



Malheur National Forest

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Bubba “Ben” Lindley Receives Forest Service National Award

John Day, OR - Bubba (Ben) Lindley recently went to Washington D.C. where Forest Service Chief , Tom Tidwell presented him with the National Engineering Technician Award, the highest honor that one can achieve in a career in Engineering in the Forest Service.

Forest Supervisor Doug Gochnour was also in D.C for other business and was able to attend the ceremony. “I am extremely proud of Bubba Lindley's well deserved selection as engineering technician for the entire United States Forest Service, said Gochnour. “Along with Jeff Pendleton's selection as Fire Manager of the Year last year, this just goes to show the quality of dedicated employees we have on the Malheur National Forest.

Bubba, a native of Seneca, began working for the Malheur National forest in 1981 as an Engineering Equipment Operator. He moved up to Fleet Manager in 1996 and four years later assumed the duties of Road Manager and Road Crew Supervisor. Just last year, Bubba was promoted to the Assistant Forest Engineer position over road maintenance, fleet, lands and minerals. He now oversees management of more than 9000 miles of roads, a fleet of 200 government vehicles and the management of lands and minerals on 1.7 million acres of National Forest System lands that he’s hunted, fished, and loved his entire life. Prior to coming to work for the Malheur National Forest, Bubba worked in private industry as a timber faller and an equipment operator during the heyday of road building on the National Forest. He constructed many miles of roads in steep forested terrain... roads he is responsible for maintaining today!

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