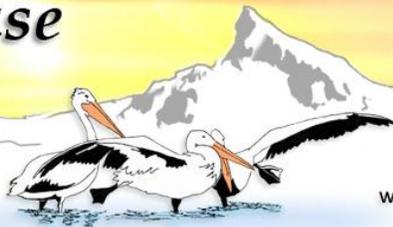


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JOE REINARZ ACCEPTS INTERAGENCY FIRE MANAGEMENT POSITION IN SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON

Lakeview, Ore. – The Fremont-Winema National Forest and Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) welcome Joe Reinarz as the new Interagency Fire Staff Officer. Reinarz will be responsible for overseeing both agencies' fire staff and resources across a combined 5.8 million acres.

“Joe brings a wealth of experience to this important job,” said Fred Way, Forest Supervisor for the Fremont-Winema National Forest. “He has an extensive fire background and is equipped with the skills needed to manage our complex interagency fire organization.”

Reinarz began his U.S. Forest Service career in 1981 where he worked for two summers as a member of the brush disposal crew on the Paisley Ranger District in Paisley, Ore. He then worked seasonally for five years as a smokejumper out of the Redmond Air Center in Redmond, Ore.

Reinarz first permanent Forest Service job came when he accepted the Engine Foreman position on the Fremont-Winema National Forest's Chemult Ranger District. He worked there for a couple of years, before taking a job as the Support Services Supervisor and Computer Operator on the Paulina Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest in Paulina, Ore. In 1997, when the Fire Management Officer (FMO) position became available, he detailed into the position and was later hired permanently.

At the end of 2001, Reinarz moved to Williams, Ariz. to work on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest where he was both a Zone and District FMO. Reinarz took on several temporary positions including District Ranger on the Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and Southwest Regional Fire Training Officer.

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Reinarz also has extensive experience working on Incident Management Teams (IMT). He started with the Central Oregon IMT and later was a member of the Northern Arizona Type II IMT. He currently serves as the Incident Commander for Southwest 1 Type I IMT.

“Amongst Joe’s leadership skills, he brings the ability to build good solid relationships with landowners and cooperators alike,” said E.Lynn Burkett, BLM’s Lakeview District Manager.

Reinarz and his wife, Lois, have two sons. Their eldest, Colby, currently serves in the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Cal. His younger son, Ethan, will graduate from Williams High School in Williams, Ariz. at the end of May and hopes to attend the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. this coming fall.

Reinarz replaces John Giller, who transferred to the Portland National Incident Management Organization.

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