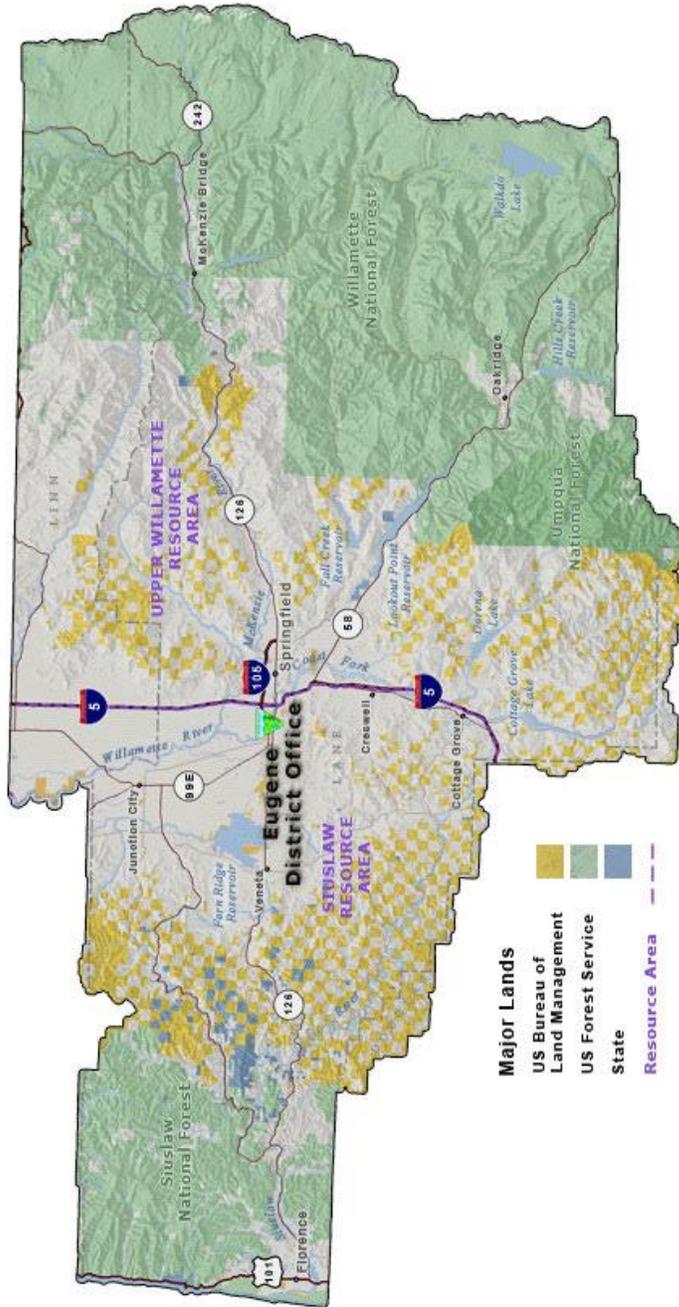
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