



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Fall 2006

President's Message — Marlin Plank

There is a saying that goes something like this: "The older we get the faster the time goes by." It doesn't seem like a year since I first wrote the President's message, and now I'm writing as Past President and turning the gavel over to **John Poppino**.

We've accomplished much this past year. Our advance rating period ended December 31, and after review by the IRS our tax-exempt status remains in effect. This means that your donations are tax deductible. We have allocated funds, obtained mostly from donations and silent auctions, to organizations that promote Forest Service activities. Substantial contributions have been made to the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana, the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, and the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center in Wenatchee, Washington.

We've finally obtained insurance for the Association, and are in the process of a financial review to ensure that we are following sound business practices.

We've enjoyed great success in selling our Forest Service centennial book, *We Had An Objective In Mind*.

After years of concern about dues, a committee recommended to the Board that dues be increased. The Board agreed, and is referring the decision to the membership as required by our by-laws. There are several reasons to increase our dues, some of which are:

- Our dues are very low in comparison with dues of similar organizations. Since the current dues were set eight years ago, inflation has been 3 percent to 5 percent per year.
- The cost of producing and mailing our newsletter alone is nearly \$10 per member.
- We now pay an annual insurance premium.
- We should have a financial review every year instead of periodically, and these are fairly expensive.
- We cannot continue to rely on members who donate time and incur related expenses without providing some compensation.
- While we have several thousand dollars in the Lifetime Trust Fund, that fund derives mostly from lifetime membership dues and, though the fund earns interest, that interest is applied toward supporting lifetime memberships.
- We need funds to support cooperative forestry projects to retain our IRS status as a tax-exempt organization.

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Forum

OldSmokeys Can Help

The examples set by “OldSmokeys Back in Service” reported in this summer’s issue of our *OldSmokeys Newsletter* set me thinking anew about how at least some more of us could pitch in to help our beleaguered successors on ranger districts and other administrative units cope with the exigencies of National Forest System management now and in the future.

This help could range from individual efforts as Forest Service volunteers applying skills and expertise to specific district and forest needs through organized Passport in Time (PIT) projects and National Forest Foundation (NFF) partnerships to teams of retirees such as the “Motley Crew” that helps maintain Umpqua National Forest trails. Every forest and district in Region 6 – indeed, within the entire National Forest System – has important jobs that are not being done because of declining resources. *OldSmokeys are resources!*

For example, many of the signs that once communicated the National Forest System image and identity, that spoke effectively for the Forest Service to visitors and other users, have fallen into disrepair. Many of us have the ability and interest to restore – repair, repaint, reinstall – those signs to standard. Working regularly like the “Motley Crew” does, a small team of OldSmokeys could transform a district sign program and improve the public’s impression of the System, the forest, and the district. And that’s just one example of the plethora of possible contributions we could make.

Think about it. Kick it around with other OldSmokeys, your PNWFSA area representative, your local district ranger. Figure out this winter what you can do during next summer’s field season. Organize to do it. Some of your fellow OldSmokeys have proven that OldSmokeys can help *and have fun doing it.*

-- Les Joslin

OldSmokeys Speak Out

To paraphrase Bob McQuown, sometimes PNWFSA members “just can’t help themselves” and have to try to set things straight....

Foresters should call shots

You just can’t win with the tree huggers: If you fight the fires, the natural ecosystem is interrupted and a dense cover of undergrowth is allowed to develop. Now they are demanding standby helicopters (without consideration of cost) and a 20-minute response time to the fires in the Bull Run (“Sparks fly over Bull Run fire plan,” Aug. 7).

Here’s a great idea: Let professional foresters manage the forests.

-- Bob McQuown in *The Oregonian*, Portland, Oregon, August 16, 2006

Don’t sell land

The Bulletin’s “Thanks for the gift” editorial of Aug. 9 tells us “it makes sense that the Forest Service should have an expedited process to sell off plots of land that it doesn’t make sense to own.” Does it?

Consider one of the “small, isolated plots of national forest” that The Bulletin calls “a sliver between some railroad tracks and Highway 97 in the La Pine area [not] worth making a fuss about.” This sliver of Deschutes National Forest land helps keep Central Oregon beautiful by screening those tracks from view. Who would purchase it for how much, and what would become of it? Would it be logged off and become an ugly stump farm? Would it be developed, trash a scenic corridor and hamper traffic? Or would it be purchased from its citizen-owners at a pittance and sold back to us at great profit for widening Highway 97?

Remember, although The Bulletin persists in referring to “Forest Service land” in its articles and editorials, it is not Forest Service land! It’s “national forest land” that belongs to the citizen-owners of the National Forest System administered for us by the Forest Service. In the case of this sliver of national forest land, the “ability to easily sell off property it doesn’t need” that The Bulletin calls for could result in real aesthetic and economic losses to the residents of and visitors to the region who own the property.

-- Les Joslin in *The Bulletin*, Bend, Oregon, August 25, 2006 (before decision not to sell reported on page 4)

This page is your page for expressing your opinions or sharing your ideas.

Send your Forum inputs to the editor: Les Joslin, 2356 NW Great Place, Bend, Oregon, 97701, or lesjoslin@aol.com.

“I may disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

-- Attributed to Voltaire

Ballot

PNWFSA Board Taps Nesbitt for President-elect, Devlin for Membership Chair

John Nesbitt was approved for the President-elect ballot (below) and **Bob Devlin** was approved to fill the vacant Membership Chair at the PNWFSA's July 28 Board of Directors meeting in Beaverton.

John, a 1958 graduate of the College of Forestry at Syracuse who earned a M.S. in forest ecology at Washington State University in 1980, served in the Forest Service for 36 years, primarily in Region 6 on the Colville, Olympic, Wenatchee, Snoqualmie, Gifford Pinchot, Siuslaw, and Fremont national forests and in the Regional Office. His varied career emphasized timber and fire management, but also included program responsibility for land lines, recreation, wildlife, range, program budgeting, fire management, GIS, land uses, and road location. A certified silviculturist since 1976, he served as both district and forest silviculturist. A certified fire behavior analyst, he served in fire suppression line positions, including that of division supervisor, for 33 years. In the RO, he was Regional Fuels Specialist. He's been a consulting forester since 1994.

