



## News Release

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### **Jose Noriega Begins Serving as the New Ely District Ranger**

**Sparks, Nevada...**Long-time veteran Santa Rosa District Ranger, Jose Noriega, began his new position on Monday as the Ely District Ranger in Ely, Nevada. Noriega has spent the past seven years in Winnemucca, and is looking forward to serving Ely and its surrounding communities in eastern Nevada. "I look forward forging new relationships, and initiating more projects in cooperation with our partners and the community," said Noriega.



Noriega has a solid reputation as a hard worker and barrier buster. He was recently recognized as "District Ranger of the Year" in the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service. Under his leadership, the Santa Rosa Ranger District was noteworthy for its progressive approach to many challenging projects and issues that face the agency today. Noriega replaces former District Ranger Pat Irwin, who sadly passed away on December 28, 2008.

"Jose has a proven track record on the Humboldt-Toiyabe; his leadership ability and his employees' allegiance will further enhance our dedicated Ely Ranger District employees and their programs," said Ed Monnig, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor. The Ely Ranger District includes over one million acres of National Forest System lands.

Noriega graduated from Utah State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management. His wife, Amy, and two children, Matthew, 15, and Kathlyn, 12, have also relocated to Ely. Noriega is an outdoors enthusiast, and especially enjoys hunting and fishing.

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