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Forest Service Selects Forest Supervisor For Coronado National Forest

Albuquerque, NM, November 10, 2003—The U.S. Forest Service has selected Jeanine Derby as forest supervisor for the Coronado National Forest, Arizona.

Southwestern Region Regional Forester Harv Forsgren announced today that Derby, the Los Padres National Forest, Calif., forest supervisor, will become the Coronado NF forest supervisor in January 2004.

“Jeanine is a veteran forester who has demonstrated her skills in professional forest management,” Forsgren said. Derby’s 28-year Forest Service career includes being the forest supervisor for the Cibola NF, N.M., in the mid-1990s. “We welcome her back to the Southwestern Region,” Forsgren said.

Derby has been the forest supervisor on the Los Padres NF for six years. She has a bachelor of science in biology from the University of California, Riverside, and a master of science in biology from California State College, San Bernardino. She was a botanist and ecologist on the San Bernardino NF for 10 years, followed by positions as district ranger on the Sequoia NF and deputy forest supervisor on the Lincoln NF. Following the Lincoln NF, Derby assumed her position at the Cibola NF prior to the Los Padres NF.

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“I am truly honored to be selected for this exciting opportunity,” Derby said. “I will leave a piece of my heart with the Los Padres National Forest, but at the same time, I am eager to know the employees on the Coronado NF and to begin serving the Arizona communities surrounding those beautiful ‘sky islands.’”

From the Los Padres NF’s regional office, Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Jack Blackwell said, “Our loss is the Coronado NF’s gain.” He said, “I am very happy for Jeanine, but I am sorry to lose her here in California. She has done a very good job in dealing with some difficult issues here, and I know that she will serve the people and the land well in her new job.”

Deputy Forest Supervisor Sue Kozacek has served as acting forest supervisor at the Coronado NF since the transition of former Forest Supervisor John McGee as visiting professor to the University of Arizona’s School of Renewable Natural Resources in September.