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SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR IDAHO-PANHANDLE NATIONAL FOREST

Missoula, MT – May 4, 2001--Ranotta McNair has been named Forest Supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest in northern Idaho.

Kathy McAllister, acting Regional Forester for the Forest Service's Northern Region in Missoula, said in naming McNair to the post, that McNair brings quality experience to her new assignment. She begins her duties mid-summer.

McAllister said that McNair's service as Deputy Forest Supervisor of the National Forests in North Carolina and years of working in forest management, with a wide variety of public and community interests, made her a good choice for the top job at the Idaho Panhandle forest.

McNair has been the deputy supervisor in North Carolina since September 1998. Prior to that she worked for the Pacific Northwest Region, guiding an interagency effort in the formulation of the Northwest Forest Plan.

She's also worked as Area Manager for the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management and as Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon.

In other career assignments she has served as a Nursery Manager of the Bend Pine Nursery, Area Ranger for the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area on the Siuslaw NF, Acting District Ranger on the ZigZag Ranger District on Mt. Hood NF, and as forester on a variety of national forests in Oregon.

She graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation Planning and a minor in Forest Management.

McNair's husband, Bob Walker, is a fire planner in Asheville, North Carolina. They have two children; Alex (age 8) and Courtney (age 12).

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