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## Gaulke Named as Director of Planning

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ATLANTA (September 19, 2014) – Peter Gaulke has been named director of planning for the Southern Region of the U.S. Forest Service. He will report to his new position on September 22.

“Peter has vast experience working across boundaries to restore landscapes,” Regional Forester Liz Agpaoa said. “He brings a wealth of planning experience from the field to the national office, and globally.”

Gaulke has worked at every level in the Forest Service, but this is his first assignment in the Southern Region. He began his Forest Service career on the Siskiyou National Forest and then the Rogue River Forest. In 1999, he became the planning officer on the Cibola National Forest before heading to the Southwestern Regional Office. In 2005, Gaulke accepted a position in the Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. as a National Environmental Protection Act Specialist. In 2007, he took on additional responsibilities for leading sustainability efforts

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for the Forest Service. During his time in Washington, D.C., he had a fellowship assignment in Congress.

"I am looking forward to working with tremendous partners in the South, from conservation groups and state foresters to industry and tribes," Gaulke said. "I'm pleased to be joining an integrated staff group in the Southern Region that already has a strong national reputation."

Gaulke also values the opportunity during his career to gain extensive experience working internationally, from providing technical assistance in Africa to working with a group to establish sustainable forest policy under the Montreal Protocol. A native of Chicago, Ill., Gaulke attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and received a Bachelor's degree in Forestry in 1985.

Gaulke and his wife, Lisa, are the parents of a Sarah, a freshman at Montana State and Kyle, who attends the Rochester Institute of Technology. Peter enjoys hiking, kayaking, hearing live music and spending time with his family, including Mac "The Wonder Beagle".

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