



# OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Spring 2007

## *President's Message — John Poppino*

It's Spring! We're now on daylight savings time and the daffodils are blooming in Milwaukie. The reservation certificate for the Spring Banquet is enclosed. What more evidence could you need?

Even though the PNWFSA Board of Directors meets only once a month, their discussions go on daily. Email is a wonderful thing. Even with Vern and Jessie deep in Hells Canyon for the month of February, the chatter dropped off only a little. The topic that elicited the most comment concerned the one-time use of our address list by **Keith Argow** to send a copy of *National Forestry*, a new magazine he is publishing, free to OldSmokeys. Keith is a forester, a former Forest Service district ranger, a small woodland owner, president and CEO of the National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) and publisher of *National Woodlands* magazine ("the voice of family forest landowners") and now *National Forestry* (the magazine of the National Forestry Association), national chairman of the Forest Fire Lookout Association (FFLA) and involved in publication of *Lookout Network* (the FFLA's quarterly), and a long-time friend to several of us.

Keith proposes this free mailing of an issue of *National Forestry* as a one-time offer to all Forest Service retiree organizations because he cares about the U.S. Forest Service. Subscriptions may be obtained by joining ForestRanger.org (\$10.00 per year) or the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) whose members receive the magazine as a membership benefit.

A note of interest in this issue for us OldSmokeys is an article by **John Marker** entitled "National Forests at a Crossroads."

The Board of Directors meeting in April will be at the High Desert Museum south of Bend on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone able to attend is invited. OldSmokeys will be admitted free to attend the meeting, have lunch at a nominal price, and enjoy a guided tour. See the article on page 4 of this issue for more details.

Even though the Board will be meeting on April 18, the regular OldSmokeys luncheon at the Beaverton Elks Club on the last Friday of April—Friday, April 27—is still on. I'm not about to mess with that long-standing tradition!

Finally, now is the time to buy *We Had An Objective In Mind*. There are less than 300 copies left and we are making one last push to sell them. We have sold many to current and former employees on most Forests and a few to local book stores and libraries.

*John Poppino*

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## Forum

### “A Bully Pulpit”

President Theodore Roosevelt, who with Gifford Pinchot just 102 years ago founded our U.S. Forest Service, referred to the White House as “a bully pulpit,” meaning a terrific platform from which to persuasively advocate an agenda. He used his bully pulpit wisely, often to promote agenda that would serve, in Pinchot’s immortal phrase, “the greatest good for the greatest number....”

An editor—even the editor of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*—is entrusted with such a bully pulpit and trusted to use it wisely. As editor of this newsletter, I have an agenda that echoes Pinchot’s “greatest good” phrase: the greatest good of Forest Service folks past, present, and future, and of the National Forest System in which they served, serve, or will serve, or which they supported, support, or will support through research and state and private forestry endeavors.

It’s because I believe fellow OldSmokeys share this agenda that I use this bully pulpit to articulate ideas I believe forward it by stimulating discussion and positive action. It is in this spirit that I offer “An Agency to Match the Mountains” on pages 8 and 9 of this issue. And it’s to afford you this same bully pulpit that this *Forum* page exists in your newsletter.

—Les Joslin

### “Death By a Thousand Cuts”

Until the beginning of the 20th century, the Chinese practiced a gruesome punishment referred to in English as “death by a thousand cuts.” Reserved for those who committed heinous crimes, this involved a series of cuts to the body until the condemned painfully expired. With a small apology for what might seem hyperbole, this description of the ancient Chinese method of execution may not be a far-fetched characterization of what is happening to the National Forest System and the Forest Service in these chaotic times.

Budget rules and cuts, outsourcing, loss of personnel, consolidations, and a growing morass of legal issues from criminalization of fire accidents to lawsuits over cutting trees are among the many “cuts” that are causing the Forest Service and its dedicated but shrinking workforce difficulty and pain. The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) has triaged these issues and is concentrating on the most painful ones about which it thinks it may have a good chance to make a difference.

First is the emergency firefighting costs issue. These costs now come out of the Forest Service’s constrained budget, and for FY 2008 are expected to be 48 percent of the total budget and to force drastic cuts in other program budgets. Department of the Interior fire fighting agencies can spread their emergency fire costs over other accounts until Congress approves supplemental funding. **George Leonard**’s paper outlining the problem and suggesting a solution is on the OldSmokeys web site. In early March, George, now the NAFSR chair, joined several other Washington groups concerned about the national forests and the Forest Service in a letter to key members of the House Appropriations Committee about this Byzantine budget requirement.

Second, the Thirtymile Fire criminal case against Ellreese Daniels is making its way through the courts and reverberating through the wildfire community. Daniels was charged with manslaughter and perjury in 2006 as a result of the 2001 fire in Washington state in which four Forest Service firefighters under his supervision died. Because of the complexity of the case, the pre-trial hearing on these charges has been delayed until September 2007. In addition to supporting Daniels through the Thirtymile Legal Defense and Employee Assistance Fund (Account No. 1000110690, Cashmere Valley Bank, P.O. Box 249, Leavenworth, Washington 98828; for more information contact OldSmokey **Bob Larse**), NAFSR and the Forest Service are seeking a solution to the issue of wildfire command liability that must be addressed if the fire services are to field high quality overhead. Firefighters are concerned. Of 3,300 respondents to an International Association of Wildland Fire survey, a third said they would fight fewer fires, 23 percent said they would not serve in supervisory roles, and eight percent said they planned to quit fighting fire. Many voiced concern about a system that would place them in financial and legal jeopardy for trying to do their jobs. This bodes ill as we face increasingly severe fire seasons.

Third, the battle over the infamous “outsourcing studies” continues to take a serious toll on scarce financial resources, human resources, and morale. NAFSR still believes this draconian exercise is a study poorly designed, fails to appreciate the value of experienced people in the field and in key support roles, and fails to understand the critical relationships between forests and the people who manage and use them. NAFSR continues to express strong opinions on this issue, and seeks additional opportunities to talk with decision makers about the problems caused by these studies and their poor track record of saving the taxpayers any money.

NAFSR has other issues of concern—the FY2008 budget, of course, being a major one, and proposed national forest land sales being another—but for now these are the “most agonizing cuts” we are attempting to bandage.

—John Marker

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

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

— Attributed to Voltaire

## OldSmokeys News

### Gail Baker's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration a Resounding Success

Regional Forester **Linda Goodman** and Oregon State University College of Forestry Dean **Hal Salwasser**—along with the guest of honor's son, **John Baker**—were among the crowd of 80 who gathered at the Elks Club in Beaverton on January 3 to wish oldest OldSmokey **Gail Baker** a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As soon as **Elmer Moyer** convinced everyone that “We just have to do it on his birthday!” and the logical date was set, **Wendall Jones** and a band of volunteers moved quickly to make it happen. Since the winter *OldSmokeys Newsletter* already had gone to press, **Don Nearhood** and **Vern Clapp** got the word out to members by web site and e-mail, respectively, and non-internet members were notified by post card. **Bev Pratt** took care of the money, name tags, cake, and myriad other details. **Mary Moyer** helped her at the greeting desk. President **John Poppino** and Past President **Marlin Plank** arrived early to help with set up and other chores. “Marlin was working so hard that some of the Elks club employees thought he was a new man on the payroll,” Wendall quipped.

As master of ceremonies, two-time PNWFSA president **Bob Tokarczyk** presided over presentation of a beautiful commemorative plaque crafted for Gail by **Doug Porter** and mounted on a “Polish Pine” base professionally cut by **Mike Ash** as well as testimonials by the Regional Forester and others that included letters from Oregon's congressional delegation, the Chief, and the supervisors of the Deschutes and Rogue River-Siskiyou national forests. Vice President **John Nesbitt**, an Episcopal priest, gave thanks for Gail, and **Paul Enberg** captured the proceedings on film. The event was featured on Portland's KPTV Channel 12 news. Many others pitched in to honor Gail.

“The party was an outstanding event,” observed **John Marker**. “A special thanks [is due] Wendall for the idea and...all the OldSmokeys who made it happen. In a recent article about successful organizations, the point was made that an organization—no matter what kind—with longevity has a number of important characteristics, and a major one is celebrating its members and its culture. OldSmokeys get an ‘A’ in my book.”

*Prepared from information provided by Wendall Jones and John Marker; photograph by Paul Enberg*



### OldSmokeys Star at Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Centennial Celebration

Former Rogue River National Forest Supervisor **Carroll Brown** and former Siskiyou National Forest supervisors **Bob Devlin** and **Ron McCormick**—OldSmokeys all—were among at least 300 current or former Forest Service personnel who gathered at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Medford, Oregon, on Thursday, March 1, to mark the official centennial of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Forest Supervisor **Scott Conroy** presided over the festivities that celebrated the official 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of two national forests, the Rogue River and the Siskiyou, consolidated in 2004 as the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The history is a little complicated. Both were carved out of and patched together from former forest reserve lands early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Siskiyou National Forest was officially established on March 4, 1907. The Rogue River National Forest, created as the Crater National Forest on March 2, 1908, was renamed in 1932. March 1<sup>st</sup> was judged close enough for a centennial celebration.

