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Stine Sierra Nevada Science Team Leader

Peter A. Stine has been selected as the Sierra Nevada Science Integration Team Leader, Acting Station Director Garland Mason has announced. Peter will report to his new job on August 28. He succeeds Danny Lee, who has accepted a position at the Station's Redwood Sciences Laboratory, Arcata (see article below).

Based in Sacramento, Peter will head a team of scientists who are assisting the FS's Sierra Nevada Framework for Conservation and Collaboration in developing and implementing scientifically sound conservation strategies for the long-term sustainability of Sierra Nevada forests, aquatic ecosystems, and natural resources.

In his 23-year career with the Federal service, Peter has worked as a resource management or ecological research professional in five different agencies. He is now an ecologist with the Biological Resource Division, U.S. Geological Survey, in Sacramento.

Peter started out as a biological technician at the Everglades National Park, Florida, in 1978, and subsequently transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has worked as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Oregon, Hawaii, and California; as an ecologist with the U.S. National Biological Service; and as a research manager with the U.S. Geological Survey, in California. He has also taught at San Diego State University and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

"I have always had a love for the Sierra Nevada," says Peter, "and so I look forward to the challenge of working on the research problems that have been identified as important to the conservation of the Sierra Nevada."

Peter is a graduate of the University of California system (B.S. degree in forestry and conservation, 1975; M.S. degree in wildland resource science, 1977, Berkeley; and Ph.D. degree in geography, 1995, Santa Barbara).

Peter and his wife Ann, who is a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, live in Sacramento. He has two daughters, Julie and Erica, and stepson, Gavin.

Lee Assigned to Timber/Wildlife Research

Danny C. Lee, who has been Team Leader—Science Integration of the Sierra Nevada Framework for Conservation and Collaboration Unit, at Sacramento since Nov. 8, 1998, has accepted a reassignment to the Station's Redwood Sciences Laboratory, Arcata. Effective Sept. 24, he becomes a research ecologist with the Timber/Wildlife Interactions Research Unit.

The unit is organized and operates as a team, with team leadership rotated among its scientists. The unit's research focus

Distinguished Publications Announced

A journal article and a Station publication have been announced as winners of the Distinguished Publication and Milestone Publication awards for 1999.

Upon recommendation of the Committee of Scientists, the Station Director has decided that the Distinguished Publication winner is an article titled "Comparing the Economic Value of Reducing Fire Risk to Spotted Owl Habitat in California and Oregon," by John B. Loomis of Colorado State University and Armando Gonzalez-Caban. The article was published in *Forest Science* (vol. 43 no.4) in 1997. Armando is an economist assigned to the Station's Fire Management Research Unit, at Riverside, Calif.

The Milestone Publication winner is "California Wildlife and Their Habitats: Western Sierra Nevada," published in 1980 by the Station as General Technical Report PSW-37. The technical coordinators of the 439-page volume were Jerry Verner and Allen S. Boss. At the time of publication, Jerry was Project Leader—Sensitive Species Research, stationed at Fresno; and Allen was Forest Biologist, Eldorado National Forest, at Placerville, Calif. The document describes and illustrates 355 wildlife species and their habitats. It served as a model for subsequent reports in the series issued by FS Region 5, and was in heavy demand during its publication life.

Plaques or certificates are awarded to the winning authors or technical coordinators. And their names are inscribed on a permanent plaque, which lists all winners and hangs in the Station headquarters lobby, in Albany.

New to PSW

The most recent addition to the Station's Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry staff, in Honolulu, Kelly L. Duncan reported for duty on July 2. She fills the Support Services Specialist position. As the fiscal year comes to an end, she is fully occupied with budget and related matters.

Kelly was born in Pensacola, Fla. From 1986 until she joined the IPIF staff, she worked as a management assistant at the U.S. Naval Air Station, in Alameda, Calif., then at the U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School, in Monterey, Calif.; and then as office manager at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Coast Guard Base, at Alameda. These work sites may not have afforded her opportunities for her hobbies—kayaking, scuba-diving, and hiking—but her present location, in Honolulu, certainly does, says Kelly. And in the meantime, she is continuing to pursue her goal of earning a business degree.

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is on developing information on the ecological community and habitat requirements of wildlife species, and producing forest management prescriptions to assure the maintenance of viable populations of wildlife.

Among the major publications from the research unit are *Monitoring Bird Populations by Point Counts*, *Ecology and Conservation of the Marbled Murrelet*, and *Lynx, Wolverine, Fishers, and Martens: Survey Methods for Their Detection*.

Cash Awards

- Rochelle Selvin, Human Resources Group, Albany: “for taking immediate action to rush an employee to the hospital for emergency aid.”
- Imogene Holmes, Facilities/Administrative Services Group, Albany: “for taking immediate action to rush an employee to the hospital for emergency aid.”

Job Vacancy Announcement

- Station Director, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Albany, Calif. (SES 0101/0401/0801/0807/1301) (Contact: Denise Parker at (703) 605-5200, ext. 3051).

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When asked to compare her work experiences, Kelly says she has found working for the Forest Service much more “laid back” than when she worked for the Defense and Transportation departments.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

- Kathy Ewel, Team Leader—Forested Wetland Research, Honolulu, presented a paper on “Importance of Freshwater Wetlands in Coastal Landscapes,” at the INTECOLVI International Wetland Conference, August 6-12, Quebec City, Canada. She also chaired a session on Ecosystem Services Provided by Tropical Forested Wetlands, at the Conference. Jim Allen, also of the Forested Wetlands Research Unit, Honolulu, presented a paper on “Impacts of El Nino on the Mangroves of a Small Pacific Island” at the Conference.
- Two members of the Forested Wetlands Research Team, Honolulu, presented papers at the Annual Meeting, Ecological Society of America, Aug. 6-10, Snowbird, Utah: Ken Krauss—“The Influence of Seed Predation and Site Factors on the Establishment of *Xylocarpus Granatum*, a High-Value Mangrove Species in Micronesia;” and Robert Hauff—“Estimating Mangrove Harvest Rates.”

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