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## **CHUCK MYERS TO OVERSEE FOREST SERVICE SOUTHERN REGION**

WASHINGTON, July 25, 2005 – U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth today selected Charles (Chuck) Myers to lead the Southern Region as its regional forester in Atlanta, Ga. The Southern Region encompasses 13 states and Puerto Rico, and covers more than 12.6 million acres.

Myers, currently the agency's director of Forest Management in Washington D.C., replaces Bob Jacobs who retired in June.

"Chuck has done a tremendous job in every assignment he has had in the Washington Office and taken on some difficult tasks such as leading the effort to streamline the agency's processes and procedures," said Bosworth. "These experiences and the strong leadership skills he demonstrated as a deputy supervisor and forest supervisor make Chuck an excellent choice to be a regional forester.

Myers began his Forest Service career in 1979 on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania. He held several positions throughout the Forest Service's Eastern Region, including land management planning, appeals, budget and public affairs. In addition, he was a deputy forest supervisor on the White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire and forest supervisor for the Monongahela National Forest West Virginia. He also held temporary assignments as forest supervisor for the Chippewa (Minnesota) and White Mountain (New Hampshire) National Forests, and deputy regional forester in the agency's regional office in Milwaukee. He joined the national headquarters in 2001 and has held management positions in recreation process streamlining and forest management.

"I am extremely excited to be selected to lead the Southern Region. The Region's workforce is outstanding and has a great track record of working effectively with the public. I know that the Region enjoys many valuable partnerships to help accomplish a multitude of service for the public, and I look forward to meeting and working with our partners." said Myers. "Having been raised in the South, I am anxiously looking forward to returning to the area."

Myers is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's and masters in forest science. A reporting date has not been announced.

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