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Native Taoseño Selected as BLM Taos Field Office Manager

Taos, NM – State Director Linda Rundell announced the selection of Sam DesGeorges to head the local BLM Taos Field Office. He is a 1973 graduate of Taos High School. From an early introduction to the wild places in Taos, DesGeorges' focused his career on natural resource management. He earned Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from New Mexico State University. Since March 2004, DesGeorges has been Acting Field Manager when former Field Manager Ron Huntsinger took a job in Bakersfield, CA, Field.

His first BLM job was as a member of the rangeland inventory team in the agency's Socorro office. Since then, DesGeorges has held various positions in rangeland management, realty, fire and wildlife management. Returning to his Taos roots in 1983, he most recently served as the Assistant Field Manager for the Division of Multi-Resources. Accomplishments include efforts on the Rio Grande Corridor Plan and fostering positive community relationships.

“It is going to be an interesting challenge to manage 664,000 acres of public land and 1.5 million acres of minerals, and one I look forward to,” said DesGeorges. “I’m a strong believer in public involvement and plan to collaborate with all of our neighbors in our decision-making process.” DesGeorges added that the BLM Taos Field Office will continue its long-term management of renewable and nonrenewable resources that include range, timber, minerals, recreation, watershed, fish and wildlife, wilderness, and natural, scenic, scientific, and cultural values. The Taos Field Office encompasses northeastern New Mexico, with most public lands occurring in Taos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and San Miguel Counties.

“We are very happy to have Sam be part of the New Mexico management Team. He brings local knowledge and experience to the job,” said New Mexico Associate State Director Jesse Juen.

Sam and his wife Dina, who is well known for her community endeavors, have a son Adrian. DesGeorges hobbies include old car restoration and any outdoor sports activity. His parents are Taos natives Shorty and Kitty DesGeorges.

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