



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Spring 2011

President's Message—Bill Shenk

As I write this, I am amazed at how quickly this year has passed. The front page of the Summer 2011 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* will feature a message from our new president, **John Berry**, who will be assisted by President-Elect **Mike Ash** for the year starting on May 15.

This has been a great year for the OldSmokeys. We have accomplished some very significant actions. Archiving of our newsletters and other documents, now mostly complete, will preserve our heritage. We provided funds for three very worthwhile projects carried out by our members: improvements at the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station and Remount Depot on the Willamette National Forest (where the Friends of Fish Lake could use volunteer workers in June; see page 4); a video on the old Goat Rocks Lookout produced by the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center Foundation in Entiat, Washington; and a forestry exhibit upgrade at the Des Chutes Historical Museum in Bend, Oregon. We staffed the High Desert Ranger Station exhibit at the High Desert Museum south of Bend for 68 consecutive days (where OldSmokeys are needed to volunteer again this summer, please see page 5).

We responded to an acute need for financial assistance at Enterprise, Oregon, where Wallowa-Whitman National Forest ranger district offices and other administrative facilities were totally destroyed by fire. After the Board of Directors voted \$500 in assistance, many members of the Board dug into their own pockets to more than double the total donation to \$1,050. As a result of this experience, the Board has established a Discretionary Emergency Relief Fund to assist Forest Service folks in need.

As a result of a concerted effort by Membership Chair **Bob Devlin**, we now have a number of new unit representatives and back-ups with more to come in the future.

Our association is healthy and ready for more activity next year. At our Spring Banquet at Charbonneau Country Club on May 15, I will pass the presidential gavel to John Berry who is primed for further accomplishments. Don't miss this event and the opportunity to visit with old friends. You won't want to miss the Summer Picnic on August 12, either. Registration forms for both these events are on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

In closing this message, I thank the Board of Directors for all their help and support, and I thank all committee people who help make things tick. I will enjoy serving as past president and assisting John Berry as he leads us in our next business year.

Bill Shenk

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Forum

“It’s enough to give your blisters goose-bumps!”

The Thrill of the Forest, the Thrill of the Forest Service

“Thrill: to move or pass so as to cause a sudden wave of emotion.”—Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary

The real answer to the question came as Jim and I topped out on the ridge between Wrangle Gap and Jackson Gap. Atop the 7,417-foot summit of Dutchman Peak, not quite two miles due west of our Pacific Crest Trail location, was Dutchman Peak Lookout. The 1927 cupola-style lookout on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, just three miles due north of the Oregon-California state line, is still in service.

“Look!” I pointed it out to Jim. “It’s enough to give your blisters goose-bumps!”

And that was the real answer to the “Why do you do it?” question asked most recently just the afternoon before when I told the Grouse Gap camp host why Jim and I were walking the PCT through Oregon in sections. “Just to do it,” I’d answered then as I had before. But I’d been wrong again.

There was more to our motive than just to do it. Doing it satisfied a greater need in both of us, the need for the thrill of the National Forest System and the U.S. Forest Service we’d experienced when we’d served in both. There, in that lookout, a lone Forest Service sentinel kept watch. Just seeing and knowing once again gave us the thrill of the forest shared by those who serve in it. And for those who *truly serve in the forest* that thrill is—or should be—a sustained emotion rather than Webster’s “sudden wave.”

The trouble is, the thrill of the forest that should be felt by those who serve—and that should sustain their service—is all too often suppressed by the office-bound nature of modern Forest Service work. For all too many these days, Forest Service work is just another nine-to-five government job that lacks the satisfaction found in actually serving the national forests and their citizen-owners in the field.

It’s time for that to change. It’s time to restore the Forest Service as a visible and effective presence within the National Forest System—to transform it from what it has become into what it should be again, “An Agency to Match the Mountains” called for on this page in the Spring 2007 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, by transforming its culture at the U.S. Forest Service Academy called for in the Summer and Fall 2010 issues. It’s time for properly recruited, fully qualified, Academy-trained forest officers to serve in the smaller, more efficient and effective, more field-oriented and field-present Outfit called for by the exigencies of modern government.

That’s right. The foreseeable future demands a smaller Forest Service capable of doing a better job on the ground. This is an objective attainable by revising the legal parameters of national forest management and remixing the centralization-decentralization concept to result in smaller ranger districts focused on field operations serving their specific constituencies supported by supervisor’s offices focused on providing administrative, planning, and implementation specialist services required by those districts.

Sure, I know. “That’s not the way we do things these days.” And that, of course, is just the point.

