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Sierra National Forest welcomes new Deputy District Ranger Sarah LaPlante

CLOVIS, California (January 12, 2015) -- The Sierra National Forest is elated to welcome the new Deputy District Ranger for the High Sierra Ranger District, Sarah LaPlante. Sarah comes from the White Mountain National Forest in Region 9 located across the states of New Hampshire and Maine where she worked as an Assistant Recreation and Special Uses Manager. Sarah has degrees in Environmental Biology and Environmental Management and Forestry giving her a uniquely comprehensive resource background, especially when combined with her previous experience, to make her well suited for the work here on the Sierra National Forest.

When asked what interested her most in this job on the Sierra she relayed that "this was an entry into a line officer position and something I had always wanted to do, and this place is beautiful." Sarah looks forward to working on a big project that deals with the various ecosystems that can't be found in Region 9. Her main project on the Forest will be the Dinkey Lake Collaborative Project (DLRP), a science-based, ecological restoration initiative covering 154,000 acres that began in 2011. The Collaborative celebrates its four year anniversary on January 15, 2015. Sarah is extremely excited to be able to visit the areas within the DLRP boundary and to get a feel for the land. California is a new adventure for her and she is looking forward to going on hikes in the Sierra National Forest but also plans to take some time to visit family and friends that reside in various places in California, including San Diego and Sonora.

With so many things going on in the Forest, Sarah says that she feels as though "she is starting the race but everyone else is already going 100 miles an hour" where she is still tying her shoes. Sarah is excited to work with so many capable and professional people that call the Sierra National Forest home and noted at the end of the interview that "this place is exciting and intimidating, all in a really good way." The Sierra National Forest welcomes Sarah LaPlante in anticipation of the skills and perspective she will certainly bring to the Forest.

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