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BILLINGS – Sandy Guches is the new Deputy State Director for Support Services in the Montana/Dakotas Bureau of Land Management.

Guches started her career with the Bureau of Reclamation in the Pacific Northwest Region and joined BLM in 1984 as safety manager for the Medford District in southwestern Oregon. She spent several years in the Oregon State Office as State Safety Manager. She transferred to the BLM Office of Fire and Aviation at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise in 1998, and has been in her current position as Associate District Manager of Vale District since 2000. Guches was acting Vale District Manager from October 2000 to October 2001 and acting District Manager for the Lower Snake River District in Idaho from April to August last year. She has also completed acting details as DSD Support Services both in Oregon and Colorado.

Montana State Director Marty Ott noted that Guches' skills and experience fit the Montana position well.

“We are very pleased to have Sandy joining our staff,” said Ott. “The DSD for Support Services manages administrative and support operations, and that includes a wide variety of issues. Sandy's experience will serve us well.”

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“I am very excited about working in Montana,” Guches said. “The Division of Support Services has a great reputation and we will continue to provide service to the field and leadership for the state.”

In her free time, Guches enjoys fishing and antiques. She is looking forward to living in Montana and pursuing her interest in the history of the American West and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Guches’ reporting date is October 19. She succeeds Janet Singer, who retired earlier this year.

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