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I am pleased to announce Tinelle Bustam, Assistant Director for Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources in the National Forest System Deputy Area, Washington Office, has agreed to serve as Director of Conservation Education in a one year term appointment in the State and Private Forestry Deputy Area, Washington Office. She begins her service in this role on Monday, February 18.

Tinelle replaces Heidi McAllister, Assistant Director of Conservation Education in the Washington Office. Heidi served in the Acting role over the last few months. We extend our thanks to Heidi for her leadership and service. We welcome Tinelle to her new assignment.

Tinelle will play an integral role in advancing program management priorities and guiding policy implementation for projects in the Conservation Education team. A 20-year veteran of natural resource recreation management, including environmental education, Tinelle brings a wealth of knowledge and proficiency to this position. She has built a nationally-recognized reputation for her work in recreation management. Tinelle was recently named the 2017 Wellner Scholar by Frostburg State University in recognition of her contributions to the recreation field and student learning.

Tinelle has served as Assistant Director for the Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources directorate in Washington, D.C. since September of 2015. Prior career assignments include: District Ranger on the Colville National Forest, Washington; Public Services Staff Officer at El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico; Forest Recreation Program Manager on the Six Rivers National Forest, California; and District Lands and Recreation Staff Officer on the Lassen National Forest, California. Prior to federal service, Tinelle worked as a research associate and fellow for the Center of Tourism Research at the University of Florida.

Tinelle earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology at the University of Montana, Missoula. She went on to attain a master's degree in environmental education at the State University of New York, Cortland. She later earned a doctorate's degree in natural resource recreation management at the University of Florida.

Please join me in thanking Tinelle for taking on this assignment.



VICTORIA CHRISTIANSEN
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