Carroll, now 99 years old, was appointed forest supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest in June 1957 and held the job for a decade. He was honored at the celebration with the Port-Brown Award for historic preservation, named for him and early-day District Ranger Lee Port of Star Ranger Station fame (see “*Uncle Sam's Cabins*” on page 18) and presented by Forest Supervisor Conroy. Carroll, who'll celebrate his own centennial in December, wrote a two-volume history of the Rogue River National Forest after he retired.

Among other OldSmokeys at this event were Deputy Regional Forester **Liz Agpaoa**, who once served on the Siskiyou, and former Siskiyou timber staff officer **Ted Stubblefield**.

*Prepared from March 2, 2007, articles in the Medford Mail Tribune and the Grants Pass Daily Courier*

### OldSmokeys Contemplate Publication of Region 6 History

As announced by President **John Poppino** in his first president's message (*OldSmokeys Newsletter*, Winter 2007, page 1), your PNWFSA “is in the process of cooperating with Region 6” to write and publish a history of the Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest. According to John's message and as stated in the recent project proposal, **Jerry Williams**, recently retired Forest Service historian and new OldSmokey, “has indicated a willingness to undertake the comprehensive project for the region.” Jerry has a broad understanding of Region 6 history, has written widely on the subject, and knows how to organize and develop such a project and product as well as where to find information.

Unlike the PNWFSA's successful 2005 centennial anthology *We Had An Objective In Mind*, a well-organized collection of anecdotes and short stories, the proposed book would be a more formal comprehensive history from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century beginnings of

the forest reserve system through the Region's 1908 establishment (as the North Pacific District; the term "region" dates from 1930) and the Pacific Northwest Research Station's 1924 establishment (as the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment Station) to the present time. After covering the early days, the book will focus on the evolution of the management of the important resources and programs from the period after World War II until 2008, the Region's centennial.

Writing and publishing this book is a big job. Jerry can't do it alone. For more information about how you might contribute to the effort, please contact **Dave Scott**.

## OldSmokeys "Book Group" Reports Success of *We Had An Objective in Mind* Project

Sale of about 1,500 copies of the PNWFSA's 2005 book *We Had An Objective In Mind: A Centennial History* had made almost \$9,500 more than it cost to publish the book as of a January 11, 2006, report by **Wendall Jones**. For those who like exact figures, the total retail and wholesale sales of \$24,921.82 minus the total expenses of \$15,525.88 equal a profit of \$9,395.94. That's great for a volunteer effort.

This success owes to the efforts of many OldSmokeys from **Rolf Anderson**, who continues to lead the book group, to Wendall who inspired the project, to the dozens who contributed stories, and to the dozens more who sold the books. At the beginning of this year, 314 books with a retail value of \$5,024 remained in stock. The book group is investigating new marketing strategies to, in Wendall's words, "continue moving these books in 2007."

*Prepared from information provided by Wendall Jones*

## OldSmokeys' Board Meets at High Desert Museum in Bend on April 18

About the time you receive this newsletter, the PNWFSA Board of Directors will hold its April meeting a bit earlier than the last Friday of the month at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, President **John Poppino** announced recently.

In addition to a regular business meeting in the Museum's board room, the Board and any OldSmokeys who attend may enjoy lunch prepared by the Museum's Rimrock Café for about \$4 to \$9, a briefing on the Museum's evolving outdoor *National Forests in the Intermountain West* exhibit (*OldSmokeys Newsletter*, Winter 2007, page 7) that the PNWFSA has generously supported with \$9,500 in contributions, and a tour of the Museum's wonderful *Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert, 1905-2005*. OldSmokeys attending this meeting will be admitted free to the Museum.

The regular PNWFSA members' lunch will be held at the Beaverton Elks Club at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 27.

## OldSmokeys Can Help National Museum of Forest Service History Reach 2007 Goals

This year, 2007, is *the* year to raise \$4 million to construct the main exhibit building at the 36-acre National Museum of Forest Service History (NMFSH) site in Missoula, Montana, according to OldSmokey **Dave Scott**. The site plan has been revised, preliminary plans for the building are under review, and a contract for the conceptual design of the interpretive exhibits has been let.

Much has already been accomplished on the site. Restoration of the Bungalow Ranger Station building and assembly of the Centennial Lookout cab are complete. Construction of sewer and water services is complete, and access road and parking area design work is complete. Cataloging of thousands of items by professional curator Beth Humble and NMFSH volunteers, continues.

Total cost of the NMFSH project is estimated at \$6 million. Funding the main exhibit building is the target for 2007. Preliminary design work for this \$4 million facility is under way with about \$800 thousand raised so far. Over \$210 thousand of this has been donated by members and friends of the museum. The Forest Service had granted \$500 thousand with a matching requirement. Two \$50 thousand donations from conservation organizations have been received, and more are pending.

The capital campaign committee has set a goal of \$1 million for members and friends. Given the \$210 thousand already donated, \$790 thousand remain to be raised. Two good ways to raise that much in 2007 are recruiting more members and each current member contributing a little more. A person doesn't have to be a Forest Service employee or retiree to join.

Annual individual memberships are \$30. Lifetime memberships are \$1,000. The museum accepts donations of stock or other appreciated items for which donors may take full credit for appreciated value without paying capital gains taxes. Applications may be sent to the NMFSH, P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, Montana 59806. More information is available at <[www.nmfs-history.net](http://www.nmfs-history.net)>.

And, if you have any ideas for member recruiting and fund raising, the capital campaign committee of **John Butruille**, **Steve Mealey**, and **Dave Scott** would like to hear them.

## Society of American Foresters to Hold 2007 National Convention in Portland

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) will hold its 2007 National Convention in Portland, Oregon, from October 23 through October 27, at the Oregon Convention Center located near the Lloyd Center in the city's downtown area. The theme of the meeting is *Sustaining America's Forests: Globalization & Public Policy*.

The keynote speaker will be **Richard Louv**, nationally known futurist and journalist focused on family, nature, and community. A former *San Diego Union Tribune* columnist, he has also served as editorial advisory board member for *Parents* magazine and as an advisor to the Ford Foundation. The new Chief of the Forest Service, **Gail Kimbell**, is expected to attend the convention and meet with Forest Service people as well as other SAF members.

For more information, see the SAF web site at <[www.Safnet.org](http://www.Safnet.org)> or call 186-689-7870.



## Forest Service News

### It's "U.S. Forest Service" Again!

It's again correct and legal to use the traditional name "U.S. Forest Service" for our outfit! The title "USDA Forest Service" which irritated so many OldSmokeys and other older hands as well as many younger members, is no longer to be used.

"Chief **Dale Bosworth** fixed this minor problem before he left town," **John Marker** confirmed on March 15. "**George Leonard** clarified this today [March 15] when he met with the new Chief."

"Strictly speaking, it's not an official name change," according to George. "It is simply direction that the Forest Service will not follow the USDA style manual that required the 'USDA Forest Service' to be used in the first mention of the Forest Service in correspondence. It is good to get 'U.S.' back."

### Gail Kimbell is New Chief of the Forest Service

In case you hadn't heard, **Gail Kimbell** took over the duties of Chief of the Forest Service from now-retired Chief **Dale Bosworth** on February 1. "Abigail Kimbell is a veteran of the Forest Service who began as a seasonal worker and has since filled an impressive series of field assignments," said Secretary of Agriculture **Mike Johanns** at the January 12 announcement of her selection as the sixteenth occupant of Gifford Pinchot's desk. "I'm confident she will do a terrific job as chief."

A graduate of Oregon State University, Chief Kimbell served as a district ranger, as forest supervisor on national forests in Alaska, Colorado, and Wyoming, and in the Washington Office as Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System before her three-year stint in Missoula, Montana, as Regional Forester for the Northern Region. As chief, she will preside over the major organizational restructuring of the Forest Service announced on January 22 by her predecessor (*see story below*) as she runs our outfit of 30,000 employees with a budget of just over \$4 billion.

"I am grateful to Dale Bosworth for his 41 years of public service and especially for the tremendous leadership he provided during his six years as chief," Secretary Johanns said. "I am struck by all that the Forest Service has accomplished under his watch, from advancing the Healthy Forest Initiative to a four-fold increase in fuels treatment work. He also bolstered the agency's financial system, making it a source of pride government wide. I wish Dale all the best in retirement."

*Prepared from Forest Service news releases and January 13, 2007, articles in the Missoulian and the Seattle Times.*

### Forest Service Begins Major Organizational Realignment

In a January 22 letter to regional foresters, station directors, and other top overhead, now-retired Chief **Dale Bosworth** announced a major organizational restructuring for a "Forest Service of the 21<sup>st</sup> century...that is flexible and responsive to its citizens, with the ability to focus precious funds for use on the ground."

"As you are aware, restructuring is under way in many areas of the Forest Service," he wrote. "We have already begun implementing extensive reorganization of the business operations function with the intent of reducing costs, improving the quality of services and increasing efficiency. This work will continue, and during the next several months we will undertake a significant restructuring of the Washington and Regional Offices." His letter went on to share "the reasons why restructuring is critical" and to describe "how we plan to progress toward a modern Forest Service organization."

"During the past year, providing sufficient funds to the field for on-the-ground work has been exceptionally difficult. This year has been a wake-up call to all of us who care about the mission of the Forest Service. We know prospective operating budgets will continue to be 'flat' or reduced, creating erosion in buying power that affects our ability to accomplish our work. And while funding declines, our fixed costs are rising. These factors make it critical to increase our efficiency and make organizational changes, even in the face of potential impacts to our workforce.

