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NEW DEPUTY FOREST SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR GMUG

Delta, CO., (January 16, 2009) – The USDA Forest Service announced today the selection of Ms. Sherry Hazelhurst as the new Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests. Ms. Hazelhurst comes with a multitude of experience, having worked in previous positions in the West. Most recently, she has worked for the Washington Office of the Forest Service as the Surface Water Program Leader. She also brings other unique experience to the position, having worked in International Forestry with foreign governments and countries in disaster assistance, including the Tsunami of 2004, Hurricane Katrina, and the Pakistan Earthquake.

“She is a perfect fit for the GMUG, and we’re looking forward to having her here,” stated Forest Supervisor Charlie Richmond. “Her hydrology and natural resources background will be a great asset to the Forest, especially with the importance of water and municipal watersheds on the GMUG.”

Hazelhurst, a westerner, has an undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada (Reno), and two Master’s degrees (Forestry and Business Administration) from Northern Arizona University and the University of Utah. She and her husband Joe Horvath, a ski lift mechanic, and dog Koya “love the outdoors” and enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, skiing and travel. They plan to move to the area and begin work sometime in March.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to work on the GMUG and I look forward to being an integral part of helping to manage the Forest and its resources,” stated Sherry Hazelhurst. “I am so looking forward to exploring the Forest and working with the people and communities on the GMUG.”

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