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Williams District Ranger Martie Schramm Departs Kaibab National Forest for Washington State

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – After serving as the Williams district ranger for just shy of six years, Martie Schramm departed the Kaibab National Forest in mid-July for a new assignment as district ranger for the Snoqualmie Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in North Bend, Washington.

During her time as Williams district ranger, Schramm was the driving force in developing the proposal to improve the health and sustainability of forest conditions on and surrounding Bill Williams Mountain. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in July 2012 that detailed the proposal to treat more than 15,000 acres with mechanical treatments and prescribed burning.

“Martie was passionate about reducing the risk of wildfire and improving forest health and watershed conditions on Bill Williams Mountain,” Kaibab National Forest Supervisor Mike Williams said. “She believed fervently that it was her job to do everything she could to protect the Williams community and its watershed. We will continue her legacy by remaining focused on those important goals.”

Also during her tenure, which began in August 2007, Schramm oversaw the treatment of 39,281 acres of forest through the management of lightning-caused fires that benefited natural resources. She supervised the treatment of tens of thousands of additional acres through prescribed burning, thinning and other forest health projects.

“Martie was an advocate for getting important work done on the ground,” said Micah Grondin, timber staff officer for the Williams and Tusayan districts. “Despite facing difficult challenges and decisions, she promoted a positive and proactive approach to resource management, and she always made herself available to provide guidance, advice or even just friendly conversation.”

Schramm will face plenty of new challenges in her role as Snoqualmie district ranger in North Bend, a town similar to Williams in size but very different in geography, climate – North Bend receives an average of 59 inches of precipitation per year with Williams receiving about 22, and culture. The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the most visited forests in the country and is located east of Seattle on the west side of the Cascades between the Canadian border and Mt. Rainier National Park.

Despite her new role and responsibilities, Schramm said she and chocolate lab Ben, who sometimes accompanied her to work on Fridays to the delight of employees, will not forget the Kaibab National Forest.

“The time I spent being the district ranger in Williams will be a highlight of my Forest Service career,” Schramm said. “I know I will be hard pressed to be able to work with such a fine group of people like those on the Williams Ranger District. Also, I was thankful to have support from community members and the Williams City Council.”

While the Kaibab National Forest seeks a replacement for Schramm, Tony Martoglio will serve as acting Williams district ranger. Martoglio is a 22-year veteran of the Forest Service who has been a deputy district ranger on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania since July 2010. Martoglio can be reached on the Williams Ranger District at (928) 635-5600.

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