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SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Missoula, MT – September 28, 2001—Becki Heath has been named supervisor of the Gallatin National Forest, headquartered in Bozeman, Montana.

Kathy McAllister, acting Regional Forester for the Forest Service's Northern Region in Missoula, said in naming Heath to the post, that Heath brings broad natural resource experience to her new assignment. She'll begin her duties late-fall.

McAllister said that Heath's service as Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon and her years of working with a wide variety of public and community interests made her a good choice for the top job at the Gallatin forest.

Heath began her Forest Service career 22 years ago on the Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon. She has been the deputy forest supervisor in Bend, Oregon since early 1999. She served as district ranger for the Leavenworth Ranger District in central Washington through the 1990's. Prior to that she held a variety of forestry and recreation management positions with the Forest Service.

She is a graduate of Oregon State University with a BS in Recreation and Environmental Education, and holds a MS degree from the University of Washington in Forest Management.

Becki and her husband, Monty, have one middle-school aged son, Evan. Monty is a retired Forest Service employee and former Missoula smokejumper. They own property along Hebgen Lake and have vacationed in Yellowstone and surrounding areas every fall for the past 20 years. The family enjoys skiing, fly-fishing, hiking and golf. Becki has been a member of Rotary International for the past 10 years.

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