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NEW HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS SUPERVISOR SELECTED

MILWAUKEE (May 23, 2008) – Eastern Regional Forester Kent Connaughton today announced the selection of Barry Paulson as the Forest Supervisor of the Huron-Manistee National Forests in northern Michigan.

“We are tremendously excited to welcome Barry back to the Eastern Region,” Connaughton said. “He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new position, and will provide a valuable perspective to our Regional Leadership Team.”

Paulson comes to the Huron-Manistee from his current position as the deputy forest supervisor and resource staff officer on the Bitterroot National Forest in Hamilton, Montana, where he’s worked since 2004. He replaces Leanne Marten, who transferred to Pennsylvania as the Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest earlier this year.

Paulson began his Forest Service career as a seasonal forestry technician on the Caribou National Forest in southeastern Idaho in 1979. Following two seasons in Idaho, he worked as a forestry technician and later as a wildlife biologist on the Nicolet National Forest in northern Wisconsin. In 1988 he moved to northern Minnesota to manage a district wildlife program on the Chippewa National Forest. Paulson also worked 10 years on the Helena National Forest in western Montana, as both a district and forest wildlife biologist. In 1999, he became the Great Divide district ranger on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in northern Wisconsin, until moving on to the Bitterroot National Forest.

Barry and his wife, Kathy, are both graduates of the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He graduated in 1980 with Bachelor of Science degrees in wildlife management and biology. Kathy graduated in 1982 with a degree in resource management and a minor in environmental education. Kathy is currently employed at a Montana State University agricultural research station, where she works in the biological control program designed to assist in controlling invasive weed species. In their free time, the Paulsons enjoy landscaping, antiquing, skiing, golfing, hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, and exploring the countryside.

He will report for duty in Cadillac, MI later this summer.

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