"We have already begun to change and have successes to celebrate. We have implemented improvements in Business and Finance and for the fifth consecutive year received an unqualified "clean" opinion on our financial statements. No longer are we repetitively questioned about our competence in managing the funds entrusted to us by the taxpayers of the United States. Human Capital Management is established in Albuquerque, marking the official move and centralization of our human resources services. With regard to Information Resources, clear communications have improved employees' understanding of changes, and we continue to monitor technology services to insure we are providing the support needed at the ground level.

"Business operations restructuring has also created challenges as we transition to new ways of doing business. We still have issues to resolve, but we must stay the course to reap the returns from our investment.

"State and Private Forestry and Research and Development are also undergoing major changes. State and Private Forestry is redesigning itself to focus on issues and landscapes of national importance and to account for outcomes that achieve program objectives. Research and Development is restructuring its Deputy Area to give proper emphasis to its scientific program areas, to increase attention to science quality and performance accountability, and to recognize the distinct functions of policy and analysis and science applications.

"As we move forward with our restructuring effort, the Forest Service will need to reduce operating costs of the Washington Office (WO) and Regional Offices (RO) by approximately 25% (reduced from the FY2006 baseline) by the end of FY2009. We can

achieve the more efficient government our citizens expect with the use of new technology that provides services from a smaller overhead organization to a larger number of field units. In addition, a recent organizational assessment of the WO demonstrated that extensive savings could be realized if services to the field were consolidated by integrating program leadership functions currently performed in the WO and RO. The new organization will not only be smaller, but will maximize our capabilities and efficiencies, realign fragmented organizations, increase purchasing power through economies of scale, and eliminate duplicate efforts by Regions, Stations, Area and the WO.

“A Transformation Management Team (Team) with executive oversight from Regional Forester Randy Moore will lead this important undertaking. Please support the Team when its members request your assistance designing and implementing the changes and, most importantly, preparing employees for change. To the maximum extent possible we will leverage attrition. However voluntary transfers, directed reassignments, and the use of other human resource tools will be necessary. The restructuring effort will provide for employee transition and placement services.

“The Transformation Management Team will offer many opportunities for our workforce to participate in the realignment. ... Please encourage employees who wish to participate in any of the efforts related to conducting the reorganization. This is their chance to shape the Forest Service of the next century.”

Shaping “the Forest Service of the next century” is the subject of the *Feature* article on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

## **Bush Administration Again Proposes Selling National Forest Land for County Payments**

The proposal last year to sell up to 300,000 acres of “low value” National Forest System lands to fund renewal of the Secure Schools and Communities Self Determination Act of 2000, soundly rejected by Congress on a bipartisan basis, resurfaced in the \$2.9 trillion FY2008 budget the Bush administration unveiled on February 5.

Funding for the successful act—known as the “county payments” law and intended to tide timber communities over until they found new sources of revenue to replace their share of reduced federal timber revenues—expired in September 2006. This forced rural communities to examine school, law enforcement, library, and other cutbacks necessary to balance their budgets.

As reported in the Spring 2006 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the FY2007 plan to fund county payments by selling off national forest lands was successfully opposed by many including members of Congress, conservation groups critical of the scheme, the four living former Forest Service chiefs at the time, and Forest Service retirees.

“To come back now with a recycled land sale proposal and offer no real funding for these hurting counties is beyond cynical,” said Senator Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Critics say the administration plan could lead to a massive land giveaway, selling off parts of national forests cheaply to the private sector. “To take a capital asset that belongs to everyone and to sell it and use the proceeds to pay for operating expenses is kind of like mortgaging your house to pay the grocery bill,” another critic observed. At this newsletter’s deadline, vibes from Capitol Hill indicate that national forest land sales are unpopular and not likely.

A possible county payments breakthrough came on March 8 when Democratic leaders in the House introduced an emergency spending bill that included \$400 million to fund county payments for one more year. Representative Greg Walden, Republican from Hood River, embraced the bill as the last hope to fund the payments for another year. But the bill still has to clear the Appropriations Committee before it can go to the House floor for a vote and then on to the Senate, and President Bush has threatened to veto the bill because it sets a deadline for the pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq. This situation may have been resolved by the time you read this.

*Prepared from press reports and news releases*

## **Two Dozen Firefighters Died in 2006 Wildfires**

Two dozen firefighters died last year while fighting wildfires across the nation. “The 2006 death toll is not an all-time high, but is part of a rising trend double the number in 2005 and six more than the average of the past 10 years.” The 10-year average has been rising, too, from 6.6 in the 1930s to 18 in the 2000s, according to Forest Service statistics.

“Experts warn that the size and intensity of wildfires is increasing due to longer, hotter, and drier summers and a buildup of fuel.” And firefighters face greater dangers, particularly when trying to protect the growing number of homes in the wildland-urban interface. OldSmokey **Dick Mangan** in Missoula, “a retired Forest Service fire program leader and author of a report on wildfire fatalities from 1990 to 2005, noted that many of the most dangerous fires were near rural homes outside towns in the West.”

*From an February 20, 2007, Associated Press story by Jeff Barnard summarized in “The Chief’s Desk,” February 23, 2007*

## **Criminal Charges Make Wildfire Supervisors Reluctant to Serve**

“A survey of wildland firefighters indicates many are reluctant to volunteer for supervisor jobs after an incident commander was criminally charged in the death of four firefighters in Washington state. But a spokeswoman for the federal firefighting agencies said...there has been no decline in the numbers of firefighters signing up to lead management teams.”

“Ellreese Daniels, a former U.S. Forest Service incident commander, faces federal charges of involuntary manslaughter and lying to investigators stemming from the deaths of four firefighters [on] the Thirtymile Fire in Okanogan County in July 2001. Responding to concerns that the federal charges would make wildfire incident commanders more reluctant to serve if their decisions could lead to a prison sentence, the International Association of Wildland Fire conducted an online survey of its members” between January 28

and February 15. A third said they'd fight fewer fires, 23 percent said they wouldn't supervise, and 8 percent said they'd quit fire. *From a February 22, 2007, Associated Press story by John K. Wiley summarized in "The Chief's Desk," February 23, 2007*

## Regional Forester Announces New Priorities for Pacific Northwest Region

Regional Forester **Linda Goodman** announced three new priorities for the Pacific Northwest Region during a recent speech to the Association of Oregon Loggers. These priorities are landscape restoration, infrastructure and public service, and leadership.

"To help restore landscapes, we will increase our use of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and Healthy Forest Initiative and stewardship tools. objectives. In terms of infrastructure, we plan to implement facility master planning and travel management plans. We also plan to manage our facilities and roads to continue to ensure public health and safety. And, as leaders, we plan to focus our energies to increase our connections to the public, improve workforce diversity, and implement a recommendation for corporate outreach and recruitment," she said.

*Prepared from January 18, 2007, issue of "The Thursday R6 Update"*

## Cal Joyner Named Deputy Regional Forester for Pacific Northwest Region

**Cal Joyner**, a 49-year-old 26-year Forest Service veteran, is a new Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region. One of two deputies who assist Regional Forester **Linda Goodman**, Cal oversees Natural Resources, Fire and Aviation Management, Cooperative Programs, and Resource Planning and Monitoring. He had been director of Natural Resources for the Region.

"I am pleased to have Cal join our executive team," Goodman said at the January 24 announcement. "He brings a broad range of experience, a depth of knowledge on natural resource issues, and strong people skills. I know Cal will be a great asset to the region."

Joyner grew up in California, graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in watershed management, and in 1982 began his Forest Service career in Waldport, Oregon, as a hydrologist. After tours in Randle, Washington, and Lowell, Oregon, he became a district ranger on the Bitterroot National Forest in Montana. Joyner was named forest supervisor and field manager for the combined San Juan National Forest and San Juan BLM Field Office in Durango, Colorado, in 1998. He became director of Natural Resources in the Portland office in 2002. Joyner and his wife, Kathy, have two teenage sons and live in Vancouver, Washington.

*Prepared from a January 14, 2007, Pacific Northwest Region news release.*

## John Marker Presents John R. McGuire Award to Robyn Darbyshire

Forest Service silviculturist **Robyn Darbyshire** has received the distinguished John R. McGuire Award for her continuing work coaching and encouraging science students to learn to do genuine natural resource research.

OldSmokey **John Marker**, Northwest Director of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, presented the award to Robyn on January 18 in Medford, Oregon. "The John McGwire Award was created to honor a former Chief of the Forest Service who challenged the people of the Forest Service to look to the future and reach out to their colleagues and the public to promote better scientific forestry," John remarked at the presentation.

Robyn earned the award by doing just that. "For fifteen years, Robyn has been coaching and encouraging teenagers in high school to learn how to do stunningly sophisticated natural resource research projects," said **Scott Conroy**, Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, who was part of the team that nominated her for the award. "But more than that—these young people are growing into adults who understand good science, and who care about the national forests."