John also served as an armor and artillery officer in the U.S. Army, Washington National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve from 1958 to 1981, and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. An ordained Episcopal priest since 1987, he has been Rector, St. David of Wales, Portland, since 1989. John looks forward to an active PNWFSA leadership role.

Bob, a 1958 Penn State graduate, served in Region 5 for 22 years on the Klamath, Sequoia, and Stanislaus national forests. He was a district ranger his second time around on the Klamath, and timber staff officer on the Stanislaus. Bob moved to Region 6 in 1980 and served as forest supervisor on the Rogue River National Forest until 1985 and on the Umpqua National Forest until 1991 when he went to the Regional Office as Director of Timber Management and, after staff units combined, Director of Natural Resources until he retired in 2000 with 42 years of service.

Bob believes that "new membership is an important part of any organization. I plan to reestablish contact with unit representatives and to work with RO directors to not only get word out to them and their employees about our organization, but also to push them to join. I hope the unit representatives will do the same with the leadership of their units." Noting that "reputation helps an organization sell itself," Bob observed that the "past leadership of the OldSmokeys has made this a great group to work with."

Clip or copy the ballot below to mail your approval of the Board's nomination of John Nesbitt as President-elect and approval or disapproval of the Board's decision to increase annual and lifetime membership dues.

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

Fall 2006 Ballot

For Election of New President-elect and for Approval of Dues Increase

The PNWFSA Board of Directors has nominated **John Nesbitt** to serve as its new President-elect. John will become President in the Fall of 2007 if you cast enough ballots in favor. So let's send in lots of votes (one per member, of course) to show John how much we appreciate his willingness to lead the OldSmokeys!

I cast my ballot for the President-elect position on the PNWFSA Board of Directors for **John Nesbitt** _____ (check here), or

I cast my ballot for the President-elect position on the PNWFSA Board of Directors for _____ (write-in here).

The PNWFSA Board of Directors has approved its Dues Committee's recommendation to increase annual dues from \$10 to \$20 and lifetime dues from \$125 to \$250 (see *President's Message* on page 1) and have referred these increases to a vote of the membership. Please cast your ballot for or against these dues increases.

In the cases of the annual dues increase from \$10 to \$20 and the lifetime dues increase from \$125 to \$250, I cast my ballot (check one): _____ For _____ Against

Mail your ballot to PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583 by November 7, 2006.

You may also vote by email addressed to Secretary Bev Pratt at: prattpratt@aol.com.

News

OldSmokeys Enjoy August 11 Picnic in the Woods

OldSmokeys overcame forest fires that closed Oregon Highway 35 east of Mt. Hood and accidents and construction that slowed travel on U.S. Highway 26 on the Warm Springs Reservation to gather 168 strong for the annual PNWFSA summer picnic on August 11 at the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area near Mt. Hood. It was a beautiful, sunny, but not hot day to get together with old friends and coworkers.

Regional Forester **Linda Goodman** and three members of her staff, acting Deputy Regional Forester **Ruth Voltz**, Public and Legislative Affairs Director **Al Matecko**, and Media Relations Officer **Tom Knappenberger** showed up on their way to the Mt. Hood fire complex. "We would have liked to stay longer," Al said, "but the fires, closure of Highway 35, and protection of various resources on Mt. Hood took Linda's priority that day." During the half hour or so they were there, **Bob Tokarczyk** took them around to introduce them to the OldSmokeys who'd arrived by that time. Many "eastsiders" were late because of the Highway 126 problems.

Bob Boyd, Western History Curator at the High Desert Museum near Bend, was on hand with a videographer recording interviews of OldSmokeys about their Forest Service experiences east of the Cascade and Sierra Nevada ranges in the Inter-mountain West dominated by the eastern part of Region 6 and Region 4. Those interviewed included **Jack Smith, Doug and Dottie Porter, Al Sorseth, John and Mary Marker, John Poppino, Emil and Dorine Sabol, Fred Hall, R.H. Woodcock, Ellis and Betty Gano, and Bart Snyder**. These interviews will be edited and used in production of a continuous-loop video to be incorporated into the continuing *Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert, 1905-2005* exhibit at The High Desert Museum.

Bush Administration Drops Plan to Sell National Forest Land

"A Bush administration proposal to sell 300,000 acres of national forest land to raise money for rural counties has been shelved amid widespread opposition," according to a *Los Angeles Times* report by Bettina Boxall published in *The Bulletin* (Bend, Oregon) on September 2, 2006

"Congress refused to move the legislation this summer and groups that typically ally themselves with the president, such as the National Rifle Association, came out against the measure, spelling its doom in this congressional session," the report continued.

As reported in the Spring and Summer 2006 issues of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the four living former Chiefs of the Forest Service (three of whom are OldSmokeys), the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, and many individual

OldSmokeys also opposed the measure to fund renewal of the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act by selling some national forest and other public lands.

"Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, the proposal's chief architect, acknowledged as much last month when he agreed to find other funding for the...program, which finances rural schools and roads," the *Los Angeles Times* report said. "Asked if the administration would attempt to revive the sales proposal next year, he said, 'I don't think we know that.' If it does, the reception probably will remain chilly," the report opined.

Olympic National Forest Provides National Christmas Tree

Washington Governor Chris Gregoire announced in August that the Olympic National Forest would provide the 2006 Christmas tree for the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Working with its partner, the Northwest Interpretive Association, the Forest will send the tree (to be cut in November) to community celebrations across the State of Washington before it goes to Capitol Hill. It will be decorated with 3,000 ornaments hand made by Washington students and lit up in December by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Courtesy of Karl "TNT" Denison, Olympic National Forest in August 17, 2006, R6 Update

Deschutes National Forest Provides Wanoga Butte Fire Lookout to High Desert Museum

Wanoga Butte Lookout, a no-longer used fire tower on the Deschutes National Forest southeast of Bend, was dismantled and moved to the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, in July.

Plans call for this fire lookout to be reassembled and mated with a 1933 one-room ranger station office building to be relocated from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and a period outhouse to comprise a collection of historic Forest Service structures – white with green trim – within which to tell our outfit's story.

Editor's Note: See article on page 7.

