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Portland, Oregon

Spring 2004

President's Message - Doug Porter

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Now that we have a good start into 2004, we are approaching our first major event, the Spring Banquet on May 2nd. As last year, the banquet will be at Charbonneau Golf Club, hosted by **Emil** and **Dorine Sabol**. I hope you are planning to attend (*See details and reservation coupon elsewhere in this newsletter*). One popular event that will take place this year will be the silent auction and if you have things to donate for that event, please contact **Bev Pratt** (*see the Directory for e-mail or phone*).

We are continuing to make great progress in preparing for the 2005 National Reunion here in Portland. More information on the Reunion can be found in this issue on page 3. We are still looking for Volunteers, so if you are interested or have a question, just let any one of the Officers know. We would be happy to put your name on the list or answer your questions..

We have been looking at the Area Representative positions and their effectiveness. I asked a small group to review Area Rep expectations and come back with some recommendations that we could share with the Area Rep's and get their feedback. We know that the Area Reps are a key to recruiting new members. They are also our key contact with the leadership on the Forests. If this retirees organization is to survive in the years ahead we must have a pretty good flow of new members from each and every Forest and Research location. This will require Area Reps to be pretty active, and to be looked at by the local Forest Service offices as a key contact. A major problem right now is that we do not have a Membership Chair. We hope to resolve that problem very soon. We want our new membership chair to play a key role in re-looking at the Area Rep roles and expectations. We will share the results of this review with you members as soon as we have worked this through the present Area Reps.

Speaking of Area Reps, we have a couple of new appointees and a vacancy. **Don James** has decided that time has come for him to hand off the

job to a more recent retiree of the Ochoco NF, **Duane Ecker**. We have been too long a time replacing **Ernie Price** as Area Rep. for the Fremont NF. **Richard "Buck" Woodward** has volunteered to take on that position with an understanding of new demands for the job. **Earl "Nick" Nichols**, Area Rep for the Deschutes NF, has decided it is time for him to hand off the task also. Nick says he has held the position for 23 years. Wow! I want to thank Don, Ernie and Nick for their years of excellent service to the retirees organization.

Rolf Anderson (Champion of our 2005 Reunion History Book) continues to look for short stories. You are approaching the deadline for a chance to become a part of this historical documentation. Most all of us have had unique and interesting experiences in our careers. If you think you have a story to share, now is the time to act. We are especially in need of stories for the '70s, '80s, and '90s. If you have questions, contact Rolf Anderson (*see the Directory for his phone, e-mail, etc*)

In the last newsletter, I said **Vern Clapp** was working with a CPA on a financial review of PNWFSA, and results would be in the next newsletter. However, I did not take into account that Vern, and his wife **Jessie**, would be on their annual trek to Hells Canyon for the month of February. Vern is committed to a report for the Summer Newsletter. He may even have some great cougar stories to share from their month at Cache Creek.

If you haven't attended a last Friday luncheon for a while, we would love to see some new faces there. Time and location are on the back of the newsletter. If you are coming to the Portland area around the last Friday of the month, plan on taking the time to drop in and see old friends.

Doug Porter

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Spring Banquet - May 2, 2004

Plan now on visiting with your friends, getting an update on happenings in their lives, and enjoying an excellent meal at the PNW Forest Service Association Spring Banquet, on Sunday May 2. The social hour will begin at 3:00 pm, and dinner will be about 4:00 pm. **Make your reservations by sending in the form on page 15 of this newsletter. Last call for reservations is April 12.**

The banquet will again be held at The Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville with a beautiful view of the golf course. There is plenty of handicap parking and other parking close to the building, and you can drive up to the door to drop off your passengers if you so desire. Directions for getting to the site are with the reservation coupon on page 15.

Arrangements for a short program are being finalized. We are also planning a silent auction. We have many fine creative craft folks in our group so we are asking for donations for door prizes and for the auction. Please notify the Co-hosts Dorine or Emil Sabol if you are able to help.

The meal will be buffet style. The main course will be your choice of Roast Pork Loin with applesauce, or Halibut Oscar, or some of each, if you desire. This will be complemented with a strawberry spinach salad, garlic mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, vegetables, rolls and dessert. An appetizer table with vegetables and dips and cheese and crackers will also be available. Price for the banquet is \$17.00 per person, gratuities included. The meal will be catered by our old friend Dave Dalton who has catered most of our activities for a number of years.

Looking forward to seeing you there. *Emil & Dorine Sabol*

Caught in the web?

I hear from a lot of people about our website and I get some great suggestions for improvement—for example, the one from Dick Spray that resulted in posting the quarterly newsletter in PDF format so that it looks, reads, and prints out exactly like the newsletter that arrives in the mail.

The existing indexed format was retained as well in the interest of download time for slower connection speeds. Both formats contain exactly the same information.

Both Ray Bunster and Larry Matson commented on an overlap in the page headers that showed on their computers, but not here on mine. It turned out to be a fixable hardware/software conflict.

If you haven't done so already, be sure to check out the Links page. New links are added all the time and one of the latest is called "The Kim Komando Show". To visit the site go here: <http://oldsmokeys.org/> and then click on the Links tab and scroll down to the Kim Komando link.

Don't be alarmed by the ads that you see on the splash screen, but do pay attention to the "bulleted" items under the picture. The "Kool Site of the Day" and "Tip of the Day" are both well worth

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We Need More Letters

Bev Pratt sent me a copy of the April 1990 Thirty Year Club Newsletter. That publication was 26 pages long, contained 26 letters from members filling over 11 pages of the newsletter. Recent years have seen much fewer letters from members and therefore much fewer pages of letters in the newsletter. Feedback from members indicates that these letters are the most favored part of the newsletter. What can we do to get more of you members writing to the Association, sharing with the rest of us your experiences of yore, on the job, or sharing the joys of retirement?

Many of those that wrote in 1990 are now gone, but have left their imprint in the organizations history. Some of you are still around but we haven't heard from you since.

What is the deterrent to taking pen or keyboard in hand and sharing your experiences? I don't think it is a matter of having time, but some of us retirees do keep quite busy. I urge folks to take the time to document their life before it is too late. You owe that to your children, grandchildren and beyond. Then all you have to do is copy a paragraph or two out of that great life with the USFS, and mail it to the Association. It may show up in the history document that Rolf Anderson is preparing, and if not there, it will be in the newsletter.

Don't hesitate because you feel you cannot write well or can't spell. I will take your story and fix it up, so that even your high school English teacher would approve. And the readers will never be the wiser. **JUST DO IT!!** *Wendall Jones*

Caught in the Web? (Cont'd. from Col. 1)

subscribing to. They are free and I promise you that you will **NOT** be bombarded with junk mail or spam as a result of subscribing.

Another couple of the new links are "Healthfinder"® and "Write a Senior Citizen". Go to the Links page and check it out—and keep your suggestions for making the website better coming in...*Bob McQuown*

Notice—Annual Dues Payers Who Have Not Yet Paid

As of March 8, there were 71 members who had not yet paid their dues. Annual dues are and always have been due and payable as of January 1. We will not give you another due date, but not long after you receive this newsletter you name will be taken off of the Summer Newsletter mailing list, UNLESS you pay your dues. We strongly feel that 3 months late in paying dues is not acceptable. What would happen if you didn't pay your utility bills on time—lights out, no phone, no heat, no garbage service. Somehow those bills get paid on time. Why not treat your membership dues in the same way.

