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## Alexander G. (Sam) Morigeau

### Deputy Director of Engineering

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As Deputy Director of Engineering, Alexander G. (Sam) Morigeau provides staff assistance and support to the Director in support of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service management. He shares responsibility for providing leadership and guidance in engineering program development, direction, management, and evaluation.

Sam began his working career in ranching and worked in a Montana sawmill before joining the U.S. Navy in 1965. He served most of his tour on nuclear powered submarines off a sub-tender in Scotland and Guam and on a surface ship in the Mediterranean during his final year of duty. After his 1969 discharge, he attended Northern Montana College, where he earned an associate's degree in mechanical engineering. He worked as a machinist/fabricator until starting his USDA Forest Service career on the Lolo National Forest in 1974 as a civil engineering technician.

In 1977 Sam returned to school at Montana State University and received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Although he later worked as a production engineer for Procter & Gamble Co. in Green Bay, WI, in 1983 he returned to Montana and the USDA Forest Service as a civil engineer on the Gallatin National Forest. In 1988 Sam began his first tour of the Washington Office (WO) in the Engineering Program and Budget shop. While in the WO, Sam completed a legislative fellow assignment in the office of Congressman Sid Morrison of Washington State before going to the Siuslaw National Forest as the forest engineer. He later worked in Region 3 as the Deputy Director of Engineering. The call to return home to the Flathead Indian Reservation was strong, so in 1994 Sam accepted the Director of Natural Resources position for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Pablo, MT.

But in 1999 Sam again returned to the USDA Forest Service—this time as Deputy Director of Engineering in Region 1. He later moved to the WO in 2001 as the Assistant Director of Engineering, Capital Resources. In early 2002, Sam accepted his current position as Deputy Director of Engineering.

Sam Morigeau was born in St. Ignatius, MT, and was raised on his father's Indian allotment near Arlee on the Flathead Nation. He lives in Fairfax, VA, with Edie, his wife of 35 years, and a couple of tough mutts. Sam and Edie are very proud of their two sons—Stuart, who works at IBM in Colorado, and Ryan, a student at the University of Washington.