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Stevensville District Ranger Announced

Hamilton, Montana (November 25, 2019) – The Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor’s Office is pleased to announce that Steve Brown has accepted the Ranger position for the Stevensville Ranger District. Brown served as the interim Ranger at Stevensville for the past several months.

“I believe folks in the Bitterroot Valley will really enjoy working with Steve,” said Matt Anderson, Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor. “He has a natural leadership style. He’s a great listener, has a solid work ethic, and has demonstrated an ability to get work done at a landscape level. Steve’s been working at a Regional level most of his career, and this position will allow him to bring that larger perspective to Stevensville, a place he’s called home for the last 20 years.”

Brown served as the Program Manager for the Northern Region’s Geospatial Group and has been with the Forest Service for 16 years. In that time he has worked across Montana and Idaho conducting vegetation surveys in support of the Region’s vegetation mapping program. He has worked extensively in support of project planning and analysis, helping resource specialists incorporate new data and technologies into their research. He also served as the Incident Commander for the 2017 Regional Post-Fire Incident Management Team charged with coordinating the Regional response to the historic fire season of 2017.

“I’m incredibly excited to have the opportunity to join the Bitterroot National Forest team,” said Brown, “and be able to work in a landscape that I know so well and love so much. I am looking forward to continuing to build on the work and the relationships with the community that have begun these past few months. It is truly a blessing and an honor to be selected as the next District Ranger in Stevensville.”

Brown, who first moved to the Bitterroot in 1998, lives on a small farm just outside of Stevensville with his wife and daughter where they raise lowline cattle and custom cut hay. When not busy working on the farm they can generally be found either riding horses in the rugged canyons of the Bitterroots or pursuing elk high up in the Sapphires.

Steve graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor's Degree in Resource Conservation and Master's Degree in Forestry.

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