



Service First Update

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Update on expiring authority for Service First

Remember, though Service First authority and the National MOU do expire at the end of FY11, language that proposes permanent authority is in the FY12 House Appropriations Bill. Service First is also referenced in the House Report (see my July 22, 2011 Update). If there is a Continuing Resolution for the FY12 budget, it will contain language that extends the Service First authority until the budget passes. All four agencies at the executive level support permanent authority, and the DOI is interested in forming a Service First Council. Stay tuned on those developments.

Two (2) acting National Coordinators

In the true spirit of interagency cooperation, we have two people working as a team on Service First tasks that need immediate or ongoing attention. Please hold non-urgent matters until the new coordinator is in place.

Bill Dunkelberger will travel to DC as needed from Durango, and is handling:

- all matters related to budget, permanent authority and the SF GAO report (new)
- the next Service First Leadership Team meeting in October
- all urgent and time sensitive matters

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Linda Coates-Markle is coordinating with six SF teams largely from her Denver office:

- SF Agreements Working Group (streamlining into one process)
- SF National MOU Rewrite Team (to synchronize w/FY12 budget passage)
- Four SF executive teams involved with planning SF Workshops in FY 12 (Denver, Portland, Anchorage, Albuquerque)

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FYI, Bill has been the San Juan Public Lands Deputy Forest Supervisor and Associate BLM Center Manager and since October 2008. Prior to moving to the San Juan Mountains, he spent six years as the BLM Field Office Manager in Bishop, California where he worked with the Forest Service, National Park Service, local Paiute

Indian tribes, and the City of Los Angeles to integrate public land management across the eastern Sierra Nevada region. Bill lived and worked in Colorado for 17 years before moving to California. He managed the Arapaho National Recreation Area near Granby for three years and was the Forest Service recreation ranger stationed in Telluride for several years before that. He moved to Telluride in 1982 to be a ski bum and ended up managing the Telluride Nordic Center for nine years before going to work for the Forest Service. Bill holds a degree in Recreation and Park Administration from Washington State University. After graduation, he worked as an outdoor education coordinator at the University of Idaho and as a wilderness ranger on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington. Bill and his family live in Durango and spend time on the public lands as much as possible.

Linda has been with the BLM for the past 16 years and has held natural resource science, outreach and management positions at the field, state and W.O. levels. Her education (BSc, Msc, PhD candidate) has been in the areas of animal and plant ecology, and equine, wildlife and range management. She is currently serving as a Special Projects Coordinator for the BLM's Division of Renewable Resources and Planning in Washington DC, having recently left the position of BLM Liaison for the Society for Range Management which she held since September 2006. In this position she was part of the team who serve in the WO Division of Rangeland Resources. Previous to this, she served 11 years as the Montana/Dakotas State Lead for the Wild Horse and Burro Program (WHB) while collaboratively serving as the BLM WHB National Research Coordinator.

Happy trails to you...

I'm excited about this next phase of my career working with the Wild Horse and Burro folks at BLM and a wide variety of partners, but naturally feel some regret at leaving work I also loved, focusing on helping the four agencies work more effectively across bureaucratic boundaries for the good of the land, the public and for us to operate more efficiently. There is a lot going on with Service First at national, regional/state and field levels. I know it's important to the three DOI Deputies and the FS Deputy Chief (and not surprisingly, also to me) that momentum not be diminished.

I've received many emails from so many of you, and appreciate the kind words. I hope that I can continue to connect and work from this new position with folks from national wildlife refuges, national park units, national forests and grasslands, as the rest of the public lands. If that doesn't happen, I want you to know how much I've enjoyed our interactions and association. The fed work force is full of wonderful people and it's been my privilege to get to know and appreciate so many more of you from this perch in Washington. I highly recommend it. DC is a great place to work and live and recreate!

Effective August 15th, my office number will be 202-912-7260 Email is the same: jguilfoyle@blm.gov

...until we meet again. See you on the range!

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