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE FOREST SERVICE REUNION SEPTEMBER 5-9, 2005 PORTLAND, OREGON

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

People at Work—Things are Happening

One of the gratifying things about working on the reunion is the response from Forest Service people, retired and active, to the reunion. The committee is blessed with a growing number of offers of support from the Northwest and around the nation. This cornucopia of interest and offers of help from Forest Service people validates our theme, "Celebrating the People." There is no question the spirit of the Outfit lives.

Here are two examples of good help that has come our way from other parts of the country:

Elmer and Mary Moyer are organizing and conducting a silent auction to help keep reunion expenses down and to create a kitty to help the next reunion sponsors get started, as Region 1 did for us. And they are also looking for items for door prize drawings. As the word about this project spreads, they started to hear from people in R-6, and then, from way back in Wisconsin comes an offer from Bob Spivey (FS retired), of several items for the auction or drawing including a copy of one of the first Forest Service Use Books. Moyers have room for many more items so don't hesitate to contact them to let them know what treasures you will be offering to the cause.

Pat Lynch, Forest Service alumni, and owner of Western Heritage Company in Wyoming has offered to include a flyer about the reunion in every order of merchandise he ships to Forest Service people. Our thanks to Bob and Pat for their support, and we'll be pleased to watch the list of other contributors from around the country grow.

Registration packets for the reunion are scheduled to be available at the beginning of March 2005. We'll be providing more information about how to get the packets, along with specifics about the reunion program and related activities later this year. However, in the meantime be sure to mark in bright letters September 4-9 on your 2005 calendar.

I have lost track, but I believe we have well over 50 people working on reunion projects, and the activity isn't just in the metro area, but scattered around the region as people take on tasks to help make our guests have one really great time while they are with us.

We even have a pack string offered to help us out as well as an inquiry about whether we could use a tethered hot air balloon.

What next? Tune in next issue to learn about the Forest Rangers coming to the Northwest. *John Marker*

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FOREST SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Pacific Northwest Station Cindy Miner
Region 6 Al Matecko

Information furnished by Bob Williams and Doug Porter

R-6 Reminisces Book Update

Our 1905 to 2005 collection of stories continues to develop into a book. Chapters One through Four (1905 through 1969) are in draft form, chock full of good stories, and are going through the editing screens. We have some stories for Chapters Five and Six (1970 through 2005), but we are actively soliciting more. If you are thinking – “Maybe, if I can ever get around to it, I will send in a story ---“, now is the time to just do it! If your rationale for putting off writing a story for us is, “Maybe they don’t need my story”, our answer is, we can always find room for a good story – even stories prior to 1970!

We are also now starting to take some specific actions leading to actually printing our book. Our group of volunteers was joined this month by Pam Druliner, ex-Willamette N.F. public affairs and graphic artist employee. Pam will help us with the overall design of our book, including the cover. And we are continuing to research printing options and interviewing prospective printers. *Rolf Anderson*

If you wish to contact Rolf in regard to a story or stories, or to offer help in other ways, his e-mail, phone, and postal addresses are in the Directory.

Grapevines Still Produce Fruit

Anyone that spent 30 years in any organization knows that the office “grapevine” was the easiest and fastest way to disseminate information. The vine doesn’t stop growing when you retire.

On Feb. 18, I received an email from an unknown individual searching for the sons of a former FS employee who worked in Colorado in the 50’s and who the individual said was, “probably dead by now”. I was asked about searching FS records for contact information. I replied that retiree records were at OPM and even if they were available, would be protected by privacy restrictions. Further, that I would post his information to the website if he had no reservation about his own contact information being made public.

I sent the individual the URL for the FSX website and explained where to find the contact for each of the Regional contacts and I also forwarded the original message to a couple of the contact people that I know.

Five days later I received this message; “Dear Bob.... It worked!!! A lady named (Debbie B...) found my friend for me in San Francisco, and after 45 years I spoke to him today. How amazing!! And how wonderful of you and your whole group!! Many, many thanks”...Bruce

Suspicious confirmed. You really did know the identity of the next DR before the RF released the name. *Bob McQuown*

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Don Graham
Thanks so much from all of us!

How To Survive A Heart Attack Alone

From F. Daniel Rochman, MD

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course after an unusually hard day. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. (*The doctor doesn't state so here, but would seem common sense to pull off the road and stop if this occurs while driving.*) A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest, and a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240s newsletter AND THE BEAT GOES ON(reprint from The Mended Hearts, Inc. publication, Heart response)

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(This article furnished by member Jim Allen)

New Members

Frank & Ellie Carson
John & Chandelle Crumrine
Dale & Regina Gardner
Milt & Alberta Griffith
Jim & Kathy Grubb
Jack & Donna Lajoie (gift from Warren Olney)
Don & Gerri Lynne Mann (gift from Bob Hetzer)
Arno & Marie Reifenberg
Richard & Carol Walker

Address Changes and New Members

Allen, Jerry – Change e-mail:

Asbill, Ron & Sharon – Change address: Klamath Falls, OR

Brogden, Roy & Mary - Add e-mail:

Carson, Frank & Ellie – **New member:** Monmouth, OR

Conibear, Jim & Dee – Change address: Meridian, ID

Crumrine, John & Chandelle – **New member:** Lakeview, OR

Farr, Len & Barbara – Change e-mail:

Gardner, Dale & Regina – **New member:** Oakridge, OR

Geurds, Bill & Joann – Add e-mail:

Graham, Don – Add e-mail:

Griffith, Milton & Alberta – **New member:** Bend, OR

Grubb, Jim & Kathy – **New member:** Salem, OR

Kelley, Steve & Marlene – Change e-mail:

Lajoie, Jack & Donna – **New member:** Medford, OR

Lee, Esther D. – Change name to: Esther Davis Lee (for better recognition by friends)

Malmsten, Edward L. – Change address: Salem, OR

Mann, Don & Geri Lynne – **New member:** Wenatchee, WA

Matson, Larry & Patricia – Change e-mail:

Olney, Warren – Add phone: Add e-mail:

Reifenberg, Arno & Marie – **New member:** Portland, OR

Robertson, F. Dale & Mary Jane – Change e-mail:

Rosenberger, John & Nada – Change e-mail:

Umpqua Nat'l Forest – Change address: 2900 NW Stewart Pkwy, Roseburg, OR 97470

Walker, Richard & Carol – **New member:** Missoula, MT

Walton, Lee & Dawn - Add e-mail:

Watson, Jack & Marilyn – Change address: Niagara, WI

Losses:

William Benecke – died 12/8/03; no surviving spouse

William Boring – died 1/11/04; LT member; wife Maude survives

Harry Fowells – died 12/20/03; LT member; no surviving spouse

Homer J. Hixon – died 12/20/03; LT member, no surviving spouse

Don Peters – died 2/29/04; LT member, wife Ollie survives

Dan Richmond – died 12/29/03; LT member; wife Ilo survives

Martin Watson – died 12/27/03; LT member; no surviving spouse

L. C. Winkle – died 10/29/03; wife Billie survives

An elderly woman from Portland decided to prepare her will and make her final requests. She told her rabbi she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Nordstroms.

"Nordstroms!" the rabbi exclaimed. "Why Nordstroms?"
"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied, "two years older than me."
"So you're 96," the undertaker commented.
She responded, "Hardly worth going home is it?"

