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Colorado State Forest Service Names New Deputy State Forester

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – The Colorado State Forest Service has named Joe Duda its new deputy state forester for support services. As deputy state forester, Duda will serve as and represent the state forester when the state forester is unavailable. He also will represent the CSFS to partner agencies, government officials and diverse constituent groups, and is responsible for providing leadership to the agency in the areas of information technology, personnel and training, and administration.

“Joe brings 35 years of extensive industry experience and forestry expertise to the position, and we’re excited to have him serving as our new deputy state forester,” said Jeff Jahnke, state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service.

For the last decade, Duda served as the CSFS Forest Management Division supervisor. During that time, he led the agency in its cooperative efforts with the U.S. Forest Service to conduct annual aerial insect and disease surveys. Since 2002, he also has led development of the annual CSFS forest health report, and in 2009 and 2010, he facilitated development of the Colorado Forest Action Plan, which is used to guide decisions about forest management.

Duda’s prior professional forestry experience includes work in the private sector as a regional timber manager. He has a degree in forestry from Michigan Technological University.

The Colorado State Forest Service is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. The non-regulatory agency provides landowners with technical forestry assistance and outreach via 17 district offices located throughout Colorado.

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