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Climate Scientist Named as Appalachian LCC Coordinator

Regional Director Marvin Moriarty announced today that Dr. E.J. Brennan has been named the Coordinator for the Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC). In this position, Dr. Brennan will facilitate the link between science and management, and provide day-to-day leadership and direction for the Appalachian LCC partnership.

“Considering Jean Brennan’s impressive expertise in climate change science and in wildlife conservation, she is uniquely qualified to coordinate this Appalachian partnership,” said Moriarty. Dr. Brennan was a member of the U.S. Delegation at international negotiations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and is among the select group of scientists recognized by the IPCC to share in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

From 2000 to 2007, Dr. Brennan served as a senior conservation scientist for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She provided technical and programmatic development assistance to agency staff and implementing partners overseas in the areas of wildlife conservation, forestry, natural resource management, and environmental policy. In 2007, she joined the science staff of Defenders of Wildlife as the senior climate change scientist. In that position she has focused on the impacts of climate change on natural systems, mitigation and adaptation strategies, and climate change policy, and has been working collaboratively with land and natural resource managers on adaptation planning.

Dr. Brennan received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee: Zoology, Ecology and Population Biology. She also holds a M.F.S. from Yale University: School of Forestry and Environmental Science, and a M.Sc. from the University of Pennsylvania: Anthropology, Behavioral Anthropology.

Jean Brennan will work closely with Assistant Regional Director for Science Applications Dr. Ken Elowe and North Atlantic LCC Coordinator Andrew Milliken to build LCCs, implement SHC, and address climate change. She will begin her new position in early September.