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Ms. Furgione has served as the NWS Deputy and as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services since July 2010. In these roles, she is responsible for the day-to-day civilian weather operations for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas.

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Furgione holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Atmospheric Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Alaska-Southeast. She was the proud recipient of two NOAA Administrator's Awards in 2011 – one for NOAA's Arctic Vision and Strategy and another for developing NOAA's Strategy Execution and Evaluation system. Furgione is also a certified open water diver and a ham radio operator – KLOXG

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