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Inyo National Forest Welcomes new Mono Lake District Ranger

BISHOP, CA August 16, 2021 —The Inyo National Forest warmly welcomes Stephanie Heller as the new Mono Lake District Ranger.

Stephanie is originally from Petroleum, Indiana. She moved to Lake Tahoe in 1999 to spend a year as an AmeriCorps member. At the end of that year, Stephanie was not ready to leave the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe behind, so started her Forest Service career as a 30-day emergency hire at the front desk of the Lake Tahoe Basin's Supervisors Office.

She worked her way up from a seasonal wildlife biologist to a permanent hydrologist, discovering her love for the land and the agency along the way. Most of her career has been with the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit's Restoration Program, where she focused on planning, designing, and implementing stream and meadow restoration projects.

Most recently she has been the acting District Ranger on the Santa Barbara Ranger District on the Los Padres National Forest.

Stephanie and her partner David have enjoyed recreating on the Inyo National Forest for many years. "I am excited to start this new chapter in such an amazing forest," Stephanie said. "I look forward to working with our partners to tackle the many complex issues this forest faces."

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