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Copper Mountain College Announces Appointment of Executive Director of the Copper Mountain College Foundation

June 14, 2011 – Joshua Tree, CA – Copper Mountain College announced today the appointment of the Executive Director of the Copper Mountain College Foundation, Ms. Sandy Smith was selected following an extensive and thorough search process.

“As the College’s principle fund development agency, the CMC Foundation requires a combination of vision, determination, and management expertise in its leader” said Dr. Roger Wagner, CMC Superintendent/President. “Sandy has these qualities. Her wealth of private and community experience, a sound track record of management success and commitment to serving will be valued assets in our ongoing efforts to expand and improve on the Foundation’s history of success.”

Sandy joins the CMC Foundation after serving 10 years as the Executive Director of Reach Out Morongo Basin. “The Reach Out Board of Directors sends best wishes to Sandy Smith on her new position at Copper Mountain College,” stated Sister Sara Michael King, President of Reach Out Morongo Basin. “While we are sad to lose Sandy to Reach Out, our programs will continue to serve the needs of the home-bound and seniors in the Basin.”

“Her dedication and service to the Morongo Basin, and specifically, to Reach Out, is unmatched”

“I was drawn to the CMC Foundation because of their commitment to serving the need for higher educational opportunities to the residents of the Morongo Basin,” said Smith. “I will still be serving the citizens of the Morongo Basin and I am very grateful for having been selected as the Copper Mountain College Foundation’s next Executive Director from a pool of highly qualified candidates,” added Smith.

CMC Foundation President, Cathy Larson said, “I have known Sandy for a number of years through different organizations and have always admired her high energy level. I look forward to working with Sandy.”

Sandy holds a Bachelor’s Degree in International Studies from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. Sandy and her husband Sam Smith are residents of Twentynine Palms, California. Sandy’s appointment is expected to receive formal approval by the College’s Board of Trustees at its June 23rd meeting.