A congratulatory letter from now-retired Chief of the Forest Service **Dale Bosworth** accompanied the award. In that letter, Chief Bosworth noted that former Chief McGuire "would have used this award nomination as an example of what he believed the profession should be doing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

"We are honored that the retirees decided to present their highest national award to Robyn Darbyshire," said Regional Forester **Linda Goodman**. Accepting the award, Robyn emphasized that the students are the "principal investigator" on their studies. "Their work is not about getting a grade, but about how to improve what they are doing by incorporating elements of good experimental design, analysis, writing, and presentation skills," she said. The students earn high school and college credit for their work, and have earned a reputation for student investigations in natural resources science. Some have worked for the Forest Service in the summer.

Robyn is a certified silviculturist assigned to the Chetco Ranger District of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest who works for the Pacific Northwest Research Station to manage Long-Term Ecosystem Productivity Integrated Research Sites in Oregon and Washington. She oversees vegetation data collection and data management for that project. She has also been the District and Forest Resource Advisory Committee coordinator and was resource coordinator for the Biscuit Fire. Robyn holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in forest science, and is progressing toward a Ph.D. in forest ecology and wood anatomy. She resides in Brookings with her family.

*Prepared from a January 19, 2007, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest news release and the January 18, 2007, issue of "The Thursday R6 Update."*

## Leslie Weldon to Move from Deschutes National Forest to Washington Office

In June, after almost seven years as supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon, **Leslie Weldon** will leave Region 6 for Washington, D.C., and the headquarters of the U.S. Forest Service where she will serve as chief of staff in the office of Chief **Gail Kimbell**. Leslie began her Forest Service career on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington state in 1981.

## Feature



## An Agency to Match the Mountains?

*The good people of the U.S. Forest Service—there are many of them, and we OldSmokeys are some of them—have had a rough decade. For most or all of that decade, they’ve struggled to keep the faith and do the job as myriad forces beyond their control have chipped away at the agency and the cause to which they have dedicated their careers. Should the agency survive the current push to cut funding, privatize, and outsource, it will face the challenge of restoring a truly efficient and effective Forest Service—rooted in a proud heritage and responsive to future needs—again deserving of public trust and respect. This vision—one person’s vision—of what needs to be done was shared with former Chief of the Forest Service Dale Bosworth in a November 4, 2004, e-mail, and is adapted from that e-mail. The major organizational restructuring of a “Forest Service of the 21<sup>st</sup> century” the former Chief bequeathed to the new Chief on January 22, 2007, may benefit from this vision offered again, about two and one-half years later, to Chief Gail Kimbell. Perhaps she will serve in a time of greater opportunity to restore the Forest Service.*

By Les Joslin

Implicit in then-Chief Dale Bosworth’s October 12, 2004, remark to the National Leadership Team that envisioned “a day when the Forest Service has truly returned to its roots” is that he, as did this writer, worked for the Forest Service that *was* and *should be*.

The recent reengineering and relocation of the Forest Service’s budget and finance (B&F) and human resources (HR) efforts could prove important steps toward the former Chief’s “goal of restoring the reputation of the Forest Service as one of, if not the best, managed organizations in government” and as a respected steward of the National Forest System. Whether centralization of these support services will prove part of the solution to or part of the problem that characterizes the current approach to funding Forest Service personnel—to the serious detriment of its mission and morale—is representative of the management challenges faced by modern Forest Service leaders. Indeed, such management challenges are second only to the leadership challenges of saving the National Forest System and the Forest Service from such forces as privatization and outsourcing that threaten their very existence and America’s public land heritage. These leadership and management challenges now belong to Chief Kimbell.

If the National Forest System and the Forest Service can, indeed, survive these threats, the Outfit’s second century cries out for reforms that would build what Irving Stone might have called “an agency to match the mountains.” This restored Forest Service would comprise a committed and competent corps of professional and technical line and staff forest officers schooled not only in their professional and technical disciplines (e.g., forestry, engineering, business administration, etc.) at universities and colleges, but also schooled at a national academy in how to be and serve as forest officers. A rigorous, entry-level “basic school” would teach basic administrative and rangering skills and instill agency history and traditions. Prospective line officers would complete an equally-rigorous “leadership and management school” to qualify for leadership and management positions. All would be “members” rather than “employees” of the Forest Service. They would be forest officers *first* and foresters, engineers, business managers, or other specialists second. They would understand that their careers require them and those they lead to go in harm’s way and know how to do so safely—not just on wildfires, but whenever they enter the forest. They would know, as John Marker so aptly puts it: “Forest rangers don’t ranger on computers.” Line and staff officers would be relieved of much of the red tape that has bound their hands for years and would be provided authority and discretion commensurate with their positions and responsibilities. Competence and productivity would be maintained by an effective performance evaluation system and a revised personnel system that forced out dead wood.

This forest officer corps would be position-funded, rather than project-funded. Each National Forest System administrative unit (i.e., national forest, ranger district) would have a staff structured with planned end-strengths in the specialties and grades needed to accomplish its work as determined by five-year volume of business surveys and projections. These staffs would include similarly qualified and trained permanent seasonal members and properly assigned and supervised student trainees. In addition to this funded staff, each unit would have an operating base budget that would assure accomplishment of essential field work, and each unit would compete for available project funding awarded on the basis of project merit and need. Position-funded members short on funded projects would fill out their schedules by pitching in to do other productive field work. There’s always more field work to do than can ever be done! Every job would be in every member’s job description. This approach would replace the current inefficient and demoralizing approach and process of project-funding personnel that wastes the time and saps the strength of public servants who



should be doing the *real work* of “caring for the land and serving people.” Washington Office experts and the B&F and HR talent being centralized in Albuquerque could work out the details of this more efficient and effective way of doing business that would, by the way, also contribute to the agency’s “clean audit” objective.

This business would be done on national forests and ranger districts that would not be “lumped” into the mega-forests and mega-districts that many have been in recent years (pursuant to some economy of scale notion that ignores a wider range of social and resource costs), but would remain as or be restored as entities small enough for forest supervisors and district rangers to know the land they care for and to remain close to and responsive to the citizen-owners—the populations of local communities and visitors from around the nation—they serve. On such national forests, most specialists (e.g., engineers and “ologists”) could be assigned to forest supervisor’s offices and “farmed out” to ranger districts on an as-needed basis to assist district rangers and their smaller staffs with project planning and implementation. Ranger districts would emphasize management and protection operations and related public services *on the ground*.

This restored Forest Service would always put its best foot forward and look as good as it would soon become. National forests would look like national forests again. Regional sign shops would be re-established (or a national sign shop would be established) to produce and provide the high-quality, uniform signage that once lent identity, distinction, and beauty to national forests. Green rigs would be green again and distinctly visible to implement the all-important presence mission. Forest officers would dress appropriately in the office and be in uniform—and thus visibly *present* and *available* to perform their full range of duties—in the field. And so on. The art and science of rangership would return. Pride and professionalism—and with them, public trust and confidence in the Forest Service—would be restored.

This is not a nostalgic plea to return to the good old days, but a realistic recognition of the requirement to restore the Forest Service as a modern, efficient, effective agency equal to the challenges of its “second century of service” to the American people and their National Forest System.

*And who am I to write this? I first served in the Forest Service during the summers of 1962 through 1966 as a temporary fire control aid (GS-3 to GS-5) on the Bridgeport Ranger District, Toiyabe National Forest, while a college student and after graduation from college before going on active duty in the U.S. Navy. After retiring from the Navy in 1988 at the rank of commander, I moved to Central Oregon and served the Deschutes National Forest as a volunteer wilderness ranger/wilderness educator from 1990 through 1999, and (once the Dual Compensation Act of 1964 was rescinded) as a temporary forestry technician (GS-5) specializing in wilderness education from 2000 through 2003. During those 14 years I developed and supervised a nationally-recognized wilderness information and education program (for which then-Chief Bosworth awarded me the Wilderness Education Leadership Award for 2000), and also taught wilderness management at Central Oregon Community College (where I taught geography and political science part-time) and for Oregon State University (where I remain a College of Forestry adjunct instructor). In September 2003, at age 60, I applied for and accepted appointment in the Forest Service as a supervisory social scientist (GS-11) responsible to District Ranger Walt Schloer for leadership of the team that managed the recreation, wilderness, and heritage resources and related interpretive services, special uses, lands and minerals, volunteer and partnership programs, and roads on the million-acre Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District that includes the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, the Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, the Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway, and the most-visited part of the Three Sisters Wilderness. I served in this position for two years, until September 2005 when declining funding combined with the inefficient, cumbersome, and frustrating budget and work planning process precluded meaningful on-the-ground progress toward improving resources and services. I could have remained only by displacing others. I continue to teach wilderness management for Oregon State University, edit the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association newsletter, work on Forest Service heritage resource projects, and research and write Forest Service history.*

*Thanks to **John Marker** for additional ideas about forest officer education and training included in this article.*

### ***Postscript: How Significant is .0014 of Anything?***

It’s everything, but not enough, if you’re Chief of the Forest Service and .0014 of \$2.9 trillion is your thin slice of the U.S. Government’s budget pie and fire management alone is predicted to gobble up 48 percent of that slice.

Check my math. The way I figure it, the \$2.9 trillion FY2008 budget President George W. Bush proposed on February 5 divided by the \$4 billion or so Chief Gail Kimbell will be lucky to get to fund everything the Forest Service will do that fiscal year works out to be about .0014 of the federal budget.