Truman Puchbauer Recognized by SAF

OldSmokey **Truman Puchbauer**, a resident of Kingman, Arizona, and a member of the Northern Arizona Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), has been recognized for his 50 years of membership in SAF.

Raised in Missouri, Truman earned University of Missouri bachelors and masters degrees in forestry before he went to work for the Forest Service at Union Creek, Oregon, in 1956. By 1965, he was district ranger at Cottage Grove and went on to the Tiller and Union districts. He was timber staff officer on the Boise National Forest from 1980 until he retired from the Forest Service in 1993. Since retirement, he has been active on the Mohave County Public Land Use Committee.

*NAFSR Issue Paper***Funding Wildland Firefighting Threatens Other Forest Service Programs**

It's been a record wildland fire season – the worst in 45 years – with record costs to match. "Funding Wildland Firefighting," a new National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) issue paper, points out that the rising costs of fighting wildland fires are eroding other essential Forest Service programs and calls for change. According to NAFSR...

The rising costs [of fighting wildland fires] are eroding other Forest Service programs such as maintenance and operation of public campgrounds, keeping hiking and skiing trails open, improving habitat for fish and wildlife, completing high priority community forest health projects, and providing urgently needed assistance to states. It is vital that the Administration and the Congress address the issue of fire funding to avoid jeopardizing these essential Forest Service activities.

The history

For most of the post World War II period, the Congress authorized the Forest Service to borrow from any available funds to cover the cost of fighting wildfires. The money borrowed would be reimbursed through supplemental appropriations. The Forest Service had substantial funds deposited by timber purchasers to cover the cost of reforestation, timber stand improvement, and slash disposal on timber harvest areas. These funds were large enough to permit the borrowing for fire suppression without disrupting on-going activities.

When the timber sale program was significantly reduced in the 1990s, the deposited funds became inadequate to cover the rising costs of fire fighting. The agency was forced to borrow program funds from current year's appropriations resulting in serious disruption of on-going activities.

To minimize the disruption of current programs and the need for supplemental appropriations, the Congress began adding funds for fire suppression to the Forest Service budget. The amount budgeted for suppression each year is equal to the rolling 10-year average cost of fire suppression [which has increased from about \$300 million in 1997 to an estimated more than \$900 million for 2008].

The problem

This budget decision has had serious consequences for the Forest Service budget. In 2000 total funds appropriated for fire amounted to 25 percent of the agency budget. In 2006 total funding for fire has increased to 41 percent of the budget. It is projected to take 44 percent of the budget in 2008. An overall budget increase in 2001, following the high cost of fire suppression in 2000, did minimize the impact of rising fire costs on other programs. Since then, however, constrained budget levels have resulted in an erosion of agency programs as the 10-year average cost of fire suppression has continued to rise.

From 2001 (the first year of the National Fire Plan) to 2006, funding for non-fire Forest Service programs has declined by nine percent, when adjusted for inflation. The project 10-year average fire suppression costs are increasing more than \$50 million per year. The costs will increase even faster as the easy fire seasons of the late 1990s are dropped from and the recent high-cost years are added to the calculation of the 10-year average. Assuming continued constraints on discretionary domestic spending, the current method of funding fire fighting costs will cannibalize all other Forest Service programs essential to the well-being of our Nation's forests.

The solution: fire fighting costs must be off-budget

It is essential that the Administration and the Congress take the costs of fire suppression out of the Forest Service's constrained budget for Research, State and Private Forestry, and the stewardship of our National Forests and Grasslands.

Editor's Note: The source of the data in this paper is the U.S. Forest Service. All years are fiscal years.

John Marker comments...

This wildland firefighting funding issue is becoming very serious. It's not just about national forest budgets, but all the Forest Service's state and private forestry and forestry research programs, too. For example, research programs across the nation feel the pinch of budget uncertainties, many of the projects are important to alternate energy sources and better utilization of small diameter thinning common to hazard reduction programs. Cooperative programs with states in forest management, insect and disease control, and cooperative fire management all feel the pinch.

Do the other federal wildland fire agencies have the same problem? No. Department of the Interior agencies borrow funds to pay fire bills across the entire USDI budget. By spreading the borrowing across the Department they are able to avoid serious disruptions of individual agency projects. Being in Agriculture, the Forest Service deals with different committees in Congress, so the Forest Service is covered in one legislative bill, Interior agencies in another, and this adds to the difficulty of resolving this issue.

The Way We Were

“I’ve Been Retired Longer Than I Worked” *By Evan E. Jones*

“I’ve now been retired longer than I worked for the Forest Service. I started work on the Whitman National Forest in the summer of 1930 when I was 14, working with George Duke – a Scotsman – on a trail crew of two, George and me. Also on our crew were five burros. We were maintaining and building trails in the Eagle and Wallowas.

Those were Depression days, and I could not continue working summers as there came out an edict that there could not be more than one under a roof working for the government. Since my dad, Ira E. Jones, was the supervisor of construction on the Whitman, that left me out.

I was permitted to fight forest fires at 25 cents per hour – no overtime – overtime had never been established at that time. Thus, if you worked 20 hours the first shift, you earned \$5.00.

I turned 90 a few weeks back. During World War II I was the Sergeant Major of the Seventh Air Force.

Editor’s Note: Evan, who lives in Eugene, wrote on July 21, 2006.

Annual Dues Payers Use This Bill for Collection to Pay 2007 Dues By January 1

Below is a **Bill for Collection** for 2007 annual dues. As a result of recent PNWFSA Board of Directors action subject to membership approval, annual dues are expected to rise to **\$20.00 per year** beginning in 2007. You may pay for one or more years at this time. If you do not pay before March 1, the dues rise to \$25 per year for 2007. This penalty is charged to cover the costs your Association incurs in dealing with late dues payments. If you do not pay your dues by March 15, your name will be removed from the mailing list for the Spring 2007 newsletter. A member whose dues remain unpaid after April 1 is placed in “Inactive” status. Reinstatement will require a \$30 fee for the remainder of the calendar year, but no back-issues of the newsletter or back-copy of the directory will be sent without a \$2.50 fee per issue or copy.

Should the unexpected happen and the membership not approve the dues increase, the difference between the 2006 dues and the 2007 dues will be applied to pay 2008 dues.

