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Becki Heath Accepts Position as Forest Supervisor for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests

Bozeman, MT... Becki Heath, Gallatin National Forest Supervisor, has accepted the Forest Supervisor position on the 4.1 million acre Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests in north-central Washington State.

This assignment will be a homecoming for Becki, who served as Leavenworth District Ranger on the Wenatchee National Forest in the 1990's. "My husband and I are excited to be returning to central Washington," Heath said. "I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve as the Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Supervisor."

Becki, her husband Monty and son Evan came to Bozeman, Montana and the Gallatin National Forest in November 2001 from Bend, Oregon where she was the Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Deschutes National Forest. Since moving to Bozeman, she and her family have been involved in many community events and organizations including Rotary and the Bridger Ski Foundation.

During Heath's time on the Gallatin National Forest she has been very successful in opening and enhancing lines of communication with individuals and organizations. Her accomplishments include being instrumental in addressing issues relating to the Yellowstone Ecosystem, including the de-listing of the Yellowstone grizzly bear. She also led the Gallatin Forest through the Travel Management Planning process. Heath was influential in the conservation of important species habitat through an aggressive land acquisition and exchange program, and in 2006 she lead the Forest through an extreme fire season when over 250,000 acres of National Forest and other owned and managed land burned.

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“The communities surrounding the Gallatin Forest have impressed me in so many ways. Community members are knowledgeable, involved and proactive in Forest management. They have a high level of professionalism, trust and integrity,” said Heath. “People love the Gallatin National Forest. The connections with and values communities place on public lands are inspiring.”

Becki will report to Wenatchee, Washington where the Supervisor’s Office is located in early August.

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