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New Deputy Forest Supervisor for Plumas

Maria Garcia has been selected as the Plumas National Forest's new Deputy Forest Supervisor, announced Regional Forester Bernie Weingardt. "Maria has an ideal mix of skills and experience for this job."

Currently the Mt. Hough District Ranger on the Plumas, Maria is an archeologist by training, working in academia and private consulting before joining the Forest Service in 1989. For ten years she conducted and oversaw surveys for a wide variety of projects on the Carson National Forest in New Mexico, was involved in numerous interpretive projects, and was the Forest liaison with the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office. In 1999 she became the Carson public affairs officer. She also served as an information officer on the New Mexico Type II Incident Management Team for two years. She was a deputy district ranger on the Santa Fe National Forest for three years and during this time completed acting ranger assignments on the Gila and Prescott National Forests. Maria came to her current job on the Plumas in 2004. Highlights of her work here include planning and implementation of Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group projects and implementation of the Maidu Tribe Pilot Stewardship project. As she also displayed in a detail as Acting Stanislaus Deputy Forest Supervisor last year, Maria has the ability to connect well with internal and external audiences, and build effective relationships with groups.

"I am also very impressed by Maria's commitment to Civil Rights and Tribal Relations, which she has displayed in a number of ways over the years," said Weingardt. "Her efforts to help diversify our workforce have been greatly appreciated."

Maria is married to Kurt Winchester who is also a Forest Service employee. They have three grown daughters, Alycia, Marisa and Alexandra, a graduate of Quincy High School.

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