And sure, I know, many objections will be raised. “Specialists won’t get the district experience,” some will claim. But specialists would, by serving all the districts on a forest in their specialty, wouldn’t they? Some forest officers could be assigned to alternate district line and supervisor’s office staff jobs. And by the way, they would be *assigned to* jobs that would reflect their personal and career development potential and preferences as well as the needs of the service, *not apply for* them.

District jobs would offer the same advancement opportunities as supervisor’s office jobs. Those who chose to sustain the thrill of the forest and the Forest Service by serving in the field at the district level wouldn’t have to “move up to the SO and RO and WO to get ahead.”

A field-oriented Forest Service would better serve the forest and the public. By being closer to the ground, forest officers could be aware of and better promote and implement resource development and visitor service as well as prevent resource and experience damage.

Experience damage? The only thing that marred Jim’s and my PCT trek from Mount McLoughlin southward to the border was our encounter with two motorcyclists on that trail on which motorcycles are prohibited. I reported it to the forest supervisor and district ranger. That was not an isolated incident. I got home to find an e-mail from a friend reporting heavy recreation-use damage to a posted restoration area at a popular Deschutes National Forest lake—damage not likely to have occurred if Jim were still based across the road from that lake as he once was, if forest officers across the country were still in the field and visible as such.

Decades ago, a major television network promised “The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat” in sports events. In national forest management, the choice is between the thrill of successful service in the field or the agony of the Forest Service if the Outfit is not reformed—indeed, transformed—to sustain that thrill and service.

-- Les Joslin

Editor’s Note: OldSmokey Jim Leep and I are “sectioning” the Pacific Crest Trail through Oregon. With the 314 miles of trail between the Oregon-California border and Santiam Pass behind us, we have another 152 miles to go to reach the Columbia River.

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

—Attributed to Voltaire

OldSmokeys News

OldSmokey Kent Connaughton is New Pacific Northwest Regional Forester

OldSmokey **Kent Connaughton** was named the new Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, by U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell on February 17, 2011.

Kent has served as Regional Forester for the Eastern Region since 2008. He and his wife, Susan M. Little, joined the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association on August 12, 2010. Susan is a forester and teacher. They have two children.

Before his assignment as Regional Forester, Kent was the Associate Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry in Washington, D.C. He also served as Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region, Forest Supervisor of the Lassen National Forest, and as a scientist specializing in forest economics at the Pacific Northwest Research Station. He also was responsible for the economic assistance programs associated with the Northwest Forest Plan's implementation.

Kent earned a bachelor of arts degree at Stanford University, a master of forestry degree at Oregon State University, and a doctor of philosophy degree at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, and was elected a fellow of that professional society in 1991.

Kent is the son of the late Charles A. Connaughton who capped a distinguished 43-year Forest Service career by serving as Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region from 1967 to 1971.

Kent was scheduled to begin his new assignment in Portland in mid-April, about the time OldSmokeys will receive this newsletter.

Prepared from Chief Tom Tidwell's February 17, 2011, letter "Leadership Change" and other sources.



OldSmokeys May Sign Up Now for Spring Banquet on May 15 and Summer Picnic on August 12!

The two big events of the OldSmokey social year are set!

Sunday, May 15, will find OldSmokeys gathering at the beautiful Charbonneau Country Club near Wilsonville, Oregon, for the annual Spring Banquet, and Friday, August 12, will bring them together again for the annual Summer Picnic at Wildwood Recreation Area near Mt. Hood.

And this year, if you want, you can sign up for both at once—using the reservation forms on pages 6 and 7 of this issue—and send them both in with the same stamp!

Spring Banquet

OldSmokeys who attend the Spring Banquet on Sunday, May 15, will enjoy not only great fun, fellowship, and food, but also see OldSmokey **John Berry** relieve OldSmokey **Bill Shenk** as President of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association and OldSmokey **Mike Ash** assume the duties of President-Elect.

Also, this is a silent auction year, so contact OldSmokeys **Elmer and Mary Moyer** to donate auction items and come ready to bid on some of these great items. See the Spring Banquet menu, other details, and reservation form on page 6, and sign up now!

Summer Picnic

You may read this in April when Friday, August 12, seems a long time off, but you know—even if you didn't take Latin in high school—the phrase *tempus fugit* means you might as well go ahead and sign up for this year's Summer Picnic, too. See the Summer Picnic menu, other details, and reservation form on page 7 and sign up for it now, too!

OldSmokey Ken White to Assume PNWFSA Database Manager Duties

OldSmokey **Ken White** has agreed to relieve OldSmokey **Vern Clapp** as database manager for Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association in June 2011. Vern, who has served in that position for 18 years, will retain the e-mail editor position.

