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Eastern States Welcomes a New Associate State Director

Michael D. Nedd of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. has been selected as the new BLM Eastern States Associate State Director by State Director Gayle F. Gordon. Mr. Nedd succeeds Associate State Director Gwen Mason.

As the Associate State Director, Nedd will serve as an alter ego to the State Director and provide the day-to-day leadership for the Eastern States office. "Managing the public lands and natural resources in the East is a challenging mission that his experience and background will certainly help us to meet," said State Director Gordon.

Nedd has a diverse and professional background. He has served as the Deputy Assistant Director/Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Information Resources Management (IRM) since February 1997. As the Deputy CIO, he assisted the CIO in managing the Bureau's IRM program and provided the managerial leadership for the Washington Office Groups in the administration of the IRM program. Other positions held within the Bureau include Acting Associate State Director, Special Assistant to the State Director at the Eastern States office, and IRM Chief at both the Eastern States and Headquarters Offices. He also served a 3-month stint in U.S. Congressman James Clyburn's office, where he analyzed and studied environmental issues as part of a developmental assignment.

Prior to joining the Bureau, Nedd held positions as Chief, Office of Information Management and Acting Administrative Officer for the National Park Service; Senior System and Software Support Analyst, South Carolina Department of Highway and Public Transportation; Applications and Senior Systems Integration Specialist, Future Systems & Design; and Employment Counselor, South Carolina Employment Security Commission. He also spent eight years on active duty in the military as an enlisted soldier and as an officer in several highly specialized units, including Special Operations Command, Military Intelligence, and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Nedd holds a Master's Degree in Information and Systems Management from Strayer College. He has completed the Executive Development Program at the Federal Executive Institute (FEI), Charlottesville, VA; Office of Personnel Management's year-long Executive Potential Program; and the Advanced IRM Program at National Defense University. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information and Systems Management and Associate Degrees in Computer Technology and Business Administration.

Nedd will assist in managing the exclusive surface estate on approximately 20,000 acres of land plus another 39 million acres of subsurface reserved mineral estate in the 31 states east of, and bordering upon, the Mississippi River. He will assist in managing these public lands and resources to protect the environment and provide a diverse array of products and outdoor experiences. Jurisdiction will include not only State Office activities, but three administrative field offices which are located in Jackson, Mississippi, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Rolla, Missouri. Eastern States also has responsibility for the maintenance and protection of the official land records and cadastral surveys for the Department of the Interior.