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Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies has a new Executive Director

SILVERTON, Colorado, November 9, 2015 --After a year-long, global recruiting effort, the Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies board of directors selected Jeff Derry as it's new Executive Director, succeeding founder Chris Landry. Mr. Derry has a proven track record in executing complex scientific research projects including extensive experience performing and facilitating cryospheric field science in the Alaskan Arctic, Greenland, and Antarctica. "Jeff's academic and technical expertise, combined with his very strong data management and analysis skills, make him ideally suited to further develop our one-of-a-kind, independent, "snow system science" organization," said Chris George, CSAS's Board of Directors President.

Jeff oversaw and conducted multidisciplinary scientific investigations at the summit of the Greenland icecap, a location crucial to understanding atmospheric and snowpack processes and the advancement of climate change research. Mr. Derry's experience also includes maintaining meteorological stations, instrumentation, programming, data acquisition, interpreting water quality/discharge data, and making data available to end users on a real-time basis. He has also provided technical and management expertise for air quality monitoring programs and permitting projects worldwide.

Mr. Derry earned his M.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University with an emphasis in snow hydrology, and a B.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies from Colorado University in Colorado Springs, CO.

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Departing Executive Director, Chris Landry, is also enthused with Derry's selection as his successor, adding, "I am very proud of what the board and I have accomplished over the last thirteen years. I am confident that Jeff's vision and energy will expand on the hard work and solid foundation we built from the ground up." Landry has been the Executive Director for the Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies since its founding in 2003, in Silverton, CO. CSAS and its Senator Beck Basin Study Area at Red Mountain Pass have since become a venue for interdisciplinary American and international snow system research, long-term mountain system monitoring, field education, and the home base for the Colorado Dust-On-Snow program (CODOS), a state-wide dust-on-snow and mountain snowmelt monitoring program providing operational monitoring and analysis services to the Colorado water management community.

To ensure a seamless transition, Landry will assist Derry during the coming winter and spring, passing along the administrative details of the operation, making introductions to CSAS's extensive network of stakeholders in Colorado and Colorado River Basin water management communities, and familiarizing him with the CODOS program and field sites. Derry is excited to continue the relentless efforts of Chris Landry and the board of directors in providing a unique and highly valued resource to the water community.

About Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies: The Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies serves the mountain science community and regional resource managers by hosting & conducting interdisciplinary research and conducting integrative 24/7/365 monitoring that captures weather, snowpack, radiation, soils, plant community and hydrologic signals of regional climate trends.

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