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Kaibab National Forest Welcomes New District Rangers

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Kaibab National Forest Supervisor Mike Williams is pleased to announce the arrival of two new district rangers to leadership positions on the forest.

Danelle “D.D.” Harrison will serve as district ranger for the Williams Ranger District, filling the position vacated by Martie Schramm in mid-July. Harrison comes to the Kaibab National Forest from the Forest Service’s Washington office, where she served as the national integrated resource restoration program manager and forest products analyst for the forest management staff. Harrison has worked on several national forests during her career and in a variety of capacities, including trails, recreation, fire prevention and research. She was also a program liaison specialist for the secretary of agriculture.

“I’m looking forward to being a part of the great team already in place, making sound science-based decisions that have positive social and economic impacts, as well as becoming a part of the community and working hand-in-hand with the citizens of Williams and our partners,” Harrison said.

In her spare time, Harrison enjoys the outdoors, loves to travel and is a self-proclaimed “book nerd.” She is a native of Alabama and holds a bachelor’s degree in forest resource management and a master’s degree in urban forestry. She said she is excited to spend time discovering the Kaibab National Forest and the Williams community.

“I can’t wait to be a tourist! I’ve picked up every pamphlet and brochure I could find in the Williams Visitor Center,” Harrison said. “I really can’t wait to explore my new town and all the beauty that surrounds me!”

James Simino will serve as the district ranger for the Tusayan Ranger District, filling the position vacated by Nick Larson in late May. Simino comes to the Kaibab National Forest from the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwestern Oregon, where he served as the district fisheries biologist. Simino began his federal career in 1997 with the Eugene District of the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon. Since then, he has worked for the Forest Service’s Pacific Northwest Research Station, Crater Lake National Park in Oregon, the Willamette National Forest in Oregon, the White Mountains National Forest in New Hampshire, and the Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico.

“I am truly honored to be selected for the Tusayan district ranger position,” Simino said. “It will allow me to use my love for working with people, both internally and externally, to ensure that great work is being accomplished on the district.”

Simino grew up in a small, rural town in New Hampshire. He has a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies and continues to work toward a bachelor’s degree in fisheries and wildlife management. Simino enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, spending time with his family, and rooting for his favorite sports teams.

“I am looking forward to working with local communities and forest employees to accomplish great things on the ground,” Simino said. “I am also looking forward to working on a project with broad landscape objectives like the Four Forest Restoration Initiative, as it has such profound implications both locally and nationally.”

Harrison and Simino began their district ranger duties for the Kaibab National Forest Jan. 6. While the learning curve is steep, Supervisor Williams said he is confident the new rangers will fit well into the existing forest organization and the communities adjacent to the Kaibab.

“I am really pleased with the enthusiasm and new leadership skills that D.D. and James are bringing to our ranger districts,” Williams said. “The talents and skills they possess will be valuable both internally with our employees and externally with our many partners.”

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Danelle “D.D.” Harrison



James Simino