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Governor Appoints Kevin Payne as Division 4 Water Superintendent

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Matt Mead has appointed Kevin Payne as the new Division 4 Water Superintendent. Payne served as Assistant Superintendent of Water Division 4 and replaces Jade Henderson who retired February 18, 2015. Payne has nearly 16 years of service with the State Engineer's Office.

"The Division Superintendent plays a vital role in water management. Kevin has served as the interim Superintendent since February – I believe Kevin will do a good job," Governor Mead said.

The Division 4 Superintendent is based in Cokeville, WY and oversees water administration in the Snake River, the Bear River, the Green River and all tributaries within those drainages.

The Superintendent supervises water commissioners' administration and regulation of waters and is a member of the constitutionally created State Board of Control, which is responsible for adjudication of Wyoming water rights.

State Engineer Patrick Tyrrell congratulated Payne on his appointment. "Kevin's service to the agency and our constituents has been outstanding and I look forward to working with him in his important new role," Tyrrell stated. "He is well qualified and I welcome his contributions to Water Division 4." Tyrrell asks that constituents in Water Division 4 who have water-related questions for this office contact Mr. Payne. You may continue to contact the Cokeville office at 307-279-3441.

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