

AGENDA ITEM # IX-A.

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BLM Names Veteran Manager to Run Arizona Strip District

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has named Timothy J. Burke as the new district manager for the Arizona Strip District, which comprises 2.8 million acres north of the Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona.

Burke comes to Arizona from California, where he was manager of the Alturas Field Office for the past 16 years. He also was acting manager of the Surprise (CA) Field Office for the past two years.

He starts work at the Arizona Strip the week of May 18.

Burke has worked for the BLM since 1979 and held positions in Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, and Central California before going to the Alturas Field Office.

Ray Suazo, BLM Arizona State Director, appointed Burke to the position overseeing the Arizona Strip District.

“Tim is a veteran land manager who has demonstrated the ability to deal with challenging issues. We are lucky to have him in Arizona and welcome him to our leadership team,” Suazo said.

Burke replaces Scott Florence, who retired earlier this year. The District has about 60 employees.

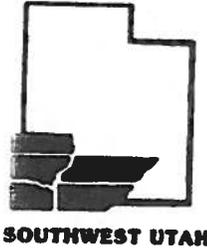
“This is a dream job for me,” Burke said. “I’m looking forward to the management opportunities on the Arizona Strip and can’t wait to get started.”

The Arizona Strip District includes the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument and five wilderness areas, including the internationally known Paria Canyon/Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness Area. The Grand Canyon isolates the Arizona Strip from the rest of Arizona, making it among the most remote and rugged public land in the lower 48 states. There are approximately 4,000 miles of unpaved roads leading to spectacular scenic vistas, remoteness and solitude among rough scenic canyons and ponderosa pine forests.

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FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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**U.S. Forest Service Travel Management Plans
on the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests in the State of Utah be reopened.**

WHEREAS, the Five County Association of Governments is represented by 15 county commissioners that represent their respective counties of Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Washington and Iron counties in southern Utah.

WHEREAS, Utah Code grants to counties those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service has proposed changes to travel management plans throughout the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests that will have significant impacts on public access for Utah citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, public access to routes of travel is essential to the respective counties transportation systems; for emergency purposes; for protection of the rights and values of private property owners; for natural resource management; for economic and social well-being, for recreation, and the customs and cultures of the communities and citizens of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the travel management rule (36 CFR 212.53) and its implementing directives (FSM 7702, paragraph. 5, and 7715.3) require the responsible U.S. Forest Service official to coordinate with appropriate Federal, State, county, and other local governmental entities, which may include local law enforcement agencies and emergency service providers, as well as tribal governments in designating routes and areas for motor vehicle use; and

WHEREAS, this directive also states that the U.S. Forest Service believes that a well-planned, well-designed system of designated roads, trails, and areas, developed in coordination with Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and with public involvement, offers better opportunities for sustainable long-term recreational motor vehicle use and better economic opportunities for local residents and communities; and

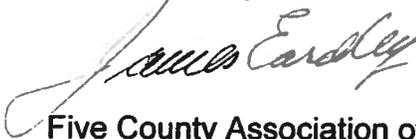
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WHEREAS, this coordinating evaluation is necessary to assess Utah's U.S. Forest Service transportation systems that are co-mingled with Utah county transportation systems, policies, and road responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Utah county government input on public health, safety and welfare; route designations for motor vehicle use; economic and environmental impacts must be appropriately reflected in Utah travel management planning Environmental Impact Statements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Five County Association of Counties shall request the Dixie and Fishlake National U.S. Forest Service travel management plans, be reopened and coordination status be granted for Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Washington, and Iron counties to directly coordinate with any travel plans on these Forest's.

James Eardley,

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