That’s just \$4 of every \$2,900 of the federal budget to do a job that stretches “from sea to shining sea” and overseas.

Check my math. If wrong, I’ll print a correction.

-- *Les Joslin*



## Opportunities

*Opportunities for OldSmokeys to get together to socialize or to serve abound. In addition to the luncheons on the last Friday of every month at the Beaverton Elks Club, our annual Spring Banquet scheduled for May 6 and our annual Picnic in the Woods scheduled for August 10 top the social scene. Information about and reservation forms for both follow. Service opportunities include Passport in Time projects, described on page 12, and projects OldSmokeys can cook up with their local district rangers to get important work done and enjoy doing it together, also described on page 12.*

### Sign Up by April 30 for May 6 Spring Banquet at Charbonneau Country Club

*Time is getting short!* You must sign up for the OldSmokeys May 6 Spring Banquet at the beautiful Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville no later than April 30! *If you haven't already, do so now!*

The banquet will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a social hour and no-host bar. An appetizer table with vegetables, dips, and cheese and crackers will get you started. Dinner is served at 4:00 p.m. The main course of the buffet-style meal will be your choice of Prime Rib roast or Halibut Oscar, or some of each if you wish, with all the trimmings. The price for this feast will be \$21.00 per person, gratuities included. Our old friend Dave Dalton will cater the meal again this year.

Donations for door prizes are requested. Please notify co-hosts **Dorine** or **Emil Sabol** if you are able to help with a door prize donation. Telephone them, e-mail them at, or write them at 31460 SW Village Green Court, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070.

**To get to the Charbonneau Country Club** from Portland or other points north, exit I-5 at Exit 282B (Charbonneau District) just after crossing the Willamette River bridge. Turn left (east) at first stop sign onto NE Miley Road, and go .4 mile to French Prairie Road. Then Turn left on French Prairie Road, and go .7 mile to Charbonneau Drive. Turn right onto Charbonneau Drive and proceed to the Charbonneau Country Club, Building 3200. From Salem or points south, use Exit 282 (Canby) just north of the rest stop. Turn right (east) at stop sign onto NE Miley Road, and go .3 mile to French Prairie Road. Then turn left and go .7 mile to Charbonneau Drive. Turn right onto Charbonneau Drive and proceed to the Charbonneau Country Club, Building 3200.

**Send in the form below** (or a copy if you don't want to cut up this beautiful newsletter) to make your reservations. Last call for reservations is April 30.

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association  
**SPRING BANQUET – MAY 6, 2007**  
Charbonneau Country Club

#### RESERVATION FORM

**Social Hour 3:00 p.m. (No Host Bar) – Dinner 4:00 p.m.**

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$21.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:  
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$21.00 each for (names exactly as they will appear on name tags):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Please print your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your reservation form in to be received no later than April 30, 2007!**



## OldSmokeys Summer Picnic in the Woods is Set for Friday, August 10

This summer OldSmokeys will gather for their annual picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 10, at the **BLM Wildwood Recreation Area**, according to **Jim List**, picnic chairman.

Wildwood, as most OldSmokeys know so well, is about 40 miles east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. Just like always, watch for the BLM sign on the south side of the highway, and follow the signs to the north Mountain View and south Mountain View shelters reserved for the picnic.

Anyone who needs a ride should contact **Elmer Moyer** or **Phil Hirl** to locate transportation for you. If you have questions, call **Jim List** or e-mail him.

Socializing will begin at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. As usual, you'll enjoy a good lunch catered by Dave Dalton and great OldSmokeys companionship. You may well see folks you haven't seen in years, and you should meet many new members.

Don't miss it! Mark your calendars and make your plans and reservations soon. Use the form below to reserve your picnic place or places by July 25, 2007. The charge per person is **only \$21.00 a plate**.

Speaking of cost, BLM will not charge for use of the site, but there's the \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee that helps BLM maintain this area as the special place it is. The new America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass in either the \$10 lifetime senior version, for which most OldSmokeys qualify, the \$80 annual version, or the free lifetime version for citizens with permanent disabilities or the free annual volunteer pass (*see "New Interagency Federal Recreation Lands Pass Announced" on page 8 of the Winter 2007 newsletter*) or other valid existing passes such as the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passports will do the parking fee trick. If you use one of these, either display your pass or write your pass number on the payment envelope and place it on the dashboard of your car.

**Send in the form below** (or a copy if you want to preserve your copy of this newsletter) to make your reservations not later than July 25.

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association  
**SUMMER PICNIC—AUGUST 10, 2007**  
**BLM Wildwood Recreation Area**

### RESERVATION FORM

**Social Hour 11:30 a.m. and Picnic Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$21.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:  
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ picnic lunches at \$21.00 each for (names exactly as to appear on name tags):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Please print your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send your reservation form in no later than July 25, 2007*

## Passport in Time Program Offers Three Pacific Northwest Region Projects

OldSmokeys who want to get back on a national forest for a week or so of interesting work this summer can choose between three Passport in Time (PIT) projects on the Deschutes and Umpqua national forests in Oregon and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington. PIT is a nation-wide Forest Service program that offers volunteers opportunities to work with professional Forest Service archaeologists and historians on a range of heritage resource preservation efforts. The three projects in Region 6 this coming summer are:

### **Historic Elk Lake Guard Station Staffing Project, *Deschutes National Forest***

The Forest Service seeks professional-caliber interpretive/information specialists to serve as uniformed agency representatives for week-long sessions at the Historic Elk Lake Guard Station on the beautiful Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway. The Forest Service restored the 1929 log cabin during 1998 to 2001 reconstruction efforts that included three PIT projects. It was dedicated in 2001 as an historic site and information center. Many outstanding PIT volunteers—including OldSmokeys—have staffed it for the past five summers, and the Deschutes National Forest is looking forward to continuing that tradition for the summer of 2007. The volunteers selected to serve will provide a full range of information and interpretive services to visitors and keep the station clean and tidy.

Volunteers sign on for one or more of 12 one-week sessions starting on June 19 and continuing through September 11. One or two volunteers serve each session, must commit to one full session, and may participate in more. Apply soon to ensure participation in this popular project. Early-season and late-season week-long sessions remain available.

### **Highland Lakes Survey, *Umpqua National Forest***

The Forest Service seeks four volunteers able to hike several arduous miles per day to assist archaeologists in locating and recording archaeological sites in an Umpqua National Forest wilderness. This will be a pedestrian survey in which volunteers will conduct linear transects as a group to identify archaeological site locations. After determining site boundaries, volunteers will describe, map, photograph, and collect GPS data on the site.

Volunteers will do this work from July 16-20, 2007, and must commit to the full session. Applications are due on May 14, 2007.

### **Red Mountain Lookout Rescue, *Gifford Pinchot National Forest***

The Forest Service seeks eight volunteers to begin restoration work on Red Mountain Lookout, a historic fire lookout near Indian Heaven Wilderness in the southern Washington Cascades that was severely damaged in December 2006 by a savage windstorm. The roof was blown off and the walls have collapsed. As a first step in the planned rehabilitation of the lookout, volunteers and Forest Service personnel will literally pick up the pieces. They will collect, salvage, organize, and inventory materials for use in the rebuilding of the lookout cabin. A 1950s R6 flattop design, Red Mountain Lookout is a 15-foot by 15-foot cab on a 10-foot tower, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Volunteers will do this work from July 6-9, 2007, and must commit to the full session. Applications are due on May 4, 2007.

*For complete project and application information on these and other PIT projects throughout the nation, see the PIT website at <<http://www.passportintime.com>>.*

## OldSmokeys Plan 2007 Field Season “Own Back Yard” Ranger District Service Projects

You’ve read about OldSmokeys getting together in small groups to have fun as they get things done on the ranger districts near which they live in previous issues of this newsletter.

Recent examples include the legendary “Motley Crew” trail work team on the Umpqua National Forest, the Wind River Bridge repair project on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station and Remount Depot maintenance project on the Willamette National Forest, and the snow shelter reconstruction job on the Deschutes National Forest.

These—and others—are all jobs that OldSmokeys have teamed up with district rangers to do right in their “own back yard.” There’s no regional organization setting up and acting as a clearing house for these projects. It’s just guys and gals who know what to do getting together, signing on as Forest Service volunteers, and planning and doing jobs their local district rangers need done. Some of these will continue from previous seasons. Others will be new.

**Jim Talburt** in Roseburg would be a good contact for any OldSmokeys in that neck of the woods who’d like to throw in with the Motley Crew on the Umpqua, and **Mike Kerrick** in Springfield is the man to see about working on the Fish Lake project on the Willamette.

Over on the Deschutes National Forest, **Les Joslin** would like to recruit just a few Central Oregon OldSmokeys—at least one with a good woodworking shop at home—to work with him on a Devils Lake campsites-parking area-trailheads complex rehabilitation project he’s lining out with District Ranger **Phil Cruz** of the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District. This is part of an important project he couldn’t do as district recreation team leader because of a lack of funding.

Wherever you live in Region 6, there are projects on ranger districts in your “own back yard” going begging, projects that you and your local district ranger could identify to which you and your expertise could be applied.

So, just give your ranger a call, or knock on his or her door, and offer him or her some free help. It’s hard to imagine a ranger who’d turn down competent free help these days. The field season is coming! Now is the time to act!



