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President's Message - Doug Porter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR and I hope your 2004 is off to a great start and you enjoyed the Holidays.

Phil Hirl, Bob Tokarczyk, John Marker and I had lunch with **Regional Forester Linda Goodman** and **Station Director Tom Quigley** in mid December. This gives us a chance to exchange information and update each other on what we think is important or of interest. As you know, we have a participating agreement with the Forest Service and I, along with Tom and Linda were able to sign that agreement for 2004. The agreement allows both us and the Forest Service to share information and activities and they share in the costs of the activities that benefit them. We hope to continue the lunches now and then throughout the year. Please continue to let us know what activities you are doing to promote the FS mission.

Rolf Anderson has really made progress with our 2005 Reunion Book. He has Chapter 1 & 2 in draft form and well into chapters 3 & 4. At this point we think we will end up with 6 chapters. He continues with employee interviews and extracting stories from the old Timberline publications. If you have a good story, get it to Rolf or contact him for details, he's in the directory. Other reunion stuff is coming along very well also. Check out page 3 for more information.

A few of us retirees have been working with a couple of Museums to assist the Region in moving many of the historic items from the Yeon Warehouse. The intent is to place the items into 3 categories of interest. Local, Regional or National and that should guide us in placement of those items or artifacts. Also there is a new Museum at Government Camp which includes the Forest Service. The only FS items in that Museum will be Mt Hood NF items. **Lloyd Musser** is curator and can be contacted if you have any items to donate or have questions. Stop and visit if you get the chance. The other museums are Wash. DC, High Desert and Missoula.

Phil Hirl and I also met with the Director of the Oregon Historical Society, Dr John Pierce. The Association has joined the OHS. We will have access to the museum for Assoc. related purposes, and will receive their quarterlies and other mailings. We foresee other payoffs in relation to the 100th Anniversary celebration. We also talked about what the OHS might be interested in as far as FS photos, documents, books and other items, with Northwest significance, that we are moving from the Yeon street warehouse. (lease expired at end of 2003.) They were very interested in many items if they were donated to them, but not real interested in storing or display items on loan. Until we figure all that out, we are moving stuff to a BLM warehouse in this area. Dr. Pierce also seemed interested in doing something with our 100th celebration and our Reunion Book when completed.

We are doing pretty good with new members and I hope you continue shaking the bushes. The Board has approved offering free membership to new R6 and PNW Station retirees in 2004. (*See article on page 2 for details.*)

I hope many are able to join us at our last Friday of the month lunches, Banquet or summer picnic where we can catch up on old times and just visit. At our November lunch, we were able to celebrate **Jack Smith's** 90th birthday. Way to go Jack.

Vern Clapp has been working with a CPA in Bend to perform a financial review of our organization. That has been completed and will be reviewed by the board early in 2004. Results will be in the next newsletter but it looks like things were in pretty good shape. (No Vern, you are not getting a bonus.)

Thanks to the officers (see back page) for all the time spent on club stuff. You do a great job.

Doug Porter

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Free Membership for New Retirees

The Board recently decided to offer a complimentary one-year OldSmokeys membership to all new R6 and PNW Station retirees beginning January 1, 2004. Our aim is to introduce these new retirees to the benefits of membership, and to add support for the Association from this younger generation. Our average age now is about 70.

We have not worked out all of the details yet, but new R6/PNW retirees will be notified about the offer and provided an application for membership. Any individual retiree that decides to accept the free trial membership will be asked to complete a Membership Application, and will then be eligible for membership benefits. We will keep you posted on the results of this venture.

You can help by contacting your local USFS offices to see if their retirees are interested. That may help us avoid some oversights. Membership applications are available on our website at: <http://OldSmokeys.org/> *McQuown & Jones*

OldSmokeys Membership Up - \$1,600 Donated

This year the PNWFS Association membership grew slightly. At the start of the year it was 847; it is now 861 for a net gain of 14. We had 36 new members sign up this year. This number was boosted greatly by adding 16 recently (*see "Changes" for names of new members*). On the other hand, losses included 10 members due to death, 11 who were dropped due to unpaid dues, and 3 by request.

Almost 85 percent of our members reside in the Pacific Northwest (543 in OR, 174 in WA). There are 25 members in CA, 21 in AZ, and the rest all over the country, including 12 in VA.. There were only 29 address changes this year, compared to 52 in 2002. This still reflects a mobile retiree group and keeps some of us busy.

As mentioned, there are 425 members that list e-mail addresses. We have lost track of how many e-address changes were logged - this is never ending. Currently 555 members have elected Lifetime membership. Our average age is now over 70 (70.1), up 0.3 years in 2 years. We have generous members. Eighteen have donated almost \$1,600 during the year. *Vern Clapp*

Membership Directory Included

The 2004 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association membership Directory is included in the center of this newsletter with a grey cover. Pull it out and save for a reference. We hope you find it useful.

The only way we can keep your listing in the Directory error-free and current is to make changes at your prompt. In addition, the Postal Service is getting increasingly fussy about mailing addresses; especially bulk mailings such as our newsletter. If it isn't quite right, they won't mail it. The same applies to e-mail handles. Please, review your listing and let us know of any errors or corrections. *Vern Clapp*

OldSmokeys E-Notes Popular

Use of our OLDSMOKEYS E-NOTES has been increasing, with nearly 340 sent out. Response back suggests that this service is welcome. We find it is an efficient way to get the word out timely to members, covering subjects such as a member's sickness or death, various FS issues, association announcements, locating individuals and other items that are of interest to the membership. If you want something promptly sent to all the online members, e-mail it to us and we will forward it out to all. No commercials, please.

E-mail addresses are up to 425, a gain of about 20 in the past two years. We again encourage all of you that have Internet e-mail capabilities to let us have us your address promptly. You will then be included in our OLDSMOKEYS E-NOTES mailing list. Just send it via a short message to vclapp@teleport.com.

A final note on this subject. One of the biggest problems with OLDSMOKEYS E-NOTES is keeping up with all the e-address changes which go on continuously. We understand that this happens, but please let us know when you do change your ISP and address, so that we don't have to chase down your new address when the old one keeps rejecting. Thanks. *Vern Clapp*

PNWFSA Spring Banquet 2004 – May 2

The Spring Banquet will be held May 2, 2004 at Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, OR. Those of you who attended last year will be pleased to hear that we are returning to this spot for our banquet again. **Emil and Dorene Sabol** are hosting the banquet this year. They have the place reserved, and have commitments for another silent auction to raise funds to help support the banquet. Please be thinking about donating some items for this silent auction. Dave Dalton will again be the caterer.

Look for more detailed information as to cost, menu, and directions on how to get to Charbonneau, along with a reservation coupon, in the Spring Newsletter which will be in your hands about April 1.

This is really a much nicer place to hold the banquet than the World Forestry Center facility, much easier to get to, and much better parking. Be thinking about checking this out after the winter is over.

For information in the meantime, check with the Sabols. Their phone, e-mail and USPS address are in the new Directory furnished with this Newsletter. *Emil and Dorene and your editor*



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

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

Celebrating the People in 2005

People coming to the reunion, September 2-9, 2005, will have an opportunity to see Forest Service and forest history in several Northwest locations as they travel to and from Portland.

In 2005 **The High Desert Museum**, south of Bend, OR, will open a major historic exhibit about the Forest Service and its work in the High Desert area of the West from the early 1900's to the mid 1950's. Bob Boyle, Curator at High Desert, is directing the development. The USFS exhibit will include a replica of an old time guard station, a garage/fire cache with a 1935 FS fire engine and a rebuilt fire lookout. Bob is collecting Forest Service artifacts and memorabilia for the exhibit. If you are guarding some items you think might be appropriate for the exhibit contact Bob at 541-382-4754.

Up on Mt. Hood, **Lloyd Musser**, volunteer Curator at the **Government Camp Museum and Community Center**, is building a Mt. Hood National Forest exhibit as part of the Government Camp Museum. It will open in 2004, and focus on local Forest Service activities since the early 1900's. Lloyd is looking for people to help him complete the exhibit, and would be pleased to have you volunteer. Call him at the community center 503 272 3301, and offer to come up and give him a hand. He is also interested in treasures you might have that are unique to the Hood.

