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Lennon Named Communication Director

George D. Lennon assumed duties on January 20 as the new Director of Communication, FS Washington Office. A former career U.S. Army officer, he succeeds Jim Caplan, who in May 1996 became Deputy Regional Forester, FS Alaska Region. In the interim, the Communication (formerly Public Affairs) Office's two Assistant Directors filled in as Acting Director. George was "selected from a slate of highly qualified public affairs professionals, both from within and outside government service," said FS Chief Mike Dombeck, in announcing the appointment. His role as CO Director, says George, is to "serve as the focal point for setting priorities and for coordinating all information gathering and disseminating systems for informing all audiences" of the FS.

George earned an English (Journalism) degree at Providence (R.I.) College, an M.S. degree in Administration at Central Michigan University, and another Master's degree in military science at the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College. During his career as an infantry officer, he rose from platoon commander to deputy regimental commander. And he has served as public affairs director at military installations and of an infantry division. Most recently he served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in Washington, D.C., as a strategic communication officer, before retiring as a lieutenant colonel last month.

Personnally Speaking

Reassignment

* Neil Berg, research hydrologist: from Watershed/Air Management Staff, FS Washington Office; to PSW, Albany, where he will serve as FS liaison to Region 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the Western States, February 2. Neil was formerly Project Leader—Watershed/Inland Fisheries Research, at PSW.

Details

* Jody Cook: from Deputy Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest; to Acting Deputy Regional Forester—Resources, FS Region 5, San Francisco, 4 months, February 15

* Ed Gee: from International Visitor Coordinator, FS Washington Office; to Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, Quincy, Calif., 4 months, February 15.

Award

* PSW Station Director Hal Salwasser presented the PSW Forest Fire Laboratory, Riverside, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chief of the Forest Service for "achieving our unsubsidized placement goal for the SCSEP Program in Program Year 1996."

Riverside Scientists Help R5 Assessments

Mike Arbaugh, a statistician with the Air Pollution/Global Change Research Unit, and Jenny Rechel, a geographer with the Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, both at Riverside, are also members of the Region 5 Southern California Forest and Woodland Assessment team. Since 1995, the goals of this team have been to collect and analyze data on the ecosystems, species, and uses of the region's forests and woodlands to identify key issues and develop recommendations for changes in resource management.

Mike and Jenny provide background and scientific information on such natural resources as fire, nitrogen deposition, ozone injury, and wildlife species and their associated habitats and forestry. Key findings to date include: riparian and aquatic habitats along the major foothill rivers which support a large number of imperiled species; the fact that in the montane conifer zone, almost 30 percent of the stands are believed to be experiencing severe understory densification; that development on private lands is threatening wildlife movement corridors; and that oak woodlands are declining because of development and poor regeneration. This information will be used in the 1999 Forest Plan Amendments.

PSW Celebrates Black History Month

PSW is celebrating African-American History Month throughout February. This year's theme is "African-Americans in Business: The Path Toward Empowerment." An integral part of the Forest Service's mission is to provide not only equal opportunity in employment, but also programs that recognize the diverse national heritages that contribute to the American way of life. PSW employees are encouraged to become better acquainted with the many achievements and contributions of African-Americans during this period, as well as afterwards.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Jan Beyers, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, presented a paper, "Effect of grass seeding on native vegetation," at the 19th Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference, Jan. 20-22 in Redding, Calif.

* Tom Conkle, Project Leader—Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany, presented a paper, "The importance of seed zone and genetics for successful plantation establishment," at the 19th Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference, Jan. 20-22 in Redding, Calif.

* Phil McDonald, Forest Growth/Development Science Team, Redding, presented a paper, "30-year results of vegetation control

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Executive Calendar

February 16-20

Salwasser M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Costa Rica
Aune M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Redding
Bell (Acting) M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Albany
DeMuth (Backup) M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Albany
Ewel M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Costa Rica
Mason M: *Holiday*; Tu-F: Albany

February 23-27

Salwasser M: Costa Rica; Tu-W: Gainesville, Fla.; Th-F: AL
Aune M-F: Redding
Bell (Acting) M-F: Albany
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(Meetings/Conferences/Seminars, contd.)

near Mt. Shasta,” at the 19th Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference, Jan. 20-22 in Redding, Calif.

* Pete Wohlgemuth, Riverside, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, presented a paper, “Effects of fire and grass seeding on soil erosion in chaparral,” at the 19th Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference, Jan. 20-22 in Redding, Calif.

Job Vacancies

	Closes
Biologist, GS-0401-9, Redding	2-23-98
Visual Information Specialist, GS-1084-7/9, Albany	2-26-98
Librarian, GS-1410-11, Albany	3-2-98
Entomologist, GS-0414-7/9, Placerville	3-9-98
Research Landscape Ecologist, GS-0408-12/13/14, Arcata	3-20-98
Biological Aid/Technician, GS-0404-4/5/6/7	9-28-98

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