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### USDA Rural Development Announces New Telecommunications Program Leadership

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 2017 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced new leadership in Rural Development’s Telecommunications Programs:

- Chad Parker is now the Assistant Administrator for Telecommunication Programs in the Rural Utilities Service. Parker has devoted 26 years to public service with USDA Rural Development, administering loan and grant programs that provide funding for manufacturing, business development, housing, community facilities and technical assistance for agricultural producers and cooperative development.
- Laurel Leverrier is now the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Telecommunications Programs in the Rural Utilities Service. Leverrier has been with Rural Development for 13 years, serving in various roles within the Telecommunications Programs and most recently working as the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Rural Development’s Business Programs.

These program leadership changes are effective immediately. USDA Rural Development encourages partners and stakeholder groups to reach out to these leaders in their new roles to build on existing partnerships and create new ones.

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