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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and
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I am pleased to announce David E. Schmid, Deputy Regional Forester in the Northern Region, has been selected to serve as Regional Forester of the Alaska Region, which is headquartered in Juneau. He permanently replaces Beth Pendleton who retired last year. Dave has served as Acting Regional Forester, since her retirement.

In his permanent position, Dave will continue to oversee management of more than 22 million acres of National Forest System lands in Southcentral and Southeast Alaska. He maintains strong relationships with the Alaska Region's diverse stakeholders and communities of interest, especially on issues related to forest management and strengthening rural community health. He will build on efforts to ensure the Tongass and Chugach National Forests remain healthy and productive so they sustain natural resources, while supporting local economies and uses.


We thank Dave for his service in the acting assignment over the last eight months. We look forward to his continued leadership as he permanently moves to this position.

Dave brings more than 30 years of Forest Service experience to his work in Alaska. He spent more than 23 years working in natural resources management on both the Chugach and Tongass National Forests. He is well-acquainted with the challenges facing the Region; he's well-suited for this role.

Dave joined the Forest Service first as a volunteer in Minnesota. After college graduation, he worked as a fisheries and watershed program leader on the Chugach National Forester. He also served as a district ranger on the Tongass National Forest. His subsequent career stints include National Fish Program Leader in the Washington Office and Regional Director of Biological and Physical Resources in the Southern Region, headquartered in Atlanta, GA. Since 2014, he has worked as Deputy Regional Forester in the Northern Region, Missoula, MT.

A native of Wausau, WI, Dave earned a bachelor's degree in 1983 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Stevens Point, WI.

Please join me in congratulating Dave on his new assignment.


VICTORIA CHRISTIANSEN
Chief

