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Kaibab National Forest welcomes new district ranger

FREDONIA, Ariz. – The North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest recently welcomed Randall Walker as its new district ranger. Walker replaces Timothy Short, who accepted a position in California earlier this year.

Walker comes to the Kaibab National Forest with 37 years of experience working for the U.S. Forest Service. His most recent position was in northern Idaho where he served for the past nine years as forest silviculturist on the Nez Pearce-Clearwater National Forests.

“I’m very excited to be a part of the exceptional team on the Kaibab National Forest and look forward to collaborating with other agencies, organizations, and the public in the management on this phenomenal piece of our country,” Walker said.

A native of southwest Oklahoma, Walker received his bachelor’s degree in Forest Management from Oklahoma State University in 1975. He began his Forest Service career the same year as a timber marker on the Umatilla National Forest in southeast Washington.

He completed the Forest Engineering and Silviculture Institute Programs through Oregon State University and University of Washington. He became a certified silviculturist in 1991 and continues to retain his certification.

Walker has served as a district forester and silviculturist/ecologist on the Wenatchee National Forest in central Washington, and as a district silviculturist and environmental planner on the Umatilla National Forest. He has previously served as acting district ranger on both the Clearwater and Mendocino National Forests.

Walker has also been involved with all facets of fire, including the preparation and implementation of prescribed fire, serving as Burned Area Emergency Response team member, and working on post-fire restoration efforts.

Walker and his wife, Kathy, have three daughters and they enjoy outdoor recreation activities, gardening, and children’s sporting events.

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