Please clip or copy this coupon and forward with your check by U.S. Mail to the address indicated. Thank you!

**Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
Bill for Collection for 2007 Annual Dues**

This is your Bill for Collection for PNWFSA Annual Dues for 2007. The dues are now \$20 per year, and you may pay for one or more years at this new rate at this time.

Please make your check payable to **PNWFSA** and mail it to: PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583 before January 1, 2007.

Name: _____

Address, phone, or email (if different from that in directory or your last notice of change):

Please add a note here or write a longer letter for the “Letters” section of the newsletter if you wish:

National Museum of Forest Service History and High Desert Museum Strive to Tell Forest Service Story

The history of our U.S. Forest Service is more than the history of a government agency. It is the story of a century-old culture and a way of life that reflect what it took to implement a new way of thinking about and caring for our country and its natural resources through the National Forest System.

Two institutions in the West are striving, each in their own way, to tell this story to the citizen-owners of the National Forest System. Both receive PNWFSA financial support. Contributions to both are tax deductible.

On the western side of Missoula, Montana, the National Museum of Forest Service History (NMFSH) is building a permanent museum dedicated to the interpretation of the history of forestry, the Forest Service, and forest, grassland, and wilderness conservation in the United States. The 36-acre site near the Missoula airport already is graced by the restored Bungalow Ranger Station residence, but a much larger facility that reflects the “national stature” of the organization is needed and planned to be constructed by 2009.

Building such a museum is an expensive undertaking, and a capital campaign is under way to raise \$6 million before December 2008. Last year, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth approved a \$500,000 grant for the museum building fund that now totals about \$750,000. According to OldSmokey **Dave Scott**, a museum board member for two years, the Museum “needs to substantially increase its membership and step up cash contributions for museum construction” to keep on schedule. A \$430,000 project to bring water and sewer lines to the Museum site was scheduled to begin September 5. You can check on construction by logging in to the Museum’s website <www.nfms-history.net> and clicking the “on-line news” tab. OldSmokeys may join the Museum by obtaining a membership form from Dave, from PNWFSA members **John Butruille** or **Steve Mealy** also serving as capital campaign coordinators, or from the NMFSH, P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, Montana 59808. Contributions can take several forms. Contact Dave at 503-645-3806 for more information.

Meanwhile, just south of Bend, Oregon, the High Desert Museum plans to follow up its superb “Century of Service” Forest Service centennial exhibit with what Bob Boyd, the Museum’s Western History Curator, terms an outdoor living history exhibit rooted in the culture of the Forest Service. A first major component of this exhibit, the no-longer-used 1933 Wanoga Butte Lookout, an L-4 cab atop 30-foot poles on the Deschutes National Forest southwest of Bend, was dismantled and moved to the museum in July for storage. Plans call for this reassembled fire lookout to be mated with a 1933 ranger station office building to be relocated from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and a period outhouse to comprise a collection of Forest Service structures – white with green trim – within which to tell the outfit’s story.

The High Desert Museum enjoys the active support of the Deschutes National Forest and other Forest Service units and folks – including PNWFSA members **John Marker**, **Stan Kunzman**, **Les Joslin** and others – as well as the community in pursuing this project. OldSmokeys interested in supporting this project may contact Bob at the High Desert Museum, 59800 S. U.S. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon 97702 at 541-382-4754, ext. 375, and may contact the Museum membership office at 541-382-4754.

Joining and supporting one or both of these museums dedicated to telling the Forest Service story is a great contribution to honoring the Forest Service’s people, preserving our heritage, and ensuring our legacy.

Prepared from materials provided by Dave Stock, Vice President, and Dave Scott, board member, National Museum of Forest Service History, and by Bob Boyd, Western History Curator, High Desert Museum.

“The past belongs to the future, but only the present can preserve it.”

A Future OldSmokey?

A Half Century of Service

It’s not every day one hears of a person who has been on the job for 50 years. One of the few who can make that claim is John “Mac” McFarland, currently a harvest inspector on the Fremont-Winema National Forests’ Chiloquin Ranger District. Mac has served in the federal government for 50 years and in the Forest Service since before there was a Winema National Forest.

After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Mac went to work on the Fremont National Forest in 1959 as a \$1.69 per hour laborer. During his career, he worked a number of years as a log scaler. He also did many fire jobs. Mac now “represents a fading tradition of Forest Service employees who spent most of their career in the forest,” writes Lisa Swinning of the Fremont-Winema. “Mac has been known to refer to the woods as his ‘other office’ and has never been one for working inside.”

Condensed from an article by Lisa Swinning of the Fremont-Winema National Forest that appeared in the August 10, 2006, edition of Kathy Bowman’s R6 Update.

Gail Baker, the Oldest OldSmokey, Anticipates Personal Centennial

By Les Joslin and Elmer Moyer

Gail C. Baker, born on January 3, 1907, is less than three months shy of his 100th birthday. When he was born, the Forest Service was not quite two years old, and the forest reserves it managed would be renamed “national forests” later that year.

After the usual college years jobs as a fire guard on the Shasta and Plumas national forests, Gail graduated from Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) with a forestry degree in 1933. Assigned to a timber stand improvement job on the Plumas National Forest and based at Quincy, California, he spent most of the summer of 1933 fighting fires. Also in 1933, Gail married Adeline Gacklin, a teacher in Chico, California.

As did most forestry students, Gail needed those summer Forest Service jobs to gain practical experience and pay the bills. One summer, he was assigned as a fire patrolman and provided a Model A Ford. Trouble was, he didn’t know how to drive the thing; the gear shift was different from the foot pedal he was used to. But he needed the job badly, so started up and drove away in one gear to a wide spot in the road where he taught himself how to shift gears. “The overhead never knew the difference,” he joked.



Fire Guard Gail Baker and that Model A Ford patrol car.



Adeline and Gail on a fishing trip in the Siskiyou Mountains before they were married.

Gail passed the junior forester exam in 1934 and went to work on the Siskiyou National Forest at Cave Junction, Oregon, supervising a CCC recreation improvements crew. His next assignment took him to the Malheur National Forest where he worked out of John Day, Oregon, and in 1939 he went back to the Siskiyou as district ranger at Gasquet, California (a district that became part of Region 5’s new Six Rivers National Forest established in 1947). There he and Adeline lived in the Gasquet Ranger Station’s famous Colonial Revival style ranger’s residence (see *Uncle Sam’s Cabins*, page 14).