Down in the valley, **Evergreen Aviation Museum** in McMinnville, OR, is opening a Smokejumper exhibit in partnership with the National Association of Smokejumpers. Evergreen Aviation, successors to Johnson Flying Service, has a long history with the jumpers and aerial firefighting. Visitors to the museum can also see the famous "Spruce Goose", inside and out, as well as a number of other historic airplanes and helicopters from Evergreen International's collection.

On Highway 26, west of Portland, the **Tillamook Interpretative Center** has started operation. While not focused on the Forest Service, it explains scientific forest management in the context of the infamous Tillamook fires. Tillamook Heritage Trust and Oregon Department of Forestry, leaders in the development of this excellent facility, are using the center to tell the public a factual story about the death, rebirth and management of Oregon's coastal forest resources.

In Washington State, one mile north of Entiat on Highway 97 outside of Wenatchee, is the **Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretative Center**, an interagency educational effort to explain wildland

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fire and its influence on the landscape of the eastside. There is a self guided fire interpretative trail, two restored fire lookouts and it is the only interpretative center in the west devoted strictly to wildland fire.

To further help people see and enjoy the Northwest we hope to have Internet links to major Northwest visitor bureaus available from the Oldsmokeys web-site early in 2004.

Forest Service people and friends of the Forest Service need to come early and stay late in 2005. *John Marker*

Reunion Planning Moves Ahead

Chairman of Reunion 2005, **Bob Williams**, has enlisted the help of **Mike Kerrick** to put together a coordinated effort to help you enjoy the Northwest as you travel toward the Portland/Vancouver area in 2005. Mike has enlisted help from several of his fellow Forest Supervisors of the 1980's, to help you with your trip through Eastern, Central, and Southern Oregon, and in the state of Washington. The aim is to make your trip to the Pacific Northwest enjoyable, relaxing, interesting, and informative.

In the Spring of 2004, an initial national mailing is planned for an early poll of retirees who plan to attend the reunion. A national mailing list is being put together with the help of **John Marker, Chuck Lundeen, and the other Retiree organizations in the US.**

Fred Cooper is helping the Chairman to line up major speaker (s) for the Reunion. No announcements can be made at this time, but they are seeking top-notch candidates.

Planning continues for various tours, ventures, and items of interest to eat up your spare time while in the Portland area in September 2005. **Dick Deleissegues** is heading up this effort. Bob still has the commitment of Chief Dale Bosworth to hold a National Leadership Team meeting in conjunction with the Reunion.

The reunion committee now numbers 43 people working at the many varied tasks that have to be taken care of to make this a successful occasion. *Wendall Jones*

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.....Today, it's called golf.

R-6 Reminisces Book Update

Our collection of stories is now starting to look like a real book! The Introduction and Chapter One (1905-1918) have been through a review, and revisions have been made based on the reviewer comments. Chapters Two (1919-1932), Three (1933-1945), and Four (1946-1969) will go through a similar review in late January or early February 2004. Chapters Five (1970-1992), and Six (1993-2005) will follow close behind.

Paul Caruso scanned another 275 pages of TimberLines in early December, bringing the total number of pages he has scanned for us to over 400. Dick Connelly and Dick Buscher continue to research sources for photos. Dick Connelly has visited at least three National Forest Supervisors Offices to review their photo files.

We received some new stories since the last newsletter, some from retirees and a few from current employees. We are still open for new stories. Our greatest need is for stories from 1970 up to the present time, in order to complete Chapters Five and Six, but we are very eager to receive stories from any time period. We will always have room for another good story! *Rolf Anderson*

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

National Association of FS Retirees in 2003

Association members are feeling some well deserved pride in the recent passage and signing by the President of Healthy Forest Legislation. NAFSR put major effort into the "dance of legislation" to help get the bill passed. Members wrote letters, provided testimony, button holed legislators and staff, kept the Internet hot with "networking" messages to colleagues, old contacts and anyone they thought could help move this critical legislation forward.

Chairman Doug Leisz authored an op-ed piece supporting the legislation that was picked and used in the Los Angeles Times, Washington Times and a number of major regional papers. Doug was honored recently by the California Forestry Association at their annual meeting for outstanding achievement in leading the establishment of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, and the association's involvement in natural resource issues.

NAFSR member Al West, Chair of the Southern California Watershed Fire Council, was invited to testify at House Resource Committee hearings on fire and forest health problems at Lake Arrowhead, CA. His candid comments about serious forest health and fire conditions were appreciated by the committee, and presaged the devastating Southern California fire storm by several weeks. Al took no pleasure in being right in his prediction of serious fire damage to California forests.

NAFSR has responded vigorously to the lawsuit filed by the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEEE) in a Missoula, Mt. federal court to enjoin the use of chemical fire
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retardants. NAFSR is considering legal action, and has issued a media release highly critical of what the association believes is an unwarranted court action. The release has been used by several media organizations. It was somewhat ironic that the FSEEE suit was filled at about the same time major fires were burning through Southern California.

Less visible is the work of NAFSR members on regulatory and administrative issues such as land management planning procedures, implementation of the National Fire Plan and the revision of the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan. As it was when we were working, this "in the trenches" activity isn't always great fun, but there is satisfaction when the effort pays off, and there is only one level of review, ours.

Last Spring Deschutes National Forest District Ranger, and PNWFSA member, Walt Schloer was awarded NAFSR's first John R. McGuire Award for his outstanding accomplishments in carrying out the Forest Service mission. Recently Floyd Reed and Dave Bradford of the Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests were honored with the McGuire Award for outstanding contributions to the Forest Service's mission. NAFSR members are pleased to be able to recognize the excellence of current forest officers, while recognizing one of the Forest Service's outstanding leaders.

NAFSR has recently signed a cooperative agreement with the National Forest Foundation to cooperate on completing small forest improvement projects on forests in partnership with private organizations and foundations. We hope to get several projects cranked up in the Northwest in 2004. For more information about the agreement take a look at fsx.org/NAFSR website.

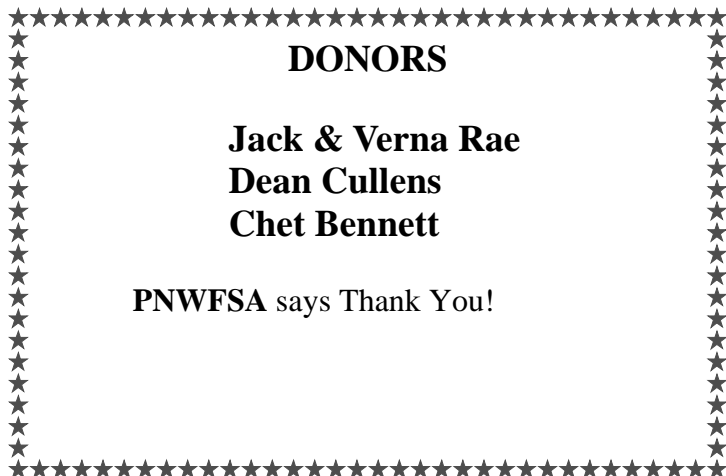
The opportunities for NAFSR to help the National Forests and the Forest Service are increasing rapidly. However, to seize these opportunities we need more retirees willing to spend a little time as active NAFSR members.

Give yourself and the grand kids a holiday present, join NAFSR and have fun helping the National Forests and the Outfit be there for the kids. See our website: fsx.org/NAFSRreports.html or contact me at 541-352-6154 for details on how to be part of the this dynamic group. *John Marker, Northwest NAFSR Director*

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PNWFSA says Thank You!



Following is a letter to the Pacific NW Forest Service Ass'n. from Region 6 Regional Forester Linda Goodman:

January 5, 2004

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I know during the past few weeks we've seen a few more of our Regional workforce retire, and hopefully, they will join your ranks as active members.

Last month, the Regional Leadership Team (consisting of the Executives, Forest Supervisors and Directors) came together and developed our strategic priorities for this year and into the near future. I believe it is important you know where we are headed, and hopefully, through this letter, you will understand, support and give us ideas on how best to carry out these priorities.

