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BLM's Taos Field Manager Ron Huntsinger Returns to His California Roots

Ron Huntsinger is the newly selected Field Office Manager for BLM's Bakersfield, California, office. He will oversee management of 600,000 acres of public lands in southern California. Huntsinger will report later this month, leaving Taos on March 5.

"Although I'm looking forward to my new duties as Bakersfield manager, I regret leaving New Mexico and the opportunities to improve our management programs with participation from the public," Huntsinger said. "We have some outstanding opportunities to resolve long-standing issues with the local communities in public land management, and I'm sorry that I will not be a part of that effort," he added.

Huntsinger was born in San Bernadino and educated at Humboldt State University in Arcata. "I will miss northern New Mexico and the friends that I have made here," said Huntsinger.

In New Mexico since 1999, Huntsinger was responsible for providing management oversight for BLM public lands in northern New Mexico. Huntsinger's major accomplishments include promoting enhanced recreational opportunities at Orilla Verde and the Rio Grande Wild Rivers recreational areas, and completion of the Rio Grande Corridor Plan. Additionally, the community of Taos presented commendations to the Taos Field Office for fire hazard reductions. Huntsinger also established a strong working relationship with local pueblos and tribes.

Upon Huntsinger's departure, Sam DesGeorges, Multi-Resources Manager, will be acting Field Manager.

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