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Herrin Named Republic District Ranger

Republic, WA (January 15, 2016)– Mike Herrin, District Ranger for the Seminole and Lake George Ranger Districts on the Ocala National Forest in Florida, has been named as the new District Ranger of the Republic Ranger District on the Colville National Forest in northeastern Washington.

Herrin, has been with the Forest Service for over 30 years and started his career on the Republic Ranger District the in the summer of 1984. After graduating with a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from Washington State University, Herrin worked on the Newport Ranger District in Newport, Washington and the Lincoln Ranger District in Lincoln, Montana before taking on his first District Ranger job at the Belt Creek Ranger District on the Lewis and Clark National Forest in Neihart, Montana. For the last 15 years, Herrin has served as a district ranger in Idaho and Florida.

“We’re pleased to have Mike back on the Colville National Forest,” Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon said. “He brings a wealth of experience and local knowledge of northeastern Washington to the job.”

Herrin succeeds Tinelle Bustam, Republic District Ranger from 2014 to 2015.

“I am looking forward to moving back home to the Colville National Forest. I have had some great experiences working for the Forest Service over the past 30 years and I know the upcoming work on the Colville will be exciting and fun. I look forward to working with, and getting to know the Forest staff, our partners, and the neighboring communities.” Herrin said. “I have an immense love for the Pacific Northwest, so it is a great pleasure to be able to live and work in the Pacific Northwest as the District Ranger for the Republic Ranger District.

Herrin will be joined in Republic by his wife Susan. Herrin enjoys fishing, hunting, bocce ball and the outdoors in general. Herrin is scheduled to start his new position February 22, 2016.

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