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Supervisor Named for Clearwater National Forest

Missoula, MT – Larry Dawson, son of Leonard and Elva Dawson, 404 E. Dodge St. in Grand Island, has been named Forest Supervisor of the 1.8 million acre Clearwater National Forest in northern Idaho.

Kathy McAllister, acting Regional Forester for the Forest Service's Northern Region in Missoula, said that Dawson will bring solid leadership and resource management experience to the job. He'll begin his new assignment in Orofino in late June.

Dawson is a 1972 graduate of Grand Island Senior High. His wife, Jill (Johnson) Dawson is a 1975 graduate of Grand Island High.

Dawson graduated from the University of Idaho in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in land management. He began his Forest Service career in 1975 as a member of the helitack fire fighting crew on the Nez Perce National Forest. He's worked as a forester on several national forests in Idaho, Montana and Washington.

He's been the head of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in Bismarck, North Dakota since September, 1998. Prior to that Dawson served as District Ranger on the Superior National Forest in Minnesota and on the Little Missouri National Grasslands in Dickinson, North Dakota. He also directed the Forest Service's Job Corps Center in Wisconsin before moving to Dickinson.

McAllister said that Dawson's years of living in and working with rural communities, in addition to his broad background in forest management, made him a good choice for the Clearwater position.

"I'm looking forward to working with the communities and the Nez Perce Tribe," said Dawson, "and all the people who enjoy and use the Clearwater National Forest."

Dawson enjoys fly fishing and upland bird hunting with his two golden retrievers. His wife, Jill, is also a graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in forest resource management.

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