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SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST ANNOUNCES NEW MOUNTAINTOP DISTRICT RANGER

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. April 18, 2007—Kurt L. Winchester has been selected as the new district ranger on the Mountaintop District of the San Bernardino National Forest (NF). He is currently a staff officer on the Plumas National Forest in Quincy, California,

“We are delighted to welcome Kurt to the Mountaintop District, where his skills will be a valuable addition to the great healthy forest work already established there,” said Forest Supervisor Jeanne Wade Evans. “His strong background in forestry and fire management makes him a good fit for the Mountaintop and the communities. I am pleased to welcome him to the forest.”

Winchester, 53, received his bachelor of science degree in forest management from Utah State University in 1977. While still in school, he began working for the Forest Service as a temporary employee on a fire crew for three years on the Wasatch-Cache NF in Utah. He then moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where he worked on the Coconino NF and the Kaibab NF in timber and fire management. In 1986, he moved to the Carson NF in Taos, New Mexico, where over sixteen years he worked as a silviculturist, a forester, a staff officer, a District Ranger, and an acting Deputy Forest Supervisor. He has now been on the Plumas NF for three years as a special assistant in implementing the special forest management legislation of the Quincy Library Group across three national forests.

“I’m excited to join the team on the Mountaintop Ranger District,” Winchester said. “I know it’s a big district with many challenges, and it’s known for its strong cooperative work with the communities. I’m glad to become a part of it.”

He and his wife Maria have three grown daughters.

Winchester reports on May 27, and fills behind former District Ranger Allison Stewart who now serves as the agency’s national press officer in Washington, DC.

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