The Forest Service and the High Desert Museum A 2005 Celebration

The High Desert Museum has started work to develop two Forest Service exhibits: one that can become a traveling exhibit after its two year display at the museum starting in May 2005; and a second permanent exhibit located on museum grounds that will feature historic buildings or replicas consisting of a lookout, guard station and garage/fire cache that will open after 2005. Here is an edited summary of the museum's vision for the first exhibit:

In 1905 Gifford Pinchot was successful in unifying all Federal forest administration under the Department of Agriculture, with the Forest Service officially established on July 1st. The distinctive badge of the service, a shield with a pine tree, was approved the first year and has been proudly worn by the men and women of the Forest Service across a century of stewardship of our National Forests.

In the spring of 2005 The High Desert Museum is planning a centennial exhibit on the history of the Forest Service in the High Desert region. The goal of the Museum's exhibit is to present the story of the Forest Service in our distinctive part of the West. It is a region stretching north from the Sierra Nevada, to the Columbia Plateau and the Canadian border. It is bordered on the west by the Cascades and on the east by the Rocky Mountains. A landscape of sagebrush steppe, volcanic rimrock and forested desert peaks rising above barren playas, the High Desert provides a unique setting for *The Forest Service in the High Desert 1905-2005*.

The exhibit will trace the evolution of the Forest Service and the challenges of serving a century of changing needs and values of the American public, through an engaging blend of artifacts, historic images and voices from its past. The story will include: the early years of defining the forest and their resources, pioneering efforts in firefighting and fire prevention, the enhancement of recreational opportunities, managing livestock and mining activities and partnerships with the Civilian Conservation Corps. In the post World War II era the exhibit will address an age of changing and often conflicting expectations, ranging from expanding timber sales to house the baby boom generation, a changing philosophy in fires suppression, and the pioneering environmental legislation of the Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, and subsequent legislation aimed at the preservation of an array of forest resources.

Throughout the Forest Service in the High Desert, the emphasis will be on the men and women and their families, who served in the region. They often lived far from the amenities of urban centers and comprised a community and culture of their own. Between 1905 and today, whether a ranger in high laced boots and the Stetson hat of the early 20th century, or a young woman working as a forest ecologist in the early 21st century, they came to their work with a personal affection for the landscape, and a professional dedication to fulfilling their mission as determined by the American people.

Watch for more information in the summer newsletter.

John Marker

Job Corps 40th Anniversary

Plans are well underway for a 40th Anniversary gathering for the Job Corps. It is scheduled for September 4, 5, 6 of this year at the Schenk Center near Ashville, North Carolina. Chuck Hendricks is working as a volunteer helping the National Job Corps Staff in Denver plan the details of the Forest Service Job Corps 40th Anniversary. Region 6 started with four Job Corps Centers: Timber Lake – Norm Gould, Director; Angell – Bob Lewis, Director; Wolf Creek-Richard Pomeroy, Director; Cispus-Zane Smith, Jr., Director. R6 later acquired responsibility for the Curlew Center, where Bob Smart was the first Director. Anyone interested in participating in this celebration or helping in some way, contact Charles Hendricks. *Wendall Jones from information furnished by Chuck Hendricks*

R6 Golf Tournament Coming Up

The Umatilla National Forest has agreed to host the 2004 Region 6 Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Pendleton Country Club (PCC) on Friday, May 21, 2004. PCC is a private, 18-hole course, about 7 miles south of Pendleton on U.S. Highway 395. If you would like to learn more, they have a website at www.pendletoncc.com.

The course should be in great condition for the tournament, and the weather can be beautiful that time of year. When we hosted the tournament at Wildhorse Resort in 1999, it was a sell out, and we are hoping for a full field of 124 golfers at this year's event. Current, and retired Region 6 employees are eligible to participate.

If you want to receive further notices about the tournament, send a note to epugh@fs.fed.us, and let Ed know. We certainly hope you will plan to attend. It will be a great gathering. *Ed Pugh, for the Organizing Committee.*

Making Life Interesting

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Thought you'd might like to see what happened to me last week. I went to the store the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket.

I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a piece of horse manure.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes.. the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't give a darn. My car was parked around the corner.

I try to have a little fun each day. It's important at my age.

R6 Updates – Kathy Bowman, Editor

(Excerpts from the R6 electronic employee news)

Jan. 8, 2004

Job Changes**Richard Markley** is the new Deputy Forest Supervisor of **Wallowa-Whitman NF**, effective January 11.**Linda Ulmer** is the **Columbia River Basin Coordinator** at the **RO**, effective date January 25.**Jim Sedell** is the new Director of the **Pacific Southwest Station** behind **Hilda Diaz-Sotero**.**Mary Sally Matiella** assumes the role of Chief of Staff behind **Chris Pyron**.**Parading...**

The Tiller Ranger District fire folks decorated one of the district's engines for the annual Myrtle Creek Trucker's Parade held at night on Saturday, Dec. 13. The district purchased the lights with donated money. "I estimate that we were running somewhere around 3,000 lights on the truck, although we never actually counted. The parade was a success for us, the truck made it the entire route with the lights working even though there was a heavy rain and snow mix that night..." writes Rob Marshall.

(Courtesy Cheryl Walters, Umpqua NF)

Jan. 21, 2004

Competitive sourcing news – Oly and GP NFs

Road maintenance work at the Olympic NF will be awarded to a commercial vendor prior to January 31, 2004, with actual contract performance expected to begin April 1. The selected vendor's pricing came in lower than the in-house cost estimate resulting from a streamlined Competitive Sourcing study completed in August of last year. Fewer than 10 permanent and term personnel will be affected by the decision to send the work outside. Forest leadership and Human Resources personnel will meet with affected employees individually to review career options.

Road and building and ground maintenance work at the Gifford Pinchot NF will be retained in-house. This is a reversal of performance decisions announced in August and September of last year. All of the quotes submitted by qualified vendors came in higher than the In-House Cost Estimate resulting from streamlined Competitive Sourcing studies completed in 2003. The nine **Gifford Pinchot NF** employees who had been placed on WRAPS (Workforce Reduction and Placement System) last December with the goal of finding new jobs elsewhere in the Region/Forest Service can now be removed from the WRAPS list. In-house work performance for each maintenance area will be monitored under Letters of Obligation to ensure work is carried out as described in Performance Work Statements (PWS) developed during the study process.

ThirtyMile Fire investigation continues

The Forest Service is looking for a man and a woman who may be able to bring closure to the events surrounding the cause of the ThirtyMile Fire in 2001, when four firefighters died in a

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wildfire within the **Okanogan National Forest**. During the course of the investigation, video footage of two individuals was obtained. *(See next article)*

Jan. 29, 2004

Follow up: Last week's law enforcement effort to seek help from "person's of interest" in the ThirtyMile case brings a quick response; they provide no further clues, but the effort generates some new leads. Forest Service law enforcement agents credit cooperation of Northwest media outlets with speedy identification of a man and woman investigators hoped might have information pertaining to the ThirtyMile Fire on the Okanogan National Forest in 2001.

The two people, who appeared in videotape acquired during the course of the investigation, were prompted to contact Forest Service investigators following phone calls from people who had seen footage from the video on television news.