Our priorities were based on a set of core values which though not all-inclusive are meant to provide people with the values that drive us. Those core values are:

- THE FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS IS THE EMPLOYEE—it is our commitment to always honor and respect them and their work
- SAFETY
- DIVERSITY
- COLLABORATION
- SERVICE FIRST
- FINANCIAL INTEGRITY
- CARING FOR THE LAND

I view all our work as valuable and important; however, to achieve total success, I believe it is crucial to focus on those areas where the expectations are high, the demands intense, and the need for measurable accountability significant. Thus with our core values established and understanding where we need to achieve success, we developed our regional priorities.

Our priorities which the RLT unanimously agreed upon are:

1. RESTORING OUR FIRE DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS (Fuels)
 - We agreed to improve performance in this area, and we must deliver
 - We have been given the tools, the dollars and with it, the accountability to get the work done.
 - We will change how we do the work, and have created a Board of Directors chaired by BOTH Deputy Regional Foresters.
 - Above all else, this priority is a MUST—it is listed first, because our future, and the future of the land depends on it.
2. NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN
 - Completion of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy and Survey & Manage EISes.
 - Meet the intent and promises of the Plan.

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3. FIRE RESTORATION

- Restoring the burnt-over lands of the past few years.
- Meeting the needs of the public to see their forests and the places they love begin to recover from fire in a healthy and sustainable way.

4. INVASIVE SPECIES

- Completion of the EIS, to have the additional tools---to work with our partners, and for our forests to work on site specific EAs.
- Working with our partners to corral the problem on and off federal land.

5. AQUATICS

- Focus the work (culverts, streamside restoration, and fish habitat) on those areas where we can be most successful (as opposed to spreading our work out over too many areas).

6. RANGE

- Meeting the Rescission Act (FY 04 Appropriations Bill will allow grazing permits to be rolled over once with existing standards and conditions).
- We must move forward to meet the goals, by being more efficient in completing NEPA for the allotment management plans, as required by the Rescission Act.

7. ACCESS

- We will work with the WO and our partners in addressing unmanaged recreation, such as OHV use.

Our priorities can also be viewed as our commitment to you, in terms of how we'll manage the land and how we'll protect the land. I view this as our legacy to you, just as you were there to maintain and care for the land; so too, this generation of the Forest Service pledges to do the very best possible for the land, for you and for all the American public.

LINDA GOODMAN
Regional Forester

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world....Chinese Proverb

Travels to Mississippi

By *Dave & Audrey Scott*

On a Saturday in late October we hopped on a plane in Portland and headed for New Orleans and our 6th Passport In Time (PIT) project with the Forest Service. Upon arrival in New Orleans we rented a car and took off over Lake Ponchartrain, along the gulf coast and north to Wiggins, MS.

Wiggins is a small town in the middle of the DeSoto National Forest with a motel, pizza hut, Walmart, ranger station and about 3000 residents. Sunday morning we hiked on the Tuxachanie trail through beautiful stands of long leaf pine, meeting about 20 other National Forest visitors along the way. A noon lunch of seafood gumbo on the coast and then a drive north to Paul Johnson State Park to a cabin where we stayed 5 days. Supplies were acquired at another Walmart in Hattiesburg, population about 35,000 (seems like every town in MS has a Walmart).

Monday morning at 8:00 A.M. sharp we met our project leader USFS archeologist Robert Reams at the Texaco Station in New Augusta and drove south about 5 miles to the prehistoric site we were to dig. There were about 20 volunteers from all over the U.S. (CA, NM, Texas, LA, Ind., Ohio, OR. and MS). Many were experienced "diggers." After some introductions and a little instruction, we were on our hands and knees digging. The work days were about 6 1/2 hours long. The weather was great, about 80 degrees and only one red bug bite! In a week of digging the crew came up with about a dozen points (arrowheads), many flakes, and many pieces of broken pottery. Audrey and I each found a point and some interesting pieces of pottery. It is truly startling when you hold a point in your hand and the archeologist says it's from the mid archaic period and casually mentions that's 4 to 6 thousand years ago. Next March they have a project scheduled to catalog all the finds. I don't think we will participate!

The PIT program in the FS is about 10 years old. They produce a catalog of volunteer opportunities twice a year which can be obtained by calling 800-281-9176 or online at : www.passportintime.com. No, you do not get paid a thing. You work hard for about a week, usually get dirty and you might get a T shirt for your troubles. As a contribution to the federal government all of your direct out of pocket expenses are deductible. But you do get to see some beautiful parts of the US, meet some wonderful people and learn so much! We would be glad to talk to anyone about the program.

We ended our week with a dinner party at the home of the Archeologist with blues music provided by the wildlife biologist and timber staff. *Dave and Audrey Scott*

Pretty Weird

Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in what order the ltteers in a word are, the only iprmoent thing is that the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit plcae. The rset can be a total mses and you can still raed it wouthit porbelm. This is bcuseae the human mind deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlohe.

Recipes Still Needed for Reunion Cookbook

We have had some dandy recipes that have been sent; however, not nearly enough to fill even a small Region Six recipe book. Would really appreciate having you research your memories of days of sharing with your neighbors on the compound, or the potlucks that brought talent and laughter into our lives.

Let me share a couple of the recipes sent so far:

From **Ralph Jazkowski**: A CUP OF HOT WATER

1 cup cold water...directions. Place cold water in a saucepan larger than 1 cup capacity. Heat by any safe means until boiling. Use soon as it tends to lose its usefulness. Can be stored unrefrigerated and reheated for later use. A cup of hot water is a very handy item. It is not only useful for making a cup of tea or instant coffee, it can also be used to thaw frozen locks, warm fingers after shoveling snow or to pour on bugs that wander into the basement. Stubborn jar lids open easier after hot water is poured over them. In early days it was used in large quantities to discourage castle stormers. After all, what would jello be today without hot water? Colored sand!

From **Connie (Boos) Franz**: APPLE PUDDING CAKE

Cream 1 cup sugar and 1/3 cup butter
Sift: 1 cup flour, 1 t. soda, 1/2 t. nutmeg, 1/2 t. cinnamon
Add 1 beaten egg to sugar and butter mixture.
Add 1 cup grated apple (2 wine sap or gravenstein or braeburn apples).
Add sifted dry ingredients.
Bake in 9" pie pan (greased with PAM) for 30-35 minutes until toothpick comes out clean @375 degrees. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

This recipe comes from the John George Boos family. He was the first mayor of Forest Grove, OR, and Connie is a 4th generation granddaughter!!

Send in your recipes and ideas to: Bev Pratt, PO Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228. The cookbook committee needs your support.

Membership Changes – Addresses, New Members, and Losses

Last year we changed the way we present “Changes” in the Directory issue of the Newsletter. We are going to use the same presentation this year. Since all the new address changes appear in the enclosed new Directory, there is no need to repeat them in total here (also avoids a contradiction between the newsletter and the directory). We have sorted out the changes by category to help you in checking out names that are important to you.

