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Tom Reilly named interim supervisor for the Nez Perce National Forest

Orofino, ID—Tom Reilly, currently Forest Supervisor for the Orofino-based Clearwater National Forest, will be doing double-duty for the next few months, also serving as interim supervisor for the Grangeville-based Nez Perce National Forest.

The Nez Perce Forest was formerly supervised by Jane Cottrell who was recently promoted to the post of Deputy Regional Forester for the Northern Region.

“I am humbled that I have been given this opportunity to lead,” Reilly said. “The Nez Perce National Forest has an awesome history and abundance of natural resources, history and culture.”

He observed that the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests share many similar issues and publics, and that the detail provides an opportunity for the Forest Service to determine if one leader for the two national forests is practical.

During his detail, Reilly will also be evaluating opportunities to align management objectives and share programs and personnel. “My goal is to increase efficiency and direct savings to resource management priorities on the ground,” he stated.

Both Forests have a trend of flat to declining budgets while costs associated with managing natural resources are escalating.

“This is not a combination of the two Forests,” Reilly emphasized. “Rather, this is an opportunity for a careful analysis of what can be done to provide better service and save the taxpayers money.”

No offices will be closed, nor will personnel be moved during Reilly’s detail.

Reilly has served as Clearwater Forest Supervisor for just over three years. Prior to that, he spent three years as Forest Supervisor for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in Dillon, Montana. He also has experience in the capacity of either Deputy and Acting Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River, Siskiyou and Umatilla National Forests in Oregon.

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