"They called us immediately upon learning we wanted to talk with them, met with us right away, and were extremely cooperative," said **Ron Pugh**, Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. Indicating they had visited the site in the video for the first time more than a year after the fire occurred, the man and woman were not able to provide law enforcement agents with any additional information to aid the investigation.

"Things are working..." in restored part of Bailey Creek

Resource specialists at **Siuslaw NF** are encouraged by good numbers of coho salmon returning to Bailey Creek in Enchanted Valley, located north of Florence. According to **Paul Burns**, fish biologist at South Zone, this year's numbers are the highest on record since surveys began in 1959.

Biologists attribute the increased numbers of returning salmon to the combination of improved ocean conditions for the Pacific Northwest and the increase of complex habitat produced by restoration of over a mile of lower Bailey Creek.

PIT projects around R-6!

R-6 is active in the national Passport in Time program. Following are efforts in Oregon and Washington. *(Note to retirees: If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, contact the Forest involved.)*

Oregon projects: Deschutes/Willamette NFs -- Free Emigrant Wagon Road Survey III; contact: Carol Winkler. **Deschutes NF** -- Staffing Historic Elk Lake Guard Station; contacts: Les Joslin, Chris Lipscomb; Also -- Huntington Wagon Road Survey; contact: Lucy Hamilton; Swamp Wells Site Recording IV; contact: Janine McFarland. **Fremont-Winema NFs** -- Basque and Irish Arboglyph History; contact: John Kaiser. **Rogue River NF**: Re-Wrappin' the Wrangle Shelters: Repair, Re-shaking, and Restoration; contact: Jeff LaLande. **Umpqua NF** -- Apple Archaeological Evaluation: Burnt Swamp Archaeological Evaluation; Panther Archaeological Evaluation; contact for all, Debra Barner.

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Wallowa-Whitman NF -- Joseph Highlands Lithic Scatters and Salt Creek Cabin projects; Guy Marden. **Willamette NF** -- In Search of the Skyline Trail V; contact: Carol Winkler; and West B&B.

Washington projects: Colville NF -- Shaking Out the Powderhouse: Gypsy Copper Mining Camp Roofing; Uptagrafft Homestead Restoration; contacts for both: Steve Kramer. **Gifford Pinchot NF** -- Packwood Lake Guard Cabin Restoration; contact: Rick McClure. **Okanogan-Wenatchee NFs** -- Conconully Soot and Flakes; contacts: Phil Christy and Gloria Curry.

Feb. 12, 2004

Honors

Recently the R6/PNW Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) received WO recognition for helping its senior participants get jobs.

SCSEP provides short-term, part-time work experience and training for people 55 and better who have very low incomes. The program's goal is for its participants to prepare for and accept placement in unsubsidized jobs off its rolls. With a national goal of placing 37% of the participants in such positions each year, in program year 2002 (July 1 2002 - June 30 2003), R6/PNW rose to the challenge, assisting 41% (129 participants out of 313) into jobs. According to program manager Nancy Coyote, the hard work of the SCSEP coordinators, the diligence of the participants, and the support of supervisors and managers made this accomplishment possible.

The WO presented Coyote with a beautiful plaque for this accomplishment. It will hang in the Regional Forester's offices in the RO, says Deputy RF Mike Ash, who adds, "We are extremely proud of the accomplishments in the SCSEP program, and the valuable work these seniors do for us."

Feb. 26, 2004

2003 Rise to the Future Awards

Several winners of the 2003 Rise to the Future Awards were recently honored nationally for work in R-6. In addition to *Tsalila*, recognized for significant contributions in communicating the aquatic resource management story, the Rise to the Future Awards this year recognized **Paul Anderson**, Transportation Engineer for the Pacific Northwest Region for professional excellence in monitoring.

"Paul had a passion for fish passage when he came into the region. He saw the opportunity here to provide program leadership, developed the necessary partnerships, and delivered the goods... [He's] an outstanding example of engineering working outside of engineering across functional lines to deliver a program that significantly benefits the resources," says Director of Engineering Richard Sowa.

Also **Ken McDonald**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NFs, was awarded for professional excellence in management. The management award is internal individual recognition for sustained high performance in fostering well-balanced, technically sound aquatic

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resource management or innovative approaches in any aspect of aquatic resource management. Ken has been the Forest fisheries biologist for the combined Forests for 3 years, and for the Wenatchee NF for 9 years prior to the consolidation. During this period, he has lead or been involved in a variety of details, special projects, and a regular program of work, all displaying an exemplary level of professional/managerial excellence for Forest, Region, or Service-wide priorities.

Historic "Tack Room" (re)opens for business at Star Ranger Station

Dateline: Star Ranger Station, February 10: Applegate Ranger District of the Rogue River – Siskiyou National Forest held a "grand opening" for the humble "Tack Room" cabin. The Tack Room is a small, simple frame building that has served a variety of functions for Star RS compound since it was built in 1911.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is believed to be the oldest Forest Service structure in continuous administrative use in the National Forest System.

Originally built to be a ranger's office and residence, it long saw service as a "tack room" --- sheltering saddles and other gear for the District's pack-and-saddle animals. Subsequently, it held timber-marking paint and other supplies. Over the years, the little Tack Room was placed on skids and dragged around to a number of sites on the compound, and in about 1990 the District used a crane to move it near the front of the station, where it is plainly visible to the public. Interior work included lighting, baseboard heat, electricity outlets, sheet-rocking, and other work.

The Tack Room now contains a number of original maps and photos of local Forest Service history framed and hung on the walls, and some fascinating early-day USFS artifacts on display in old office cabinets. (These include an old "saddle office" map case for carrying into the field on a saddle horn, as well as a leather-and-canvas Forest Service mailbag that was also made for packing through the country on horseback.)

The Tack Room has reopened as a District small-group meeting facility, and it will be made available for interested members of the public to visit as well.

Most recently District employees Rick Aubin and Dave Knutson volunteered their time to refinish the badly weathered original Doug-fir floor. Dave and Rick tackled a number other specialized tasks as well.

Rick and Dave were recently honored with the Forest's "Port-Brown Award," given annually to individuals for "outstanding accomplishment and advocacy in historic preservation."

"I've always has a soft spot for this little building," says Rick Aubin, the District's long-time logging systems specialist, "it felt good to be part of bringing the Tack Room back to life, for the use of the people who'll follow behind us." (Jeff LaLande, *Rogue and Siskiyou NFs*)

Members Corner Letters from Members

Dan Abraham

Saw the article in the newsletter about volunteer work. I live in Marin County, California, so don't know if mine will help, but I have been doing volunteer work here since about 1990 for the Marin County Open Space District. The District administers about 20,000 acres of natural land, here and there around the county. Trying to keep it as natural as practicable, yet still make it available for public use. No improvements, other than recreation trails, and fire roads for protection. The volunteers do all kinds of basic dirt forestry work. Take care of fire roads and trails, pick litter, pull broom and other aliens, plant native trees and shrubs, etc. So far in 2003 I have worked 165 hours, so by the end of the year the total will be about 200. Some of this is taking part in group work days once a month, different places around the county, but mostly working in my local area, maintaining 2 trails and pulling broom and digging Harding grass. Let me know if further info will help.

Don James

I have been the Area Representative for the Ochoco NF for about the past 15 years. I know very few employees and retirees anymore. Therefore, I am resigning this responsibility. Current Ochoco employees Duane Ecker has agreed to take my place. Please send him the necessary forms. It is very hard to recruit members anymore. The younger people just are not interested. Glad I could help a little. I look forward each quarter to the newsletter.