Changed USPS address (which might also include change in phone and/or e-mail):

Marthella Bailey	George & Paula Berscheid	Dean Cullens
Beverly and James Deem	Stewart & Barbara Hanna	Allan & Peggy Hessel
Gary & Jeanetta Hodges	Ed & Marilyn Kentner	Chuck & Donna Lundeen
Patricia Schoof	Lawrence ‘Bud’ & Helen Waggener	

Changed e-mail:

Dave & JoAnn Anderson	Melissa Carlson	Jim & Deanne Conibear
Richard & Linda Connelly	Warren & Sally Davies	Mike & Nadine Gouette
Mike & Cameila Hanneman	Jerry & Loraine Hofer	Glen & Kathy Horner
Ralph & Martha Jaskowski	Ron & Mickey Ketchum	Drinda & Mike Lombardi
Ron & Carol McCormick	Walt & Elaine Parker	Dale & Gemma Rettman
Richard & Bonnie Ross	Jon & Donna Skovlin	Tom & Alice Strassmaier
Al & Barbara Thompson	Fred & Carole Lee Walk	Beatric Walker
Dave & Elaine Yates		

Change or Add Phone:

Mary Jo Higgins **Carlin & Karen Jackson**

New members:

Glen Baker	Bonita Braeuel	MaryEllen Brown
Carolyn ‘Terry’ Burgess	Jerry & Jeani Coleman	Jerry & Cleo Gause
Brenda Gillmor	Jerry & Rosalie Grevstad	
Alan & Rosemary Shepperd Gittridge		P. J. Johns
Ron Kintzley	Jim & Patricia List	John & Joyce Moser
Bonnie & Hal O’Leary	Louis & Eleanor Piha	Jim & Cari Schmahl

Three new members were gifts of Betty Taylor
 Terry Burgess’ membership was gift from her Dad, Ted Burgess
 One new member was a gift from Bev Pratt

Losses:

Jeanine Perkins – dropped membership by request
Bill Benecke – deceased Dec. 8, 2003; no surviving spouse
Katherine Plair – deceased a couple of years ago; LT, no surviving spouse
Dan Richmond – deceased Dec. 29, 2003; LT, spouse Ilo survives
Dick Tubman – deceased Dec. 12, 2003; LT, no surviving spouse
Alfred Wiener - deceased Nov. 5, 2003; LT, no surviving spouse

Happy New Year!!

The Ranger Who Could

If I could ever come back and be a District Ranger again I would want to be District Ranger Buck Stonewall, Lakefield District, Maahcoatche National Forest, and be Buck's 6' 3" with no extra flesh.

Gil Davies of HIStory Ink Books recently published his ninth book about the Forest Service, but the first where the fiction is all his and not the tall tales from the over the hill bunch. He reaches back to 1905 and the first days of the Forest Service and tells of the early adventures of the first Forest Rangers in the brand new "Outfit".

Buck is one of four rangers on the forest who have to figure out along with the Forest Supervisor just how to go about taking care of this forest reserve they're assigned to by the Forester back in Washington. The major challenge, after passing the two day ranger exam, is building a working relationship with the people living in and around the reserve, and introducing them to rules and regulations from the "Use Book." This isn't always easy, on occasion Buck has to work his way out of situations where he is staring down the business end of a weapon. And on occasion, Buck takes care of a confrontation with a good whack to his antagonist's head.

But Gil doesn't use dime novel heroics to hold the readers attention. He weaves an entertaining and historical tale of the first seven years of the Forest Service and the creation of National Forests from forest reserves. Through his main character's adventures he reminds readers of that time, almost a century ago, when Pinchot's vision of the public's forests started to take shape. The Forest Service people in his story do not leap tall trees in a single bound. They are just solid people, the kind you would enjoy playing poker with, who have the talents and skills necessary in 1905 to survive in a pretty primitive land. And like later Forest Service people, they have a strong belief in the Forest Service mission.

This is a book that is fun to read, and a pleasant way to remember our own adventures, some similar to Buck's, that give us pleasure to think about on cold wet evenings with the electric blanket turned up to 5.

And Gil didn't forget about romance or the challenges women shared with the men during those early days. But, I'll say no more and let you discover that part of Gil's story.

While The Forest Ranger Who Could will appeal to USFS alumni, I think anyone with an interest in the early days of the Outfit will find this a very enjoyable way to learn some history and be entertained by a good story.

The **Forest Ranger Who Could** by Gilbert Davies, available for \$15.00 from HiStory ink Books, PO Box 52, Hat Creek, CA 96040

As I sit looking out my window, while working on this newsletter, I finally am convinced that the greens are all wrong about global warming. There is a glacier forming in my front yard this first week of January, so now I have to worry about the coming of the next ice age. *Your editor*

Preserving Our Forests

By Chris Risbrudt, Ph. D.

(This article was written by Dr. Risbrudt in the first half of 2002, He is Director of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin. I found the article to be apolitical and shows some great insight. Worth your time reading.—Editor)

Wildfire season is upon us. Some 30,000 Forest Service employees (me included) hold our collective breath. We fervently hope this year will not be a repeat of last year -- when wildfires burned 7.2 million acres destroyed more than 2,000 buildings, devastated wildlife habitats and ecosystems, degraded vital watersheds, consumed some \$1.6 billion in fire-fighting expenses, and cost the lives of 23 firefighters.

Thousands of firefighters successfully suppressed more than 99 percent of the fires quickly, before they could do much damage. But some 610 fires got too big, too quickly, wreaking havoc throughout several western states.

Two years earlier, the story was similar: Wildfires burned some 8.4 million acres in 2000 -- the largest area in 50 years.

Analysis by Forest Service researchers shows that four factors determine the extent and intensity of forest fires: abundance of fuel, weather, lack of moisture, and terrain. We have the ability to influence only one of those in a meaningful way: By reducing available fuel, we can significantly modify the behavior and severity of wildfires.

Some 73 million acres of National Forests are still considered at risk for catastrophic fire, as are some 300 million acres of state and private lands. Western forests that historically supported a few dozen large trees per acre now struggle with hundreds of tree per acre.

Overcrowding stresses trees, blocks sunlight, reduces water and nutrients, and aids the spread of harmful insects and disease.

And overcrowding can turn what might have been an ecologically beneficial, low-intensity ground fire into an ecologically catastrophic, high-intensity "crown fire."

Such fires generate extreme temperatures that kill trees, totally destroy habitat, scorch the earth, and degrade watersheds. Such fires are impossible to control until weather or terrain slow their advance -- or until they run out of forest.

The Forest Service, along with other government agencies and some environmental groups, has carried out forest-thinning operations for several years. The efficacy of thinning was evident after last year's fires. Many thinned areas survived as viable forest habitat while unthinned areas looked like scorched moonscapes. The fires proved a simple truth: Sometimes to protect a forest you have to remove a few trees.

Preserving and restoring forest health is not a political gimmick. Based on what he's seen in nearly four decades in the Forest Service, the chief of the Forest Service, Dale Bosworth, has ranked the four most serious threats to forest health. And he has made it clear to managers throughout the Forest Service that he expects us to assign high priority to reducing these threats.

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Not surprisingly, the first threat is fire and the dangerous and unprecedented build-up of fuels in many of our forests. The second threat comes from invasive plants, insects and diseases.

Invasive plants can drastically alter habitat and make it unsuitable for native wildlife. Insects and diseases threaten to weaken or kill trees on millions of acres of forest.

The third threat is forest fragmentation. Every day 4,000 acres of open space are lost to development. When development borders forests, the impact is especially great on wildlife.

The fourth threat is unmanaged recreation -- especially the off-road use of vehicles. Each year, this unmanaged use creates hundreds of miles of "unplanned" roads and trails. They cause erosion, degrade watersheds and destroy habitat.

These threats are serious. The Forest Service's commitment to dealing with them is real. At the Forest Service's Forest Products Laboratory, where I serve as director, high-priority projects address the first three of those threats. (As a science and engineering laboratory, we can't do much about unauthorized off-road vehicle use.)

The lab's researchers have worked for some time to develop practical uses for small-diameter trees and forest undergrowth material in order to take thinning economically feasible by offsetting costs of thinning operations. Among the technologies and applications we've developed or encouraged are:

§ Using small-diameter timber in construction. This spring, the citizens of Darby, Montana, broke ground for a new library incorporating small-diameter round timber for trusses.

§ Using engineered wood products in wood-frame homebuilding.

§ Combining wood fiber with recycled plastic to create composite materials used in windows and doors, signs, roofing, exterior siding and automotive parts.

§ Using wood fibers to make inexpensive filters for streams polluted by run-off from mines or farms. Juniper, which has invaded grasslands and degraded habitat, is highly suitable as a filter medium.

§ Using waste wood chips or sawdust as fuel to generate electricity. Our researchers are also exploring ways to produce ethanol from forest biomass and to improve processes for making paper that use less water and less energy and would permit the use of mixed wood species.

