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LAURIE TIPPIN SELECTED AS NEW SUPERVISOR OF LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST

VALLEJO, Calif. July 22, 2004—Laurie Tippin, who is currently Deputy Supervisor of the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest (NF) in Wisconsin, has been named Supervisor of the Lassen NF in Susanville, Calif., Forest Service (FS) officials announced today.

“Laurie’s solid experience in forest management, stewardship contracting and fuels reduction makes her an excellent match for the Lassen National Forest, which falls within the area covered by the Heger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act,” said Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Jack Blackwell. “In addition, she has an exemplary reputation for professionalism and for dealing with difficult issues by finding common ground among individuals. Her broad work experience across the country, including here in California, has prepared her well for this assignment.”

Tippin, 49, was born and raised in Sacramento. She attended the University of Nevada at Reno and is a forester by profession. Her first FS job was in 1977 as a temporary forestry technician on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in California, where she joined the agency permanently in 1980. She next worked in positions of increasing responsibility in the state on the Tahoe NF and Six Rivers NF. From 1988 to 1992, she worked in Beckwourth, Calif., on the Plumas NF as a district timber management assistant. During that time, she was temporarily promoted during a detail assignment to the Sierra NF in Clovis, Calif., where she was the forest’s assistant timber management officer (TMO). In 1992, she accepted a permanent assignment as an assistant TMO on the Eldorado NF in Placerville, Calif.

In 1994, Tippin was promoted to Timber Management and State and Private Forestry Officer for the Boise NF in Idaho. In another promotion in 2000, she went to FS’s Washington DC headquarters office to become national program coordinator for the agency’s stewardship contracting demonstration project. That program allows NF’s to test new contracting authorities to meet land management goals and the needs of local communities. She also provided national oversight to timber sale litigation. During that two-year assignment, she was detailed to the post of Acting Forest Supervisor on the Sawtooth NF in Idaho. In 2002, she became Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Chequamegon Nicolet NF. She was on a detail assignment as Forest Supervisor of the White River NF in Colorado when she was selected for the permanent Lassen NF post.

“I’m thrilled to be the Lassen National Forest’s new supervisor,” Tippin said. “Being a native of California with earlier assignments there, I’m looking forward to reconnecting with folks I’ve worked

with in the past, building new relationships with Forest employees and the community, and returning to my home state. The employees of the Lassen National Forest are known for their skill and ability to get work done in a productive manner. That, coupled with the beautiful work setting, will make this assignment a real highlight of my life and career.”

A reporting date has not been set. Tippin replaces Ed Cole, who became Sierra NF Supervisor in May.

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