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STANLEY, IDAHO—The Sawtooth Society is pleased to announce it has hired Greg Travelstead as Stewardship Coordinator to organize youth and community groups, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and other organizations, to identify and complete on-the-ground projects within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Travelstead, who has lived in the Wood River Valley for the past 14 years, graduated from Boise High School and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York graduating with a B.S. in Geology. At the University of Colorado at Boulder, Travelstead earned an M.B.A. He discovered the Sawtooth and White Cloud mountains through backpacking trips in high school, which sparked a connection to nature, community and a commitment to advocacy.

“These experiences helped to steer my life in a positive direction at a crucial time and allowed me to be a better person and citizen,” said Travelstead. “I’m delighted to have the opportunity to share and instill my gratitude for the Sawtooth NRA as Stewardship Coordinator for the Sawtooth Society. This is an opportunity to help more people engage in nature and cultivate a broader constituency for the Sawtooth NRA and public lands use and preservation.”

Travelstead brings over forty years of Sawtooth NRA experience, a prior season of Sawtooth Society volunteering and two seasons of United States Forest Service trails work to his new role. In addition, he also has a passion for traditional tools and methods that are essential for wilderness projects, where motorized and mechanized equipment are prohibited. Travelstead’s knowledge will assist with more efficient trail clearing as well as attracting new youth and others to the area.

“We’re very fortunate to have someone with Greg’s professional background and hands-on experience in this important position,” said Sawtooth Society Executive Director Gary O’Malley. “With Greg’s energy and passion for the area, he will take the good work that has been done to-date to a completely new level with more people doing work on the ground for the Sawtooth NRA.”

The Sawtooth Society works to preserve, protect and enhance the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Formed in 1997, is the only non-profit group dedicated exclusively to serving as an advocate for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, preserving open space in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and enhancing its recreation facilities and services. The Sawtooth Society has funded over 175 recreational-related projects throughout the Sawtooth National Recreation Area — a true gem of Idaho.

The Sawtooth Society offers memberships, programs, grants and volunteer opportunities to benefit the area and has a number of upcoming volunteer projects and donation opportunities for getting involved.

For details and more information, visit the Sawtooth Society's www.sawtoothsociety.org or contact Greg Travelstead (208) 721-7665 or email greg@sawtoothsociety.org.