Database manager is a critical PNWFSA position. The incumbent keeps track of data on all 900 or so OldSmokeys and keeps it current for many uses including the annual membership directory and the quarterly newsletter mailing lists, and also keeps track of member dues status and prepares member delinquent and drop lists. The incumbent works closely with other members of the PNWFSA Board of Directors including the secretary in developing this data and the archivist, e-mail editor, and newsletter editor and printer in specific applications of this data. Essentially, the PNWFSA cannot function without a properly-running and well-managed database.

Ken has extensive database experience. He built several for Region 5 and Region 6, as well as others, and currently produces the website for the National Association of Forest Service Retirees.

New Section Begins in This Issue!

My First Forest Service Job

Inspired by Wendall Jones's story in the Fall 2010 issue and Gil Gilbert's and Fitz Fitzgerald's stories in the Winter 2011 issue, your *OldSmokeys Newsletter* begins this new series on page 26 of this issue with **Ron McCormick's summer of 1954 on the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho.**

We've already got a years' worth of stories in the queue, but send yours in anyway for a future issue...or the book!

OldSmokeys Establish “Discretionary Emergency Relief Fund” to Assist Forest Service Folk in Need

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Board of Directors passed a motion that established a PNWFSA Discretionary Emergency Relief Fund at their February 26, 2011, meeting.

The purpose of the fund is to provide immediate financial assistance to members of the Region 6 “family” (current employees and retirees) who are in trouble and need some quick financial help.

The fund, established as a separate PNWFSA account, operates from donations designated for the “Discretionary Emergency Relief Fund.”

The criteria for use of the fund are to “provide immediate assistance to an R-6/PNW employee or PNWFSA OldSmokey who experiences catastrophic illness or death or catastrophic loss from fire, wind, flood, earthquake, etc., and where money is an immediate issue.”

After consultation with either the President-Elect or Past President and 24-hour e-mail notification of the Board of Directors, the President of PNWFSA is authorized to disburse up to \$1,000 from the fund without prior Board approval based on those criteria.

Other disbursements may be made at the discretion of the PNWFSA Board of Directors. Other disbursements may include good-will donations to employees, retirees, or Forest Service units that have suffered significant loss or have requested assistance.

Establishment of the fund was inspired by the OldSmokeys’ contribution of \$1,050 as an organization and as individuals to the Enterprise, Oregon, office of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest which was destroyed by fire on July 11, 2010.

OldSmokeys Thanked for Assistance Provided to Enterprise Office Personnel

District Ranger Mary C. DeAgüero, Eagle Cap Ranger District and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, thanked PNWFSA President **Bill Shenk** in a February 22, 2011, e-mail for the OldSmokeys’ “generous contribution to the employees [of] the Wallowa Mountains office in Enterprise, Oregon” destroyed by fire on July 11, 2010.

“The office fire was devastating to many people in many different ways,” District Ranger DeAgüero wrote. “The OldSmokeys’ support and donation has definitely helped to contribute to the employees’ healing and ability to move forward. To know that there are folks out there that many of us have not even met...willing to not only support with words but with money, is incredibly gratifying. When I had the great pleasure to announce your generosity, it reminded us that we are not alone, and that our family is much larger than we might recognize.

“Some of the ways we have put [the \$1,050] to work include:

- Purchasing items for the break room and employee functions (partially funded an oven/range as well as supplies for employee association functions)
- We have ordered some inspirational art work to adorn our temporary office and to take us into the future
- We are shopping for a dvd/vcr player that will be compatible with our video teleconferencing equipment so that employees can continue with their personal fitness routines

Again, many of [these] purchases would not have been possible without your generous donation!”

District Ranger DeAgüero also mentioned the office and personnel situations. “We are currently working with GSA to release a solicitation for bids for the construction of a new office. It is unknown...whether that will be...at the old site or at a new site, as it must be a competitive process. The...solicitation should be advertised this spring. We have...leased the Joseph Elementary School [serving as temporary office space] through July 2012; however, we do have cancellation clauses in case the new facility is available sooner.

“The employees are all doing very well. As you can imagine, everyone is at a little different place in their personal lives, but everyone is moving forward. We have had many discussions about this being our opportunity to truly have influence [over the offices’] vision for the future management of our natural resources. The largest struggle...[is we] have to continually remind counterparts and others that we truly did lose everything in the fire. We can’t just open the drawer and pull out the document that we may need to have an intelligent and productive discussion with other professionals. We have developed a strategy to deal with this..., and we feel we have great support from Forest and Regional staff and that it will just take some time to rebuild our records and data.”

District Ranger DeAgüero also noted that many personnel “lost personal items in the fire” and that the complicated process of filing claims for reimbursement continues.

“What you have done is truly wonderful,” she wrote of OldSmokeys’ support.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Editor, OldSmokeys Newsletter

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association seeks an enthusiastic and experienced editor for its quarterly member-oriented publication.

