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New Supervisor Named for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Janine Clayton, assistant director for minerals and geology in the U.S. Forest Service Washington, D.C., office, has been named as the new supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southwest Washington.

Clayton, a 25-year Forest Service veteran, has worked at all levels of the organization in positions of increasing responsibility and authority. She was an area mining geologist based in Corvallis, OR, from 1989 to 1997.

Clayton succeeds Claire Lavendel, Gifford Pinchot supervisor from 1999 to 2008. Lavendel is now director of Recreation, Lands and Minerals in the Forest Service Pacific Northwest regional office.

"I'm looking forward to being back in the Northwest and to discovering the Gifford Pinchot," Clayton said. "I'm excited about the opportunities to work with communities, agencies and our partners. I've heard good things about them and know there is a good foundation on which to build."

Clayton has worked in the agency's Washington, D.C., office since January, 2006. She was acting Forest Supervisor on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in 2005, and worked as a reclamation and energy minerals program leader in California for eight years. Clayton served as acting regional assistant director for natural resource management in Vallejo, Calif., in 2001, and was an area mining geologist in the Northwest for eight years. She holds a master's degree in geology and a bachelor's in anthropology and geology.

Clayton enjoys the outdoors in all seasons and likes to downhill ski. She recently took up snowboarding. Clayton is expected to start her new job later this fall.



Janine Clayton, new Forest Supervisor for the Gifford Pinchot.