## New Members

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined since the Winter 2007 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press and before the deadline for this issue.

**Dick & Barbara Bringhurst** of Lacey, Washington. Dick's 30 years of federal service included 27 in the Forest Service, and 26 of those were in Region 6. He was forest engineer on the Rogue River National Forest in the early 1980s.

**Mary Ellen Brown** of Lakewood, Colorado, served 36 years in the Forest Service that, in addition to 11 years in Region 6 on the Olymipic National Forest, included service in Region 2, Region 5, and the WO. She joined in January.

**Carol Cushing & Stu Carlson** of Roseburg, Oregon. Both Carol and Stu have had numerous career assignments in Region 6. Carol has served 23 of her 26 Forest Service years in the region and is district ranger, North Umpqua Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest. Stu works in timber management on the Diamond Lake Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest. Both joined in January.

**Jim & Julia Duncan** of Damascus, Oregon. Julia (Rodrigues) Duncan, the first female radio technician in the Forest Service, served all 30 of her Forest Service years in Region 6. Starting out on the Mt. Hood National Forest, she moved to the RO, to the Multnomah Building and then the Robert Duncan Building as an electronic engineer. She returned to the Mt. Hood in 2002, and in 2005 joined the nationally-reorganized Information Service Organization (ISO) based at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest SO. She retired in December 2006. Jim is a retired Boeing engineer. Both joined in January.

**Bengt H. Hamner** of Jacksonville, Oregon, who's spent 50 of his amazing 53 years of federal service in the Forest Service, and all that in Region 6, continues to serve on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. He joined in January.

**Dick & Sherry Hathaway** of Roseburg, Oregon. Dick served 27 of his 30 years of federal service in the Forest Service, and 26 of those years were in Region 6 where he was on the Rogue River National Forest before retiring in the WO in August 1985. Both joined in February.

**Jeff LaLande** of Ashland, Oregon, has served 30+ years in the Forest Service, all in Region 6. Currently archaeologist, historian, tribal consultation coordinator, caves resources coordinator, and wild-and-scenic river coordinator on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, he was also the Forest's wilderness coordinator for many years. Jeff plans to retire in August. He joined in March.

**Mike & Callie Lunn** of Prineville, Oregon. Mike retired on December 31, 1999, as forest supervisor, Siskiyou National Forest, after 32 years in the Forest Service, 12 of those in Region 6. Mike has fond Region 1 memories of helping restore the beautifully-preserved Lochsa Historical Ranger Station, Clearwater National Forest, Idaho, dedicated on July 4, 1976. Both joined in February.

**Pete & Kathy Martin** of Bend, Oregon. A fire prevention specialist, Pete served in the Forest Service for 28 years before finishing up 32 years of federal service with BLM in 2006. His last Forest Service station was at Bear Springs Ranger Station on the Mt. Hood National Forest. Kathy, another Mt. Hood National Forest veteran, is district archaeologist and recreation program manager at Rager Ranger Station on the Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest. Both joined in December 2006.

**Val Rapp & Gene Skrine** of Blue River, Oregon. Val retired in December as science writer at Pacific Northwest Research Station in Portland. Gene, formerly district ranger at remote Rager Ranger Station, Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, was Invasive Plants EIS Team Leader in the RO in Portland before he retired in 2005. Both joined in December 2006.

**Kermit G. Thomas** of Phoenix, Oregon, served 35 years in the Forest Service including 15 years in Region 6 on the Rogue River National Forest. His last duty station was on the Tongass National Forest. He joined in December 2006.

**Jerry Williams & Joyce Casey** of Portland, Oregon. Jerry served in the Forest Service for 27 years as was Region 6 sociologist before becoming Forest Service national historian in the WO in 2001. He retired in 2005. Joyce is at the RO in Portland. Both joined in December 2006.

*If you've joined recently and don't see yourself among the new members above, it's because notification of your new membership and biographical information were received after deadline. You'll be welcomed as a new OldSmokey in the Summer 2007 issue.*

## Corrections

The editor regrets a few errors of fact in the Winter 2007 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* roundup of new PNWFSA members for 2006, and corrects those errors here.

**Shari Blakey** of Vancouver, Washington, did not retire as Mt. Hood National Forest administrative officer; she remains in active service as Director of Human Resources for the Pacific Northwest Region; she did join PNWFSA in November 2006.

**Robin Nimura** of Tijeras, New Mexico, retired from Region 3, not from Region 6.

**Gaston Porterie** of Battleground, Washington, did not retire; he remains as budget coordinator, PNW Research Station; he did join PNWFSA in November 2006.

## **Changes** *Compiled by Bev Pratt, Secretary, and Vern Clapp, Treasurer and Data Base Manager*

The following changes to membership records have occurred since publication of the *OldSmokeys Membership Directory 2007*

**Banta, Howard E. & Joan** -- Change email:

**Bjornsen, Helen** -- Change email:

**Boeckstiegel, Lee & Kathleen** – New email:

**Bowman, Larry & Karen** – Change address: Brownsville, OR 97327

**Bringhurst, Richard S. “Dick” & Barbara** – New members: Lacey, WA 98516

**Brogden, Roy O. & Mary** – Change email:

**Campbell, Donald G.** – Deceased, January 28, 2007: Jeanne survives

**Carson, Ben & Helen** – Change email:

**Chase, Dick & Kela** -- Change email:

**Christensen, Jay L.** – Change address: Livingston, TX 77399

Change phone:

**Chriswell, Harold C.** -- Change address: Bellingham, WA 98225

**Ciesla, William M. & Patricia** --

**Connelly, Kay & Maxine** --

**Clow, Hank & Pat** – Change Address: L’Anse, MI 49946 (same house, new address)

**Crist, Ray & Barbara** – Add email:

**Cushing, Carol & Stu Carlson** – New members: Roseburg, OR 97470

**Dell, John & Dorothy** – Add email:

**Duncan, Julia & Jim** – New members: Damascus, OR 97089

Phone:

**Elliott, Joseph E.** – Deceased, April 13, 2006

**Engstrom, Paul & Jeani** – Change email:

**Frost, Dale (Jack) O. & Mary** -- Change email:

**Hamner, Bengt H.** – New member: Jacksonville, OR 97530

Phone: 541-858-2383 (at Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest SO)

**Hathaway, Dick & Sherry** – New members: Roseburg, OR 97470

Phone:

**Holden, Arnie & Christine** – Change email:

**Jones, Evan E.** – Deceased, December 21, 2006; Lois survives

**Kreger, Dick & Nancy** – Change email:

**LaJoie, Jack** – Deceased, January 15, 2007; Donna survives

**LaLande, Jeff** – New member: Ashland, OR 97520

Phone:

**Ledgerwood, Jack & Pam** – Add email:

**Lunn, Mike & Callie** – New members: Prineville, OR 97554

Phone:

**Lyons, Art & Susie** – Change email:

**Martin, Peter C. “Pete” & Kathleen T. “Kathy”** – New members: Bend, OR 97702

Phone:

**McLean, Claude & Linda** – Change email:

**McQuown, Bob & Ruth** – Change email:

**Nelson, Con & Mary** – Change email:

**Novy, Robert L.** – Deceased, October 26, 2006; Mary survives

**Pederson, Don & Darcey** – Change email:

**Rapp, Valerie & Gene Skrine** – New members: Blue River, OR 97413

Phone:

**Schlosser, Marcy & Norm** – Change email:

**Seeley-Lindberg, Martha L.** – Deceased, June 4, 2006: widow of Harvey Seeley; husband Willard survives

**Sigler, Charles & Anne** – Change email:

**Sirmon, Jeff & Shirley** – Change email:

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## Memories *Compiled by Dave and Jane Kolb*

**Donald G. Campbell** died January 28, 2007, at age 80. He was a PNWFSA member. Don was born July 24, 1926, in Billings, Montana. He served in the Army in the Philippine Islands during World War II, then earned a forestry degree from the University of Montana. Don worked about 20 years each for Crown-Zellerbach and the Forest Service, mostly on the Mt. Hood National Forest. He married Jeanne E. Kittman in 1946 and lived in Sandy and later Estacada, Oregon.

Survivors include his wife, son Chris, daughter Laurel Hess, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

**Joseph E. Elliott** died April 13, 2006, in Pleasant Hill, California, at age 93. He was a PNWFSA member. Joe was born October 10, 1912.

*Editor's Note: This information was provided by Chuck Lundeen, who located Mr. Elliott in the Social Security System death index. No details of his life or Forest Service career are available.*

**Edmond Charles Holt** died January 13, 2007, at age 61 while leading a backcountry ski class on Mt. Hood. Ed was born August 18, 1945, in Portland, Oregon, graduated from Sandy high school, and earned a degree in mathematics at Portland State University. He served in the Forest Service from 1967 to 1979 at the Pacific Northwest Research Station, and for the Bonneville Power Administration from 1979 to 2001. A mountain climber and member of the Mazamas, he taught mountaineering, rock climbing, and backcountry skiing. He summited all major Pacific Northwest peaks and some in Europe and Asia.

Survivors include his wife, Patty; children Pat Holt, Laurie Dahl, and Amy Hunter; two grandsons; brother Robert, and sisters Barbara Pastega and Carol Nesmith.