For additional information, contact the editor, Les Joslin, at <lesjoslin@aol.com>.

Apply to Bill Shenk, President, PNWFSA

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228

POSITION AVAILABLE

OldSmokeys Sign Up, Suit Up for High Desert Ranger Station Duty Again This Summer

A top-notch crew of OldSmokeys is being recruited to staff the High Desert Ranger Station at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, daily during July and August 2011.



Last summer's team of nine OldSmokeys and one non-OldSmokey volunteer did a great job of telling the U.S. Forest Service and National Forest System stories to visitors at the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association-sponsored and staffed historic one-room district ranger's office building moved to and restored at the Museum in 2008 and interpreted during the summers of 2009 and 2010. With a team that size, all enjoyed and none felt overworked by the project.

OldSmokey **Les Joslin**, who coordinates the High Desert Ranger Station Project, hopes new volunteers will join last summers' veterans to staff the station for 66 consecutive days between July 1 through September 5 this summer. Since Les is also coordinating 12 weeks of daily operation of Historic Elk Lake Guard Station for the Deschutes National Forest this summer and will have to be out of the area for a couple weeks in August, he is counting on another great OldSmokeys crew at the High Desert Ranger Station as well as on the complete roster of Passport in Time program volunteers he's recruited to staff the Elk Lake station from June 21 through September 12.

OldSmokeys who live in or spend part of the summer in Central Oregon are needed for this PNWFSA-Museum partnership project and are urged to contact Les by telephone at 541-330-0331, by e-mail at <lesjoslin@aol.com>, or even by snail mail at 2356 N.W. Great Place, Bend, Oregon 97701 as soon as possible for more information or to sign up. High Desert Ranger Station volunteers sign on as High Desert Museum volunteers and attend a Museum training session as well as receive first day on-the-job training.

OldSmokeys who staff the high Desert Ranger Station wear green Forest Service "Retiree" polo shirts (available from the Western Heritage Company for \$25) with blue jeans, belt with Forest Service buckle of their choice, boots, and—if they want a hat, any appropriate past or present Forest Service headgear (stiff-brim Stetson, western tan, retiree or PNWFSA ball cap, etc.) to identify them to visitors. Appropriate green Forest Service "Retiree" jackets are supplied for cool weather.

OldSmokeys are sought for this visitor season project because they know what they're talking about and are able to present the message authoritatively and clearly.

OldSmokey Mike Kerrick Announces Friends of Fish Lake June 13-17, 2011, Work Week at Historic Fish Lake Station

"We have set the dates June 13-17, 2011, for the annual June work week at Fish Lake," OldSmokey **Mike Kerrick**, President of Friends of Fish Lake, announced in March.

"We plan to work on two of the OldSmokey grant projects," Mike said. "We'll install the plexiglass viewing screen in the blacksmith shop and finish off the information kiosk. We plan to have the kiosk erected in advance of the work week, but may have some staining to do during the work week."

"Jim Denny, the 'mayor of Fish Lake,' will be with us to organize and direct the work," Mike added. "He promises to keep us all busy."

There is lots of room for RVs and there are several bunks available in the bunkhouse. Folks interested in staying in the bunkhouse should reserve a spot with Mike at <makerrick@q.com>. Reservations will be made on a first-come basis. Let Mike know if you are coming for a day or more so he can coordinate with the ranger district.

"Twenty-five volunteers showed up for one or more days last year," Mike recalled. "We accomplished a lot and had fun doing it."

The Friends of Fish Lake incorporated as an Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization during the summer of 2010 to protect, preserve, and interpret the historic Fish Lake area—the heart of which is the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station and Remount Depot—on the Willamette National Forest. At its August 27, 2010, Board of Directors meeting, the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association awarded \$2,150 to support three startup projects at the historic station. The projects scheduled for June 13-17 include two of those.

Forest Service Reunion 2012

OldSmokeys Can Plan Now to Attend the "Rendezvous in the Rockies" Reunion in Vail, Colorado, September 17-21, 2012

As announced in the Fall 2010 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the 2012 U.S. Forest Service reunion will be held September 17 to 21 at the Vail Mountain Marriott, Lionshead, Vail, Colorado—in the heart of the beautiful White River National Forest.

This reunion, "Rendezvous in the Rockies," is being organized now by the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR). OldSmokey **Tommy Thompson**, who chairs the Planning Committee, has pulled together a hardworking team that is developing a wonderful program as well as exciting field trips and special events.

"Rendezvous in the Rockies" promises a chance not to be missed to renew friendships, share stories of great adventures in the woods as well as in the public arena, and gain useful insights on the Outfit and its work today.

