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**Campton, NH – June 26, 2020** – The White Mountain National Forest is pleased to announce the selection of the new Forest Supervisor for the White Mountain National Forest, Derek Ibarguen. Derek is currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Bridger-Teton National Forest, based in Jackson, Wyoming.

Derek's 18-year career in the U.S. Forest Service has taken him throughout the country, beginning as a recreation specialist on the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina in 2002. He went on to hold numerous positions, he was the Pisgah District Ranger on the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina and previously to that a District Ranger on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky.

He has held District level positions working in recreation, facilities, oil and gas and special uses for the Umpqua National Forest in Oregon, Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania and Ocala National Forest in Florida. For the past 4 years during his time in Wyoming, he served in two 120-day assignments as a Forest Supervisor on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in Idaho and the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Born and raised in Maine, Derek is pleased to be returning to New England and to the White Mountain National Forest where he was a seasonal recreation employee for five summers starting in 1995.

Derek is excited to come back to New Hampshire as the new Forest Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest. Having a strong passion and respect for the conservation legacy of the White Mountain National Forest inspires him to serve and be a part of providing the many environmental, social and economic benefits to the public. "My focus is on supporting the great work of the employees, engaging with the outstanding partners and stakeholders and serving the surrounding communities and public." He and his wife Jessica and their three boys, Reed 15, Elijah 13 and Sebastian 9 are looking forward to being a part of the community.

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