In 1941, Gail transferred to the Mt. Hood National Forest as district ranger at Cascade Locks, Oregon, on the Columbia River. The Bonneville Dam was under construction there, and when the United States entered World War II concern about possible enemy bombing prompted Gail to staff fire lookouts day and night to spot enemy aircraft. It was winter, and those lookouts had to be winterized.

This account of Gail Baker’s first 100 years is based on Elmer Moyer’s June 1, 2006, conversation with Gail about his life so far; Wendall Jones’ “Gail Baker’s Career” in the Winter 2006 OldSmokeys Newsletter; Pamela A. Conners’ 1997 A History of the Six Rivers National Forest; Gail Baker’s 1949 “Historical Writeup of the Deschutes National Forest”; and Les Joslin’s 1995 Uncle Sam’s Cabins. The photographs are from Gail’s personal collection.

As the war progressed, Gail was transferred to El Paso, Texas, as part of the project to produce synthetic rubber from *guayule*, a native shrub. His job was to work with landowners to purchase or lease land on which the plant grew or could be grown.

Gail returned to Region 6 in 1943 as fire control and grazing assistant – the primary staff officer for all functions except timber and engineering – on the Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon. He knew fire, but had to learn a lot about grazing, he recalled, “because 28 bands of sheep grazed on the Forest and the country had been badly overgrazed.” German and Italian prisoners of war – interned at Camp Abbot, an Army combat engineer training center on the Deschutes River south of Bend – were used for routine forest labor and firefighting. Gail recalled a significant difference between the Germans and the Italians: “The Germans were much better with tools and much easier to guard.” Among his many contributions to the Deschutes during his 12 years in Bend is Gail’s “Historical Writeup of the Deschutes National Forest” that remains a valuable source for historians.

In 1965, Gail transferred to fire control at the Regional Office in Portland where he served as regional dispatcher until he retired in 1970. He lives in the same house he and Adeline bought when they moved to Portland over 50 years ago.

Adeline and Gail raised three adopted children, two boys and a girl. They had been married for 65 years when Adeline passed away in 2002.



Gail beams from the middle of the back row at the Advanced Management Training School, Region 6 Personnel Training Station, Wind River, Washington, in January 1945. He was in good company:

Front row, left to right: Rex Wilson, Ochoco; L.G. Jolley, Chelan; Ray Lindberg, RO; H.J. Andrews, Regional Forester; A.L. Standing, RO; Happy Hullet, Ochoco; Bernie Payne, Snoqualmie; Chet Bennett, Wallowa; Phil Bradner, Mt. Baker; Sim Jarvi, Siuslaw.

Second row, left to right: Merle Lowden, Fremont; Bill Bates, Olympic; L.K. Mays, Fremont; Ralph Crawford, Deschutes; Carrol Brown, Olympic; John Clouston, Umatilla; Howard Phelps, RO; Cleon Clark, Malheur.

Third row, left to right: Sherman Feiss, Whitman; Jack Wood, Malheur; Carlos (Tom) Brown, Columbia; Bob Aufderheide, Siuslaw; N.J. Penick, Chelan; Boyd Rasmussen, Umatilla; Marion (Red) Nelson, Umpqua; Elbert Reid, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station.

*Fourth row, left to right: Howard Johnson, Columbia; Lloyd Olson, Wenatchee; Clare Hendee, Mt. Hood; **Gail Baker, Deschutes**; Fred Furst, Siuslaw; Hershel Obye, Siskiyou.*

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Abraham, Dan & Sue – Change email:
Amann, Jim – Change address: Vancouver, WA
Asher, Robert L. & Barbara J. – Change address: Surprise, AZ
Blakey, Robert “Bob” – New member: Azalea, OR
Butler, James A. – Deceased, August 30, 2006; Marcia survives
Canutt, Paul R & Kay -- Change email:
Cardin, Phil & Sue – Change address: Medford, OR
Dutli, Fred & Marlene – Change email:
Egger, Bruce W. & Leora L. – Change email:
Galea, John & Jean – New member: Lincoln City, OR
Grubb, Jim & Kathy – Change email:
Hess, Thelma – Deceased, June 7, 2006; Leo survives
Higgins, Joseph F. — Deceased, August 3, 2006; Dorothy survives
Leep, Jim & Retta – New member: Mulino, OR
Lowe, John E. & Deltha – Change email:
Masoner, Arnold F. “Arnie” – Deceased, July 9, 2006
McCormick, Ronald J. & Carol – Change email:
Miller, Robert B. – Change email:
Miller, Thomas M. – Change address: Meadville, PA
Perkins, John B. & Anne – Change address: Lacey, WA
Peter, Ralph K. — Deceased, September 13, 2006; Peg survives
Phillips, Robert & Sharon – Change address: Portland, OR ; Change email:
Potts, Jeanne & DeWayne – New members: Bend, OR
Price, John C. “Jack” – Deceased, July 14, 2006
Robertshaw, N.F. (Woody) & Pat – Change address: Lincoln, CA
Robinson, Arden E. – Deceased, July 13, 2006.
Schallau, Con & Leanah – Change email:
Scholz, Ann E. “Betty” – Deceased, July 1, 2006
Schuler, Jim & Elizabeth – Change email:
Smith, Richard W. & Patricia – Change address: Hillsboro, OR
Thomas, G. Elton & Terry – Change address: Camano Island, WA
Thompson, Allen E. & Barbara – Change email:
Tuiniga, Diane — Deceased, September 3, 2006; Earl survives
Watson, Bruce & Connie – Change address: Three Forks, MT
White, Kenneth E. & Patricia E. – Change email:
Wickman, Boyd E. – Change address: Bend, OR
Williams, Roger W. & Carol – Change address: Marietta, GA

Letters

Max Peterson *remembers Jack Price*

Jack Price (*Memories*, page 12) was one of those dedicated district rangers who made sure that things got done and done well. That bedrock of a highly capable cadre of district rangers made the Forest Service what it was over many years.

