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**Subject:** New District Ranger arrives on the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District

### **New District Ranger Arrives on the Roosevelt/Duchesne District of the Ashley National Forest**

Roosevelt, Utah, November 27, 2006 ... District Ranger John R. Kirkaldie arrived on the Roosevelt/Duchesne District on October 30, 2006 and currently resides in Roosevelt.

John and his wife Rebekah join the Ashley National Forest from the South Platte Ranger District near Denver, Colorado. John worked as the Physical Resources Manager on the South Platte Ranger District; Rebekah is an accountant and graduated from Regis University in Denver.

John has worked for the National Park Service as a NEPA Planner/Compliance Specialist, the Bureau of Reclamation and as a Deputy Refuge manager for the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Imperial National Wildlife Refuge in Yuma, Az. Throughout John's career he has held positions as a law enforcement officer, contracting specialist, heavy equipment operator, boat operator, weed sprayer, civil engineering technician.

District Ranger John R. Kirkaldie stated, "I like variety in my work."

John was born in Missoula, Montana and grew up in Missoula, Billings and Malta, Montana and Fort Lupton, Colorado and graduated from Ft. Lupton High School in 1984.

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John served a tour of duty in the U.S. Army from 1987 to 1990 as a radio and telephone repair specialist supporting infantry and artillery units at Camp Hovey, South Korea and Fort Drum, New York.

John graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Land-Use, with minors in Geology and Geography.

John enjoys fishing, playing sports (Like basketball, racquetball and football), hardcore B.B.Q.ing, and just hanging out and conversing with good people. John enjoys space science and geology interests/events of various types (he went to Cape Kennedy for his Honeymoon). He is a hard-core Dallas Cowboys fan. Rebekah and John like to travel, shop, attend sporting and cultural events together and meet new people.