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Rural Development Announces Rupe as Acting Rural Utilities Service Administrator

WASHINGTON, March 26, 2019 – Acting Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Joel Baxley today announced Chad Rupe will serve as the Acting Administrator for USDA’s Rural Utilities Service. He will start on April 1.

Rupe has served as USDA Rural Development State Director of Wyoming since 2017. During his tenure there, he has been a leader for rural broadband, serving on the Rural Development State Directors Broadband Working Group and assisting state government with efforts to deploy broadband in rural Wyoming. Rupe has also championed rural water utilities projects and financing for sustainable electric infrastructure investments.

Prior to being appointed State Director, Rupe worked in Rural Development’s Community Programs in Wyoming. In that role, he helped underwrite and manage more than \$13 million in Water and Environmental Program direct loans and \$4.75 million in grants. Rupe spent nearly 15 years in the banking industry, specializing in commercial lending in Wyoming. He began his service to our country in the United States Army.

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