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JOHN G. ROGERS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Dr. John G. Rogers has been named Deputy Director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He replaces Richard N. Smith, who retired in March.

Rogers was most recently Regional Director in the Service's Southwest Region, which includes Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas and is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Dr. Rogers brings a wonderful breadth of wildlife management experience to his new job," Agency Director Mollie Beattie said. "During his 26-year career with the Service, he has served with distinction in a variety of field, research, and management positions and gained a deep understanding of the Service and its wildlife conservation mission."

Rogers, who has a doctorate in wildlife ecology from North Carolina State University, began his career with the Service in 1969 as a research biologist for the world-renowned Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He served in a variety of research posts, including Chief of the Division of Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units.

Later he served as Chief of the Division of Environmental Contaminants, Deputy Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife, Deputy Regional Director in Alaska, and acting Regional Director in the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region. He was appointed Southwest Regional Director in 1992.

Rogers was born and raised in New York City. He and his wife, Ellen, have two children, one attending North Carolina State University and the other, Duke University.

"The 1990s are a watershed decade for wildlife conservation. The decisions we make today will determine the health of our Nation's fish and wildlife as we move into the next century," Rogers said. "It is up to everyone, from the Federal and state governments to conservation organizations to corporations and private landowners, to work together in partnership to ensure future generations can enjoy what we have enjoyed."

Nancy Kaufman, a 21-year Service veteran, has been appointed to succeed John Rogers as Regional Director in Albuquerque. Kaufman most recently served as Deputy Assistant Director for Ecological Services in the Washington, DC, headquarters. Prior to that, she was Deputy Regional Director for the Service's Northeast Region.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency with responsibility for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats. The Service manages 504 national wildlife refuges encompassing more than 92 million acres, and 74 national fish hatcheries.