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### **Kevin Elliott Named Ashley National Forest Supervisor**

Ogden, Utah, Feb 9, 2005.... Intermountain Regional Forester Jack Troyer announced today that Kevin Elliott has been selected as the Forest Supervisor for the Ashley National Forest. Elliott comes to the region from the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, where he currently holds the position of Forest Supervisor.

“I am delighted to have Kevin as the Ashley Forest Supervisor,” said Troyer. “He brings a strong background in resource management and experience in building partnerships between the Forest Service and communities. Kevin knows well the responsibilities of a Forest Supervisor. His experience will serve the Ashley National Forest well.”

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Elliott has held numerous leadership positions with the Forest Service. Prior to his job on the Allegheny, he was Deputy Forest Supervisor of Mark Twain National Forest in southern Missouri. Before that he worked in the Forest Service's Legislative Affairs and Policy Analysis staffs at national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Elliott spent nearly twenty years in various positions with the Forest Service in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. He possesses a strong background in the forest planning process, forest plan implementation, NEPA compliance, appeals and litigation, and building effective community and legislative relations.

Elliott has a degree in recreation resource management from the School of Forestry at the University of Montana and degrees in zoology and botany also from the University of Montana.

"I am very excited to be coming to Utah," said Elliott. "The Ashley National Forest will offer me new and exciting challenges. I look forward to working with the employees, the people who use the National Forest and others interested in the management of the forest."

Elliott is married and has two children; a son attending the University of Missouri and a daughter soon to be attending Southern Illinois University. He enjoys fly fishing and Tae Kwon Do. Elliott and his wife Rhonda will report to Vernal in late April. He replaces George Weldon who will be leaving Vernal in mid March. Weldon is transferring to the Northern Regional Office in Missoula, Montana where he will serve as the Deputy Director for Fire, Aviation, and Air. "The Ashley National Forest is a national treasure," said Weldon. "Working with the people of the Uintah Basin to maintain and protect these resource values today and for future generations has been a privilege. I will never forget. I thank you for all your support and wish you well in your continued success in managing this priceless resource."

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Ashley National Forest Public Service Team Leader Eileen Richmond will be the Acting Forest Supervisor in the interim. Richmond has over twenty years experience with the Forest Service, and was formerly the District Ranger for the Flaming Gorge Ranger District.

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