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Steve Best named as Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Forest Supervisor

Springerville, AZ.—March 18, 2016—For Immediate Release—Since the November retirement of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) Supervisor Tom Osen, the forest supervisor position has been filled with detailers, Scott Russell and Steve Best. Steve Best, has been named as the new ASNFs forest supervisor. Steve is the current deputy forest supervisor on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. He will assume his new position as forest supervisor here on the ASNFs starting May 6, 2016.

Steve said, “The forests in this area are unique in regards to their resources, landscapes, and employees as well as the communities we serve. I am glad to be in the Southwest, and I’m looking forward to serving as forest supervisor of the combined Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.”

Steve has a B.S. and an M.S. in Forestry (both with an emphasis in Wildlife Biology) from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He has served on the Davy Crockett, Ozark-St. Frances, Kaibab, and Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests; in his 30 years with the Forest Service. He was born in Houston, TX, grew up in East Texas, and married to Mary Joe for 23 years.

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