Visit the Reunion website at <<http://fsreunion2012.com/>> often to keep current on developments and, when the time comes, to register!



Reserve Now for May 15 OldSmokeys Spring Banquet at Charbonneau Country Club!

Just about a month from now OldSmokeys will converge on the beautiful Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, Oregon, for the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association annual Spring Banquet!

The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Reserve your places or place **now** at one of the two big OldSmokey gatherings at the year to visit with friends, see our new President **John Berry** and new President-Elect **Mike Ash** installed in office, enjoy an excellent meal, participate in the every-other-year silent auction, and win door prizes at the 2011 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Spring Banquet.

Doors and the **no-host bar** will open at 1:00 p.m. with both the **silent auction** and **social hours** with appetizer table under way by 2:00 p.m. The buffet-style **dinner** will be served at 4:00 p.m. You'll enjoy a menu of prime rib and salmon, spinach salad, new spuds, wild rice, fresh fruit, rolls, fresh relish and veggies, coffee, tea, cheese cake or chocolate mousse. The price for this feast will be **\$25.00 per person**, gratuities included. As usual, our old friend Dave Dalton will cater, so you can be sure of a great feed again this year.

Silent auction donations may be given to **Mary & Elmer Moyer** who must be contacted by the end of April at 503-254-7302 or <eemoyer@webtv.net> about what is being donated and how. **Door prize donations** may be given to **Don and Jean Loff** either on the day of the banquet or before if you cannot attend. Contact Don and Jean at 503-694-6519, e-mail them at <donjeanl@comcast.net>, or write to them at 32514 SW Juliette Drive, 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 the 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 on NW Miley Road, and go .3 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.

Send in this reservation form (or a copy of it) to make your reservations not later than May 5, 2011!

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
SPRING BANQUET—MAY 15, 2011
Charbonneau Country Club, Wilsonville, Oregon

RESERVATION FORM

Socializing starts 2:00 p.m. (No Host Bar)—Dinner served at 4:00 p.m.

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$25.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve _____ dinners at **\$25.00** 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 May 5, 2010!



OldSmokeys Summer Picnic in the Woods 2011 is Set for Friday, August 12

OldSmokeys will gather for their annual summer picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 12, 2011, at the BLM Wildwood Recreation Area on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag, Oregon.

So, just like always, use the form below to sign up now to be sure you don't miss it!

Socializing will begin—officially, at least—at 11:00 a.m., and barbeque buffet service will begin at 12:30 p.m. As always, you'll enjoy a good lunch catered by Dave Dalton along with great OldSmokey companionship. You may well see folks you haven't seen in many years, and you should meet many new members.

The menu is barbeque chicken and hot carved beef brisket, baked beans, spud salad, green salad, fresh fruit, spud chips, baked biscuits, corn bread, coffee, iced tea, lemonade, soft drinks, iced tea, beer, wine—all topped off by an ice cream sundae!

So, mark your calendars and make your plans and reservations soon! Use the form below to reserve your picnic place or places by July 31, 2009. The cost per person is **\$25.00** a plate.

Wildwood, as most OldSmokeys know well, is about 40 miles east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. Watch for the BLM sign on the south side of the highway, and follow the signs to the area reserved for the picnic.

Anyone who needs a ride should contact **Elmer Moyer** at 503-254-7302 or **Phil Hirl** at 503-590-3881 to locate transportation for you. Carpooling will save on parking fees, gasoline, and limited parking space. There's a \$5.00 per vehicle fee that helps BLM maintain this area as the special place it is. The America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass (the \$10 lifetime senior version, for which most OldSmokeys qualify, or the \$80 annual version), the free lifetime version for citizens with permanent disabilities, the free annual volunteer pass, 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, please either display your pass or write your pass number on the payment envelope and place it on the dashboard of your car.

If you have any questions, call Picnic Chair **Rick Larson** at 541-380-0497 or e-mail him at <rlarson@gorge.net>.

Send in this reservation form (or a copy of it) now! Reservations are due not later than July 31!

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
SUMMER PICNIC—AUGUST 12, 2011
BLM Wildwood Recreation Area

RESERVATION FORM

Socializing at 11:00—Lunch at 12:30

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$25.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve _____ picnic lunches at \$25.00 each for (names exactly as they will appear on name tags):

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

Please send your reservation form in to be received no later than July 31, 2011!

OldSmokey Arlie Holm Appointed to Deschutes/Ochoco RAC

OldSmokey **Arlie Holm** of Bend, Oregon, was appointed on January 20, 2011, by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to the Deschutes/Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to represent archaeological and historical resources on that body that advises the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests.

RACs are established in compliance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 “to improve collaborative relationships between the Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service and the local communities and to provide advice and recommendations concerning projects proposed for funding under Title II of the Act” according to the letter.

