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BLM Selects New Malta Field Manager

Mark Albers, a native of Fort Benton and graduate of Montana State University, is the new field manager in the Bureau of Land Management's Malta Field Office.

The 43-year old Albers most recently worked as a private consultant concentrating on hydrological issues. He also has worked for American Rivers, Inc.; US Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Reclamation; US Army Corps of Engineers; and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

He earned a degree in zoology from MSU in 1983.

"Mark has a tremendous variety of experience, which has allowed him to establish good working relationships with many organizations and individuals throughout the state," said Marty Ott, BLM state director for Montana and the Dakotas. "He has earned the reputation of working well with communities, and uniting divergent interests for the common good."

Albers will begin his new duties on June 14.

"The range of issues BLM deals with on the Hiline is compelling, and one of the reasons this job is so attractive," Albers said. "I hope to provide strong leadership and balance in helping BLM to accomplish its mission."

Albers succeeds Bruce Reed, who retired earlier this year.

Albers and his wife, Lori, are the parents of two sons, ages 12 and nine.