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Sawtooth Society names O'Malley as Executive Director

Gary O'Malley has been named the Executive director of the Sawtooth Society. Bob Hayes, who previously served in the Executive Director capacity for ten years, continues to serve as the organization's president.

O'Malley brings an extensive background of work in public policy and strategic planning within the natural resource field. He served for many years as Director of Issue Management, Government Affairs at the Weyerhaeuser Company where he also worked in public affairs and the tax policy areas. O'Malley also held positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in forest research and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in fire control.

Hayes reported, "we are tremendously excited to have someone with Gary's professional qualifications and passion for the area. Gary's extensive experience working with elected officials and agencies at the local, state, national and international level will be key in this role. He will establish a Sawtooth Society field office in Stanley and begin work immediately on the organization's priorities.

O'Malley added, "I view this as a tremendously important role and am humbled by all the good work completed by the Sawtooth Society since its inception in 1997. Fortunately, my biggest asset will continue to be Bob, the other Board members and the hundreds of active members of the Sawtooth Society itself. My love for the area is what drew me to this challenge and I look forward to working on the important issues facing the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

O'Malley holds a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management from Washington State University and a Masters in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University. He has also participated in numerous leadership and executive development programs including the Senior Managers in Government Program at Harvard.

After recreating in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area for over 20 years, Gary and his wife Sari now reside full-time in Stanley.

The Sawtooth Society is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization, which was formed in 1997 to advocate on behalf of the 756,000 acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area and those that recreate, live and work within it.

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