



# Malheur National Forest

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## **INTERIM SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST**

**John Day, OR** – Cassius Cash (who prefers to be called “Cash”) has been named as Interim Supervisor for the Malheur National Forest beginning April 7, 2008. Cash will be replacing Supervisor Gary “Stan” Benes, who has accepted a position with the BLM in Lewistown, Montana. Cash is currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Cash has been with the Forest Service since 1991 and has extensive experience with the agency. Some of the positions he has held include Services Staff Officer and Acting Natural Resources Staff Officer at Nebraska National Forest, District Ranger at Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests in Georgia, Civil Rights Officer for National Forests in Mississippi, and Assistant Forest Wildlife Biologist at Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington. He has also provided oversight and leadership to the entire business operation functions and some of the servicing functions such as Geographic Information System (GIS), Engineering, and Public Affairs.

"I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that working at the Malheur National Forest will bring," Cash said about his new position. "I am also looking forward to continuing the good work that Stan has created in working with the local communities on a variety of land management issues," he said.

Cash holds a Bachelor of Biology degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and attended Oregon State University to study wildlife management.

"I'm extremely pleased that Cash has agreed to take this assignment," Benes commented. "He will provide outstanding leadership, has excellent communication skills, and connects well with people. I have complete confidence in his abilities to keep things moving in a forward direction."

The Malheur National Forest has been under Benes' leadership since April 2006.

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