Jerry Patchen

I was saddened to hear of Chick Watson's death. He was the Check Scaler when I was on the Malheur NF in the early '60s. Scalers were, and perhaps still are, a special fraternity. Despite the fact (in those days anyway) that a large portion of the NF receipts were based on volume of timber scaled, the scaling profession was at times viewed as a specialized field more akin to accounting than land management. At the scale stations, scalers were at times harassed by industry reps, in the spotlight of internal audits, and I suspect felt at times (maybe a lot of the time) unappreciated. The job of the Check Scaler was manifold: be a sympathetic ear for and advocate of the scalers; assure that scaler performance was to acceptable standards and consistent; advise staff and line officers; deal with industry complaints and complainers; and keep up-to-date on factors affecting the net scale. Chick did all those things, was easy to know and like, and was always helpful.

Please tell Charlie Mills thanks for keeping track of Malheur people and thanks to the Association staff for keeping us current for all of R6 and beyond.

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Members Corner (Cont'd.) Temple Hahn

Greetings from one of the 12 Virginia members. Britta and I have been busy with our volunteer activities including church, serving as election officers, and local interest groups in the greater Charlottesville, VA area. Britta has been active assisting with local kindergarten classes. I have just completed a year as Chair of the SAF Skyline Chapter, of the Appalachian Society. Received the Virginia Division and the Appalachian Society special Volunteer Leadership Awards. As with most members we are continuing our travels. Had a good visit to Denmark and Harzen Mountains in Germany in the fall of 2003, and observed some interesting forestry practices. In Denmark the land owners are receiving payments from the state to replace harvested pine/spruce plantations with hardwood species such as beech. The idea is to return to the original forest type. Also made it out to Oregon and visited OSU for the first time since 1962! It was nice to see the campus again, the new facilities, and had a good visit with Dean Hal Salwasser. Otherwise we are hoping to attend the 2005 Reunion. Looks like a good program. Finally we could send you a lot of stories from our early years at Hemlock RD and Mt. Adams, on the GP---including long time Ranger K. C. Langfield, but will leave that to Bob Tokarczyk!

Warren Olney

The enclosed is for my lifetime membership and a gift membership for Jack and Donna Lajoie. Both are FS retirees, Rogue and Siskiyou NFs. Donna worked for the Siskiyou before she married Jack. Her maiden name was Donna York.

Ethel Jennings

Either my life is becoming fuller or I am moving slower; or being a news junkie, I spend too much time keeping up on current events and fretting over them. Should follow my advice to others—worry about nothing; pray about everything. I very much appreciate the work of those producing the newsletter and website.

Frank Lewis

Noted that Al Tekander had died in Dec. 03. In Feb. 1953, he was hired to help me run "P" line on the road location job from Mapleton to Smith River. He was to keep me out of snares he set to trap varmints. Also, the Cooper in Jim Franklin's poem was not Horace, it was Loren. (Ed. Note: *Thanks Frank for keeping me straight.*)

Milt Griffith - New Member

(Note at bottom of his application) Left Deschutes 1975, went with State Department USAID in 1975 to Kenya, East Africa for 10 years; two years with Texas A&M U Staff in Kenya, 1982-84. Retired Jan. 1, 1982.

Dick Chase

Enclosed is a check for 5 years of dues to save both you and me from my annual forgetfulness to send payment, at least for a while. Kela and I continue to enjoy the good life in the piedmont

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of North Carolina. Far enough inland to escape the hurricanes, but not so far as to get more than an occasional touch of real winter. So I get to play the area's many affordable golf courses almost 52 weeks out of the year. Still only semi-retired, continuing to work part time as the spirit moves me with a small company in California providing training and other support to the federal wildland agencies in National Fire Management Analysis System (NFMAS) applications. Currently also providing technical support to IBM which has a major multiyear contract with the agencies to develop a new Fire Program Analysis system. This will eventually integrate fire suppression, fire use, and fuels management, and replace NFMAS for fire program planning and budgeting.

Les Joslin

I had the privilege of meeting Don Peters and Ollie a few years ago when they attended a presentation of my illustrated talk "Uncle Sam's Cabins: Historic U.S. Forest Service Ranger Stations of the West" at one of the first OSU Central Oregon (now OSU Cascades Campus) "First Monday" events. Afterward, we talked about his pre-World War II days as Silver Lake district ranger on the Fremont and about his contributions to the development of Mt. Bachelor as a ski area.

More recently, Barney Duberow has amazed me with stories of his and Don's World War II detail to the U.S. Army Map Service in the wilds of California.

Don Peters was, indeed, a forester's forester. This is sad news. Some people should live forever.

John Sandor

Thank you for passing on this news of Roy Silen's passing. While it is sad that he passed on, it is wonderful that he passed on while recreating in the Cook Islands setting that he undoubtedly loved! What a way to go at the age of 85! And he will no doubt be able to assist St. Peter in the protection and management of the environment of that Kingdom not made with hands! Somehow it is easy to picture Roy Silen in a reunion of many of the great forest scientists of the PNW Station who preceded him. Roy Silen was an outstanding man.

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. They left the restaurant, after finishing their meal. The elderly woman left her glasses on the table, but she didn't miss them until they were back on the road. By then, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around. The elderly and grouchy old man fussed and complained all the way back to the restaurant. He just wouldn't let up one minute. When they finally arrived at the restaurant, as the woman got out of the car to retrieve her glasses, the geezer yelled to her,..... "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat!"

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.

MEMORIES

By Dave & Jane Kolb

Margaret S. Abell

Margaret Abell died in Corvallis 2/22/2004, at age 95. She was the first woman to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry at Iowa State University. Margaret's first FS job was at the Appalachia Forest Experiment Station. Here she met Charles A. Abell. They were married in Asheville, NC 7/10/1931. She continued to work for the FS until 1936. The family moved to a Ranger Station on the Shasta NF in 1942. After Charles retired they moved to the Corvallis area. Charles died several years ago.

William Osborne Benecke

William Benecke died 12/8/2003, at age 93. He was a PNWFSA member. Bill was born 3/31/1910, at Minkler, WA on the Skagit River. He attended high school in Sedro Wooley, Linfield College and graduated from the College of Forestry at U. of Washington in 1937.

He married Ruth M. Johnson in 1939. She preceded him in death. Bill worked for the FS in both Oregon and Washington. He was the Timber Staff on the Umpqua NF for many years. Later, at his request, he assumed the same position on the Mt. Baker (later the Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie) NF until retirement. Survivors include sons, Mark, Jeffrey, and Peter (Stephen died in 1964); 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

William R. Boring

William "Bill" Boring died 1/11/2004, in Williamsburg, VA. He was 78 and a PNWFSA member. Bill was born 7/4/1925, in Pasadena, CA and grew up in a military family. He served as an officer in the 86th Infantry Division in Europe during WWII. He married Maude LaClair Boggs 12/23/1948. Bill graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1950, with a degree in Forestry. His first job was with the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. In 1951 he transferred to the Forest Service where he held several positions in R6. In 1977 he moved to the WO and later became the Assistant Director of Lands. He retired in 1981.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Anne E. Boring Vermilion and Barbara L. Boring; and 2 grandchildren.

