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INTERIOR ANNOUNCES TWO ALASKA AREA OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

The Department of the Interior, in order to implement recent actions taken by the President and the Secretary to protect Alaska's natural and cultural heritage, announced today that it will appoint new Alaska area directors for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Keith Schreiner, currently Associate Director for Federal Assistance of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Janet McCabe, land management planner for the joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, will be named to the area director jobs, according to Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

"These are critical jobs," Herbst said. "In Alaska we have unique opportunities but also must meet unique challenges in the period following resolution of the Alaska conservation lands (D-2) issue.

"The area directors of the agencies responsible for meeting these challenges must be experienced, innovative and resourceful. I'm convinced that Keith Schreiner and Janet McCabe have all those qualifications." Herbst said.

Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service said of Schreiner: "There is probably no person in our organization more capable of dealing effectively with the great natural resources issues of Alaska.

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