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Forest Service Announces Selection of Helena Forest Supervisor

Missoula, MT -- Kevin Riordan was announced today as the new Helena National Forest Supervisor by Northern Regional Forester Gail Kimbell. Riordan replaces former Supervisor Tom Clifford who retired in January.

“Kevin has demonstrated the kind of leadership and vast collaborative resource management skills important to this key national forest,” Kimbell said. “I am pleased to have him join our team,”

Riordan, 52, is currently coordinating actions to implement the Ditch Bill easements for the Rocky Mountain region, based in Lakewood, CO. He recently served as acting Forest Supervisor on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest; overseeing operations on a vast and complex stretch of Colorado's Western Slope. Prior to that assignment, Riordan was the Forest Service liaison with the Western Governor's Association.

Riordan's other work experience includes liaison to the State of Colorado as Capital City Coordinator, district ranger, and staff positions of increasing responsibility. “Kevin's exceptional ability to work with people from many backgrounds and interests allows him to excel at finding working solutions to complex issues,” Kimbell added.

“I'm excited to have the opportunity to join the Helena Forest staff in bringing the people who care about the forest together to help us manage the Helena's land and resources,” Riordan said.

“Establishing quality relationships with individuals and groups will be a very high priority of mine.”

Raised in Des Moines, IA, Riordan graduated from Iowa State University with a BS degree in forest management and a minor in wildlife management. He began his career with the agency as a seasonal employee in 1973 on the San Juan National Forest.

Riordan and his wife, Sue, have been married for 27 years. They have six children; three in college, two in high school and their youngest in eighth grade. Kevin enjoys involvement in myriad youth sports activities including time as a high school football official. He's also an avid hiker, fisher and camper. The Riordan's currently live in Golden, CO.

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