Each of those projects could expand the market for small trees and other small forest material. This would encourage ecologically sound forest-thinning, reduce the risk of catastrophic fires and make forests less susceptible to insects and disease. It would also help private land-owners generate income and resist the temptation to fragment forest areas for development.

We are eager to carry on this work. We believe it is good for our forests, good for our country and good for the environment.

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R6 Updates - Kathy Bowman, Editor
(Excerpts from the R6 electronic employee news)**Sept. 18, 2003****National award honors John Simmons in R-6 RLM**

This year, the Liz Mathews Award for Excellence in Minerals and Geology goes to **John Simmons**, our regional mining engineer. John is a Certified Mineral Examiner, a Certified Review Mineral Examiner, and is on the Mineral Examiner Certification Panel. He is also certified as a mineral examiner with BLM. (Courtesy **Bob Fujimoto**)

Oct. 2, 2003

Todd H. Cullings, Gifford Pinchot NF, has received the annual R6 award honoring the interpreter and environmental educator of the year. He is also a finalist in the national Gifford Pinchot "Excellence in Interpretation and Conservation" award competition, which will be announced Nov. 13. Stay tuned for follow up!

Archaeological Society of Central Oregon (ASCO) honored for contributions:

Forest Service officials presented a nationally recognized award this month to the ASCO for its efforts in identifying, protecting and interpreting the area's archaeological and historical sites. **Leslie Weldon**, forest supervisor for the Deschutes NF, presented the award to the Society's President Bert Swift on behalf of the **Deschutes and Ochoco NFs, and the BLM's Prineville District**.

Since 1994, the non-profit corporation's members annually contributed over 2,000 volunteer hours, or more than \$40,000 worth of contributed services. ASCO members are involved in educational outreach throughout Central Oregon at museums and schools. (**Roland Giller**)

Oct. 30, 2003

Rescuers honored. A short ceremony Oct. 29 at the capitol in Salem recognized an Oregon National Guard helicopter crew for a remarkable night rescue of injured firefighters from **Hells Canyon NRA** in northeastern Oregon this summer. Gov. Ted Kulongoski presented a plaque to the five crew members who flew into the steep river canyon during the Lightning Complex fires to transport two severely injured firefighters to medical facilities in Spokane, WA. **Linda Goodman, Regional Forester**; participated in the ceremony, as did the two Strike Back firefighters who were rescued by the helicopter crew.

Nov. 13, 2003

Umpqua NF employee appointed to OR Governor's council
This fall Governor Kulongoski appointed **Christina Lilienthal, Umpqua NF** landscape architect, to the Oregon Travel Information Council for her ability, experience, and interest in serving the public and visitor industry. This month she became an official voting member of the 11-member Council for a 4-year term. Christina says she particularly supports the TIC because, "It is the only state motorist information program in the nation that is completely self-sufficient, funded entirely through sign fees, grants and donations." (Courtesy of **Cheryl Walters**)

Nov. 20, 2003**Changes in national leadership in the works**

Robert Lewis will retire at the end of the year. **Ann Bartuska** is returning to the Forest Service as the Deputy Chief of Research and Development in his place. **Tom Mills** is also announcing his retirement. **Chris Pyron** has been selected to replace Tom as the Deputy Chief for Business Operations. Both Ann and Chris will assume their new duties in January. In addition, **Jack Craven**, Director of Lands has also announced his plans to retire at the end of 2003.

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R6 Updates (Cont'd. from page 9)**Human, dog team go to California to assist**

Roxanne Lechner and Elwood, her Labrador retriever, traveled to Southern California to help residents that were left homeless by the recent wildfires that swept through the area. The pair volunteered precious hours to bring comfort to families that were faced with rebuilding their lives following this traumatic period. Roxanne works at the Waldport office of the South Zone on the Siuslaw NF.

FERC Issues North Umpqua hydroelectric project license

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has just issued a new 35-year operating license for the 185-megawatt North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project owned and operated by PacifiCorp. The eight-powerhouse project is located in the Umpqua National Forest. That settlement followed a two-year mediated negotiation process among parties to craft a comprehensive package of new terms and conditions for future physical improvements to the project, new operating guidelines, and environmental and resource mitigation measures.

MBS forest flood damage tops \$10,000,000; recreation areas cut off in '04.

Overall damage assessments are expected to exceed \$8 million from late October storm damage, which flooded roads, bridges, trails and other recreation facilities in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF. Additionally, projected restoration costs for dozens of key aquatic and riparian watershed areas, still being tabulated, could exceed another \$2 - \$3 million, according to forest managers.

Rob Iwamoto, Acting Forest Supervisor says, "Recreation sites that survived previous 100-year flood events were swamped, destroyed or entirely removed from the landscape when as much as 10 inches of rain hit some areas during 24 hour periods over the October 17 weekend, particularly in Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom Counties. At least 13 of the forest's campgrounds are among the damaged or destroyed. Access to many popular areas is not only restricted now, but will almost definitely remain that way until well into 2004 or beyond. The task of repairing and restoring could take several years."

Many flood-affected areas are unsafe for public travel and will remain closed until further notice.

Dec. 4, 2003

A Thanksgiving Day Story. Road engineers from the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF provided access to two vehicles which had been stranded by flooding since October 20 at a trailhead up the Suiattle River. On Wednesday – the day before Thanksgiving – forest engineers descended upon the Downey Creek Bridge where the approach had washed out during the October flooding. They completed emergency repair work to remove unstable road fill material near the creek. In the process, the engineering crew was able to create a temporary route so that the vehicle owners could safely access the bridge and remove the vehicles.

Vehicle owner Russell Ruby let the forest engineers know just how thankful he was in the following letter: "Wayne, I want to thank you for everything you did to facilitate the work to get my car and John Russell's car out from the Suiattle river trailhead parking lot. It was amazing to watch the forest service crew and contractors working. These guys are good! They really know how to get things done professionally and efficiently. I just wish people who make jokes about government work could have had a chance to watch this operation. I was really impressed. I hope that the forest service receives sufficient funding to continue your work on the enormous amount of road and trail damage remaining from the October 20th flood. Thanks again, Russell Ruby"

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The Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS) has selected **Region 6** to receive the prestigious OAS President's Award for 2003. The Region was selected for its strong support in protecting archaeological resources and for its extensive use of volunteers in that work. The OAS presented the Forest Service with the President's Award in a ceremony Dec. 2.

"The Forest Service has done a tremendous job of protecting our important cultural resources while providing OAS volunteers with the opportunity to exercise their passion for archaeology in projects across the Northwest," said Michael Taylor, OAS President.

OAS estimates that the Forest Service saved taxpayers over \$250,000 in the Pacific Northwest, while engaging in dozens of archaeological projects that might not have otherwise been possible. Based on a recent survey of its members, the OAS estimates that over 25,000 OAS volunteer hours have been used in official Forest Service projects.

Through programs like *Passport in Time (PIT)*, the Forest Service offers the public opportunities to participate in professionally supervised archaeology projects across the nation. Recently a team of OAS volunteers and Forest Service archaeologists teamed up in a PIT project to preserve important aspects of the historic Barlow Road in **Mt. Hood NF**. In a multi-year project at **Malheur NF**, volunteers discovered prehistoric tools up to 7500 years old. Forest Service records indicate that since its inception in 1991 the *Passport in Time* program has completed over 400 projects in the Northwest, using over 4000 volunteers whose contributions of time are valued at over \$2,300,000.

Dec. 18, 2003

National honors. A couple of weeks ago we announced that R-6 had honored regional electrical engineer Steve Sichau as its Technical Engineer of the Year. This week, he received the National Technical Engineer of the Year Award as well. According to Regional Director of Engineering Richard Sowa, "This award represents a significant achievement for Steve. It says, as judged by his peers, that his contribution to the Forest Service from a technical perspective is worthy of National recognition. One of his outstanding qualities has been his ability to keep up with technology and to modify how he works to incorporate those technological advancements while at the same time being aware of the skills of the rest of us. As well as being recognized in the region for all he has contributed, he has grown into being a nationally recognized resource for electrical engineering. I couldn't be happier for him getting this recognition."

