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Forest Service Announces Selection of Clearwater Forest Supervisor

Missoula, MT – Tom Reilly was announced today as the new Clearwater National Forest Supervisor by Northern Regional Forester Gail Kimbell. Reilly is currently supervisor on Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Kimbell said Reilly brings quality experience to his new assignment.

"Tom is a personable, proven leader and manager with experience running several large, complex national forests," Gail Kimbell said. "He has great depth and familiarity with the resource issues facing the West."

"I'm looking forward to working with the great people and resources of the Clearwater National Forest," Reilly said. "You always feel a little sad about leaving your current location, but the professional and personal opportunities of this new assignment are great."

Reilly will begin his duties in Idaho by late August.

Reilly has held important leadership positions in the Forest Service in his 28 years with the agency.

Prior to his current assignment which began in 2002, Reilly was both the acting forest supervisor and deputy forest supervisor for the Rogue River and Siskiyou national forests in Oregon.

In 1996 and 1997, he was first the acting forest supervisor and then acting deputy forest supervisor for the Umatilla National Forest, which is also in Oregon.

During the 1990s Reilly was the district ranger of the Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest in eastern Washington.

Earlier in his career Reilly was the manager of the Siskiyou National Forest's westside engineering operation and before that he was the acting district ranger on the Barlow Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

He holds a degree in geology from Portland State University and a master's degree in natural resource management from Colorado State University.

Reilly's Forest Service career began in 1977, when he went to work as a geologist on the Olympic National Forest in Washington. In 1979, he became the forest geologist for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, which includes Mt. St. Helens; a volcano that erupted in 1980.

A native of Vancouver, Washington, Reilly began his federal service in 1975 as a geologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He and his wife Peggy have three children: a son, Mike, who is 28 and married; a daughter, Sara, 23; and a son, Sean, 20, who is a junior at the University of Portland.

The 1.7 million acre Clearwater National Forest is based in Orofino, Idaho.



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Note to Editor: Two file photos available upon request.