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Forest Announces New Front Country Deputy District Ranger

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. October 16, 2009 — Richard Thornburgh has been selected as the new deputy district ranger on the Front Country Ranger District (RD) of the San Bernardino National Forest (NF), effective November 8. He currently serves as the forest planner and environmental coordinator.

“Richard brings much expertise to the deputy district ranger position and we are looking forward to having him on the district,” said District Ranger Gabe Garcia.

Thornburgh has worked on the San Bernardino National Forest the last four years in a number of capacities. Prior to serving as the forest National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) coordinator, he was acting forest budget officer and served as acting resource officer. More recently he detailed as the deputy district ranger on the Mountaintop RD. Prior to his arrival on the San Bernardino, Richard worked in both the Regional and the Washington Offices in budget.

“The Front Country is a busy and exciting district, and I’m looking forward to working with the good folks on the district,” said Thornburgh.

Thornburgh earned his Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from the University of Notre Dame, a Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Syracuse University. He and his wife have a young son and are expecting a daughter in January.

Thornburgh fills behind former acting deputy district ranger Jake Rodriguez, who was on temporary assignment from the Cleveland National Forest.

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