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Northwest resident named regional Corps of Engineers director

Portland, Ore. - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, has announced the selection of Witt Anderson as Programs Director for its Northwestern Division, headquartered in Portland. With this appointment, Anderson becomes a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service cadre.

Anderson, 54, will direct a nearly a \$3 billion annual program of water resource projects, military construction, and environmental restoration activities throughout the Columbia and Missouri river basins. A large part of the civil works mission is earmarked for maintaining and operating Corps projects for hydroelectric, navigation, and flood damage reduction purposes, disaster response, and enhancing fish and wildlife activities in 12 states. The military construction and environmental clean-up program stretches across 14 states and supports several dozen military installations.

He previously served as chief of planning, environmental resources and fish policy for Northwestern Division with a focus on regional salmon recovery programs. Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Maine (1976), a master's degree in natural resources management from the University of Idaho (1984), and served a year with the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. More recently, he has represented the division in a number of regional forums dealing with water resource planning and endangered species concerns.

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