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BILLINGS – Jerry Meredith is the Bureau of Land Management’s new associate state director for the Montana/Dakotas.

Meredith was most recently the BLM Cedar City Field Manager where he oversaw management of more than 2 million acres of public lands in southwestern Utah. He has also served as a district manager in Utah and deputy state director for External Affairs in the Utah State Office. From September 1996 to November 1999, he was the first manager of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, BLM’s inaugural national monument.

Montana State Director Marty Ott noted that Meredith’s skills and experience fit the position well.

“We are very pleased to have someone of Jerry’s caliber joining our staff,” said Ott. “The associate state director oversees the day-to-day operations of our organization, and Jerry’s background in land management issues and public involvement will be a real asset for our three states.”

“I am truly very excited about working in Montana,” Meredith said. “There are so many opportunities and challenges and I’m looking forward to getting to know the people and the issues.”

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Meredith is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He holds a BA in Communications from Brigham Young University and did graduate studies in communications at the University of Oklahoma. He is married with four children and seven grandchildren. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, reading and playing with his grandchildren.

Meredith's reporting date is May 4. He succeeds Roberta Moltzen, who joined the Forest Service last July as the Deputy Regional Forester for Region 8.

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