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### **Forest Service Announces Selection of New Director of Forest and Range Program**



Bruce Fox was announced as the new director of forest and rangeland management for the Forest Service Northern Region, Regional Forester Gail Kimbell announced today. Fox replaces Bob Schrenk, who will retire March 5 after 37 years of service.

“Bruce Fox has demonstrated the kind of leadership and personal excellence that we need in these programs,” Kimbell said. “I am pleased to have Bruce continue on our team,”

Fox is currently the range program leader in the Region. “He excels at working with people from many backgrounds and interest areas and has outstanding professional resource knowledge,” Kimbell added.

“I am very honored to accept the director position and to continue the progress we have been making,” Fox said. “This is an exciting and challenging time in resource management, and I look forward to working with the resources and the people who care so much about them.”

Raised on a small ranch in western Idaho, Fox graduated from the University of Idaho in 1977 with a bachelor’s degree in Rangeland Resources. He served in several positions on forests in Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada from 1979 through 1989; including assignments as district range conservationist, resource staff assistant, forest planning specialist, and district ranger.

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Along with his growing resource management responsibilities, Fox also has remained active in large fire and other emergency management operations. His work with Type I incident management teams has taken him to emergency response operations across the United States.

Bruce and his wife, Barbara, a special education teacher, live in Florence, MT. They have three children; their eldest serves in the Air Force in Italy, the middle child attends Montana State University, and their youngest is attends the University of Montana.

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