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### **Forest Service Announces Selection of Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Supervisor**

Missoula, MT -- Bruce Ramsey was announced today as the new Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor by Northern Regional Forester Gail Kimbell. Ramsey replaces former Supervisor Tom Riley who recently transferred to the Clearwater Forest in Idaho.

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

Ramsey is currently the national Assistant Director of Minerals and Geology in the Forest Service’s Washington Office. His early career began in the Northern Region; in Medora, ND and Red Lodge, MT with responsibilities for developed recreation, hydrology, special uses, minerals and timber sale layout and design. He served as a forest staff officer on both the Custer and Gallatin national forests as well as on the Bridger-Teton.

Ramsey spent several years in the private sector where he became president of a geologic services company. He returned to public service in the Washington Office where he has worked on the ecosystem management and minerals and geology staffs.

“I look forward to getting to know and work with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge employees and the communities in southwestern Montana,” said Ramsey. “I’m especially interested in moving the Forest Plan revision to completion; building on the work of the last several years.”

Raised in Albuquerque, NM, Ramsey graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in geology, and a minor in biology. He also received a Master of Arts degree in national resource management from the National Defense University.

Ramsey and his wife, Kathleen, have been married for over 30 years. They have three children; two adults and a daughter planning to enter Virginia Tech this fall as a freshman. Bruce enjoys most outdoor activities including hiking, fishing, skiing, bird watching, camping, boating, and floating. He has worked on most of the forests surrounding the 3.32 million acre Beaverhead-Deerlodge national forest and is looking forward to his new job which will begin on October 2.

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- NOTE to Editor: Due to a Washington Office computer network shutdown, no photo is currently available.