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Jeremy Douse Promoted to State Forester for Alaska

(Fairbanks, AK) – Today, Jeremy Douse was named as director of the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) as well as State Forester. Douse has been serving as Deputy Director and leading DNR's forestry efforts since March of 2024.

"Jeremy has had a remarkably positive impact at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection over the course of nine years," **said John Boyle, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner.** "While improving the sustainable management of our forests, Jeremy has also worked to expand timber sales across the state. Critically, he both inspired and helped carry out the Local Use Lumber Grading legislation that created a training program for Alaska's sawmill operators to certify their locally-produced dimensional lumber."

Since returning to the Department in 2019, Douse has held numerous roles within DOF. As Division Operations Manager, he managed statewide operations for the Forestry branch of the division. As Northern Region Forester, he supervised all of the fire and forest management programs within the region and ensured that public and interagency review processes and division polices were followed. As the Fairbanks-Delta Area Forester, Douse implemented the Forest Resources and Practices Act regulations within the area, as well as planning and implementing the budget for forest management activity.

"The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection is filled with extremely professional and skilled fire fighters, foresters and support staff," **said Jeremy Douse, new Alaska State Forester and director of the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection.** "I am honored to be given the opportunity to take on this role and look forward to continuing to serve Alaskans through active forest and wildfire management."

Douse also previously worked for the division from 2009 – 2011 as the Fairbanks Area Resource Forester. In between his stints with DOF, Douse was a forester for the Tanana Chiefs Conference forestry program for eight years, served as a Fort Wainwright forester and worked with Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands as a natural resources specialist.

Within DOF, Douse will direct a staff of about 260 team members charged with two major missions. The division's Fire and Aviation program protects life, property and other values at risk from wildland fire on about 150 million acres of State, municipal and private lands, including federal lands by agreement. The program plays a critical role in emergency management activities, including Incident Management Teams essential to effective, prompt response to disasters of all types in Alaska and other western states.

The division's Forest Resource Program manages forests for multiple uses and the sustained yield of renewable resources on 20 million acres of State land including the Tanana Valley, Haines, and Southeast State Forests. The division conducts personal use, commercial timber, and fuel-wood sales while emphasizing in-state use of wood for value-added processing.

Douse holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lyndon State College in Vermont and a Master of Science degree from Colorado State University. Douse has served on the Alaska Community Forest Council and Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee, and is an active member of the Society of American Foresters. He was also the Alaska Representative to the Council of Western State Foresters' Forest Products Committee.

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

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