**Evan E. Jones** died December 21, 2006, at age 91. He was a PNWFSA member. Evan was born into a Forest Service family December 9, 1915, in Baker City, Oregon, where he grew up and started working at an early age on a Forest Service trail crew on the old Whitman National Forest. Evan served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he served as a forester on several national forests including the Mt. Hood and Willamette. He retired in 1971. He married Lois Yockey November 22, 1947.

Survivors include his wife, son Gregory, daughter Valeri Jones, brother John, sister Betty, and two grandchildren.

**Daniel S. "Bob" Justus** died December 27, 2006, at age 84 in Baker City, Oregon. He was born March 28, 1922, in Rye Valley, Oregon, and grew up in Kellogg, Idaho, where his father worked in the mines. Bob served in the Army in Europe during World War II. He returned to Baker City and married Pat Cassidy June 21, 1947. Bob worked as a mechanic and firefighter for the Forest Service from 1952 to 1979.

Survivors include his wife; sons Dan, David, and Robert, four grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

**Anne Louise Kirwin** died February 3, 2007, at age 92. She was born July 20, 1914, in Vancouver, Washington, where she was a life-long resident. Anne worked 30 years for the Forest Service on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Later she worked for the Oregon Historical Society.

Survivors include six cousins.

**Jack L. LaJoie** died January 15, 2007, at age 67. He was a PNWFSA member. Jack was born in Eugene, Oregon, July 10, 1940. The family moved to Montana in 1955 where he graduated from high school and studied forestry at the University of Montana. Jack married Donna Faye York October 10, 1990. He worked on several national forests and retired April 1995 from the Rogue River National Forest where he worked at the J. Herbert Stone Nursery. Jack also worked on the Regional Fire Team as chief of the finance section.

Survivors include his wife; sons Jay and Aaron; daughters Jami Engebretson and Janel Thomas; five grandchildren, and two brothers.

**Paul Neil McPherrren** died October 4, 2005, in John Day, Oregon, at age 80. Paul attended high school in Hood River, Oregon, and later joined the Navy. He married Ruth Anne Patterson January 25, 1958. Paul worked in construction engineering and as a contracting officers representative on the Willamette and Malheur national forests.

Survivors include his wife; son Patrick; daughters Leslie Reppman, Kathy Johnson, Jennie Messmer, and Sharon Fritsch; sister Inez McKenzie; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Alfred "Al" Meyer** died September 15, 2006, at age 76. He was born June 14, 1930, in Harrold, South Dakota. Al graduated from high school in 1948 and joined the Navy. He returned to Oregon to attend Oregon State University where he earned B.S. degrees in both forest and range management. Al worked on the Siuslaw, Wallowa-Whitman, and Malheur national forests and retired in 1986.

Survivors include his wife Rita, son David, daughter Susan Brannon, two grandchildren, and three sisters.

**Robert L. "Bob" Novy** died October 26, 2006, at age 77. He was a PNWFSA member. Bob was born in Detroit, Michigan, graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in forestry, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After this service, Bob moved to the Northwest and began his Forest Service career. He worked at Randle, Washington, on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Bly and Paisley, Oregon, on the Fremont National Forest, and was district ranger at Concrete, Washington, on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. He enjoyed and was active in community organizations.

Survivors include his wife Mary; sons Steve, Robert, and Richard; six grandchildren; and three sisters.

**Florence Petersen** died March 10, 2007, at age 80. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Charles J. "Chuck" Petersen, retired from the Pacific Northwest Research Station. She was born May 31, 1926, in Oakland, California. Florence was a

key person in the operation of the 30-Year Club, the predecessor organization of PNWFSA. She was secretary of the Club and its guiding force in operations. She edited and produced its newsletter and produced most of the graphics. She also was active in the regional and Washington, D.C., Forest Service wives clubs and produced much of the artwork for their publications. Her dedication and talents are sorely missed.

Survivors include her husband, sons Chris and Ed, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Martha Lucille Seeley-Lindberg** died June 4, 2006, in Sun City, Arizona, at age 83. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of Harvey Seeley, former forest supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest. Martha Walker was born July 26, 1922, in Dyersburg, Tennessee, and married Harvey in 1944. She and Harvey lived in Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and Medford, Oregon, and moved to Sun City, Arizona, after he retired. Martha married Will Lindberg in 1993 about seven years after Harvey.

Survivors include her husband, son Charles and his wife Jeanne, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

**Lillian T. Williams** died January 23, 2007, at age 97. She was a long-time resident of Oakridge, Oregon, and widow of Wilbur “Bill” Williams, a Willamette National Forest fire control technician. Lillian Tirrell was born January 25, 1909, in Eugene. She was a grade school teacher and married Bill June 24, 1934.

Survivors include son Glen, one grandchild, three great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Charles “Chuck” Whitt** died December 10, 2006, in Reno, Nevada. Chuck came to Region 6 from Region 1, and served as a fisheries biologist on the Mt. Hood National Forest from the mid-1970s until he retired. In the summer of 1949, Chuck was a smokejumper at Missoula. Illness pulled him off the jump roster of the crew that jumped the Mann Gulch Fire.

**Harold Wayne “Woody” Wood** died January 30, 2007, at age 70. He was born July 24, 1936, in Severly, Kansas, and served three years in the U.S. Navy. Woody graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology in 1960. He was a Forest Service civil engineer for 25 years. He worked on the Okanagon, Willamette, and Siuslaw national forests, and was forest engineer on the Mt. Hood National Forest. He married Linda Lee Bowman in 1957.

Survivors include his wife, daughter Robie Eckland, sons James and Roger, and six grandchildren.

**Mary K. Yamasaki** died December 29, 2006, at age 89. She was a PNWFSA member. Mary Saito was born in Seattle October 10, 1917. She lived in Gresham and worked for the Forest Service in the Regional Office. She served as the chief clerk for personnel and later as the regional forester’s secretary. She married Kowichi Yamasaki in 1948; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include son David, brother Ben Saito, sisters Mary Pollack and Ruth Shinoda, and one grandchild.

## Letters

### **Dick Pfilf** remembers Evan Jones

Evan Jones (*Memories*, page 15), son of Ira Jones and brother to Forrest Jones, both Forest Service retirees, was my district ranger on the Collawash Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest. He transferred to the Willamette National Forest about 1962, and stayed in Eugene after he retired. He was an accomplished artist, especially in landscapes. We have several of his paintings prominently displayed in our house.

Evan and I had kept in touch throughout the years. He loved passing around written history and anecdotes of early times on the Whitman National Forest, where his father worked and where Evan started his career. Evan provided Ira Jones’ memoirs of his early days on the Whitman which were posted on the history page of an earlier version of the FSX website. Evan had been assistant ranger at Parkdale before he came to the Collawash District.

I remember him as a gentle, deeply principled man who loved the Forest Service, its history and its traditions. He was my mentor early in my career. It was a great experience, when I transferred back to the Mt. Hood, to take him back to all the places (there were many) where earlier he instructed me on how I should have done things differently. I told him then that I learned more from his constructive correction than from all the approvals (there were few) I received later.

I owe him much and deeply regret his passing.

*Editor’s Note: On July 21, 2006, Evan Jones wrote “I’ve Been Retired Longer Than I Worked” published in the Fall 2006 OldSmokeys Newsletter on page 6.*

### **Chester Beil** recalls working with Gail Baker in Bend

Gail Baker and I worked back to back in the [Deschutes National Forest] Supervisor’s Office in Bend, Oregon, in 1950-53. Gail was head of fire control while I worked in timber under Chuck Overbay. Our rooms were adjacent to each other.

I’m only 6 ½ years younger than Gail. God willing I expect to reach Gail’s age. Feel great at the present.

### **V. Jay Hughes** reports move to Pendleton

After receiving the card for Gail Baker’s birthday, I looked up his address.... In doing so I was reminded we have moved here in Pendleton to a one-level basement apartment on Mt. Hebron after 5½ years at 413 N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This has been quite a change. As our daughter and son-in-law live above and work ½ block from the post office, we decided to get our mail at the post office.

Sorry not to see Gail at his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, but my next birthday in February I’ll be 91!

*Editor’s Note: V. Jay’s new address is in the 2007 Membership Directory. By the time you read this he’ll be 91!*

### **Harold C. Criswell** reports move in Bellingham

My address has changed. I live in a retirement home. It is very nice and the backgrounds of a lot of the people are very interesting.



I can't travel very far, so I miss your meetings. British Columbia is very close and I still go there a lot. No end of beautiful resorts all over the coastal areas and in the mountains. Lots of bead & breakfasts. A lot of trips include a ferry boat ride.

As I look at the list of PNWFSA members, there are very few that I know. That's what happens when you're 95 years old.

Have a good year in 2007!

*Editor's Note: Chris's change of address arrived in a December 21, 2006, "Merry Christmas!" note, so just didn't get into the new directory. The new address he sent is 844 Orchard Dr., Apt. 217, Bellingham, Washington 98225 (Changes, page 14).*

**Joe Marchbanks** writes from Pendleton

Thanks for all the hard work you folks do to keep us informed. A special thanks to Paul Enberg for the pix from Gail's 100th. It was great to see some of the folks I worked with years ago.

The retirees in this neck of the woods get together for coffee each Wednesday and tackle today's problems of the Forest Service and the world in general, and this week's [January 7-13] topic will be Baker's party and the pix of all our friends who have gently matured.

