Missouri Environmental Personnel Moves: Dru Buntin Named Director of the Department of Natural Resources

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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") announced in an August 12th news release that Mr. Dru Buntin is the new Director.

Missouri Governor Parson noted, in part, in a statement:

. . . Dru is an experienced and trusted leader within DNR and across state government. He worked closely with Director Comer during her illness and stepped up to be a steady hand of leadership upon her passing. We are confident in Dru's abilities to lead DNR, and we look forward to seeing him implement his vision and ideas.

Mr. Buntin served as Deputy Director of MDNR for more than four years. However, he previously served as Director of Government Affairs and subsequently Deputy Director for Policy and Chief of Water Resources in 2000. Additional service included Executive Director of the Upper Missouri River Basin Association before he rejoined MDNR.

Mr. Buntin attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

MDNR's divisions include:

- Division of Environmental Quality
- Division of State Parks
- Missouri Geological Survey
- Division of Energy
- Division of Administrative Support

A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.