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# Engineering Bulletin Board

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## Sharing Noteworthy Information

Washington Office (WO) Engineering and its detached units comprise a dynamic organization in which engineers frequently broaden their expertise by taking on new responsibilities. Accommodating rapidly changing technology, challenges in effectively using competitive outsourcing, and fluctuating funding allocations require engineers to use all their resources wisely. We plan to chronicle those shifting responsibilities, career changes, and career opportunities, and to share brief noteworthy engineering information contributed by USDA Forest Service engineers. Please send your contributions to Sandy Grimm at SandraGrimm/WO/USDA@FSNOTES or sgrimm@fs.fed.us.

## Career Changes (January to May 2003)

### Geospatial Services and Technology Center (GSTC)

and

### Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC)

Mel Bacon retired in January after 19 years as budget officer for GSTC and RSAC and more than 37 years of Federal Government service. Charlene McDougald assumed Mel's former position. Bob Earl, former unit leader for applications and technical assistance in the GIS Group, also retired in January. Loren (Bryce) Eddy was promoted to contracting officer for the Utah Procurement Center to succeed Janie Durk, who has transferred to the Rural Housing Development agency in Salt Lake City. RSAC's Paul Greenfield is now with WO Engineering.

### Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC)

Susan Eichthen has joined MTDC as the front desk receptionist through a reassignment from Region 1 under the senior citizen employment program (SCSEP). Deborah Mucci has assumed more responsibilities and earned a promotion. She is a mechanical engineering technician who performs cartography and drafting functions for the center.

### San Dimas Technology and Development Center (SDTDC)

Ryan Becker has been promoted to a mechanical engineer-project leader position. Dale Dague is on a 90-day detail to WO Fire & Aviation Management as the liaison to the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration for disaster assistance. Michael Mitchell, a civil engineer from the Lolo National Forest, has been promoted to senior project leader. David Haston, a mechanical engineer and project leader, is joining SDTDC from a fire apparatus manufacturing company.

### Washington Office (WO)

Paul Greenfield is the new remote sensing program manager. Bill Hamele is the acting facilities program manager while Josiah Kim is on a 6-month detail as acting deputy director of engineering in Region 9. Fong Ou retired in April as the WO staff's information systems analyst and Jim Padgett retired in January from his position as program manager for geotechnical

and dams engineering. Leslie Walrath, formerly with the U.S. Army Forces Command in Fort Bragg, NC, joined Tom Moore and Sherri Clark on the Environmental Compliance and Protection staff as the water and waste management program manager. In May, Kathy Zirbser, who was formerly with the WO budget staff, headed west to become a regional environmental engineer in Ogden, UT. Mike Ash, formerly deputy director of engineering, became deputy regional forester for the Pacific Northwest Region in mid-April after a stint as the team leader on the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Review Team in Vallejo, CA.

### In Memoriam

Brian Lesser, longtime computer specialist with WO Engineering, died on February 17. We will miss his quiet presence.