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Conecuh National Forest Has A New District Ranger

(Andalusia, AL) June 28, 2005 – Stephen Lee, a 23-year Forest Service veteran, who has worked with the USDA Forest Service almost half of his life is now the new District Ranger of the 84,000-acre Conecuh National Forest. He has been on the job for one month and has plans to manage the forest, serve the public, and work closely with landowners, local county officials, and citizens who care about the future of natural resources.

“I’m humbled and excited about working on the Conecuh National Forest and being a part of the community,” said Lee. “I look forward to continuing good working relationships with all of the partners and publics who are involved in the natural resource management process.”

Stephen R. Rickerson, supervisor for the Conecuh, Talladega, Bankhead, and Tuskegee National Forests said that Lee will be responsible for the management of the staff and natural resources of the Conecuh District.

Lee, 45, was hired with the Forest Service at the age of 22 as a forestry technician. He has experience in technical and professional areas in the forestry field. He obtained a bachelor of science degree in forest management from Mississippi State University.

A native of Tylertown, Mississippi, Ranger Lee has lived in five states where he held numerous

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positions. Lee most recently worked as an Operations Team Leader. Prior to that, he worked as a Forestry Technician, Prescription Forester, Research Forester, Recreation Forester, Timber Management Assistant, and Other Resources Assistant.

“Ranger Lee brings a wealth of forestry experience and knowledge to Alabama,” said Rickerson. He assumes responsibility of the Conecuh that last year employed 23 employees who worked together to managed recreation, fire, special uses, wildlife, and timber programs.

Lee is married to Janice and has three children, Malerie, Stephanie, and Cody.

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(Photograph enclosed of Stephen Lee, District Ranger Conecuh National Forest)