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**Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director**

The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation (HMWF) announces the appointment of Brian Liesinger as their new executive director. Liesinger brings a wide range of experience as a journalist, educator and communications specialist to the role. He comes to the HMWF from Minneapolis, where he worked as a Communications Manager at the University of Minnesota Learning Abroad Center.

“I’m honored to be working for the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation,” said Liesinger. “I’m excited to join the strong team already in place there and do my part to help preserve this historic site and educate the public about the complex history of Japanese American Internment.

Liesinger impressed the Board of Directors with his versatility and interest in Japanese American Internment issues during interviews in March. “Brian’s passion, energy and commitment to the mission of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation will make him a valuable asset to the future of the Foundation and the Center,” said Chair of the Board Shirley Higuchi.

Liesinger takes over for Stevan Leger, whose leadership has been instrumental in the construction and opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center in 2011. Leger served the HMWF for two years and retired from his post this spring.

Located between Cody and Powell on Highway 14a, the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center is open daily from 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free. For more information please call (307) 754-8000 or visit [www.HeartMountain.org](http://www.HeartMountain.org).