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## **DNR Commissioner Feige completes leadership team**

**(Anchorage, AK)** – Commissioner Corri Feige today announced she has promoted Brent Goodrum to deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and hired Ricky Gease as new director of state parks.

“I am proud to be building a team of passionate professionals at DNR who love Alaska and value its incredible cultural and natural diversity,” Feige said. “These are the folks working hard to develop, conserve and maximize the use of Alaska’s natural resources to advance the public interest.”

As director of the Division of Mining, Land and Water since 2011, Goodrum led a team of more than 200 people responsible for managing the natural resources that are critical to the economic, cultural and social life of the entire state, including the 105 million acres of land promised to Alaska at statehood.

In addition to overseeing his previous division, Goodrum will now have management responsibility for the divisions responsible for forestry, state parks, agriculture, and departmental support services. Goodrum’s top priorities will include helping DNR meet its mission of protecting resources through rigorous permitting, while operating faster and more efficiently to help build a stronger economy for Alaskans.

Goodrum, of Anchorage, came to DNR following his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as an infantry officer. Goodrum graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and holds a master’s degree in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Gease’s experience in public lands management closely aligns with the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation’s mission. He has worked in Alaska as a U.S. National Park Service ranger, and executive director of the Kenai Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Kenai River Sportfishing Association.

Gease, of Kenai, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Stanford University, and a Foraker Certificate in Non-Profit Management from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He also served on the Federal Subsistence Board's Southcentral Alaska Regional Advisory Council, and was named a Salmon Fellow by the Alaska Humanities Forum in 2017.

The personnel changes announced today fill out the ranks of Feige's leadership team, which includes oil and gas specialist Sara Longan as deputy commissioner and resources attorney Peter Caltagirone as special assistant.

Former state parks Director Ethan Tyler will remain with DNR, and bring his expertise in commercial and policy experience to the Division of Oil and Gas. Marty Parsons, long-time deputy director of Mining, Land and Water, has been promoted to director of the division. Laura Ogan, an administrative assistant in the Division of Oil and Gas, has transferred to a similar position in the commissioner's office.

"We are building an ever-stronger team that will help me and Governor Michael J. Dunleavy succeed in building a stronger economy and a better state through responsible development and stewardship of our public resources," Feige said.

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