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Gastelle named new chief probation officer in 11th Judicial District

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Hon. Charles M. Barton, chief judge of the Eleventh Judicial District encompassing Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park counties, announced that judges of the district have selected Christopher Gastelle as the district’s new chief probation officer.

Gastelle, who will start in the new position Oct. 1, 2008, has been a probation supervisor in the Eighth Judicial District (Jackson and Larimer counties) since 2001, and has been a probation officer in that district since 1991. Before that, he was the residential manager of a community corrections program in Larimer County.

“He has a very thorough understanding of probation, is well regarded in the Eighth Judicial District, and is committed to making our department as effective as possible,” Barton said.

Gastelle said he was looking forward to taking his new post.

“I hope to use the position of chief probation officer to continue Colorado probation’s strong record of ensuring public safety and furthering its commitment to offender accountability and community service,” Gastelle said.