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Local manager goes home for promotion

Mary Jo Rugwell, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Assistant Field Manager, is heading back to Wyoming as Kemmerer Field Office Manager in January.

In her new position Rugwell will be responsible for managing 1.6 million acres of BLM public lands and an additional 250 thousand acres of federal mineral estate. In addition her new office boasts large range and recreation programs.

“I am looking forward to carrying on the work begun by the previous field manager,” Rugwell said. “I have heard great things about the Kemmerer Field Office staff and will do my best to establish and maintain good working relationships with local governments and the many users of public lands in southwestern Wyoming.”

Rugwell, a Cheyenne native, has spent the last three and a half years of her 20-year BLM career as Assistant Field Manager for Lands and Minerals in Carlsbad, NM. “Mary Jo has been an integral part of our management team and we are happy for her, but will miss her expertise,” said Carlsbad Field Office Manager Leslie Theiss.

Rugwell helped the office increase its staff size by about one third to handle the heavy oil and gas program workload.

Rugwell, who has a BA in Business and Management from Chapman University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Wyoming, started working for the BLM in 1983 and spent 15 years on the state office Leasing and Maintenance Teams. “BLM has provided me a wealth of opportunities, and I’m thrilled to be part of this agency,” said Rugwell.

“Being in New Mexico has been a good experience,” said Rugwell. “And now I am looking forward to learning more about other facets of the BLM.”