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## **Susan Moore named new chief of Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office**

*Expects to focus on partnerships and on-the-ground conservation*

Susan Moore, a veteran of federal service with a reputation for cooperation and success in protecting natural resources, has been named the new Field Supervisor in charge of the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, the largest field office in the nation.

Moore has been the acting field supervisor since February, when Wayne White retired. Her appointment was announced Monday by Steve Thompson, California-Nevada Operations Manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Susan Moore really cares about our natural resources,” Thompson said. “She is taking on a very challenging job as the Service begins shaping its future, but the Sacramento office usually has been leading the pack in innovation. Susan will help lead the office through a period of change and further innovation, helping us build strong partnerships and achieving genuine on-the-ground conservation.”

The Sacramento office is responsible for implementation of the Endangered Species Act. It plays a pivotal role in California water issues, pollution prevention and cleanup, monitoring of environmental contaminants, and restoration and protection of wildlife habitat.

“I want to explore ways we can work together with all interests, both to help meet our responsibilities and also to facilitate their interests,” Moore said. “Together I would like us to make this a better place to live -- for us and for our children.”

The Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office has responsibility for half of California -- the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, California’s Central Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area. The office covers a rapidly growing area with many ecotypes found only in California. The area is home to 14 million people and 190 species of plants and animals that are protected under the ESA. Typically it has more than 1,000 different activities under way at any given time.

Moore has 30 years experience in the Department of Interior. She came to Sacramento after serving as Executive Director of the John Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, the first partnership park in the National Park Service. Prior to that, she served as the first woman superintendent of Antietam

National Battlefield. In addition to other assignments in the Park Service, Moore has worked in Washington, D.C., for the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service; and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. She came to the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office seven years ago and worked as the listing branch chief before becoming the Deputy Field Supervisor.

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