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State Forester Announces Staff Changes Kincaid Assumes New Duties; Radspinner Hired

Charleston, W.Va. – Director/State Forester Randy Dye has announced two changes to his immediate staff in the West Virginia Division of Forestry's (WVD OF) Charleston Office. Effective July 1, Dan Kincaid assumed the new position of Assistant State Forester for Planning, and Bob Radspinner was selected to replace Kincaid as Assistant State Forester for Stewardship/Forest Management.

"I am very pleased to announce these two changes," said Dye. "Both individuals are highly qualified and will help us continue to improve the administration of various programs at the statewide level."

Kincaid most recently coordinated the development of the statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy documents, which are forest plans required by the USDA Forest Service for all 50 states in order to continue receiving federal forestry funding beginning Oct. 1, 2010. Currently, about 50 percent of the WVD OF's annual budget consists of federal dollars.

"Dan did an excellent job of coordinating the development of these two reports," said Dye. "Since he retired from the U.S. Forest Service a few years ago and came to work for us, I have been able to utilize his 30-plus years of experience to assist me in several areas. He has held just about every position under me in the agency over the past four years, depending upon our needs at the time. This is just our most recent need that I have asked him to cover."

Radspinner worked for Plum Creek Timber Company from 2001 to 2009, and prior to that he worked for Georgia-Pacific for more than 20 years in a variety of positions. Most recently, he has been involved with forest certification issues.

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"Bob has wide-ranging experience in the forest products industry, which will be of great benefit to us as we continue to explore opportunities for our agency to positively impact the forest-related economy of the state," said Dye. "I also look forward to working with him to continue our assistance to the many private forest landowners of the state."

Both employees are natives of West Virginia. Kincaid was born and spent his early years in Pocahontas County, and attended high school in Wayne County. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Forest Management from WVU and a Masters in Forestry from Duke University in North Carolina. Radspinner grew up and attended high school in Cabell County and received a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry & Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech.

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