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Heidi Hansen to serve as DNR deputy commissioner

(Anchorage, AK) – Natural Resources Commissioner Andy Mack announced that Heidi Hansen will join DNR as a deputy commissioner starting September 18.

Hansen, an attorney, was born and raised in Alaska and has extensive experience in energy and natural resources policy and law. She most recently worked for the U.S. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee as counsel, focusing on issues including mining, energy, mitigation, land use, and Alaska Native issues. At DNR she will be responsible for direct management and supervision of the divisions of Mining, Land and Water, Forestry, Agriculture, Parks & Outdoor Recreation, and Support Services, and the Office of Project Management & Permitting.

“Heidi is a valuable addition to the DNR team. Her knowledge of natural resource issues in Alaska, her legal expertise, and extensive work on federal natural resource policy and law make her an excellent fit for this critical position,” Mack said.

Prior to joining the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, Hansen worked for the U.S. Army as Associate Deputy General Counsel (Energy) and as Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment). She also was an attorney for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Anchorage and Washington, D.C., and served on temporary detail for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and subsequently the Department of State, in Baghdad, Iraq.

Hansen earned her Juris Doctor from American University’s Washington College of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. She has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 2005.

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