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U.S. Forest Service Plans to Combine Offices in Clayton and Clarkesville

Clayton, Georgia—Dave Jensen, District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, announced plans today to combine two district offices, located in Clayton and Clarkesville, Georgia, into a new office facility that will be centrally located between Clayton and Clarkesville. “With the rising cost of office space and the decreasing size of our workforce, we felt that combining these two offices into one would provide a greater efficiency in our operations and would also save money that we can use to manage the forest resources,” Ranger Jensen stated.

The U.S. Forest Service office in Clayton, known as the Tallulah Ranger District office, is a leased office building located on Highway 441 and currently houses about 19 full time employees. The U.S. Forest Service office in Clarkesville, called the Chattooga Ranger District office, is owned by the federal government. The Clarkesville office currently houses about 16 full time employees. The two offices are located about 30 minutes from each other.

Ranger Jensen stated, “We considered a number of alternatives to help us improve our efficiency and allow us to cut facility costs. We believe this decision allows us to achieve those goals, while still being able to provide quality service to our customers.”

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Although there is no specific date identified for the move to a new office location, Ranger Jensen stated that the move should take place within two years. “We still have details to work out,” said Jensen, “but we will keep the community, our customers, and our neighbors informed at every step.” Although economics is not the only reason for the move, by co-locating these two offices over the next ten years, this decision will save the federal government an estimated \$1.3 million.

For additional information about the proposed move, contact District Ranger David Jensen at (706) 782-3320.

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