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Susan Arnold Assumes Role as AMC Director of Conservation

BOSTON, MA — Susan Arnold is the new Director of Conservation for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). Arnold assumes her new position today and will direct the AMC's conservation advocacy and policy department, research department, and trails department.

"Susan brings a wealth of experience in conservation policy issues, and we are very excited to have her on our team to direct our advocacy, research and trails efforts," said Executive Director Andrew J. Falender. Arnold served as Director of Policy to former New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen from November 1998 to December 2002. In that role, she developed and implemented the governor's overall policy agenda. She also advised Gov. Shaheen on environmental and transportation issues.

Arnold played a pivotal role in air-quality and hydroelectric-dam relicensing issues in New Hampshire. She also worked toward the protection of the 171,500-acre Connecticut Lakes headwaters parcel in New Hampshire.

Prior to working for the governor, Arnold promoted women's health issues as the political director of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) of New Hampshire. She also worked as associate director of the Coalition on Smoking or Health in Washington, D.C. In addition, Arnold spent six years working for Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska in Washington, D.C. Arnold is a graduate of Yale University.

Arnold will divide her time between AMC offices in Boston, Massachusetts, Concord, New Hampshire, and her home in Strafford, New Hampshire.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. With more than 93,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the nonprofit AMC promotes the protection, enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers and trails of the Appalachian region.

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