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New District Ranger on the Eldorado National Forest

Placerville, California..... Jane LaBoa was selected to be the District Ranger for the Amador District of the Eldorado National Forest. Jane took over the reins of district management on July 26.

“I am very pleased to have Jane as the District Ranger at Amador” said Forest Supervisor John Berry. “Jane has a strong background in vegetation and recreation management. She has a proven track record of working well with local, state and federal agencies. I know Jane will be an asset to both the Eldorado National Forest and the Amador foothills communities.”

Jane brings 33 years of experience to the position with 26 years working for the Forest Service. Starting her career on the Stanislaus National Forest in 1971 as a summer hire working in recreation and resources. She became in 1973 one of the first female foresters hired in California. In 1975, she moved to the Tahoe National Forest working in various aspects of the timber program; planning, silviculture, and sales preparation. After taking several years off to pursue a Master’s degree in forest management, she landed on the Six Rivers National Forest in 1983 for five years as the assistant Forest Planner, coordinating all the resource information into the Forest Plan.

In 1995 she found her way back to the Tahoe National Forest as the Forest Silviculturist. She managed the reforestation, genetics, and pest management programs for the Tahoe until 1999. For two years during that time period, Jane served as the vegetation and forestry specialist on the California Spotted Owl Environmental Impact

Statement interdisciplinary team working with a broad spectrum of scientists, agencies, and community leaders.

LaBoa left the Forest Service in 1999 for the Bureau of Reclamation in Folsom as the Resources Division Chief. In this position her area of responsibility included the multi-disciplinary resource staff at Folsom, the American River Water Education Center, and the field offices at New Melones Lake and Lake Berryessa.

With a busy and productive career, LaBoa still manages to find time for her favorite activities: traveling, gardening, and raising her two children which are now in college.

LaBoa describes her management style as collaborative and consensus based. She is not afraid to make a decision once she hears all sides. “I consider myself a big-picture strategist, not a micro-manager,” stated LaBoa. Expecting complete staff work and quality products from her employees she also believes work should be a fun place where we work hard and play hard.

“ I have always considered this gorgeous area a hidden gem”, said LaBoa. “With most of my previous experience in lower elevation, urban environments, I am looking forward to getting up into the mountains.”