

New forest supervisor selected

Chief of the US Forest Service Tom Tidwell recently announced the incoming Forest Supervisor for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Rob MacWhorter, currently Forest Supervisor of the Dixie National Forest in Cedar City, Utah, is scheduled to report to his new assignment at the Medford Interagency Office on Monday, May 7, 2012. MacWhorter replaces Scott Conroy, the previous Forest Supervisor for the Rogue River Siskiyou, who retired in January, 2012.

“I look forward to working closely with the diverse communities and partners associated with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, and I am very pleased to relocate closer to my family,” said MacWhorter.

Rob is a graduate of West Virginia University School of Forestry with degrees in forest resource management and ecological systems management. He also completed graduate-level course work at the University of Montana.

Before beginning his career with the forest service, Rob was a Peace Corp volunteer in El Salvador and a service forester for the states of West Virginia and Maryland. Rob began his forest service career in late 1978 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, as a reforestation forester and district silviculturist. He left Oregon in 1981 and moved to the Eldorado National Forest in the central Sierras to work as a district silviculturist. In 1983, Rob returned to Oregon where he became the district silviculturist on the Bend Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest.

In 1988, after ten years as a forester, Rob moved to the Mt. Hood National Forest and assumed the duties as a natural resources/recreation/law enforcement/special uses district staff officer. In 1991, after three very long, wet seasons on the Mt. Hood National Forest, Rob found drier environs on the eastside of the Cascades as a district ranger on the Ochoco and Fremont National Forests. In 2000, Rob moved to the Washington office as the chief of staff for the deputy chief for the National Forest System. In 2002, Rob headed back west as the deputy forest supervisor of the Plumas in northeastern California. He most recently worked in Region 4 of the forest service as the forest supervisor on the Dixie National Forest starting in early 2007.

Rob enjoys spending time with his family hiking, traveling, visiting the ocean and beach, skiing, canoeing, landscaping/gardening, and spending quiet moments at home. Rob is married and has two wonderful daughters, Sarah and Laurie, and one grandson, Seth.

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