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STEVE A. ROBINSON NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Steve Robinson has been named deputy director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, director Frank Dunkle announced today.

A native of Santa Clara, California, Robinson currently is chief of the Service's Division of Federal Aid and served for several months in 1986 as special assistant to Dunkle. He was chief of the agency's Legislative Services office from 1983-86 and has extensive experience in State government and natural resources management in Nevada.

"Steve Robinson is an able administrator who brings to the position of deputy director a strong professional background in both management and natural resources," Dunkle said. "He has seen natural resource management from a variety of perspectives--as a State natural resource administrator and, for the past four years, as an official of the Fish and Wildlife Service. I believe this wide experience gives Steve unique insight on how the Fish and Wildlife Service can function more effectively and, especially, how we can improve our relations with the States.

"Steve's skills as a natural resource planner also will be invaluable as we chart a course for the future within the Fish and Wildlife Service," Dunkle added. "I am glad to have him as my deputy."

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As chief of the Division of Federal Aid since September 1986, Robinson managed the administration of Federal Aid programs to States for wildlife and sport fishery restoration. Under these programs in 1986, \$107 million was distributed to States for wildlife restoration and hunter education and \$110 million was distributed for sport fishery restoration.

As special assistant to the director from July to September 1986, Robinson worked with top Service officials to coordinate and prepare projects for the director's action. He also assisted Dunkle in matters concerning the reorganization of Fish and Wildlife Service activities.

As chief of the Office of Legislative Services from 1983-86, Robinson formulated national Service policy on legislative matters and served as the principal Service liaison to Congress.

Before joining the Fish and Wildlife Service, Robinson had broad experience in management of energy and natural resource issues in Nevada. From 1981-83, he was executive assistant to Nevada Governor Robert List, acting as chief policy advisor for natural resources, energy, and administration of relations with the State legislature and the Congress. Concurrently, he also held the position of director of the State's Department of Energy, working on a wide range of issues including energy conservation, nuclear waste disposal, alternate resource development, Colorado River power allocations, and the rights-of-way for power projects. During this time, he also served as chairperson of the Governor's Committee on Hazardous and Toxic Water, a cabinet council that established and recommended policy in this area.

From 1979-81, Robinson was assistant director for planning and operations of the Nevada Department of Prisons with administrative responsibilities for five correctional institutions.

From 1976-79, he served as deputy director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan, where he supervised personnel, budget, legislation, and program monitoring, and served as chief financial executive for the Department.

From 1972-76, Robinson was a senior natural resources planner in the office of the governor.

His military experience includes service as Captain in the Nevada Army Guard and as Company Commander of an ambulance company at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He holds a masters degree in public administration from the California State University at San Jose and was an adjunct professor in the College of Agriculture, Division of Renewable Resources, at the University of Nevada in Reno.