



# Malheur National Forest

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## **DOUG GOCHNOUR NAMED NEW MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR**

**John Day, OR – Doug Gochnour a 31-year veteran of the Forest Service has been named as the next Forest Supervisor of the Malheur National Forest, announced Liz Agpaoa, Acting Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region. Currently District Ranger of the Boise National Forest’s Idaho City Ranger District, Gochnour (pronounced “Gawk-ner”) is expected to assume his new duties in early June. Cassius Cash, Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, is Acting Malheur National Forest Supervisor in the interim.**

**“I am pleased to welcome Doug back to the Northwest,” Agpaoa said. “Doug brings a wealth of experience and collaborative skills that make him a good fit for the people and resources of eastern Oregon.”**

**Gochnour’s career has taken him to Alaska, southern Colorado, northern and southern Idaho, North Dakota and now twice to Oregon. His longest stints included 13 years on the Clearwater National Forest in Orofino, Idaho, and 11 years on the Mt. Hood National Forest of Oregon. A self-proclaimed “small-town guy,” Gochnour’s current assignment has included a strong timber and minerals program. The first half of his career gave him experience in fire suppression and management while subsequent assignments included recreation, planning and administration. Gochnour also brings the experience of two successful Acting Forest Supervisor details, including one on the Sawtooth National Forest where livestock grazing is an important part of the Forest program.**

**Gochnour has a Bachelor’s in Biology from Boise State University and a Master’s in Forestry from Colorado State. He and his wife Ann, a schoolteacher, have two grown children.**

**“We’re looking forward to getting actively involved in local community activities and engaging in the exciting work already underway on the Malheur. I’ve hunted and fought fires in the Blues and I know what a wonderful place this is,” Gochnour said. “I have confidence that Acting Supervisor Cash and the Forest employees will continue to make progress on this year’s projects and I’m eager to join them early this summer.”**

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