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Bureau of Land Management Selects New Deputy State Director for the Division of Resource Planning, Use & Protection

Portland, OR,--Mike Mottice has been selected as the new Deputy State Director for the Division of Resource Planning, Use & Protection for the Oregon State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Portland, Oregon. The position directs the work of the Branch of Biological Sciences, Branch of Physical Sciences, Branch of Social Sciences & Resource Data Management, Branch of Fire and Aviation Management, and the Branch of Resource Survey, Manage, and Monitoring. The position was formerly held by Ed Shepard who is now the Assistant Director for Renewable Resources & Planning for the BLM in Washington D.C.

Mottice brings more than 23 years of resource management experience to Oregon. After spending time "on-the-ground" as a forester, surveyor and firefighter with BLM in Oregon, Mike worked for 10 years as a manager for BLM in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. For the past 4 years, Mike has worked as a resource advisor and project manager for BLM in Washington D.C. providing budget, policy and program direction for land use planning, rangelands, riparian areas, forestry, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, fisheries, wild horses and burros, and cultural resources.

Mike started his career in natural resource management as a forester with the BLM in Burns, Oregon in 1980 where he worked until 1985. From 1985 to 1990, Mike served as a forester, then as an assistant manager in the Medford District with assignments in the Klamath, Grants Pass, Glendale, and Butte Falls Resource Areas. As an Area Manager from 1990 to 2000, Mike managed a diverse array of natural resource programs in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where he worked closely with federal agencies, state and local governments, and nearby communities. Mottice graduated from the University of Montana in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management.

"Mike's commitment to natural resource management combined with his experience working in both western and eastern Oregon will greatly benefit the Oregon State Office and the public lands we are responsible for managing," said Elaine Brong, Oregon State Director.

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