

## Debra Packard, Administrative Officer, Prescott National Forest



### Caring for the Land and Serving People:

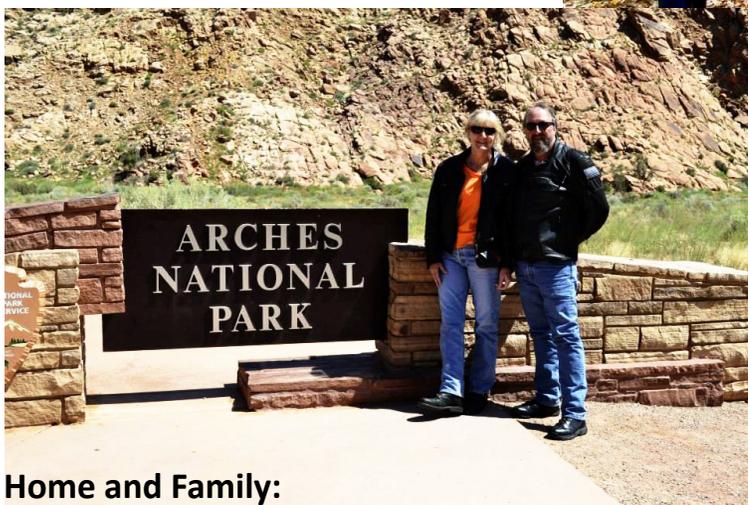
Debra coordinates administrative support for all resource areas overseeing budget preparation and execution, grants and agreements, purchasing, human resources, information technology, and records management. Her support gives specialists and technicians more time to get out into the woods and perform work “on the ground,” increasing the forest’s capacity to restore forest health and provide exceptional recreational opportunities for the public.

### Education and Experience:

Debra has a bachelor’s degree in Business Management and a professional certification in Human Resource Management, and has worked for the federal government for almost 35 years: 26 years with the US Postal Service in a variety of positions (mostly human resource related) all over the country, and as a Human Resource Manager for the National Park Service. For the past 7 years, she has worked for the Forest Service in California and Arizona. Debra joined the staff here on the Prescott National Forest in 2012.

### Community Involvement:

Debra volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and enjoys introducing her little sister to hiking and other outdoor activities. She is also involved with a local human resource organization, and recently joined a running group – the Back of the Pack—who competed in the Groom Creek Half Marathon last September.



### Recreational Pursuits:

Debra and her husband like to ride their Harley, and she enjoys travelling, running, hiking, cooking, reading and listening to blues.

### Favorite part of the forest?

“The trees of course! I love to see the aspens change to gold in the fall. And the quiet. There are places you can hike to that are so quiet that it is almost deafening.”

### Home and Family:

Debra lives in Prescott Valley. She is married and has a grown son who lives with his wife in Spain.

### On working for the Prescott National Forest:

“I have a great staff working with me, which makes my job enjoyable and rewarding. The people who work for the Forest Service are hard-working and dedicated to the greater good.

My grandfather retired from the Forest Service after a great career as a forester so I am proud to carry on his legacy and contribute to the Forest Service mission of caring for the land and serving people.”

