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## **USDA ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER**

FORT COLLINS, Colo., May 5, 2008 -- Larry Clark of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) wildlife services (WS) program has been named director of WS' National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC), headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo.

"Clark has an impressive history with the WS program and the research center," said William H. Clay, deputy administrator of APHIS' WS program. "His knowledge of wildlife, research coupled with an understanding of WS' stakeholders, is a great asset to APHIS. He establishes high standards, drives results and promotes collaboration within and among NWRC programs."

Clark began his career with APHIS in 1991. Prior to accepting his current position, he served as NWRC's assistant director and was responsible for managing the center and its field stations, setting internal policies and directives and promoting collaborations among research programs. Over the past 17 years, Clark has been instrumental in establishing NWRC's wildlife disease research capabilities and has held positions as both an APHIS science fellow and research scientist. In 1995, he became one of the first NWRC staff members to establish cooperative relationships with the Colorado State University community.

Before joining APHIS, Clark was a faculty member at the Monell Chemical Senses Center, a private research institute in Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1975, Clark received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland. He went on to earn his master of science degree from Northern Arizona University and his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

The NWRC is the federal institution that provides national and international leadership for research and information to resolve human-wildlife conflicts related to agriculture, human health and safety, property, invasive species and threatened and endangered species. For more information on NWRC, visit [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife\\_damage/nwrc/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/nwrc/) on the Web.

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