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Ralph Rau is New Deputy Forest Supervisor

Forest Supervisor Jane Cottrell has announced that she will be leaving on a detail from March to July. She will be acting Deputy Regional Forester in Atlanta, GA for Region 8. On March 3, 2008, Ralph Rau (rhymes with now) will join the Nez Perce NF as Deputy Forest Supervisor and Allen Rowley will serve as acting Forest Supervisor during Jane's detail.

Rowley is currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Lewis and Clark National Forest in Great Falls, MT. Additional information on Rowley will follow in a future news release.

Rau is currently the District Ranger at the Challis-Yankee Ranger District on the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Region 4.

Ralph served his country in the U.S. Marines Infantry from 1975-1979. From 1981-1984, he worked as a seasonal in Silviculture and Sale Preparation at the Southern Pacific Land Company in Grass Valley, CA. He received his A.S. Degree in Forest Technology, Sierra College, Rocklin, CA. in 1984.

In 1985, Ralph worked as a seasonal Timber Sale Inspector (TSI) Crew Foreman for the Medicine Bow NF, Elk Mountain, WY. He was a seasonal smokejumper in Region 6 at the North Cascades Smokejumper Base in Winthrop, WA from 1986-1988. He received his B.S. Degree in Forest Management, Utah State University, Logan, UT. in 1987. His last seasonal job was a Sale Preparation Forester for the Forestry Management Group in Murphys, CA.

Ralph received his permanent position with the Forest Service as a TSI Forester at the Hayfork

Ranger District (RD), Shasta Trinity National Forest in Hayfork, CA. and was employed there from 1988-1992. He served as the District Silviculturist from 1992-1999 at the Bankhead RD in Double Springs, Alabama. In 1999, he received a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems, University of North Alabama in 1999.

From 1999 to 2001, he was the District Timber Management Assistant/Silviculturist at the Bayou RD, Ozark NF in Hector, AR. From 2001 to 2002, Ralph was the Sale Prep Forester at the Vernal RD, Ashley NF, Vernal, UT. From 2002 to 2003, he served in a detail as an Ecosystems Group Leader at Vernal RD. He moved to Idaho in 2003 and was District Ranger at the Challis RD, Salmon-Challis NF.

He and his wife Melissa have two children. Elizabeth is in her freshman year at the University of Idaho in Moscow studying geography. Stuart is a freshman in High School.

Ralph's hobbies include fishing, hiking, yard work, reading and running. He also likes working with runners and volunteered his time the past four years as the distance coach for the Challis High School Track Team.

Ralph added, "At this point I will be starting off learning a new job and getting to know the public, employees and issues for the forest."

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