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JOHN GUBEL NAMED NEW BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT RANGER

John Day, OR – John Gubel has been named as the next District Ranger of the Blue Mountain Ranger District on the Malheur National Forest, announced Doug Gochnour, Forest Supervisor. Currently the Environmental Coordinator on the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, Montana, Gubel (pronounced “Goo-BELL”) is expected to assume his new duties in early January.

“I am pleased to welcome John to the Malheur,” Gochnour said. “He brings a wealth of experience with natural resource management, including appeals and litigation, and a career working in small towns and remote areas that makes him a good fit for the people and resources of Grant County.”

Gubel’s career has been focused in Montana, Idaho, and California, with stints on four different Forests in two regions of the Forest Service and experience ranging from seasonal engineering assignments to timber management, silviculture, planning, recreation and special uses.

Gubel has a Bachelor’s in Forestry from Humboldt State University. He and his wife Sandi, a small town newspaper reporter, have two sons who are attending Montana State and the Colorado School of Mines. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, hiking, and mountain biking as well as spending time doing woodworking projects.

“I consider it a privilege to serve the public managing natural resources and I feel lucky to be offered a District Ranger job in such a nice rural community as John Day. I’m excited about the diverse program on the District and all that the Forest and Grant County have to offer,” Gubel said. “I know the District is doing a lot of excellent work and I look forward to continuing what they have already started as well as engaging with the local communities about the resource issues that affect them.”

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