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DNR Commissioner Feige names two to leadership team

(Anchorage, AK) -- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Corri Feige today announced she has filled two of her top leadership positions, hiring oil and gas specialist Sara Longan as a deputy commissioner, and resources attorney Peter Caltagirone as special assistant.

"DNR has tremendous responsibilities for protecting our state's natural resources and developing them to benefit Alaskans," Feige said. "Governor Mike Dunleavy has charged me with maximizing the potential of these resources, and these individuals have the professional experience and proven records of accomplishment that will help me lead 'Team DNR' to success."

Longan will serve as deputy commissioner responsible for the department's oil and gas activities, which generate the vast majority of the revenue that funds state services. Caltagirone will have special responsibilities for hydrocarbon development and regulation, including the long-sought monetization of Alaska's natural gas.

Longan has 20 years' experience in the resource management, regulatory and environmental science fields in private, academic, and government settings. With 14 years of State of Alaska service, she most recently served nearly 10 years as director of the Office of Project Management & Permitting, serving as liaison to industry and coordinating the regulatory review of large energy and transportation projects including the Point Thomson development. She returns to DNR after two years as executive director of the North Slope Science Initiative, a joint federal-state project to coordinate science priorities for federal, state and local government agencies. She earned three degrees from Oklahoma State University: a bachelor's degree in natural resources, a master's degree in environmental toxicology, and a doctorate in public health with an emphasis on health, safety and environmental issues relating to Arctic oil development.

Caltagirone is an experienced trial lawyer who has handled litigation throughout Alaska and the Lower 48. He has represented DNR as an assistant attorney general for the Alaska Department of Law in oil and gas royalty, leasing, and tax litigation. He has also served as counsel to DNR on development of the Alaska LNG project,

and provided advice on proposed legislation and regulations. He returns to State of Alaska service after briefly working with the Alaska Oil and Gas Association as regulatory and legal affairs manager. Caltagirone earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from Claremont McKenna College and a law degree at Villanova University School of Law, and is licensed to practice in five states.

DNR manages all state-owned land, water and natural resources, except for fish and game, on approximately 100 million acres on behalf of the people of Alaska. The department's core missions are reflected in its divisions, which include agriculture, forestry, geological and geophysical surveys, mining land and water, oil and gas, and parks and outdoor recreation.

"I share Governor Dunleavy's commitment to using our natural resources to build a stronger economy and provide jobs for Alaskans, and I'm confident we are building the team that will help fulfil that commitment," Feige said.

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