



**Flathead National Forest
Rocky Mountain Research Station**

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FOREST SERVICE MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED

KALISPELL--Flathead National Forest Supervisor Cathy Barbouletos announced that a memorial service for victims of Monday's crash of a charter flight bound for the Bob Marshall Wilderness is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2004, 4 p.m. at Whitefish High School gymnasium.

Ann Bartuska, Forest Service Deputy Chief of Research and Development, will pay tribute to Davita Bryant, Ken Good and Jim Long at the service, and family members will share memories of their loved ones. The USDA Forest Service Honor Guard will perform a flag ceremony and present the families with flags to honor the fallen.

Marcia Patton-Mallory, Director of Rocky Mountain Research Station, Fort Collins, Colorado, said, "We are holding this ceremony to celebrate the lives of the three people who died in 6-Sierra-Mike and to offer support to their families."

"The Forest Service is a family," said Regional Forester Gail Kimbell. "We're doing this for all the families."

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