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Supervisor named for Clearwater National Forest

Missoula, MT – May 7, 2001-- Larry Dawson has been named Forest Supervisor of the 1.7 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 mid-summer.

Dawson graduated from the University of Idaho in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest 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 he served as District Ranger on the Superior National Forest in Minnesota and on the Little Missouri National Grasslands in Dickinson, North Dakota. Dawson 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.

Dawson's enjoys fly fishing and upland bird hunting with his two golden retrievers. His wife, Jill, is a ????

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