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Alabama Native Returns Home as USDA Forest Service District Ranger

(Montgomery, AL) December 8, 2009 – Gloria Nielsen, a 25-year USDA Forest Service veteran is the new district ranger of the Talladega National Forest – Talladega District. She has been on the job for one month, providing district oversight of multiple use management, protection and restoration. According to Miera C. Nagy, U.S. Forest Service supervisor for Alabama’s national forests, Nielsen is responsible for the Talladega District’s management of staff who work together to managed recreation, fire, special uses, wildlife, and timber programs on approximately 120,000 acres of public lands.

A native of Double Springs, AL, Nielsen was hired with the Forest Service at the age of 22 as a forestry technician. She has held numerous leadership positions in Mississippi, South Carolina, and Kentucky serving as district silviculturist, sales forester, contracting officer, acting timber staff officer, operations team leader and acting deputy district ranger.

Nielsen earned a bachelor of science degree in forest management from Auburn University in 1984. She has technical and professional experience in the forestry and natural resources field. “I look forward to working with the district employees, partners and the local community to restore, enhance, and wisely use the national forest for the good of the people and multiple use management,” said Nielsen.

Nielsen, who is married with two sons, was recognized for a National Forests in Mississippi Civil Rights Award in 2008. She is an active supporter of Habitat for Humanity.

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(Gloria Nielsen, U.S. Forest Service Talladega District Ranger in Talladega, AL)