Arlie will serve for four years on the committee of 15 voting members who represent the broad array of interests listed in the Act. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses while attending meetings.

Arlie retired from the Forest Service in 1990 as recreation assistant on the Bend Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest.

A Happy Birthday in Region 4

Old Timer John W. Parker Hit 100-Year Mark on March 23

Out in Ogden, Utah, U.S. Forest Service retiree John W. Parker celebrated his one-hundredth birthday on March 23, 2011.

“John is in good health and lives alone, still drives his Ford Escort (although not as many miles per year), is an avid fan of the Utah Jazz basketball team, is on the board of directors of his condo complex, walks without a cane or other device, and is in full control of his mental faculties,” reports Old Timer Stan Tixier. (“Old Timer” is the moniker of distinction adopted by members of the Region 4 retirees, just as we in Region 6 call ourselves “OldSmokeys.”)

John’s father was in the Forest Service also, probably a “Pinchot ranger.” John is a University of Idaho graduate, was forest supervisor of the Nevada National Forest (when there were three national forests in Nevada), worked in fire control in the Region 4 RO, and was the subject of and single actor in the Forest Service film *The Smokechaser*, a renowned training film made about 1948 about initial attack and control of a small, one-man fire in the ponderosa pine type in southern Idaho.

“John Parker is a remarkable gentleman,” Stan wrote. “We all sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to him and gave him a birthday card signed by all 40 or so of us in attendance at the Forest Service Old Timers monthly lunch meeting in Ogden” on March 1.

Editor’s Note: The Nevada National Forest was divided between the Humboldt and Toiyabe national forests in 1957. I remember that great training film!

Prepared from a March 1, 2011, e-mail from Stan Tixier forwarded to the OldSmokeys Newsletter by John Marker.

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OldSmokey Margie Harris Fitzpatrick Bids a Fond Farewell to the OldSmokeys

Margie Harris Fitzpatrick is the dedicated daughter of the late OldSmokey Bob Harris who died on March 25, 2008. Bob was a former president of the Thirty Year Club, predecessor of the PNWFSA OldSmokeys. He was a U.S. Forest Service research leader who rose to the position of Associate Deputy Chief for Research in the WO before he retired in 1978. Bob served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer during and after World War II.

On December 29, Margie wrote to Vern Clapp...

It is with regret that I ask you to cancel my OldSmokey membership. Of course, I’m not really an OldSmokey (only by “default”); however, you were very kind to allow me to extend my father’s membership and enjoy all of the privileges after he passes away in 2008.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the excellent newsletters each month, looking at the great photos from OldSmokey activities, reading the e-mail updates about members and former members, and reading about matters relating to the well-being and survival of the U.S. Forest Service. I will really miss receiving the e-notes and also feeling a part of the Forest Service family, but I feel that it’s time for me to “semi-close” this chapter of my life. I will *always* be grateful for growing up in a Forest Service family, remembering fondly the many wonderful connections and friendships with Forest Service friends.

It is humbling to think that when my father retired from the Forest Service he was younger than I at my present age. Some days it seems just like yesterday (actually 1950s) that I was spending occasional summer days at Starkey Experimental Forest and Range, watching the men brand the cattle and perform various methods of research on the range and in the forest. I remember seeing the forest sprinkled by buttercups and Indian paintbrush as I listened to the whistling sound of the wind among the trees and sat on a tree stump eating a picnic lunch. Spending a night sleeping in a bunk bed in the rustic (and mouse-inhabited) headquarters cabin was quite an adventure for a young child.

When I returned to Starkey in August 2008 to scatter my father’s ashes around a newly planted lodgepole pine tree at Campbell Flat, I remembered that I had been here before...in the “Spring” of my life. However, this time, I sat on a chair as I ate my lunch and experienced an unusual stillness surrounding me. This time, I didn’t hear the whistling sound of wind among the trees nor did I see arrays of colorful wildflowers. And this time, instead of a summer’s night in the bunkhouse, I quietly walked through the transformed cabin and then exited, taking the 1950s memories with me...to keep for a lifetime.

In concluding my reflections, I will always have a fondness in my heart for the wonderful people in the Forest Service family...even as I take leave from the OldSmokeys, a great group of individuals who have demonstrated (and continue to do so) respect, allegiance, and devotion toward their former employer, The United States Forest Service.

-- Margie Harris Fitzpatrick

Forest Service News

U.S. Forest Service Unveiled Proposed Planning Rule for National Forest System Management on February 10

The U.S. Forest Service unveiled its proposed Forest Planning Rule on February 10, 2011, to guide land and resource management planning for all units of the National Forest System under the National Forest Management Act of 1976.