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*Changes continued from page 14*

**Smallwood, N. Alleene** – Change email:

**Thomas, Kermit G.** – New member: Phoenix, OR 97535

Phone:

**Triplett, Susan A.** – Add email:

**Tuininga, Earl & Diane** — Change email:

**Tyrrel, Robert & Janet** – Change email:

**Williams, Gerald W. "Jerry" & Joyce Casey** – New members: Portland, OR 97219

Phone:

**Yamasaki, Mary K.** – Deceased, December 29, 2006

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## Books

### OldSmokey Jerry Williams Publishes *The Forest Service: Fighting for Public Lands*

Our own **Jerry Williams**, recently retired Forest Service national historian and former Pacific Northwest Region regional sociologist, has authored *The Forest Service: Fighting for Public Lands* just published by the Greenwood Publishing Group as part of its Understanding our Government series.

Jerry's book tells the story of a Forest Service steeped in history, conflict, strong personalities (including Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot), and the challenges of managing 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands over the past 100-plus years.

Jerry points out that the original intent of the National Forest System and the Forest Service was to protect the public's forests, protect the water supplies, and, when appropriate, provide timber. And he shows how much has changed during those 100-plus years, including many new laws. He emphasizes the fact that these lands are still fought over today shows the foresight of politicians, foresters, scientists, and communities who have worked to sustain them.

Jerry's book brings to light the many and varied activities of the agency that OldSmokeys know well but many people know little about. Topics packed into the book's 480 pages include wilderness and the Wilderness Act of 1964, recreation battles and inter-agency rivalry with the National Park Service, timber management including clearcutting, ecosystem management, roadless area controversies, fish and wildlife management including endangered species before and after the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and mining and the General Mining Act of 1872. It addresses such future challenges as forest fires, watershed protection and restoration, recreation, involving the public, and fish and wildlife.

*The Forest Service* (ISBN 0-313-33794-2) is available from Greenwood Publishing Group, P.O. Box 6926, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03802-6926, for \$75.00 plus \$7.50 for shipping and handling. To order, visit <www.greenwood.com> or call 1-800-225-5800.

### **Claude McLean** announces reunion plans

Thought I'd let you and whomever is interested know that a "re-union" is being planned for those who were on the Bear Valley Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest in the early '60s (1962-64) for late August 2007. Fred Robinson is working on the gathering and worked as a temporary during that time and later worked for the State of Oregon. His phone number is 503-538-7733 and he lives in Newburg, Oregon.

*Editor's Note: Claude wrote on January 9 from Brenda, Arizona, where he was "enjoying the sun and warm dry weather."*

### **Jay Christensen** writes from Texas

I am currently staying at the Dons of Arizona base camp south and east of Apache Junction, Arizona, on the Tonto National Forest. I am helping put on day-long discovery camps for inner-city fourth grade students. Keep up the good work!

*Editor's Note: Jay reported a new address and telephone number in Livingston, Texas (Changes, page 14). His email seems unchanged.*

*The editor thanks Pat Joslin, Wendy Joslin, and Amy McLaughlin for technical assistance in producing this issue.*

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## Uncle Sam's Cabins

### Historic Star Ranger Station

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon

By Les Joslin

“Pretty humble,” is the way Jeff LaLande, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest archaeologist, describes the original Star Ranger Station building, “one of the oldest remaining Forest Service structures in the nation still in use.” Southeast of Medford, in the rural, agricultural valley of the Applegate River, it’s within sight of the crest of the Siskiyou Mountains.

This building, a 12-foot by 20-foot, wood-frame structure with shiplap siding and a wood shingle roof, was built in 1911 by two local carpenters hired by the Forest Service to build a

ranger station. As such, it was meant to be used as both a residence and an office by the Applegate district ranger. That ranger used it as an office, but preferred to live in a tent until a large bungalow built at the ranger station in 1914 provided both a better office and living quarters. After 1914, the 1911 building was used to store horse tack, and became known as “the old tack room” around the station. Later, it was used to store tree marking paint and other supplies. It’s been moved to at least three locations within the Star Ranger Station compound over the years. It is now formally registered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Star Ranger Station was home to Ranger Lee C. Port from World War I to World War II. An amiable but no-nonsense ranger during his many years on the Applegate District, the Oklahoma-born ranger was readily identifiable at a long distance when riding the high country meadows because of his white horse. His horse’s tack, presumably, was kept in the 1911 building. Ranger Port, popular with local folks, recorded some of the Applegate country’s early history before the old-timers he knew passed away.

That history, as well as local Forest Service history, is represented in the 1911 Star Ranger Station building—restored inside and out, furnished with period government furniture, and used as a conference room—that sits alongside the modern Star Ranger Station office. An interpretive sign outside the building tells its story.

*Editor’s Note: Star Ranger Station is about 20 miles by paved road from Medford and Interstate Highway 5. From Medford, take Oregon Highway 238, also called West Main Street in Medford and Jacksonville Highway beyond, through the historic mining town and former county seat of Jacksonville, and continue another 8 miles to Ruch. Turn south onto Upper Applegate road where road signs point to Applegate Lake and Valley View Vineyards, and drive another 6 miles to Star Ranger Station on the left-hand side of the road. If you come during work hours, ask the receptionist if someone can open the door to the Tack Room so you can enjoy the various Forest Service artifacts, historic photographs, and old maps inside.*

*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 published in 1995 by Wilderness Associates, P.O. Box 5822, Bend, Oregon 97708 or <www.wildernessheritage.com>.*

*Do you have a favorite Region 6 historic ranger station? If so, send in the picture and the story for this **Uncle Sam’s Cabins** feature.*



**Books** continued from page 17

### Gil Davies Publishes *1001 Question and Answers About the United States Forest Service*

What do you know? Well, just what do you know about the Outfit in which you spent a good part of your life? **Gil Davies’** new book, *1001 Questions and Answers About the United States Forest Service* is one fun way to find out.

Gil, retired Klamath National Forest administrative officer, and his friend and fellow retiree **Florice M. Frank**, who just recently closed HiStory ink Books (no typos there, folks, that’s the way it was) after publishing 27 books, including 10 Forest Service books, have come out with a sort of trivial-pursuit-for-rangers book that asks their fellow Forest Service retirees not “What did you know, and when did you know it?” but “What of what you knew can you remember?” Questions and answers cover more than a hundred years of Forest Service people, National Forest System places, historical facts, and terminological teasers that will keep you entertained for hours as they refresh your memory...or even teach you things you can’t believe you didn’t know.

If you want a copy, send a check for \$18.00 (which includes postage, packaging, tax, the works!) to Gil Davies, P.O. Box 52, Hat Creek, California 96040. Make that check payable to Gil Davies. Please, no purchase orders. You can e-mail Gil and Flo—especially after you read the book if you want to challenge any of their answers to the questions asked—at <fligrig@c-zone.net>.

## The Way We Were

### Deschutes National Forest Supervisor and Rangers, 1943

Ralph Crawford, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, one of his staff officers, and his four district rangers were photographed at Skyliner’s Lodge probably in 1943 (after **Gail Baker** joined the staff as fire control and grazing assistant and before Joe Lammi went on active duty in the U.S. Army). They are, from left to right, Henry Tonseth, District Ranger, Fort Rock Ranger District, for almost 35 years; Harold Nyberg, District Ranger, Sisters Ranger District; Crawford; Homer Oft, District Ranger, Crescent Ranger District; Baker; and Joe Lammi, District Ranger, Bend Ranger District.



*Editor’s Note: Many thanks to **Gail Baker** who, at lunch in Beaverton on December 29, 2006, identified his colleagues in this photograph that was discovered just the day before at the Des Chutes Historical Center in Bend, and whose invaluable 1949 “Historical Writeup of the Deschutes National Forest” provided the data necessary to determine the approximate date of the photograph.*

*Photograph courtesy of Deschutes Historical Society*

## Out of the Past

### Ranger Ed Engstrom

OldSmokey **Paul Engstrom** of Bend, Oregon, has deep Forest Service roots. His dad, Ed Engstrom, shown at left with an early 1930s Forest Service fire truck, was born in Arkansas in 1912 and earned a degree in forest management at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He began his Forest Service career on the Carson National Forest in 1933 as technical foreman at the CCC camp near Tres Ritos, New Mexico. That fall he was transferred to the Lincoln National Forest, and soon after was promoted to the position of district ranger at Patagonia on the Coronado



National Forest. Ed was district ranger on the Taos Ranger District of the Carson National Forest from 1946 to 1963, and the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest from 1963 until he retired in 1967. Paul and his brother often tagged along with their dad on foot, horseback, or in the pickup. “It was a different time and a great way to grow up,” Paul said. Ed died at 79 in 1991. Paul attended Taos schools, graduated from high school in Williams in 1964, and followed his dad’s trail. He earned a recreation land management degree at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and retired from the Deschutes National Forest in 2003.

*Editor’s Note: Many thanks to **Paul Engstrom** for this photograph and story.*

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### Coming Events

**Spring Banquet: May 6**  
**Summer Picnic: August 10**  
**Next time you're in Bend, visit the High Desert Museum to see the “Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert” exhibit currently showing in the *Spirit of the West* gallery.**

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