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Shane Jeffries New Bend Fort Rock District Ranger



Bend—Shane Jeffries will be the new District Ranger for the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest beginning September 29th.

A career employee, Shane started with the Forest Service right out of high school in 1987. His first job was as a GS-1 biological technician in the natural resources department. “It was a great introduction,” says Jeffries. “I began to learn about timber marking, archaeology, hydrology, wildlife and fire.” By the time Shane graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife

management, he already had six years of experience working with the Forest Service.

Fire management has also played a large role in Jeffries’ career. He was the Acting District Ranger for a time at Crescent Ranger District during the Davis Fire of 2003.

Today, with twenty-two years accumulated on the Payette National Forest, the Deschutes National Forest and the Tahoe National Forest, Shane returns to Central Oregon from his current position as District Ranger at the McCall Ranger District on the Payette National Forest. Jeffries has spent two-thirds of his career thus far at the ranger district levels of the agency. With two ski hills and large groups of snowmobile users and Nordic skiers at the McCall District, Shane figures there are strong similarities to issues he will now face at the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District.

The Jeffries family includes Shane’s wife Pam and their fifteen year old son Gage. They also have three stepsons and four grandchildren. In his free time, Shane enjoys fly fishing, backpacking and mountain biking with his family. “We’re excited about returning to Central Oregon,” says Jeffries. “I love being a ranger. I love working with people and I love challenges. I’m honored to follow in my predecessors’ footsteps at Bend Fort Rock. And there is no better place than Central Oregon to work.”