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White Named Three Rivers District Ranger

Kettle Falls, WA (January 22, 2016)– Josh White, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist for the Whitman Ranger Districts on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon, has been named as the new District Ranger of the Three Rivers Ranger District on the Colville National Forest in northeastern Washington.

White, has been with the Forest Service for 7 years and started his career on the Wallowa-Whitman in Oregon. Prior to his career in the Forest Service, he served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

After graduating with a B.S. in Ecology and a MS in Biology from Boise State University, White has worked as an Invasive Species Program manager, supervisor of the Rangeland Management Program and as a Natural Resource Staff Officer on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

“We’re pleased to have Josh leading the Three Rivers Ranger District,” Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon said. “He brings a solid background in natural resource management and enthusiasm for his work that will serve the Forest and the people of northeast Washington well.”

White succeeds Rodney Smoldon, Three Rivers District Ranger from 2010 to 2015 and who is currently the Forest Supervisor.

“I am excited to be joining the Colville National Forest, as well as the community of Kettle Falls. I look forward to working with, and getting to know our partners, neighbors and local communities.” White said. “I am also looking forward to experiencing all that northeast Washington has to offer.”

White will be joined in Kettle Falls by his wife of more than 20 years. White enjoys anything that has to do with the outdoors, but fishing is his favorite off-work pursuit. White is scheduled to start his new position February 22, 2016.

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