Gale Horne Burwell

Gale Burwell died 12/28/2003 at age 80. She was born in Tillamook 7/8/1923. Gale graduated from the U of O in 1968, with a degree in Recreation. She married David Burwell, an industrial forester, 1/29/1944. He died in 1993. Gale worked as an outdoor recreation director for the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District for Lane County, and as Public Information Officer for the Willamette NF.

Survivors include daughter, Lee Burwell-Means; sons, William and Dana; and 6 grand-children.

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Harry A. Fowells

Harry Fowells died 12/20/2003. He retired from the FS in 1971 and has been a PNWFSA member since 1976. Harry lived in Oak Harbor, WA. Contact Dave Kolb if you have more information about Harry.

Homer J. Hixon

Homer Hixon died 12/20/2003, at age 94. He was a PNWFSA member. Homer Hixon was born in Bozeman, MT, but grew up in Port Angeles, WA. He received his BS in Forestry from the U. of W. in 1934. He started his FS career on the Columbia NF (later the GP), and served on several R6 Forests prior to moving into the RO in the Division of TM. Later he was promoted to Forest Supervisor of the GP NF. Homer then moved to the R5 RO in California as Director of TM. He retired in 1971 as Director of TM in Washington, DC.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys in 1982, and son John in 1997. Survivors include son, Bruce of Danville, CA, and daughter-in-law Kathy; Linda Hixon of Gig Harbor, WA; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Gordon Johns

Gordon Johns died in Bend on 2/14/2004, at age 86. He was born 6/13/1917, in Spokane, WA. Gordon served in the Army in WWII and married Janet Widing in Portland on 1/1/1951. He served as the radio and electronics technician for the Ochoco and Deschutes NF. He retired in 1977. Survivors include his wife; sons, Stuart and David; daughter, Marjorie Nasman; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Harold Paul Lange

Harold Lange died in Vancouver, WA 2/06/2004, at age 67. He was born 4/22/1936, in Jamestown, ND. Harold grew up in Missouri and graduated with a degree in Forestry from the U. of Missouri. He started his FS career at Butte Falls, OR, on the Rogue River NF. After serving on other R-6 forests he was promoted to Ranger for Wind River RD on the GP Forest.

Survivors include his wife, Jan; son, Mark; daughters, Anne Rogers, Taryn Witt and Cheryl Warren; 5 brothers; 1 sister; and 3 grandchildren.

Dick Pemmant

Dick Pemmant died 1/23/2004, at age 62. Dick started work on the Mt. Baker NF, and later on the merged Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie NF. He was an "old timer" who grew up in the North Cascades, knew the country, and was familiar with the roads, trails, lakes, and streams. Dick was a skilled operator of chain saws and other equipment used in Fire Control and maintenance activities. He will be greatly missed on the Forest.

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Don Lester Peters

Donald L. Peters of Bend died 2/29/2004, at age 91. He was a PNWFSA member and a long-time SO Staff on the Deschutes NF. Don was born in Twin Falls, ID, 7/28/1912. He attended high school in Portland and received his forestry degree from Washington State U. in 1939. He married Olive Gilbert in Milwaukie, OR 10/17/1937. During WWII Don worked on the National War Mapping Project. Don worked on several R6 Forests. He moved to Bend in 1956 and spent many years in several positions. He retired as Recreation Staff in 1974. Don was an active outdoors person and an avid skier. He was instrumental in establishing the Mt. Bachelor Ski Area and was an active member with the Ski Patrol. He was well respected for his contributions in the community and in the Forest Service. Survivors include his wife; sons, Jon and Don; sister Dorothy Blazer; 5 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Daniel W. Richmond

Dan Richmond died 12/29/2003, at age 85. He was a PNWFSA member. Dan was born 4/30/1918, in Nella, AR. He served in the Army Air Corps in England during WWII. Dan worked on several Forests in R-6. In 1963 he moved to Portland to an administrative position in the Division of Operation in the RO. Dan was a key participant in establishing the Job Corps Program in R-6. Job Corps Center people in the field praise Dan's efforts to support their programs by reducing complications and conflicting directives from the FS and the Dept. of Labor. Survivors include his wife, Ilo; and sister Opal Phillips.

Roy Silen

Roy Silen died 1/24/2004, in the Cook Islands where he was on vacation. He was 85. Roy was born in North Bend, OR. During WWII he served with the 42nd Rainbow Division in Europe. He studied Forestry at OSU and Yale and received his doctorate in Forestry from OSU in 1956. Roy started work for the FS as a fire lookout in 1943. He joined the PNW Forest and Range Experiment Station in 1946, and in 1956 became the first project leader for Forest Genetics Research in Corvallis. Roy made outstanding contributions to forest research in the Northwest. He retired in 1985 but continued as a volunteer scientist in his research unit until his death, writing his last manuscript in 2003.

Survivors include his son, David; daughters, Joy Silen and Sandy Gell; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. His wife of 43 years, Ethel, died in 1997.

Richard Hyland Tubman

Richard "Dick" Tubman died in Waldorf, MD, 12/10/2003, at age 97. Dick was born 1/6/1906, and grew up on a tobacco farm in Southern Maryland. He attended Colorado State College and graduated in 1931 with a degree in Forestry. Later he moved farther west to work in R-6. Dick served as District Ranger on the Rogue River, Wenatchee, and Umpqua NFs. In the early 1960's he moved to the Siskiyou NF as Fire Staff. He retired in 1966. After his wife Barbara died, he moved back to Maryland in 1985. In his eighties he married Beryl, whom he knew from his early school days in Southern Maryland. Dick lived with his niece Anne Tubman Gardiner,

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Martin W. Watson

Martin "Chick" Watson died in Bend 12/27/2003, at age 94. He was a PNWFSA member. Martin was born 2/12/1909, in Wessington, SD, where he grew up. In the 1930's he moved to Grant Co., Oregon, where he worked on several ranches. Later he worked for the Malheur NF as a Fire Lookout, trail builder, and measured snow depths for water content. As a long-time employee for the Forest, he trained others in timber cruising and log scaling. "Chick" retired in 1972. He married Lorraine Johnson 2/21/1941, in Wessington. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Roxie A. and Henry Lissman of John Day, and brother, Kenneth Watson of Huron, SD.

Loren C. Winkle

Loren C. "LC" Winkle died 10/29/2003, in Phoenix, AZ, at age 72. He was a PNWFSA member. LC was born in Ponca City, OK, 6/22/1930. His FS Career was in R6 and R3. He was Budget and Finance Officer on the Siuslaw NF. Later he worked on the Deschutes NF and the Okanagon NF where he was AO. He was AO on the Tonto NF in R3 when he retired. LC served in Italy during WWII.

Survivors include his wife, Billie; daughters, Christine and Julie; son, David G; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. His eldest son Loren C. died in 1974.

Boeing 747 Air Tanker

During the Wildland Fire Conference 2004 in Reno, Nevada the week of March 2, 2004, Evergreen International Aviation announced the development of a new super airtanker. Before an audience of 1,000 firefighters from around the nation, an Evergreen spokesperson presented a video of Evergreen's Boeing 747 airtanker. According to the video the new tanker will carry 24,000 gallons of retardant, seven times more than the largest aircraft in the Nation's fire tanker fleet.

The new tanker, currently under going flight tests in Arizona, can reach any part of the lower forty-eight states from a centrally located base in under three hours. It can operate from many commercial and military facilities around the nation, including many currently used as retardant bases.

