
Engineering Bulletin Board

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Career Changes, July to December 2004

Geospatial Services and Technology Center (GSTC)—Photographic Technician Wes Bryant became a cartographic technician in the Digital Elevation Model Unit of Photogrammetry in June and Purchasing Agent Nelda Montgomery was promoted in early July. For 2 months this summer, GSTC Supervisory Contract Specialist Jo Lippire was the acting director of acquisition management in Region 2. Two contract specialists from other units—Ron Penrose, from the Lolo National Forest, and Tori Blunt, from the Ashley National Forest, supported the GSTC staff in June and July.

Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC)—Kelly Williams joined RSAC in June through the Student Temporary Employee Program (STEP). Kelly assists the staff with the daily operations of the MODIS Active Fire mapping program and manages the USDA Forest Service satellite image archive. Keith Lannom, RSAC's operations program leader, will become the Tellico District Ranger for the Cherokee National Forest.

Missoula Technology and Development Center—Tammy Petersen joined MTDC as a financial technician in March. Two additional employees arrived during the summer: Kendall Mingey is a Web intern and Connie McMichael is the new electronics lab technician. Maggie Pittman, support program leader, became the Missoula District Ranger for the Lolo National Forest on October 4. She served as acting district ranger for 4 months this summer.

San Dimas Technology and Development Center—Ralph Gonzales was promoted to fire program leader upon Ralph Taylor's retirement. Tony Edwards transferred to the Pike and San Isabel National Forests as the Physical Resources staff officer.

Washington Office (WO)—Belated recognition goes to SDTDC's Brent Norum for his invaluable behind-the-scenes computer assistance during two stints in the Washington Office earlier in the year. Summer details included Craig Lasser's 2 weeks with the Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources staff as a budget coordinator and Bill Hamele's 6-week detail to the Clearwater National

Forest through early September. Craig also spent late September through November as the Acting South Zones Engineer in Custer, SD. Bethany Barron, on a 2-week detail from the Rocky Mountain Region, worked closely with the Infra staff on a new wastewater module during Craig's absence.

Two new employees joined the Washington Office staff in July. Patti Witherspoon, the staff's budget analyst, was formerly with the USDA Forest Service Program and Budget staff. Infra welcomed new program manager Daryl Herman from the USDA Forest Service Forest and Rangelands staff.

Although Kurt Gernerd officially assumed his duties as the new assistant director for the Technical Engineering and Support staff in October, he attended the September Regional Engineer meeting in Albuquerque while completing his service with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Bobbi Baca took over as program manager for the Environmental Compliance and Protection program manager on November 1 after serving as the regional environmental engineer in Region 3. In mid-November Marion Rackley, formerly the program analyst for the Washington Office staff, stepped into the support program leader position vacated by Maggie Pittman at the Missoula Technology and Development Center.