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S. SCOTT SEWELL NAMED AS INTERIOR'S PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Constance B. Harriman, today announced that S. Scott Sewell has been appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS). Sewell, who is presently serving as DAS for Land and Minerals Management, will assume the newly created post immediately.

"Scott has strong management and organizational skills and is already familiar with the many issues facing the Assistant Secretariat. He will ensure that our mandate of responsible stewardship is carried out clearly, concisely and with vision," stated Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan.

As Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Mineral Management, Sewell serves as a member of the Interior Department's Water Policy Council which is charged with developing and implementing a strategy to improve management of the Nation's water resources. He also serves on the Wetlands Task Force which is preparing the Department's "no net loss" policy.

Prior to his arrival at the Interior Department, Sewell served in the Policy Development office of the President-elect as transition director of the Small Business Administration and the National Credit Union Administration.

A New Orleans native, Sewell received his bachelors degree in marketing from Louisiana State University in 1977, then went on to attend the Graduate School of Business at Tulane University School and become a Fellow at Loyola University's Institute of Politics.

The Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks has responsibility for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Sewell and Deputy Assistant Secretary Knute Knudson will have primary roles in assisting Harriman in the formulation of policy, budget and administration of the two bureaus.