Evergreen Chairman Del Smith said in a media release the 747 Super tanker is safe, economical and will add a major new tool to the continuing battle against wildfire. The new tanker can fly to fires at speeds approaching 600 mph., but be able to drop at a speed of 140 mph and a height of 400 feet. It will be able to make segmented drops which will allow it to make a number of passes on one fire or attack several fires before needing to reload.

For additional information about the Evergreen 747 Supertanker contact Evergreen International Aviation, 3850 Three Mile Lane McMinnville, Oregon 97128 or 503-472-9361 or go to the Evergreen International Aviation website: WWW.EvergreenInternationalAviation.com *John Marker*

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National Museum of Forest Service History Vision Statement

The National Museum of Forest Service History has prepared a "Vision Statement". We ask you to review our vision of future Museum programs as described below. Your feedback is important to help us develop effective programs to preserve Forest Service history and to work with other groups with the same goal. Your comments may be sent to: NMFSH, PO Box 2772, Missoula, MT 59806, or e-mail to: nationalforest@montana.com

Our Vision

Dedicated volunteers established the Museum in Missoula, Montana over a decade ago. It is a private non-profit (501(c)3) organization whose goal is to preserve and interpret the history of the USDA Forest Service and to educate the public about the history of the agency and its role in conservation. The Museum program is national in scope. We actively support and encourage Forest Service programs to preserve its history.

The Museum has a 36-acre building site. We have begun planting an arboretum and restored the Bungalow Ranger's Residence, a 1920s era sawn timber building from the Clearwater National Forest, on the site. We have accumulated a small collection of historical artifacts and archives. We plan to begin a national fundraising campaign this year. The Museum program is envisaged as:

The Museum program will expand upon completion of the fundraising campaign and as staff and expertise increase over time.

1) Build a Museum — The museum will serve as a headquarters for staff and volunteers working to preserve Forest Service history on a national scale. Museum exhibits are educational and attract public interest. All areas of the Forest Service are included —the National Forest System, State and Private Forestry, Research and International Programs. Traveling displays are developed and loaned to other facilities across America. The building will meet Federal design standards for storage of historical artifacts.

2) Preserve Historical Objects & Documents — The Museum collaborates with the Forest Service to expand the existing facility to a national repository for artifacts, records, publications, documents, and memorabilia relating to the history, programs, activities and culture of the Forest Service for the enjoyment of the general public as well as active employees of the Forest Service. All information is accessible. The collection policy identifies desired historical items to be accepted from individuals and loaned by the Forest Service.

3) Provide Conservation Education —Understanding of conservation history is critical to future public support for the care of America's forests and grasslands. Examples of past accomplishments and lessons learned are taught. We will help people understand the choices required to protect forests and grasslands.

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Retirees will talk to Forest Service employees about agency history and traditions so that they are more effective stewards of the land. The Internet and traveling displays are used to tell the history of our conservation legacy across the country.

4) Link with other Forest Service History Sites — The Museum will actively cooperate with other forest history sites across the country for the purpose of exchanging information, sharing artifacts and providing technical curation advice. Traveling exhibits, seminars and presentations of all types will be shared. We will develop a national directory of forest history sites and resources.

5) Honoring People — Preserving the history of forest and grassland conservation honors a century of work by many dedicated people and organizations. History comes alive through the experiences of people. Personal papers and biographies help tell our history. We continue to accept donations to the Forest Service History Memorial. Individuals, living or deceased; and groups who have contributed to the mission of the Forest Service are eligible.

Achieving the Goal — The Forest Service centennial is in 2005. Preserving agency history requires money and resources. Neither the Forest Service nor private groups now have the resources or expertise to adequately preserve Forest Service history. We want that situation to change. Now is the time for interested people across the United States to support action to preserve Forest Service and conservation history.

Nat'l. Assoc. of Forest Service Retirees

The passage of the Healthy Forest Initiative was a major political accomplishment and NAFSR members are pleased to have been able to contribute to its success. However, the signing of the legislation was also the beginning of the next battle, making things happen on the ground. People opposed to cutting trees on public lands are still resisting projects even when the end result is safer forests for people and trees.

The courts will not run out of work in the foreseeable future. Jim Freeman, NAFSR Regional Director for the Northern Rockies informs us that the filing of lawsuits continues against Forest Service timber management activities even when the projects have local environmental groups support.

There is a glimmer of sunshine, however, in California where Regional Forester Jack Blackwell recently released the revised Sierra Nevada Forest Plan that emphasizes the need to do aggressive thinning in the National Forests to reduce the threat of more catastrophic wildfires. Public reaction to the plan was more positive than in previous discussions of timber management proposal for the Sierra forests.

The recently released plan for the Sierras was a first class document describing the science and rationale for the management activities proposed by the Forest Service. The new plan was prepared with the active help of people living in the Sierras,

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scientists from USFS Research, other scientific institutions, and help from state agencies and the forest products industry.

An interesting sidelight to the Sierra Plan is the status of wood processing facilities in the Sierra Nevada area. There are less than a dozen mills still operating along the west side of the Sierras north of Sacramento. Less than 85 mills are still operating in the entire state.

While the recently released Sierra Forest Plan had a more positive greeting, there are still many people with strong opposition to cutting trees, who will be heard from as the FS begins to implement the plan. They have not yet heard the wake up call of the terrible Southern California fires.

NAFSR members in California are supporting the efforts of Regional Forester Blackwell and his people to return Sierra Forests to healthy conditions at the community and state levels of government.

NAFSR is also working with The Evergreen Foundation, Big Fork, Montana, and the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin to promote technological advances developed by the lab for economically viable processes for converting small forest materials generated by fuel reduction projects into successful commercial products. Not only can this technology help reduce the cost of needed thinings, but can also help generate local business opportunities for forest communities needing an economic shot in the arm.

Chris Risbrudt, Director of the Lab and Jim Petersen, Director of Evergreen Foundation have collaborated on a special issue of Evergreen Magazine describing the Lab's advances in wood technology aimed at successful processing and utilization of small forest material, and are also hosting several tours of the Madison facility for people interested in using this technology in a commercial operation. The two day visit to Madison also gives tour members an opportunity to visit one to one with the scientists who developed the technology.

Take a look at Evergreen Magazine.com on the web for the magazine and more information about the work being done at the Forest Product Lab.

The NAFSR Board will be meeting in central California in May to review last year's work and set priorities for future projects. One project that will definitely be on the project list is membership. In three short years the almost three hundred members of NAFSR have had an impact on policies and legislation influencing forestry and the National Forests. And NAFSR's reputation for providing solid professional information and advice grows as members meet and work with other individuals and organizations working toward the same natural resource goals as NAFSR.

We aren't long on process and procedures, but we are long on our concern for the future of the forests and for the role they play in the well being of the nation. Come join us. Considering where we have been and the things we have done, we're just an awfully nice group of people to be around. *John Marker*

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John R. McGuire Endowment

Information in regard to the John R. McGuire Endowment, which was established in 2003, has reached a lot of you, but some of you members may not have been on the mailing list nor have e-mail. So we are providing the information in this newsletter from The Forest History Society.