Ted Stubblefield *remembers Arnie Masoner*

Our good friend Arnie Masoner's short battle with stomach cancer has ended. He passed away July 9 (*Memories*, page 12) as Southwest Washington Medical Center with Sue and most of his family at his bedside.

Arnie's diagnosis was just a few months ago and he jumped right into a series of progressively stronger chemo treatments but to no avail as his cancer(s) were of a very aggressive nature and could not be stopped....

His spirit remained strong and his optimism never left until the very end. I've known Arnie since 1964 when we both began our careers on the Sequoia National Forest and I'm going to miss him greatly, as will so many who were fortunate enough to cross paths with him somewhere in our lives.

John Marker *remembers Arnie Masoner*

Arnie was one of the really special people, and one of the Forest Service's best. He was proud of his time with the Forest Service and he contributed much to the outfit, especially the fire community.

Beth Horn *remembers Joe Higgins*

I first met Joe Higgins (*Memories*, page 12) when he transferred from R-9 to the R-6 regional office and became my boss. We had different styles and complemented each other pretty well, sometimes playing "good cop, bad cop" to get something done. I remember well the camaraderie of the recreation staff in the early 1980s, the shared lunchroom, and the potluck dinners. When Kirk and I transferred to R-1, after a short WO stint, Joe and Dot visited us frequently, hiking in Yellowstone and canoeing on Earthquake Lake.

I'll miss Joe's frequent e-mails, letting me know what was happening with family and friends. I'm glad I was able to visit Joe and Dot several weeks before his death when I traveled through Portland. While his step had been slowed, the glint in his eye and the energy in his voice had not dimmed. Joe will be missed.

Howard Banta *remembers Betty Scholz*

Sorry to hear of Betty's passing (*Memories*, p. 12). Joan and I have fond memories of Betty and Ed's hospitality when we arrived in Washington, D.C., in October 1970. Betty was a real estate agent and she found us a home to buy in Virginia. We spent our first New Years Eve in the D.C. area at the Scholtz home. Ed was in Fire Management at the time.... They were very kind to us.

Tom Harlan *remembers more about Moore*

Not to put too fine a point on it, but Spencer T. Moore's middle name was Thomas, not Tennessee. That was a nickname because that's where he was from, not his name.

Editor's Note: Tom refers to the editor's erroneous identification on page 15 of the Spring 2006 issue of Spencer T. Moore as "Terry" rather than "Tenny" and to a reader's correction of this error reflected in the Forum on page 2 of the Summer 2006 issue.

Robert F. Rolfness *returns to the Forest Service family*

Recently while surfing the internet I came upon your very well done and nice [OldSmokeys] website. What a joy, for I recognize and know several in the photos. I was part of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service family for over 13 years when I was married to a career Forest Service employee in the 1970s and 1980s. Our assignments included the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest at Enumclaw, Washington; Prospect, Dale, Estacada, and Portland, Oregon; and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We lived both on and off ranger station compounds and I enjoyed very much the unique experience of Forest Service life.

I'm almost 70 now and have been retired for some time. I look back with fondness to my Forest Service friendships and would like to support your organization by joining. Because of health concerns I don't think I'd be able to attend any meetings or events.

I also have federal service, as I'm a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve with 28 good hears.

Editor's Note: Colonel Rolfness was listed as a new member in the "Changes" section of the Summer 2006 newsletter.

Ted Stubblefield *on Forest Service campgrounds*

It's good NAFSR will address this issue (*see page 5*).

It will be tough sledding with the deficit where it is at this time, but as the economy grows (and it is) this pressure will lessen.

Our (Forest Service) recreation facilities are for the most part about 30 years out of date! As I travel around in my fifth wheel, staying in state and private RV parks, I hear from a good number of folks that they just don't stay in national forest campgrounds any more or rarely because they cannot find a dump station (primary reason) or the sites are too short and not wide enough for the average RV.

Thanks, Amy!

The editor thanks his daughter,
Amy McLaughlin of Stayton, Oregon,
for patiently contributing the technical advice
and assistance essential to producing
PNWFSA's *OldSmokeys Newsletter* every quarter.

Share your thoughts! Send in your letters!

Memories *Compiled by Dave and Jane Kolb*

James A. Butler

James A. “Jim” Butler died August 30, 2006. He was a PNWFSA member. Jim’s current home was in Alaska, but he was in a Portland, Oregon, hospital with a heart condition at the time of his death. He started his Forest Service career in Region 6 as an administrative trainee on the Willamette National Forest. Jim became an administrative officer in Region 1 and then worked in the Washington Office on the TACC Program. He later moved to Region 10 where he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia, in Sitka, Alaska.

Jeanette Chamard

Jeanette Chamard died August 20, 2006. She was the wife of Roger R. “Sky” Chamard who worked in Region 6 and later in the Washington Office in engineering. Jeanette was born in 1919 and had been ill for some time. Sky had been her primary caregiver at their home in Eugene. She managed Congressman Peter DeFazio’s Eugene office for many years and was involved in many civic activities.

Survivors include her husband, son John, and daughters Judy and Skyla.

Merle Archie DeBolt

Merle Archie DeBolt died July 20, 2006, at age 83 in Carson, Washington. He was born April 9, 1923, in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Merle moved to Skamania County, Washington, in 1961 and worked as a timber sale administrator on the Willard and Wind River ranger districts of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. He married Elmerna L. McCoun on December 22, 1950. After he retired in 1989, Merle continued to help maintain 11 county cemeteries.

Survivors include his wife, son Paul, daughter-in-law Ann, and four grandchildren.

Thelma Moisio Hess

Thelma Hess died June 7, 2006, at age 94. She was born March 31, 1912, in Redfield, Iowa, and moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, as a child. She was a PNWFSA member as is her husband, Leo, 96. Thelma and Leo, a former contracting officer in the Regional Office, were married in 1995 after both lost their spouses. Thelma’s former husband, Walfred J. “Fritz” Moisio, whom she married in 1934, later became forest supervisor of the Okanogan National Forest. He died in 1993.

