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# FORT Scientist Begins National Conservation Leadership Institute



FORT scientist Natalie Sexton was one of three USGS employees selected for the 2007-2008 cohort of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, a world-class leadership development experience designed to prepare "extraordinary leadership for the future" in natural resource conservation. The Institute


experience incorporates instruction by experts from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's Management Assistance Team with in-the-trenches, nationally recognized luminaries in conservation and resource management. Focusing on Adaptive Leadership™, the program builds the capacity to lead in an environment of broad, increasingly complex conservation issues. Sexton, a wildlife biologist in human dimensions with FORT's Policy Analysis and Science Assistance Branch, has conducted visitor and stakeholder analyses for National Wildlife Refuges developing their Comprehensive Conservation Plans. Along with her Institute fellows, Sexton begins intensive training starting November 2 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W.V. Fellows also undertake a leadership challenge as part of that training. The program concludes in April 2008.

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