
Engineering Bulletin Board

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CAREER CHANGES

(June to December 2003)

GEOSPATIAL SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (GSTC)

Dreama Pitman was promoted from lead purchasing agent to contract specialist with the departure of **Bryce Eddy** and was succeeded by **Nelda Montgomery**. Purchasing agent **Debbie Lucero** assumed Nelda's former position. In the GIS group, **David Watkins** became the training and technology integration unit leader as **Bruce Williams** moved to the Bureau of Land Management in Roseburg, OR; **Aaron Stanford** assumed duties as applications and technical assistance unit leader; and GIS Analyst **Michelle Harley-Lloyd** earned a career promotion. Both **Don Johnson** and **Robert Coulter** are now cartographers (project leaders) in the digital mapping group. Information Technology Specialist **Dianna Openshaw** earned a promotion and Property Technician **Ron Gow** was promoted for assuming additional property management responsibilities. **Michael Courtney** transferred from Oracle DBA in the IRM Unit to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration.

REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS CENTER (RSAC)

Everett Hinkley, Region 10 regional photogrammetrist, joined the RSAC staff as the liaison and special group leader in early November. **Dave Vanderzanden**, assistant program leader for training and technology awareness program and national geospatial applications helpdesk manager, left RSAC in June to become the assistant remote sensing specialist for Region 6.

MISSOULA TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MTDC)

Kristen Thall, formerly with the content analysis team in the Northern Region office, became the MTDC's new information assistant in early September. In mid-August, Ian Grob joined the staff as a phototechnologist after serving in the same capacity with the Harley-Davidson Company in Wisconsin. In November, **James Scott Groenier** joined MTDC as a structural engineer after serving as a civil engineer in Region 9. Scott supports the T&D and Wood in Transportation programs, as well as the Forest Products Laboratory. **Scott Kesler**, a geography and business student at the University of Montana, is now working as an editorial assistant at MTDC. **Mary Trankel** accepted the newly created webmaster position at MTDC in November.

SAN DIMAS TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SDTDC)

SDTDC welcomed two new watershed specialists: **Dan Cenderelli** from the Olympic National Forest and **Carolyn Napper** from the Lassen National Forest. **Dale Dague** was promoted to branch chief for disaster operations on the Washington Office Fire and Aviation staff. Maintenance Worker **Gail Lisko** resigned. **Greg Napper** left the Lassen National Forest to become a civil engineer with SDTDC.

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In June, **Misty Alvarez**, formerly a project manager for engineering and air tanker bases at SDTDC, assumed program manager responsibilities for engineering information management. Also in June, **Wilbur Martinez** became a budget coordinator for the programs and budget staff. **Marcia Thomas**, who hails from RSAC, served a short detail to handle the intense budget activity in December. **Bill Hamele** continues as the acting facilities program manager following **Josiah Kim**, who accepted a position as deputy director of engineering in Region 9. In September, former budget coordinator **Craig Lasser** succeeded **Leslie Walrath**, who returned to the private sector, as the water and waste management program manager. **Sherrie Clark** left the environmental management position for a challenging position with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and **Donna Kim**, of the WO Rocks and Minerals staff, is temporarily detailed to help until Sherrie's position is filled. While **Deb Beighley** was detailed to the Chief's Process Predicament Team, **Lyn Gillespie** from Region 5 handled her duties. Deb has resumed her WO Engineering functions while she continues to support the team. Two new employees joined the capital resources staff in the fall of 2003: Environmental Engineer **James Demby** succeeded retiree **Jim Padgett** as the geotechnical dams engineer and **Ellen LaFayette**, formerly of Region 9, joined the staff as the transportation development engineer. **Rosana Barkawi** assumed bridge engineer responsibilities for the capital resources staff in December. **Lou Leibbrand** succeeded **Ron Skillings** in early January 2004 as the new T&D program manager.