Survivors include her husband Leo, daughters Sandra Moisio Bergin and Susan Moisio Underwood, step-son Tim Hess, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph Francis Higgins

Joseph F. Higgins died August 3, 2006, in his Portland home at age 73. Joe was a PNWFSA member. He was born January 16, 1933, in New York City. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Korean War. Joe worked in several Forest Service regions including 1, 7, and 9 before moving to Portland. He was a wilderness advocate and spent most of his career in wilderness recreation. He married Dorothy A. Hoffken in 1964.

Survivors include his wife; sons Joseph III, Bill, and Bob; daughters Jennifer Agee, Jeanette Higgins, Mary Magnuson, and Cathy Parker; one sister; one brother; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

William Kay Johnson

William K. Johnson died August 3, 2006, at age 72. Kay lived most recently in East Wenatchee, Washington. He was a smokejumper and had worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska and the Forest Service in Washington State. Kay was well known and respected by the fire community.

Survivors include his wife Vivienne, sons Bret and Kevin, daughter Jennifer Harvey, one sister and one brother.

Arnold Frank Masoner

Arnold Frank Masoner died July 9, 2006, at age 65. He was a PNWFSA member, and retired from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest after a 31-year Forest Service career. Arnie was born in Hydro, Oklahoma, in 1941, where he completed high school and attended college. He later attended Fresno State College and started work on the Sequoia National Forest. After he retired, Arnie ran an antique business.

Survivors include his mother Ruth Masoner, son Scott, daughter Kara, life companion Sue Mattioli, one grandson, one sister, and one brother.

Oscar Melvin Mellin

Oscar M. Mellin died August 1, 2006, at age 90. He was a mechanic in the Deschutes National Forest shop. No other information is available at this time.

Ralph Kurt Peter

Ralph K. Peter died September 13, 2006, at age 85. He was a PNWFSA member. Ralph was born August 23, 1921, in Tautenhain, Germany. He earned a master’s degree in forestry at Penn State and worked in wood products utilization for the Forest Service in the Research and State and Private Forestry branches. He married Margaret Moore in 1951, and they lived in Portland the past 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, daughters Jeanne Jones and Nina Feltmann, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John C. “Jack” Price

John C. Price died suddenly July 14, 2006, at age 90. He was a PNWFSA member. Jack was born August 22, 1915, in Sifton, Washington, and grew up in Carson, Washington. He attended the University of Washington and worked summers as a look-out on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. After receiving a degree in wildlife biology in 1939, Jack worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until he served in the Navy in World War II. After the war, he returned to the Forest Service on the Umpqua National Forest and retired as district ranger, Little River Ranger District, at Glide, Oregon. Jack married Frances Tower on August 29, 1948. She died in 2004.

Survivors include his daughter Jan Fitzgerald and her husband Michael, granddaughter Cory, and sister Kathleen Rollefson.

Arden E. Robinson

Arden E. Robinson Died July 13, 2006, at age 97. He was a PNWFSA member. Arden was born August 27, 1908, in Vancouver, Washington, and graduated from Fort Vancouver High School. He worked as a machinist on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. He married Esther Dehene in 1939. She died in 1996.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ann E. “Betty” Scholz

Ann E. “Betty” Scholz died July 1, 2006, in Davis, California. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of the late Ed Scholz, a long-time Forest Service smokejumper pilot on the Siskiyou National Forest at Cave Junction, Oregon.

Tuiniga, Diane

Diane Tuiniga died September 3, 2006, at age 62. She was a PNWFSA member and the wife of Earl, a long-time Region 6 member of the Forest Service and PNWFSA member. She and Earl were married for 45 years. They lived on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, Umpqua, and Siskiyou national forests before retiring in Nevada. Diane had a special talent for caring for and helping others. She was a foster mother, a volunteer nursing assistant, and a caregiver to people and to wild and domestic creatures in need.

Survivors include her husband, daughter Joyce, son-in-law Alan, and brothers Denny and Wayne.

A Tribute to Millard Mitchell

By Chuck Hendricks

Millard M. Mitchell, retired Director, Job Corps Programs, Forest Service, Washington Office, died on May 15, 2006 (Memories, Summer 2006, page 11), and is remembered in this tribute by his friend and colleague, Chuck Hendricks.

I first met Millard (Mitch) in 1966 when he came to interview for employment at Clear Creek Job Corps Conservation Center [near Carson City on the Toiyabe National Forest]. He came highly recommended by George Miller (OEO Staff) who he had worked with or for in the California Youth Authority.

It did not take long to find out that Mitch was just what was needed at the Clear Creek JCCC. At that time, Clear Creek needed leadership in the Directorship of Residential Living, so we got him on the staff as quickly as possible. Mitch and his wife Barbara resided on the Center, and it did not take long to find out that scheduled hours of work meant nothing to Mitch. He along with several others of the staff who resided on the Center worked the circuit whenever needed, night or day, weekday or weekend.

Mitch was a strong disciplinarian who dealt with corpsmen or staff behavior problems without prejudice or discrimination. Even though Mitch had faced constant racial discrimination in his youth and adult life, he carried no grudges and rose above any attempt to provoke him into dealing with behavior problems based on race. It was easy working with Mitch because he said what he thought and he delivered what he promised. His word was always good and his ethics and work habits beyond reproach.

I left Clear Creek JCCC in late 1967, but Mitch and I maintained contact intermittently until his health would no longer allow contact. During those contacts, in person or on the telephone, we both loved to reminisce about the challenges we faced during our working together time at Clear Creek JCCC. We both were looking forward to meeting at the 40th reunion of JCCC at Schenck JCCC, but Mitch's health would not allow his attendance.

I told Mitch many times that he saved Clear Creek JCCC and me personally, as the Center ran much better with him on the staff, and certainly my life was much smoother.

There are hundreds of youth in our society that are solid, contributing citizens because of Millard Mitchell. I hope they know how lucky they are to have been influenced by this man. Many folks, including me, will miss him.

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You will find the ballot to vote on the dues increase, as well as to elect **John Nesbitt** (or whomever you write in) as President-elect. If the membership votes to increase dues, you will be notified by email and newsletter. If approved, the new dues rate will apply for 2007 and on. Members may question the 100% increase; however, our already low dues would go up less than a dollar a month. That should not place an undue burden on anyone, and should suffice for the foreseeable future.

