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TIDWELL TO HEAD NORTHERN REGION FOR US FOREST SERVICE

WASHINGTON, February 14 – U.S. Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell today appointed Tom Tidwell as regional forester for the northern region. Tidwell is currently a deputy regional forester in the pacific southwest region of the agency.

“It is a privilege and an honor to be selected as regional forester for the northern region. The region has great employees and fantastic natural resources. We have many opportunities and challenges ahead of us and I am very excited to have been given this chance to serve,” said Tidwell.

Prior to his present position, Tidwell was the forest supervisor on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah and he served as district ranger on the Uinta National Forest, also in Utah, for nine years. He held acting forest supervisor assignments on the Fishlake National Forest in Utah and the Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho. He worked in the agency’s Washington Office on the Legislative Affairs Staff prior to becoming forest supervisor on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

“As deputy regional forester in the pacific southwest region since 2005, Tom has demonstrated the necessary leadership skills in managing the complex issues the agency deals with in California,” said Kimbell. Tidwell replaces Kimbell who became Chief of the Forest Service on February 4.

The national forests and grasslands of the northern region stretch from the prairies and badlands of North Dakota, through eastern Montana’s rolling hills and isolated ponderosa pine woodlands, to the rugged mountaintops and steep timbered canyons in western Montana and Northern Idaho. The Region encompasses more than 25 million acres of public land on 12 national forest and four national grasslands.

A reporting date for Tidwell has yet to be determined.

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