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## HAILEY PLANNING DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

(Hailey, Idaho) – Kathy Grotto announced her intent to resign her position as Hailey City Planning Director on Monday, June 18, 2007. Having tendered a six-week notice, she will continue with Hailey through July 27, 2007, helping effect a smooth transition to a new planning director.

Grotto has accepted employment with Benchmark Associates, a Wood River Valley engineering and planning firm. “I’m excited to have a new challenge and look forward to expanding my horizons in the planning field with Benchmark Associates. I’ve known and worked with the people at Benchmark for over ten years, including my years as a planner for the City of Ketchum, and it seems like a great fit for me in the next chapter of my career.”

In her seven years with the City of Hailey, Grotto responded to elected officials’ efforts to improve citizenry’s quality of life through community planning in the face of Hailey’s accelerated growth. “I hope that I have made some lasting contributions on behalf of the Planning Department. Some of the work of which I am most proud includes ordinances for the City that provide for park land dedication and for community housing, and ordinances that limit hillside development and “big box” retail size. All of my work has been a team effort, and I want to give huge thanks to my strong team over the past several years.”

Mayor McBryant expressed support for Grotto in her career change, and has begun the search for a competent replacement. Please see the employment section at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org) for further information.

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