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New Ruby Mountains & Jarbidge District Ranger Arrives in Wells

Sparks, Nevada...Gar Abbas is the new Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge District Ranger for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest as of January 5, 2009. Abbas, a native of Central Oregon, has lived or worked in desert regions of Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and Southern California, as well as in the dense forests of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

"Gar brings a wealth of experience to our Forest," said Ed Monnig, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor. "He has extensive experience working on complex resource issues involving a wide variety of forest stakeholders in a highly visible Southern California setting." Abbas formerly worked as the Forest Fish & Wildlife Program Manager in San Bernardino, California.



"I'm excited to be relocating to Wells," said Abbas. "A small town in the high desert, surrounded by the fantastic opportunities of vast public land tracts, is very similar to where I grew up, and I wanted that for my kids too." His career with the Forest Service has included experiences as a Wildland Firefighter, Forest Protection Officer, Biologist, Permit Administrator, Special Project Manager, Program Manager, and Deputy District Ranger. The Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger Districts include nearly 700,000 acres of National Forest System lands in Elko County in northeastern Nevada.

Abbas earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Oregon focused on fish and wildlife biology, which included studies in water law, natural resource policy, and environmental ethics. His wife, Tricia, and two young children, have also relocated to Wells. Abbas enjoys the outdoors, especially hiking, camping, and fishing. His other hobbies include landscaping and home improvement.

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