Riders in the Dirt

Four women making music...really good, authentic music... and having a good time...that's what the "Riders in the Dirt" Band is all about. The band -- Forest Service employees Judy Haigler, Gayle Hunt, and Anne Alford, Ochoco NF, and Jo Booser, Deschutes NF, aka **The Riders in the Dirt Band**, will be playing at the All Forest Supervisors and National Leadership Team Meeting in Nebraska City this January. (Ed. Note: We hope to lure this group into attending and providing more entertainment at the 2005 Reunion.)

Jan. 02, 2004

Two Safe after Emergency Landing. Two Forest Service pilots based at the Redmond Air Center sustained minor injuries Dec. 22 after making an emergency landing in a field about a mile east of the Missoula International Airport. The pilots had taken off in a twin-engine Beech Baron in dense fog at about 8 p.m. when they made the emergency landing. Both men escaped from the airplane with minor scrapes and burns. They were later treated and released from a hospital in Missoula. Forest Service and National Transportation Safety

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Tree committee, which by the way has representation from the local USFS. Since this volunteer work deals with urban forestry and trees, it should qualify as a resource volunteer activity.

Don James

It has been some time since I have updated you on our activities. First, your request for volunteer time. Since retiring from the Siuslaw NF in 1986, wife Dawn and I have spent time each spring as volunteers at Kirkwood Historic Ranch in the Hells Canyon NRA. In the sixteen years we have been there, total time for each of us is two years and twenty-five days! Our assignment for 2004, will be March 26 through May 13. We have about two-thousand visitors each year. As host and caretakers of this historic old sheep ranch. we accomplish many jobs and meet the most interesting people from all over the world. We are also there for public emergencies if needed. Some emergencies have been: hikers sprained ankles and knees, boats won't start, helicopter crash, small aircraft crashed at Pittsburg strip, looking for drowning victims, severe cut on arm, boat came down river but not enough power to return, emergency messages for visitors, etc. If you have never been to Hells Canyon, you should plan to see it. I am still active in large fire suppression having worked fires in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana this past summer. Last year most of my time was in Arizona on the Rodeo Fire and the Bullock Fire. Also spent time on the Biscuit Fire. It's been a long time since working on Wendall Jones' team. It's been even longer when I was a lookout fireman on Garwood Butte on the Umpqua NF in 1950, when I put out my first fire. Winters here in Prineville are somewhat cold and snowy, so I run my wood shop. Do mostly custom orders for people. This keeps me busy until spring when its time to return to Hells Canyon.

Boyd Wickman

You requested an estimate of volunteer work for the USFS. As an Emeritus Scientist for the PNW Research Station, I contributed about 460 hours in January and March, 2003, writing a historical biography of two pioneer Forest Entomologists, plus other research and meeting attendance. From April to the present I have contributed over 400 hours of work on various projects in my emeritus position. I hope this helps your volunteer contribution.

Ted Burgess

I want to present this membership for my daughter as a gift. She works in the RO in Fire control. I would want any document or notice sent to me, so I can present it better at the appropriate time. (Ted paid for a five year membership for Terry)

Walt Parker

My annual dues are enclosed. I changed my e-mail again (see Changes). Hope the PNWFSA Board will meet again in Bend next year. Fun meeting the Board members (missed Wendall), and visiting with old friends. (Ed. note: We are going to try to convene in some other locations in the Region before we return to Bend again---sorry.) **Members Corner** (Cont'd. next column)

Members Corner (Cont'd.)**Jerry Coleman** (New LT Member)

I have been on the Colville NF for nine years and am really looking forward to retirement. I am looking forward to getting the membership directory so that I can stay in touch with folks. I enjoy the Oldsmokeys web site very much.

Terry Wickerham

I thought some of you folks would be interested in this article that was in the Phoenix, AZ Republic newspaper recently. (Editorial deals with the issue of "Healthy Forests" relating to the RodeoChediski fire of 2002 where fire was stopped on Cottonwood Ridge by thinning and fuel reduction work done several years earlier. We don't have a practice of printing lengthy newspaper articles in our newsletter. If you are interested you could go to the Arizona Republic's website for the Dec. 2, 2003 editorial)

I worked in the I&E Office in Portland for about 15 years until 1976, when we moved to Arizona. In the past, I used to send an occasional article to Evelyn Brown. I am a LT member of the PNWFSA and enjoy the newsletters.

Some of you may remember me as Terry Onstott. I was widowed in 1982, and remarried in 1985. My husband and I attended one of the luncheons several years ago when we were in the Portland area.

MEMORIES

By Dave & Jane Kolb

Cecil "Ron" Armstrong

Cecil "Ron" Armstrong died at home at age 67, after a 5-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was a PNWFSA member. Ron was born in Mesa, AR and grew up in Arizona and California. He married Imogean on 12/24/1955. In 1959 he graduated from Arizona State with a degree in Agronomy and Chemistry. Ron and Ima started their FS Career in 1961. Over his 32-year career Ron worked on 8 Forests in 6 States. He was on the Malheur NF from 1971 to 1979. In 1993 he retired from the Sawtooth NF in R-4 and returned to John Day, OR. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Pat Holliday; sons, Bob and Greg; and 8 grandchildren.

Clay Beal

Clay Beal died 10/20/2003, at his home in Home Valley, WA. He was 71 and a PNWFSA member. Clay was born 8/29/1932, in Greene, Maine. He started working for the FS on the Hebo RD of the Siuslaw NF. Later his career took him to the GPNF, the Okanogan NF and to RO Fire in R-6. He moved to Alaska as Forest Supervisor on the Chugach NF and retired as Forest Supervisor for the Superior NF in R-9. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; daughter, Jennifer Porter; son, Timothy; 3 sister; a brother and 2 grandchildren.

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Bill Benecke

Bill Benecke died 12/08/03 in Kennewick, Wa. He was 93 years old, and was a PNWFSA member. Bill was Timber Staff on the Mt. Baker N.F. and the Umpqua N.F. before that. A full obituary will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Harold H. Brower

Harold Brower died 10/15/2003, at age 64. He was born 10/23/1938, in Corvallis, OR. Harold grew up in the Hood River Valley, where he attended high school. He received an Associate Degree in Structural Engineering from OTI in 1960. Harold started working with the USFS on the Ochoco NF in June 1960. Later he worked on the Siskiyou NF and the Tongass NF in Alaska. He retired in 1994. On 5/21/1977, Harold married Ann Marie Conlee in Brookings, OR. He was active in the communities where he lived and with several wildlife organizations. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Susan Marciel; son and daughter-in-law, Rich and Vickie Brower; and 4 grandchildren.

George Castillo

George Castillo, 78, died 9/25/03, of cancer. He was born in Klamath Falls, OR, and served in the US Coast Guard during WWII. He graduated from U of Oregon in Journalism, and worked for the Roseburg News Review until 1967. He moved to Washington, DC, where he worked for the USFS, retiring in 1989 as Asst. Dir. of Public Affairs. He was a member of the National Press Club and Society of Professional Journalists. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Shirley Brennen Stone, and family.

Molly S. Fitch

Molly Fitch died 9/24/2003, at age 86. She worked in Mineral Management in the RO. When she started Minerals was a unit in Recreation, but later moved to Lands. Molly Smith was born 8/23/1917, in Helmville, MT. She lived most of her life in Portland. She married Richard F. Fitch in 1959. He died in 1970. Survivors include a sister, Rebecca Chamberlin; and a niece, Margaret Watson.

Joseph F. Goddard

Joe Goddard died 9/14/2003, at age 78. He was a Forest Technician on the Oakridge RD of the Willamette NF for over 30 years. Joe was born in Cylinder, Iowa 9/27/1924. After graduating from high school he served in the Army. Later he moved to Oakridge and married Aline Coward 4/23/1960. Because of Joe's persistence, a grove of large Douglas firs and Western red cedars with diameters over 9 feet was preserved and will be named for him.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Nancy Lammers; 3 brothers; a sister; and one granddaughter. A second daughter Jennifer Gale Marie preceded him in death in 1975.

