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Bureau of Land Management Selects New Oregon/Washington Associate State Director

Portland, OR, - Jim Kenna has been selected as the new Associate State Director for the Oregon State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Associate State Director works closely with the State Director providing management direction to the District Offices in Oregon and Washington and to the natural resource and administrative Divisions of the Oregon State Office in Portland. The position was formerly held by Chuck Wassinger who retired in early January.

Kenna, who graduated from Prescott College in Arizona with a B.A. in Economics, brings over 28 years of government service to his new position. Kenna began his career with the BLM in Utah and has held leadership positions with the organization in Lakeview, Prineville and Burns, Oregon; Palm Springs, California; and Washington D.C.

Prior to taking the Associate State Director Position, Kenna served as the BLM's Deputy Assistant Director for Natural Resources & Planning in Washington D.C. In that post, Kenna was involved in high profile initiatives including the Proposed Grazing Regulation Revisions and Service First. Service First is an initiative which promotes cost savings and efficiencies through improved coordination and cooperation between the BLM and USDA Forest Service.

"Jim brings to the position a great deal of knowledge and experience and we are happy that he is returning to Oregon. His familiarity with the complex natural resource issues of the Pacific Northwest will be invaluable," said Elaine M. Brong, State Director, Oregon and Washington, BLM.

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