## **News Release**



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## **Temporary Personnel Changes on Gallatin National Forest**

Bozeman, MT... The Gallatin National Forest will have a few temporary personnel changes over the next few months. Bill Avey, Big Timber District Ranger will be going to the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico as the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor. Jose Castro, Bozeman District Ranger will be going to the Santa Fe National Forest also in New Mexico as Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor. Both expect to be gone for two months.

"I'm humbled to be asked to assist the Lincoln Forest during an intense fire season as Deputy Forest Supervisor," said Avey. "Hopefully, I'll be able to provide some assistance with fire management activities and other forest priority work during my two months down there. It's an honor to be given a chance to help out this forest that provided so much help to us here in Montana during the past several bad fire seasons."

"My detail to the 1.6 million acre Santa Fe National Forest will be both exciting & challenging" said Castro. "As well as providing additional agency administrator capacity, I will assist with forest-wide priority work during my two-month stint as Deputy Forest Supervisor. I look forward to working in culturally rich northern New Mexico and eating great Mexican food."

Marna Daley, Gallatin Forest Public Affairs Officer will serve as the Acting District Ranger for the Big Timber Ranger District. Fred Haas, Gallatin Forest Lands Forester will be the Acting District Ranger for the Bozeman Ranger District.

