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Vandal joins MAP's staff in Minnesota

NEW PRAGUE, Minn., May 9, 2008 – Jordan Vandal has joined the staff of Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., as a resource development advisor in Minnesota.

Since graduating from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2004, Vandal has worked exclusively in the field of fish and wildlife management, primarily for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Through this work he's gained management experience along with familiarity with and respect for Native American cultural traditions and activities.

"Jordan brings enthusiasm to his new role with MAP, as well as technical experience with and insights into the importance of clean water in the environment," says Martha Cashman, MAP's CEO. "We welcome him to our staff and know that he'll be an excellent resource for our clients in Minnesota."

Vandal's most recent position with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife was as a fish and wildlife biologist working with five salmon projects in Cle Elum, Wash.

"Jordan will bring a unique perspective to the communities and tribes he'll be assisting," says Dennis Siders, MAP regional director. "He has a lot of valuable knowledge that will go a long way to helping these communities with safe water quality."

Based in Deerwood, Vandal can be reached via e-mail at jvandal@map-inc.org or phone at 701.212.2165.

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities in a nine-state area improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It's a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.