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Charlotte Hartless

Charlotte Hartless died 10/24/2003, at age 78. Charlotte McAllister was born 9/29/1925, in Iowa. She married Vernon in 1949. They moved to California and later to Grants Pass, OR. Charlotte worked in the SO of the Siskiyou NF for over 20 years. At the time of her retirement she was in charge of Administrative Services. Later she and Vernon moved to Arizona. After his death she moved back to Valley City to be near her family. Survivors include a brother, Earl McAllister; a sister, Betty Ohm; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles Junior Hilbran

Charles "Chuck" Hilbran died 10/16/2003, at age 68. He was born in New York City, 11/8/1935. Chuck served in the Navy and worked for the FS in Lakeview and Portland. He retired 5/30/1992, as Supervisory Purchasing Agent from R6 Administrative Services after 34 years service. Survivors include his wife, Leota; daughters, Teresa Null and Sheryl Marburg; sons, Chuck and Robert; 2 step sons; 16 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Darrell Johnson

Darrell, former fleet manager for the Rogue River NF from the late 70's to early 90's, died of cancer August 11, 2003. Darrell retired out of the military. He had three tours in Viet Nam, earning a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and several other awards. He was known as a "fleet manager's fleet manager" who helped improve the system. His wife, Ruth, survives him.

Michael A. Kelly

Michael "Mike" Kelly died 9/10/2003, at his home in Ridgefield, WA, at age 61. Mike retired from the FS Materials Testing Laboratory in Portland. He also worked on the Willamette NF at Sweet Home. He was born in Fargo, ND, 12/7/1941. He lived in Ridgefield for the past 15 years, where he was active in community affairs.

Mike is survived by his wife, Carrie L.; daughter, Laurie A. Kelly; 2 sons, Alan G. and James L.; his parents, Glenn and Alvira Kelly; 1 sister; 2 brothers; and 3 grandchildren.

Helen G. LaBarre

Helen LaBarre died 10/8/2003, at age 89. She was the wife of Homer A. LaBarre, a former FS employee in the RO Engineering Surveys and Maps section. He died in 1995. Helen was born 9/10/1914, in Odessa, WA. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service and married Homer in 1937.

Survivors include her son, William; 1 brother; 1 sister; and 2 grandchildren.

Harold R. 'Red' Miller

Harold Miller died 12/14/2003 at age 88. He was born 9/9/1915 in George and grew up in Estacada. He was a heavy equipment operator for the Mt. Hood NF. Harold married Edith in 1937. She died in 1993.

Survivors include his son Richard; daughters, Joyce Anders and JoAnne Jagers; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Stanley "Stan" Nuttal

Stan Nuttal died 11/13/2003, at age 78. Stan was born 4/1/1925, in Portland. He graduated from college with a degree in geology and mining engineering. He started his FS career on the Gifford Pinchot NF, with the Randle Engineer Zone in 1960. In 1970 he transferred to the Deschutes NF. He retired in 1985. Stan married Phyllis Cocklin 1/2/1946, in Vancouver, WA.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Jeffrey and Paul; daughter, Mary Beth Beatty; sister, Gloria John; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Dan Richmond

Dan Richmond died 12/29/03. No further information available at this time. Full obituary will be in next newsletter.

Timothy T. Ross

Timothy Thomas Ross, 49, passed away on 12/5/03, at his home. He was born on May 3, 1954 in Colville, WA. Tim grew up in Bridgeport, WA. Tim began his firefighting career with the USFS. Later, he worked as a smoke jumper based out of Winthrop, WA for three years. Tim dedicated his firefighting career to the Everett Fire Department for 25 years as a paramedic and instructor.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly; his sons, Sean and Stephen; step-daughter Lara Harmon; step-son Matt Harmon; father and mother, David and Joy Ross; sister Julia Mead; and brother Marcus.

James B. Shine

James B. Shine died 11/6/2003, in Medford, OR, at age 72. He was born 3/7/1931, in Malin, OR, but moved to Willow, CA, at a young age. Jim married Helen Westfal 1/8/1948. They lived and raised their family in the San Francisco Bay Area. Later he moved his family to Redding, CA, where he became a heavy equipment operator. In 1969 he moved to Butte Fall, OR, and started working for the FS as an Engineering Technician. Jim was involved in the road maintenance program and spent time fighting forest fires. He retired in 1996.

Survivors include his wife; sons, James, William, and Michael; daughters, Wendy Lewis and Tammy Dockery; 2 sisters; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Albert Tekander

Al Tekander died 12/16/03 of natural causes. He was born 9/19/21, in Coos Bay, OR. He married Qula Roth on 6/7/57. He served in the Army during WWII. Al worked as a road construction engineer for the USFS on the Mapleton RD, Siuslaw NF, for 30 years before retiring in 1979. He also ran the family farm and timber business on their Mapleton family farm until 2000.

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Suzanne Terrill

Suzanne Terrill died 10/23/2003, in Colville, WA, at age 75. She was the wife of Bob Terrill, retired Forest Supervisor of the Colville NF.

Survivors include her husband; 5 children, Kathy Sharp, Colville; Thomas Terrill, VA; Betsy Terrill, UT; and Ruth Mead, Spokane; 10 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Pat Wick

Pat Wick died 9/6/2003, at age 88. He was born 3/17/1915, in Seattle, WA, where he graduated from Ballard High School and the U. of Washington. Pat worked on the Mt. Baker NF and in the RO I&E Division before moving to the Ochoco NF in 1961, where he served in several SO Staff positions. He retired in 1976, but continued working as an irrigation specialist for the Ochoco Feed and Farm Supply Co. until 1991. Survivors include daughter, Diane Cook of Burns; son, Jack of Canyon City; sister, Louise Berg of Seattle; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife Sue and his brother, John Wick, also an R-6 retiree, who died earlier this year.

Alfred A. Wiener

Alfred Wiener died in Eugene, OR, on 11/3/2003. He was 85 and a PNWFSA member. Al was born 10/10/1918, in Tacoma, WA. He attended schools in Tacoma and Portland, then went to OSC where he received a degree in Forestry in 1942. In the early 1930's Al worked on the CCC project to build the Hoodoo Ski Area. During WWII he served in the Army's 31st Infantry with landings in New Guinea and the Philippines where he received both a Silver and Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Al's FS career ran from 1946 to 1978. He worked several districts and the SO of the Willamette NF. He worked as a Timber Appraiser in the RO and WO and retired as Chief of Timber Appraisal. Wiener wrote a book on the USFS appraisal system.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; son, Timothy; and daughter, Lisa.

Too Late to Classify

We received the following hand written note with no identification other than "Martha" mentioned in the note. We have several Marthas in our membership. So Bev Pratt helped me finally pin down the author after I had the Members Corner all prepared.

Here is the message from **Hank DeBruin**:

To everyone who contributes to the Newsletter—Congratulations. The stories and pictures give Martha and I great joy. Your newsletter keeps us current and carries us back to some of the best days of our life. For our age and condition we are fine, and enjoying many grandchildren (15) and great-grandchildren (17), with more to come. We are like everyone we know—very busy. Martha cooks for 80-100 people every Wednesday at our church. She is also a Trustee. With love and fond memories to all, and looking forward to the 2005 Reunion. We plan to be there

We will be looking forward to seeing you in September 2005.

How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you are on.

Attention Annual Dues Payers

This is your second notice for paying 2004 dues. Your 2004 dues were due January 1. Check your mailing label on the reverse side of this coupon (back page of the newsletter). If it says "03" or "2003" by your address, you have not paid your 2004 dues, and you are now in arrears. If you sent a check at the tail end of last year or early this January, we may not have your payment recorded yet. So check your checkbook stubs also, and if you haven't already paid your dues, get out that checkbook now, before you forget again, and send your check and this coupon as instructed below:

Here is my annual dues for 2004. Still just \$10 at this time (you can pay for more than one year if you wish—save a stamp next year. Make check payable to: PNW Forest Service Assn.

