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FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 2009 - - Hank Kashdan has been named associate chief for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Chief Abigail Kimbell announced today. Kashdan, who had been serving as deputy chief for business operations, will be the Forest Service's highest ranking executive after Kimbell.

"Hank brings 35 years of operational and natural resource management experience from all levels of the agency to this position," Kimbell said. "I look forward to him taking on these new responsibilities. He has been a key figure in our efforts to address a new safety culture, managerial discipline, and centralized services, as well as reinvigoration of our Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers."

"I am honored by the confidence and trust Chief Kimbell has placed in me," said Kashdan. "I welcome the challenges of the future as we work the crucial decisions and demands on natural resources."

Kashdan began his service as a Senior Executive in 2001 when he was appointed the Forest Service budget director, a position he held through 2005. He has worked in a variety of positions including assistant director in law enforcement and national forest administrative officer. Kashdan worked in duty stations throughout the country in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Washington State, California, and Oregon prior to coming to Washington in 1993.

Kashdan is a graduate of Humboldt State University, in Arcata, California. He replaces Sally Collins who was recently named director of the new Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets located within the office of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Charles "Chuck" Myers was named to replace Hank Kashdan as deputy chief for business operations. Since March, 2008, Myers served as associate deputy chief for the National Forest System in Washington, DC. "Chuck's experiences at all levels of the agency and proven leadership skills make him an excellent choice for leading our operations work," said Kimbell. "He knows how the choices we make in operations affects the work we do in accomplishing our mission."

"I look forward to the new assignment and the challenges it provides," Myers said. From 2005 until March 2008, Chuck served as regional forester for the southern region of the

U.S. Forest Service. Over his 30 years with the Forest Service he held positions in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and West Virginia. Myers was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania and is a 1972 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with an undergraduate degree in Forest Science and a Master of Science degree in Forestry.

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