This letter is already too long. But, before I close, I must thank the Board and others who attend our monthly meetings for all their advice and help. I particularly want to express my appreciation for the support the Association has received from Regional Forester **Linda Goodman** and her staff as well as **Al Matecko** and his staff. Their presence at our luncheons when their busy schedules allow is important, and the members look forward to their updates on regional and national events.

Thanks for a great year!

Marlin Plank

Uncle Sam's Cabins

Gail Baker's Gasquet Ranger Station

Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests, California

By Les Joslin

Gail Baker moved from Region 5 to Region 6; Gasquet Ranger Station moved from Region 6 to Region 5.

Gail Baker was district ranger at the new Gasquet Ranger Station (now the Gasquet Ranger Station Historic District) on a Siskiyou National Forest district in Region 6 now part of the Six Rivers National Forest in Region 5 from 1939 to 1941. Built by the CCC and other New Deal era labor between 1933 and 1939, the historic compound and low rock wall that surrounds it reflect craftsmanship... and the taste of Ranger Adolph Nilsson's wife.

In April 1933, when Adolph Nilsson arrived from the Regional Office in Portland, Oregon, to assume his new duties as district ranger, the Gasquet Ranger district was the Siskiyou National Forest's southernmost district and the Pacific Northwest Region's only California district, and the Gasquet CCC camp was just being set up. Deciding the Smith Fork Ranger Station – west of the current station – was inadequate, Ranger Nilsson decided the CCC camp's first project would be construction of a new ranger station. The RO developed a site plan, and construction began.

While most of this historic compound's buildings reflect the Region 6 standard Cascadian Rustic style of the time, the ranger's residence was built in the Colonial Revival style popularized by the reconstruction of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, in the 1920s. Ranger Nilsson's wife, it seems, convinced her husband (and, presumably, *someone* in the RO) that the ranger's residence should be built from a plan in the July 1930 *Ladies Home Journal*. It was. Occupied by Ranger and Mrs. Nilsson in 1933, the residence was the first structure completed at the new ranger station. It served as the house of nine Gasquet district rangers and their families – including Gail and Adeline Baker. More recently, it has been used as crew quarters.

When, in 1947, the Gasquet Ranger District was transferred from the Siskiyou National Forest to the new Six Rivers National Forest, the Gasquet Ranger Station buildings built – with the exception of the ranger's residence – to Pacific Northwest Region 6 plans, became a Pacific Southwest Region aberration. And, thanks to Mrs. Nilsson and the *Ladies Home Journal*, it has the first – and probably only – Forest Service structure built in the Colonial Revival style in California.

Editor's Note: You can visit Gail's old ranger station! Historic Gasquet Ranger Station is located on U.S. Highway 199, the Smith River Scenic Byway, about 20 miles east of Crescent City. The office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the summer and Monday through Friday during the winter..

This article is adapted from Les Joslin, Uncle Sam's Cabins: A Visitor's Guide to Historic U.S. Forest Service Ranger Stations of the West (Bend, Oregon: Wilderness Associates, 1995).

*Do you have a favorite historic ranger station? If so, send in the pictures and the story for this **Uncle Sam's Cabins** feature.*



Gasquet Ranger Station office about 1940.
Photograph from Gail Baker Collection



This drive led to the Gasquet Ranger Station ranger's residence, shown below as it is today.

Above photograph from Gail Baker collection; below photograph by Les Joslin.



Out of the Past

Gail Baker's Fire Guard School

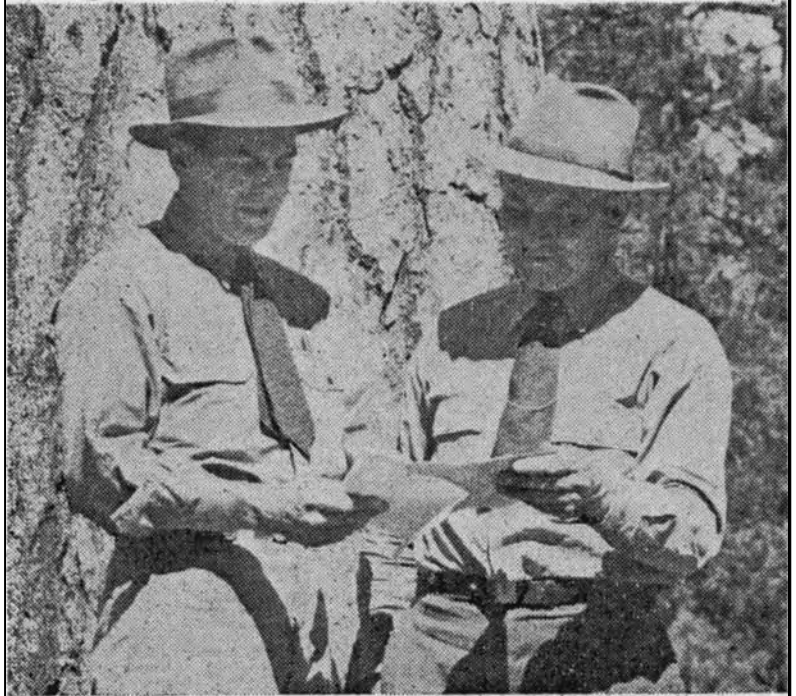
A feature article "Guardians of the Forest Get Special Training" about the Deschutes National Forest's spring 1949 fire guard school based at the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest compound, published in the Saturday, June 25, 1949, issue of *The Bend Bulletin*, included this photograph of current "Oldest OldSmokey" Gail Baker in charge of the school conferring with Arnold L. Standing, assistant regional forester for personnel, who served on the school staff.

Historic clipping from The Bend Bulletin courtesy of the Deschutes County Historical Society, Bend, Oregon.

*Do you have an interesting picture of and short story about the old days of the Forest Service you'd like to share with other OldSmokeys? If so, send it in for publication in this quarterly **Out of the Past** feature and help push its horizons past the Deschutes National Forest!.*

-- Editor

Regional Forester on School Staff



Arnold Standing, right, assistant regional forester in charge of personnel, was a member of the staff of the Deschutes fire guard school at Pringle falls this week. He is shown here in conference with Gail C. Baker, in charge of the school.

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Next time you're in Bend, visit The High Desert Museum to see the exhibit "Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert" currently showing in the Spirit of the West gallery.

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