Forest Service land management plans guide management activities on the 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands that comprise the National Forest System. “The proposed planning rule provides a collaborative and science-based framework for creating land management plans that would support ecological sustainability and contribute to rural job opportunities,” according to the WO news release that announced the plan. “The proposed rule includes new provisions to guide forest and watershed restoration and resilience, habitat protection, sustainable recreation, and management for multiple uses of the National Forest System, including timber.”

“This proposed planning rule seeks to conserve our forests for the benefit of water, wildlife, recreation and the economic vitality of our rural communities,” said Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. “The proposed rule will provide the tools to the Forest Service to make our forests more resilient to many threats, including pests, catastrophic fire and climate change. Healthy forests and economically strong rural communities form a solid foundation as we work to win the future for the next generation.”

Publication of the proposed planning rule in the Federal Register kicked off a 90-day public comment period that ends on May 16. Comments will be used to develop a final rule. To encourage public engagement, the Forest Service hosted an open forum in Washington, D.C., on March 10, followed by regional public meetings including one held in Portland, Oregon, on March 25. You can see the proposed rule and follow the process online at <www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>.

Rule Highlights

Highlights of the proposed planning rule include:

- A more effective and efficient framework that would allow adaptive land management planning in the face of climate change and other stressors.
- Increased increments for public involvement and collaboration throughout all stages of land management planning.
- Improved ability to respond to climate change and other stressors through provisions to restore and maintain healthy and resilient ecosystems.
- Increased protections for water resources and watersheds.
- More effective and proactive requirements to provide for diverse native plant and animal species.
- Provisions to guide the contributions of a National Forest or National Grassland to social and economic sustainability.

- Updated provisions for sustainable land, water, and air-based recreation.
- Requirements to provide for integrated resource management of a range of multiple uses and values including outdoor recreation, range, timber, water, wildlife, wilderness, energy, mining, and ecosystem services.
- New requirements for a local and landscape-scale monitoring program that are based on the latest science.

Updated Procedures

“This proposed planning rule is the outcome of an open and transparent development process,” said Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment Harris Sherman. “It’s a positive framework that will allow the Forest Service to more effectively restore our natural resources, support the economy, and adapt to changing conditions.”

The proposed rule would update planning procedures that have been in place since 1982, creating a modern planning process that reflects the latest science and knowledge of how to create and implement effective land management plans.

“The Forest Service has been a steward of American lands for more than a century, and this proposed planning rule will build on that tradition,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “We value the thoughtful input we’ve received in the development of this proposed rule, and we look forward to continuing collaboration to construct an adaptive management framework for the people’s forests and grasslands, based on sound science and reflecting public views.”

The proposed rule is the product of the most participatory planning rule development process in Forest Service history. To develop the proposed rule, the Forest Service held over 40 public meetings and roundtables across the country that drew more than 3,000 participants, and hosted a blog to engage the public. Additionally, the Forest Service reviewed more than 26,000 comments on the notice of intent to issue a new planning rule.

Prepared from the February 10, 2011, U.S. Forest Service News Release No. 0061.11 “USDA Forest Service Unveils Proposed Planning Rule to Provide Science-Based Framework to Support Healthy Forests and Communities.”

U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell Issued “Taking Stock and Looking to the Future” Vision Letter in Late 2010

“I feel it is important at this time of year to take stock of where we are...and...to look ahead to where we will go from here,” U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell began a December 21, 2010, letter to the agency he has led since the summer of 2009.

“We should celebrate the many ways we are restoring resiliency to our forests and grasslands,” he wrote, noting that each member of the Forest Service “has an important role to play in these restoration efforts...” of which “the American people are the beneficiaries...in the form of clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and jobs.

Personnel Morale

In apparent response to recent *Best Places to Work for the Federal Government* surveys that showed the Forest Service scored

toward the bottom of federal agencies surveyed in personnel morale, Chief Tidwell emphasized that he and his leadership team have “worked very hard through focus groups and my sensing group to better understand and address the morale issue. We’ve made numerous changes around technology and communication, and we will actively change systems when needed to help us do our work more efficiently and more easily.”

Also, the Chief wrote, “the National Leadership Council (NLC) heard you on human resources delivery, and made important and deliberate changes to restore your confidence in how we get our HR work accomplished.” He assured letter readers he is “committed to our dedicated employees feeling proud and happy to work for the Forest Service.”

Resource Management

“We should feel good about the resource progress we are making,” Chief Tidwell wrote of landscape-scale conservation, interagency fire management strategy, climate change, watershed condition, bark beetle infestation, economic recovery, job creation, and other issues.

