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Commissioner Dunn Appoints Perry to Lead Land Office's Field Operations Division

Santa Fe, NM (August 1, 2016) – New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn today announced the appointment of Michael Perry as Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations.

Perry will head the Field Operations Division within the State Land Office, which is comprised of several bureaus that promote sustainability on State Trust Lands while optimizing revenues for the agency's beneficiaries. The division manages complex and dynamic programs that focus on watershed health, biological and cultural resources, site remediation, illegal dumping and investigations and compliance. In addition, the division also includes the Agricultural Leasing Bureau, which is responsible for the management of over 3,500 active agricultural leases.

Perry joins the Land Office team after twenty-one years with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF). Perry held many positions at the NMDGF, most recently serving as Major for Southern Field Operations. His other roles at NMDGF have included serving as District Officer for Hobbs, Roswell and Carlsbad; Sergeant (District Supervisor) for the Roswell, Clovis, Capitan and Santa Rosa Districts; and Assistant Area Chief of the Southeast Area.

"Mike's many years of field and leadership experience assures me that he is ready to lead our Field Operations Division from day one," said Commissioner Dunn. "His extensive background and expertise will further enhance our efforts to manage State Trust Lands for the benefit of New Mexico's public schools and other important institutions."

Through his work with NMDGF, Perry has worked closely with the Land Office on hunting unitizations, increased access opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen, and multiple rights-of-way/easement agreements. "I am excited to be joining Commissioner Dunn's team in

this capacity, and I look forward to hitting the ground running in support of the State Land Office's mission and agency goals," said Perry.

Perry was raised in Southeastern New Mexico and graduated from Roswell High School in 1990. He attended New Mexico State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Science with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Perry and his wife of twenty-one years, Kim, have one son together – Colton – who is beginning his junior year this fall at the University of New Mexico.

The State Land Office is responsible for administering 9 million acres of surface and 13 million acres of subsurface estate for the beneficiaries of the state land trust, which includes schools, universities, hospitals and other important public institutions.

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