John R. McGuire, the 10th Chief of the Forest Service, died April 6, 2002, in Gaithersburg, MD. John brought real distinction to the Forest Service and to the forestry profession. Working with Marjory McGuire, his wife, the Forest History Society has established the John R. McGuire Endowment. It is designated for the maintenance and development of the Forest History Collection housed at the Society's headquarters and will also support the Society's Oral History Program with interviews related to the U.S. Forest Service.

Marjory has put the first seed money into this endowment with her own gift of \$5,000 and a \$25,000 bequest in her will. She also donated John's papers, photos, and books to the Society. Marjory would be pleased to have those of us who knew John and his enormous contributions join her in this recognition. You can send a check to the Forest History Society-McGuire Endowment, 701 Vickers Av, Durham, NC 27701

RUTH HENDRICKS GREFFENIUS.

Bonne Vivante (She Who Enjoys Life)

January 27, 1916 - June 10, 2003

Susan Greffenius Butruille wrote this memorial for her mother, a member of the Forest Service family. Since Susan gave us this story last summer, we did not have space to run it. Now you get to enjoy it.

In her 2001 book, *I Hope I Get to Dance*, Ruth described herself as a "coal miner's daughter," like Loretta Lynn. Born in a Northwestern Colorado mining town, she grew up dancing and singing and acting, and earned a scholarship to the University of Denver, where she was on the debate team and sang the contralto lead in a Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

Ruth met "a handsome young forest ranger named Griff" at a dance in Steamboat Springs. Ruth and R. J. Greffenius married in 1936. Their life in the U.S. Forest Service took them to remote stations in Northwestern Colorado, as well as posts in Steamboat Springs, Dolores, Bayfield, and Durango, where the couple were well-known for their ballroom dancing. Ruth began her teaching career before earning her Bachelor's degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango. In Colorado, she taught in one-room schools in Lebanon, near Dolores, and outside of Steamboat Springs, plus classes in grade school and junior high in Hayden, Durango. Many of her students remained in touch with her. Ruth also acted in community theatre, and presented one-woman shows of readings and songs from Broadway productions. In Durango, she produced and directed *Women of the San Juan*, a readers theatre featuring men from Durango's history. The production sold out several times, and Ruth led a

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troupe from the production to *Culture Under Canvas*, a festival of historical performances in Minneapolis, in the 1980s. Ruth and Griff were active in the Durango theatre scene.

Following Griff's retirement from the Forest Service, the couple took a six-month trip to Europe. They danced in Paris, rode a horse-drawn carriage in Rome, celebrated the wedding of German relatives, and toured a monastery with an Italian monk. In future years, Ruth and Griff would travel to Scandinavia, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Portugal, and Morocco, and many points in the US.

In Ann Arbor, Michigan, Ruth taught grade school while Griff earned his Ph.D. The couple then moved to California, where Griff taught natural resources at California Polytechnic Institute for ten years, and Ruth was president of the Cal Poly Women's Club. After Griff's second retirement, the couple returned to Durango for the beauty and the fishing and the friends.

Ruth lost Griff, her life- and dancing-partner in 1991. After breaking her hip while line dancing, she moved from Durango to Grand Junction to be near her son, Richard, and family. She moved to the Portland, Oregon area in 1999 to live near her daughter, Susan, and family. Despite a number of health problems in later years, Ruth continued to enjoy life. With her family, she traveled to Mexico, New Zealand, Turkey, and Greece, and journeyed on the Oregon Trail with Susan. In Portland, she attended plays and concerts and international speaker events, and was a popular reader in *PoetSpeak*. With help from friends, her writing group, and especially Susan, she wrote her book, *I Hope I Get to Dance*. She did dance, and probably is dancing now, with the man she called her "Knight, Sort Of."

Ruth Greffenius died in her home in Beaverton, Oregon on June 10, 2003. She is survived and missed by her son, Richard E. Greffenius, of Grand Junction, Colorado; her daughter, Susan Greffenius Butruille of Portland, Oregon; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

"Old Age and Treachery"

An old farmer had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, basketball court, etc. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny dipping in his pond. When the women became aware of his presence they all went to the deep end of the pond. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim or make you get out of the pond naked. I only came to feed the alligator."

Moral: With enough incentive, old age and treachery will triumph over youth and inexperience!!!

RESERVATION COUPON
SPRING BANQUET - MAY 2, 2004
Charbonneau Country Club

Social Hour = 3:00PM No Host Bar 4:00 PM Dinner

Mail this reservation form along with a check for **\$17.00** per person (**payable to PNWFSA**). Mail to PNWFSA, PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583.

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SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 12, 2004.

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$17.00 each for:

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Directions to Charbonneau C. C.
For
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(Save these directions to take with you)

Traveling SOUTH from Portland (or points north), use I-5 South or I-205 South, take Exit 282B (Charbonneau District) on I-5 just across the Willamette River Bridge. Turn left at first stop sign (NE Miley Rd) and go to French Prairie Rd. (4/10 mile). Then turn LEFT on French Prairie Rd. (go 7/10 mile) to Charbonneau Drive. Turn right and proceed to Charbonneau Country Club, Building 3200

Traveling NORTH from Salem (or points south) on I-5, use Exit 282 (Canby), just north of the Rest Stop. Turn right at stop sign and go to French Prairie Rd. (3/10 mile). Then turn LEFT on French Prairie Rd. (go 7/10 mile) to Charbonneau Drive. Turn right and proceed to Charbonneau Country Club, Building 3200.

Story From Chuck Mansfield

One of my early memories was of a summer morning at Bear Valley Ranger Station on the Malhuer NF. Dad, H. Robert Mansfield, was the District Ranger at the time. Dad got my oldest sister, Meredith, and me out of bed while it was still dark. We never got to get up at that hour and we were playing in the

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swings and doing a lot of yelling. Dad and his District Assistant were at the weather station and were somewhat irked by all of the commotion. Over the years I asked him what that was all about and he would never answer. Then when he and Mom were visiting us just after I joined Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, I asked him again. He was silent for a moment and then he said that since he was in Los Alamos and since I was working for the lab, maybe it was ok to tell me.

He said that he and his assistant were cleared to top secret and had all of the decoding books and other stuff that went along with that clearance. One day he received a coded message. He and his assistant got out their code books and finally were able to decode the message. It said " on (such and such a day) at (such and such a time) look for unusual atmospheric phenomena. It was the day of Trinity shot (the first atomic bomb.) Someone was very perceptive in that they knew that the Ranger and his assistant were cleared, had weather recording equipment, and were trained weather observers. In addition these observers were spread out over the entire western US.

Dad guessed that something big was happening and got us up to witness the event. We didn't see anything at Bear Valley. Shortly before I retired from the lab I went into the classified library to see if I could find out who had issued the order and any other details about the event. There is no reference in the library. The event was declared by the DOE to be unclassified, since the Trinity shot itself is not classified.

The best information is that someone in the Army issued the order independently of the Lab. *Chuck Mansfield*

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Spring 2004

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Last Friday every month
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3500 SW 104th Ave
Off Canyon Rd, just east of
Hwy 217
11:00 AM

Food for Thought

Interested in history? Check out all of the PIT projects listed under R6 Updates on Page 7-8. If you see something that interests you, contact the Forest. You will get some exercise, some volunteer hours to report to the Association, and will have a good time. If you are not familiar with PIT, Passports in Time, these are archeological activities of the USFS making use of volunteer help, esp. retirees.

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Sept. 5—9, 2005
Banquet— May 2, 2004
Picnic— August 13, 2004