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### **New District Forester Named for Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties**

**FRANKTOWN, Colo. – November 16, 2016** – The Colorado State Forest Service has named a new district forester to supervise its Franktown District, which serves Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties. Meg Halford replaces previous District Forester Kristin Garrison, who accepted a new fire/fuels program manager position with the CSFS in Fort Collins earlier this year.

“Meg brings extensive experience from two diverse CSFS districts and the U.S. Forest Service to her new role as Franktown District Forester,” said CSFS Area Forester Dave Farmer, who is Halford’s supervisor. “I’m excited that she will be serving in this position and know she will continue to provide quality, professional service to the landowners and partners served by the Franktown District.”

Halford had most recently been serving as the assistant district forester in Franktown since 2008. In that role, she was primarily responsible for forest management planning, wildfire mitigation and grant program management. Prior to working in the Franktown District, Halford worked for three years as a forester at the Colorado State Forest in northern Colorado and six years as a biological science technician with the USDA Forest Service. She also has a bachelor’s degree in forestry from Colorado State University.

“I look forward to maintaining and building on the district’s great relationships with cooperators, communities and private landowners and continuing to provide our forestry expertise and services throughout the district,” said Halford. “I’m excited to further our outreach and education, create and build new partnerships, and promote our landowner assistance programs throughout all four counties.”

The CSFS Franktown District works with private landowners on forest management, wildfire mitigation, insect and disease issues, urban and community forestry and other forestry programs. For more information, the district can be reached at 303-660-9625.

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*The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. The CSFS provides technical forestry assistance, wildfire mitigation expertise and outreach and education to help landowners and communities achieve their forest management goals. The CSFS Franktown District serves Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties.*

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