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Familiar Face Returns to Chadron

Chadron, NE - Steve Lenzo, a familiar face to Chadron is returning to assume duties as the new Deputy Supervisor of the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands, (NNF&G). Lenzo states he's happy to return to Chadron, the community he called home while he served as Deputy Director of the Pine Ridge Job Corps from 1998 through 2007.

Lenzo's educational background is in Forest Resource Management enhanced by a Master's from Columbia in Bilingual Science Education. He has also worked internationally with the Peace Corps in Honduras, and more recently with the Mexican Government on projects related to fire. Starting his USDA career in 1977, he worked extensively for both the Forest Service and Job Corps. His most recent position was serving as Assistant Forest Manager & Fire Staff at on the USDA Forest Service - Savanna River in New Ellenton, South Carolina. Through the years he notes "I really enjoyed working with the Job Corps and helping young people. I'm also proud of the work I've done for the Forest Service, especially partnerships with communities, and helping employees develop, fulfill and advance in their professional careers."

Lenzo notes, "It's nice to be back in Chadron! I have much familiarity with the NNF&G, having served twice as an Acting District Ranger. I enjoyed these opportunities and found the communities within the NNF&G to be friendly and willing to collaborate and pursue partnerships with the Forest Service. I especially enjoyed working with the local Volunteer Fire Districts."

Jane Darnell, Supervisor of the NNF&G says, "We are excited to bring Steve on board! His educational and professional experiences enhance our opportunities to work with communities and make progress toward our resource goals."

Lenzo comes to Chadron with his wife, Jenni, and three children. Their son Joe plans to attend University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and their two daughters, Rosie and Nakita will attend Chadron High School this fall.



Darnell welcomes Lenzo to the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands



Forest Service throws Friday “Beach Party” Bar-B-Q to welcome Lenzo