



Malheur National Forest

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INTERIM SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

John Day, OR – Gary L. “Stan” Benes (pronounced “Benesch”) has been named as Interim Forest Supervisor for the Malheur National Forest beginning April 17, 2006. Benes will be replacing Supervisor Roger Williams who is moving to Atlanta, Georgia. Benes is currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Custer National Forest in South Dakota.

In a recent call, Stan said, "I spent the majority of my career in small ranch and logging towns and learned a lot about the issues first hand from ranch and logging families. My last Ranger position was on the Hebgen Lake Ranger District of the Gallatin National Forest with District headquarters in West Yellowstone, where summer and winter recreation opportunities were critical to the local economy. One of my first challenges with my present position was dealing with more than one traffic light in town, and with streets that are four lanes wide. I look forward to the opportunity to return to a small community." He added, "My door has always been open to listen to community concerns."

“I’m very pleased that Stan Benes is moving in directly behind me,” Williams commented. “He is known to have excellent skills in working with communities and a strong background in fire, grazing, and timber management. These are, of course, critical programs for this Forest. At the same time, as a Deputy Forest Supervisor Stan has experience with the full range of issues and demands he will face in this interim assignment.”

The Malheur National Forest has been under Williams’ leadership since August, 2002.

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