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### **Steve Lohr Appointed New Ranger on Tusquitee and Cheoah Districts**

Steve Lohr has begun as the new District Ranger for the Tusquitee and Cheoah Districts of the Nantahala National Forest. The new ranger, who started January 7<sup>th</sup>, will oversee management of 280,000 acres of national forest land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties. Frank Findley will continue as Deputy District Ranger in Robbinsville, NC.

Before moving to North Carolina January 7<sup>th</sup>, Lohr was most recently the wildlife biologist for the Tonto National Forest in Phoenix, Arizona. A native of Beaufort, SC, Steve received a BS in biology from Lander University, in Greenwood SC and a Masters in Zoology from Clemson University in 1999. He served as a wildlife biologist for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. He began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 2002 as a district wildlife biologist on the Francis Marion National Forest, working on, among other things, recovery efforts for the endangered red cockaded woodpecker.

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“I look forward to the challenges of being a decision-maker where I feel I can do good things for the land,” Lohr said. My career goal is to restore the integrity of native ecosystems and ensure that my children have the same or better opportunities to enjoy our country’s natural resources as we have now,” Lohr said.

Lohr, who started his new assignment as Tusquitee/Cheoah District Ranger January 7<sup>th</sup>, is 35 years old, married with three children.

For more information, contact Steve Lohr, District Ranger, at 828-837-5152 (Murphy) or Frank Findley, Deputy District Ranger at 828-479-6431 (Robbinsville).

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