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### Flathead National Forest Announces Forest Supervisor

**Kalispell, MT, November 20, 2023** — Anthony Botello has been named Forest Supervisor for the Flathead National Forest. His anticipated start date is December 31. Anthony has been the Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in northeast Oregon since April of 2020.

Anthony shared with his new Flathead team, “I am honored to be joining the Flathead National Forest and the Northern Region! The thought of helping steward the world class resources and landscapes on the Flathead and working with community and Tribal partners here is incredibly exciting. My family and I are eager to get to the Flathead Valley and join the Forest and the community!”



Anthony began his Forest Service career in 1988 on the Sierra National Forest. While Anthony has spent the majority of his time with the Forest Service in central Idaho, he has also held positions in California, Oregon, Utah, and Montana. Anthony has been in leadership roles for almost half of his 35-year career.

Anthony started as a Wilderness Ranger and soon became a backcountry Animal Packer on the Rogue River National Forest. He was a Snow Ranger and permit administrator that led to being a part of a Forest Service Incident Management Team that hosted the 2002 Olympic Winter Games at Snowbasin Resort. He also spent several years as an active firefighter, experienced sawyer, helicopter crew member, and wildland fire crew boss.

Anthony graduated from California State University, Chico with a BS in Natural Resources Management – Recreation Management, where he met his wife, Alexandra.

In Anthony’s spare time he enjoys playing baseball, coaching, and officiating hockey, baseball, and softball. He looks forward to exploring Northwest Montana’s hunting, fishing, and outdoor opportunities.

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