

Deputy Forest Supervisor selected



Heidi McRoberts
Umatilla National Forest Supervisor Eric Watrud has announced that Heidi McRoberts has been selected as the new Umatilla National Forest Deputy Forest Supervisor, effective March 14. McRoberts currently serves as a Fish Biologist on the Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forest.

"The Umatilla is fortunate to have such a highly qualified individual who is so familiar with our communities and landscape join the forest in this leadership role," Watrud said. "Her skills and background are an outstanding complement to the priority work the Forest has underway and the interests of the communities and partners that we serve."

McRoberts brings a variety of experience to the Umatilla National Forest, including a strong natural resources background and experience working with a variety of Tribal governments, county commissioners, partners, public stakeholders and several national forests.

Since 2019, McRoberts has worked as a Fish Biologist on the Forest Plan Revision team for the Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forest, helping to develop and write the plan. This position also requires her to coordinate with other federal agencies and a variety of external stakeholders to understand differing interests and develop the plan components to meet multiple use needs.

Prior to this position, McRoberts spent 22 years working for the Nez Perce Tribe, including 10 years as Deputy Director for the Department of Fisheries Resource Management/Watershed Division. During her time with the Nez Perce Tribe, McRoberts was responsible for leading a large and geographically dispersed department, managing a complex budget and working with a variety of federal agencies including 13 national forests, tribes, state and local government and private interest groups. This position gave her extensive experience in collaboration and partnership development, as well as a thorough understanding of forest management.

Born and raised on a farm in north central Idaho, McRoberts has personal connections to rural economies and a desire to maintain healthy, productive forests that support local communities. McRoberts has a master's in Fisheries Resources from the University of Idaho and is currently working toward a doctorate in Natural Resources and Society from the University of Idaho.

"I look forward to serving as the Umatilla National Forest's Deputy Forest Supervisor," McRoberts said. "I am eager to meet the forest staff and build relationships with the communities and our partners

throughout the area in this new role."

In her free time, McRoberts enjoys spending time with her two children, Lydia (19) and Sydney (18). Her hobbies include attending sporting and 4-H events, hiking, camping and traveling. McRoberts is currently an active 4-H leader in Nez Perce County and serves on the board of directors for the Lewiston Independent Foundation for Education.

Sheriff Lieutenant Harper retires



Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack (right) presents Terry Harper with plaque of appreciation for his 31 years of service to the county.

Morrow County Sheriff Lieutenant Terry Harper was honored last week on his retirement after 31 years of service to the county. Harper started with the county in 1989 and was promoted to detective in 1999. He was promoted again to detective sergeant in 2005 and to operations lieutenant in 2017.

At last week's county commission meeting Harper was presented a plaque by Sheriff Ken Matlack. "We would like to congratulate Terry upon retirement

after 31 years of service to the citizens of Morrow County," Matlack said. "The people have benefited from his dedication and service. The citizens will miss your compassion and dedication," Matlack said.

Matlack said he doesn't think anyone knows Morrow County better than Lieutenant Harper. "Thanks, we are going to miss you," he said.

Brian Snyder was promoted in the department to take Harper's place as operations lieutenant.

Ione School District seeks superintendent/principal

Current superintendent/principal Rollie Marshall to retire

The Ione School District Board has posted the administrative position for a superintendent/principal. The position is currently held by Rollie Marshall, who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Marshall told the Gazette, "I hit the magic retirement age this summer. My wife and I will be retiring to Wallowa County."

According to the recruitment website, the Ione School District Board of Directors is seeking a highly qualified candidate with visionary leadership skills and successful experience in education to serve in the position. The successful candidate must also have experience as a teacher, excellent communication skills, unquestionable in-



Rollie Marshall

tegrity and be willing to be involved in the community of Ione.

The board plans to offer a competitive compensation package with the salary range between \$101,000 and \$116,000. Housing is also available for the successful candidate.

To apply, applicants are asked to complete an application packet by 5 p.m. on the closing day, February 10, 2021. The packet includes a completed application form, current

resume, a cover letter of interest, three-five current letters of reference, a copy of administrator license or proof of eligibility and a statement of how the candidate meets the qualities

and qualifications set by the board in a narrative form (no longer than 500 words).

Interviews are set for March 1-5, finalist forum March 17-18 and assuming the position on July 1, 2021.

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