Mail to: PNW Forest Service Ass'n.
PO Box 5583
Portland, OR 97229-5583

Name _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

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A Bit of History

This poem was provided to the newsletter by **Carlin Jackson**, who has been saving it through the years. He attached this note: "During the 1930's, there were a lot of incendiary fires on the Siskiyou NF. In the late 30's a top notch leadership team was brought on to change things. In 1942, Regional Engineer Jim Frankland made a GII Review to see how things were coming along. The first page of the inspection was a poem that summarizes the two week review."

SISKIYOU ISLAND

Now Siskiyou Island is Ed Cliff's home range,
It's covered by flora and fauna most strange.
The brush burners and chrome miners, lacking foresight,
Have burned lots of timber and left parts a fright.
It's a sort of challenge, and I have a hunch
That they'll meet it with gusto, this Siskiyou bunch.

Ed Marshall's Chetco, a gay fashion show
From wave swept sands to Vulcan's snow.
Port Orford cedar, a sale perhaps
Then Gold Beach mill can use a dozen chaps.
A Redwood Park, 'midst dank myrtle groves
But "Blind squares" burn in Dimmick's stoves.

Baker's Gasquet, old mines and new
Serpentine slides in every hue,
Of color nature never stints
Chrome ridges glow in many tints.
The South Fork route to Hawkin's bar
Ain't done yet if you go by car.

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Bowerman's Page Creek seems to be
A scene of alpine phantasy,
Cullen letters and Philbrick's forty
The super's beaver in new homes sporty.
The cat trail is headed toward Red Mtn. Prairie
And inspectors all ride in the truck short and airy.

Cooper's Galice, both side of Rogue River
Canyons and rapids that cause one to shiver,
A suspension bridge that looks quite risky,
Whiteneck place on a creek called Whiskey,
The Ranger has up and moved to the city,
The PA and work are at Rand, what a pity.

Rass' Port Orford on the River Coquille
From Coos Bay's cutover they are now pulling steel,
The China Flat CCC's no more work are needin'
And some day we can drive to Jack Campbell's Eden.
The proposed Port Orford Park appears in need of a leader
Or the miners and loggers will have all the cedar.

Andy's Agness with autumn style aflame
Putting even the rainbow's tints to shame,
Unexpected fires occurring here and there,
Give reason to feel some not playing fair,
From Horseshoe Bend to via Copper Can
To Gold Beach by boat, a trip, oh man!

Editors Note: Some of you oldtimers might have fun recalling some of the names in this poem. Can you help identify some? There is Gail Baker, Harold Bowerman, J.R. Philbrick, Horace "Coop" Cooper, Boyd Rasmussen, and Rolfe Anderson. All of them were or are members of the 30 Year Club, now PNWFSA. I do not know Dimmick or Cullen..

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Winter 2004

Join us for lunch

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

Food for Thought

Ride the horse in the direction it is going.

Don't drive as if you owned the road; drive as if you owned the car

You don't have to brush all of your teeth, only the ones you want to keep.

Kindness consists of loving people more than they deserve.

Address changed? Please let the Association be one of the first you notify. A few weeks delay can result in you not getting your newsletter.

Note: Your mailing label shows the year through which your dues are paid. For example, if your label shows "02", your dues are paid through 12/31/02

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Coming Events

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

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Board officials are investigating the accident and have not released the names of the pilots, pending completion of interviews with the two men. The pilots were returning to Redmond, OR after shuttling another Forest Service pilot to the Missoula Aerial Fire Depot when the accident occurred. The Forest Service had leased the airplane to transport agency personnel. The aircraft was not used for firefighting duties (**Courtesy R6 PAO**)

Changes: Daina Dravneiks Apple is a new Staff Assistant for the Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation at the WO. **Gail Kimbell** will be moving to the Northern Region behind retired R-1 RF Brad Powell.

Forest Supervisor Darrell Kenops retires.

According to Regional Forester **Linda Goodman**, **Darrell Kenops** retires in January after 40 years in the U.S. Forest Service. Kenops is currently serving as Interim Forest Supervisor at Sierra National Forest, in Clovis, CA, but is returning to the Northwest where he spent much of his career. Kenops also worked in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. He will remain active in Forestry and community development matters in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. He and his wife Lynn will reside in Springfield, Oregon Close to family and friends.

Eastern Oregon small-diameter wood products fair March 2-3 2004. Blue Mountain Conference Center (The Armory), La-Grande, Oregon.

The first greater eastern Oregon Regional small diameter wood products fair will convene leading business, community leaders, and entrepreneurs to shape the future of the wood products industry. More than 200 people will gather for two days of workshops, panel discussions, exhibits, product design competitions, and networking events that will help eastern Oregon become a leader in ecosystem restoration, wildfire risk reduction and wood products utilization. The public is invited, but the workshop should be of particular interest to entrepreneurs, forest products business owners, timber harvesting enterprises, conservation groups, wood-processing equipment vendors, builders, engineers, and wood enterprises. The event is a cooperative venture with the US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, OSU Extension Service, Oregon Economic & Community Development Department, Sustainable Northwest, Wallowa Resources, Grande Ronde Model Watershed and the Blue Mountain Demonstration.

Members Corner

Letters from Members

Jack & Verna Rae

Enclosed is a check to help with expenses. Also enclosed are a couple of stories that happened to me during my career in the USFS. Perhaps you can use them.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary taking a cruise around the Caribbean islands through the Panama Canal ending at Los Angeles. Still live in the Dufur, OR area, cutting and burning firewood for heat. Lots of pine dying all over this area. Four months of 0.51 inches of rain, June through September didn't help the growing season very much. (*Ed. Note: your stories have been sent on to Rolf Anderson for our history document.*)

Members Corner (Cont'd.)**Jerry Gause (New Member)**

Hi, Wendall. Hope this note finds you folks doing well. Remember a couple of great Christmas parties at your house in Boring. I hear Jack Usher is gone. Great guy, and will be missed. Is Ben Carson still kicking around? If I recall he was one of Carlson's Raiders on Makin Island in 44.

I retired last January after 40-years. Running 853 acre family ranch here in Marin Co. Run Hereford cows and calves for about 7-months out of year. Have a lot of Redwoods and Doug-fir in the canyons and grassy hillsides. Didn't know there was so much physics to fence posts, braces and barbed wire.

R6 a great place to work with so many natural resource values and opportunities, and a history of being innovative to get jobs done. Looking forward to seeing you at 2005 Centennial/Reunion

Don Smith

Time flies when you are having fun, and we are having lots of fun. Our most fun is with our 11 grand kids, six now in college and the rest graduating from high school within the next 6 years. Then come our activities. I still watercolor paint when I am not playing golf, catching steelhead or working in our yard and garden. I am completing my 8th year as a volunteer at the US Fish & Wildlife Service Forensic Lab in Ashland, and serving as a Commissioner on Medford's Parks and Recreation Commission. Marcia is a busy cup of tea also. She supports her P.E.O., the Medford League of Women Voters, and the Medford Garden Club. We try to travel around somewhere twice a year, usually with Elderhostel programs. We just finished a great trip to San Antonio, TX. When not visiting our three children and their families, we play lots of bridge, fuss with our roses, and enjoy the amenities of Southern Oregon. And finally, we are proud of our forester son, Steve, who is the resource manager for Potlatch Co.'s Idaho Division operations. He says, "It is just like being a Forest Supervisor, Dad." I wonder??

Don Smith (again)

I have been serving as a volunteer at the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Forensic Laboratory in Ashland, OR, for the past eight years. I "work" a half day each week as their Web Page consultant. The Lab is a federal crime laboratory for animal, birds and reptiles, and is the only one like it in the world. Its primary mission is to make species-specific identifications of wildlife parts and products submitted as evidence by Federal, State and International wildlife law enforcement agencies. And much like a police crime lab, to match suspect, victim, and crime scene through the examination of physical evidence. The Lab is really an interesting and exciting facility and is recognized for its excellence around the world. It would be worthwhile to log on to the web page (www.lab.fws.gov) to learn about all their organization and activities. You will even find a photo of me in the "Volunteers" section. I have another volunteer job serving as a Commissioner on the Medford Parks and Recreation Comm. for the past two years. I am also assigned as the liaison from the Commission to the

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