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Trump Administration Appoints Layne Bangerter to Serve as State Director for USDA Rural Development in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, November 6, 2017- The Trump Administration recently appointed Layne Bangerter as the new State Director for USDA Rural Development (RD) in Idaho.

Bangerter comes to RD with 33 years of federal service, most recently from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He was the Donald J. Trump Campaign Director for the State of Idaho and served as delegate to the Republican National Convention. He also previously served as State Director for Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment for U.S. Senator Mike Crapo of Idaho from 2003 to 2017. Additionally, he worked various roles for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA from July 1985 to April 2003 as a Wildlife Biologist. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife and Range Resource Management from Brigham Young University. Bangerter has had a passion for hard work from a young age, working in home construction, farming, ranching, and agribusiness.

Bangerter and his wife, Betsy, have been married for 34 years; they have eight children and 10 grandchildren. His love of family, natural resources, sports, agriculture and private property rights are what drives him.

“It is an honor to be selected by the President to fill the extremely important role of State Director of RD in Idaho,” said Bangerter. “I look forward to working with the President, Secretary of Agriculture, the Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, and state and local government leaders to increase rural prosperity and enhance customer service through innovation and partnerships in our state.”

As State Director, Bangerter will use his leadership experience to oversee Rural Development programs in a customer-focused manner to restore prosperity in rural Idaho.

Under the direction of Secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA will always be facts-based and data-driven, with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused. Secretary Perdue leads the USDA with four guiding principles: to maximize the ability of American agriculture to create jobs, sell foods and fiber, and feed and clothe the world; to prioritize customer service for the taxpayers; to ensure that our food supply is safe and secure; and to maintain good stewardship of the natural resources that provide us with our miraculous bounty. Understanding that we live in a global economy where trade is of top importance, Secretary Perdue has pledged to be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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Editor's Note: Official Photo for Layne Bangerter is attached for your use.