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DAVID LYTLE NAMED STATE FORESTER

COLUMBUS, OH – Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Sean Logan has appointed David Lytle as State Forester and Chief of the ODNR Division of Forestry.

As the State Forester, Lytle will lead the Division of Forestry's work in promoting the sustainable management of Ohio's 8 million acres of forested land through the Division's Service Forestry Program and the management of Ohio's 20 state forests.

The Division of Forestry also assists local communities through the urban forestry program, promotes the reforestation of the state through the sale of Ohio Conservation Seedlings, and works to prevent harm to forestlands by fires, insects and diseases.

“Promoting the wise use of Ohio's forests is a top priority of the Department of Natural Resources and David brings with him a unique understanding of how managed forests benefit landowners, Ohio's economy and provides important wildlife habitat.

Lytle most recently served as Director of Forest Conservation programs for the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He holds a Ph. D. in forest ecology from the University of Minnesota, a Master's degree in Botany and Plant Pathology from the University of Maine, and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Macalester College.

Lytle and his wife Jodi and two children reside in Worthington.

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