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North Central Station Names New Director

Linda R. Donoghue has been named Director of the North Central Research Station in St. Paul, Minn. The position of Station Director at the research station had been vacant for more than 4 years, after previous Station Director Ronald D. Lindmark retired on July 3, 1993. Linda has served in numerous leadership and research positions within the FS, most recently as Station Leader for the North Central Station, as the head of the leadership team which managed the Station in lieu of a Station Director. She received her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University, and has more than 25 years of experience within the agency. Linda is also the second woman to become a Station Director; the first was Barbara Weber, as PSW Station Director, who is now the Associate Deputy Chief—Research and Development, in the Washington Office.

October Is Disability Awareness Month

The month of October has been designated National Disability Employment Month, with the theme “Ability: the bridge to the future.” During this period, PSW employees are encouraged to become better acquainted with the many achievements and contributions of people with disabilities. They are also encouraged to extend their outreach for employment to include this group of individuals.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Brian Boroski, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a paper that he co-authored with R.H. Barrett, I.C. Timossi, and J.G. Kie, “Effect of using planimetric and true surface home range estimates on assessing microhabitat selection,” at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society, Sept. 21-27, in Snowmass, Colo.

* Roberta Fargo, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a paper that she co-authored with Bill Laudenslayer, “Direct observation of three-dimensional habitat use by the dusky-footed woodrats (*Neotoma fuscipes*) in oak woodlands of the southern Sierra Nevada, California,” at the 7th International Theriological Conference, Sept. 6-11, in Acapulco, Mexico.

* Bill Laudenslayer, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a paper that he co-authored with Roberta Fargo, B. Cord, and E. Mathews, “Assessing small

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Sixteen Foresters from China Visit PSW

A group of 16 foresters from Henan Province, People’s Republic of China, visited Station headquarters the morning of October 8. Acting Director Garland Mason offered them an overview of FS research at PSW. He was followed by a slide presentation by Greg McPherson, Project Leader—Urban Forestry Research, Davis. Greg discussed the Sacramento Urban Forest Ecosystem Study—a study of the benefits of having trees in a metropolitan area. Led by Li De Chen, who is Director of the Henan Provincial Forestry Bureau, the 14 men and 1 woman in the group visited PSW as part of an Urban Ecology Sino-U.S. Forestry Workshop. They are forestry officials at the provincial, county, and municipal levels in Henan, which is in central China.

The day before, the group had visited the Station’s Institute of Forest Genetics, at Placerville, where Project Leader Tom Conkle led them on a tour of the arboretum, laboratories, and field. The visitors are attempting to grow forest trees in extremely harsh soil and climatic environments in China, and were interested in discovering a range of species that may be tested in the Henan region. Prior to touring the Placerville site, the group had visited two other FS facilities: the Remote Sensing Laboratory in Sacramento, and the Placerville Nursery in Camino.

The visit to Albany was coordinated by Chris Bowen, Region 5 Office of Communications. Although the group had a translator, additional comments were provided by Mo Mei Chen, a former FS cooperater and now a forest pathologist at the University of California at Berkeley Forestry Laboratory. The group visited UC-Berkeley later that day. And when translating Greg’s remarks about applying insecticides to combat forest pests became somewhat complex, Luo Lin Xie, a SCSEP employee in the PSW Library, was able to supply the right words—she was formerly a professor of chemistry at the University of Shanghai.

Station’s Library to Post Monthly Bulletins

The PSW Library and Information Center has successfully sent out the first three of its new monthly bulletins, which revive the *Monthly Alert*, and which detail the services offered by the Library. Group Leader Sara Garetz notes that the bulletins have prompted an excellent response from both PSW and Region 5 personnel. “We in the Library want to be a partner in the information-gathering process,” said Sara. “We’re pleased to offer assistance with finding literature and with document delivery.”

(Meetings/Conferences/Seminars, cont'd.)

mammal abundance: some considerations,” at the 7th International Theriological Conference, Sept. 6-11, in Acapulco, Mexico.

* Kathleen Matthews, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, gave a talk on her research with Roland Knapp, “Frog and fish research in the high Sierra,” at a meeting of the California Biodiversity Council, Sept. 18, in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

* Phil McDonald, Forest Growth and Development Science Team, Redding, spoke on “Hardwood silviculture, artificial regeneration, sprout dynamics, and tree growth” at the Conference on Ecology of Forest-Zone Hardwoods and their Management for Wildlife and Wood Products, held Oct. 1-2 in Auburn, Calif. Phil also helped plan the conference, the goal of which was to encourage public and private landowners to begin managing their hardwood stands.

* Connie Millar, Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany, gave an introductory talk, “The biological and physical setting of the eastern Sierra,” at a meeting of the California Biodiversity Council, Sept. 18, in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

* Malcolm North, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, presented a paper that he co-authored with G. Steger, G. Eberlein, and R. Denton, “Associations of weather and nest-site structure with California spotted owl reproduction,” at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society, Sept. 21-27, in Snowmass, Colo.

* Kathy Purcell and Jared Verner, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, attended the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union, August 13-16, in Minneapolis, Minn.

* Carl Skinner, Forest Growth and Development Science Team, Redding, spoke on “The role of fire in hardwood stands,” at the Conference on Ecology of Forest-Zone Hardwoods and their Management for Wildlife and Wood Products,” held Oct. 1-2 in Auburn, Calif.

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Personnelly Speaking

Appointments

* Larry Payne, Assistant Director, Resource Programs and Assessments Staff, FS Washington Office: from Acting Associate Deputy Chief—State and Private Forestry; to Acting Deputy Chief—State and Private Forestry.

* Lucia Turner: to Assistant Station Director for Administration, Northeast Research Station, October 26.

Job Vacancy

Research Wildlife Ecologist, GS-0408-12/13, Arcata 10-25-97

Closes

Executive Calendar

October 13-17

Mason (Acting) . . . M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: AL
Aune M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Redding
Bell (Backup) M: *Holiday*; Tu: Albany; W-Th: Flagstaff, Ariz.; F: Davis
DeMuth M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Albany
Ewel M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Honolulu

October 20-24

Mason (Acting) . . . M-W: Portland, Ore.; Th-F: Albany
Aune M-F: Redding
Bell (Backup) M: Albany; Tu: AL; W-F: Albany
DeMuth M-Tu: Folsom; W-F: Albany
Ewel M-F: Honolulu

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