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Mike DeBonis Named Forest Guild Executive Director

Santa Fe, N.M. — The Forest Guild, a nationwide forestry and natural resource membership, conservation, and policy organization announces Mike DeBonis as the new Executive Director.

Forest Guild Board Chair Jon Martin says, “Mike is a leader in the forestry profession and possesses the vision, enthusiasm, and steady hand to take on the challenge of leading the Forest Guild in fully representing the members’ dedication to practicing and promoting excellent forestry across the U.S.”



Mike has served as the Forest Guild’s interim executive director since June of this year. For three years prior, he was the Guild’s southwest region director where he cultivated strategic relationships with diverse public, private, and community partners. He has played a major role in developing and advancing Forest Guild regional and national education, forest policy, and membership initiatives.

Born and raised in Vermont, Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resource management from Johnson State College and holds a Master’s degree in forestry from Yale University. Mike and his wife Jennifer met as Peace Corps volunteers in Jamaica and now make their home in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mike is a Forest Guild professional member and licensed Maine forester. Mike says “One of the Guild’s greatest attributes is its ability to give voice to those who practice passionate forest stewardship,” adding, “I am honored to be able to serve the Forest Guild and support the work of its members.”

The Forest Guild, headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a national organization of more than 700 foresters, allied professionals, and supporters who manage forestlands in the United States and Canada and advocate for ecologically sound forest practices. The Guild maintains a presence nationwide with staff and volunteer coordinators in 12 states and nearly all major forest regions of the country.

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