Five Focus Points

In the second half of his letter, Chief Tidwell shared his “vision for where we are headed” by listing and briefly describing his five “focus points for the future.”

- **SAFETY:** We will engage the entire workforce in 2011. We will travel a learning journey that will make us a zero-fatality organization.
- **INCLUSIVENESS:** We will build a work environment that fully supports the diverse workforce of the future. We want our agency to be free from barriers and discrimination, for our employees and for the public whom we serve. We want diversity to be actively embraced by every Forest Service employee.
- **RESTORATION:** We need to meet the challenges of ecological restoration, to address fire and fuels, invasive species, and watershed degradation. We will do this through collaboration, landscape-scale conservation, climate change science and fire-adapted ecosystem research.
- **FIRE:** We will partner with communities and fellow agencies to maximize our suppression capabilities, and support community efforts to reduce the threat of wildland fire. We will be ready.
- **COMMUNITY:** We will engage communities to help America reconnect to the outdoors, expand on recreation benefits and create a wide range of opportunities for economic expansion. We will do everything we can to put America back to work.

U.S. Forest Service Develops Cultural Transformation Action Plan

“Results from the Best Places to Work Survey [in which, readers will recall, the U.S. Forest Service fared none too well] and 16 focus groups held with employees around the country identified several leadership issues as areas for improvement,” Chief Tom Tidwell’s office reported on February 11, 2011. In the new Cultural Transformation Action Plan: A Roadmap for Suc-

cess, the leadership of the Forest Service is focusing on leadership issues and other areas of Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack’s transformation effort.

“Through this action plan, the agency will integrate ongoing initiatives into a broader cultural transformation umbrella ensuring inclusiveness and maximum employee potential,” the Chief’s office said on February 4, 2011. “Members of the National Leadership Council are taking responsibility for efforts that include our safety journey, instilling safety as a core value for all employees; a diversity and inclusiveness journey to identify barriers, uncover unconscious bias, improve workforce planning; leadership accountability for resolving workplace disputes and grievances at the lowest level; and increasing awareness of workplace issues through listening sessions with various groups of employees.”

“Initiatives like the Safety Journey, employee development programs, special emphasis programs, expanded teleworking, recruitment and hiring programs, and outreach efforts will all be accomplished under the cultural transformation umbrella.”

The action plan “identifies 35 actions and outcomes to help address these issues and make a visible difference on all units of the agency,” the February 11 report stated. “Many actions and outcomes are planned to be complete this fiscal year.”

Prepared from articles in The Chief’s Desk of February 4 and February 11, 2011.

U.S. Forest Service Challenged to Improve Effort to Employ Persons with Disabilities

Executive Order (EO) 13548, Increasing Employment of Individuals with Disabilities, is a call to the U.S. Forest Service and all federal agencies to improve their efforts to employ individuals with disabilities through increased recruitment, hiring, and retention.

“The Forest Service is committed to an inclusive work environment; however, employees with disabilities continue to be an under-utilized resource,” according to a January 28, 2011, statement from Chief Tom Tidwell’s office.

In support of EO 13548, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a challenge to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and all federal agencies to hire qualified applicants with disabilities by using the OPM Shared Register of pre-screened applicants with disabilities.

“This call for action will help the Forest Service meet the challenge of an inclusive, high performing, and diverse workforce,” the Chief’s office said.

Prepared from The Chief’s Desk of January 28, 2011

U.S. Forest Service Plans for International Year of Forests Observation

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to bolster efforts to promote sustainable management, conservation, and development of forests worldwide. In 2011, the U.S. forest Service—in partnership with other organizations—will host or coordinate many activities to celebrate the International Year of Forests.

“The International Year of Forests provides an excellent platform to increase awareness of the connections between healthy forests, ecosystems, people, and economies,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. He also views it as an opportunity to celebrate Forest Service accomplishments, reach out to new audiences, and work with partners across all landscapes. Chief Tidwell said the Forest Service will incorporate the Year of Forests Theme “into plans for annual public events such as Earth Day, Arbor Day, National Get Outdoors Day, National Public Lands Day, Weeks Act commemorations, or other appropriate community gatherings.”

Prepared from the U.S. Forest Service “International Year of Forests” website.

U.S. Forest Service Honors Weeks Act

On March 1, 2011, the U.S. Forest Service began a year-long celebration of the centennial of the Weeks Act of 1911, one of the most significant natural resource conservation achievements of the 20th century.

Since its passage, the Weeks Act has led to the creation of 52 national forests in 26 eastern states and the addition of 19.7 million acres on 92 national forests and grasslands across 41 states and in Puerto Rico.

“This anniversary provides a special opportunity for the Forest Service along with its partners to highlight major land restoration accomplishments and to demonstrate how public forests continue to be an integral part of America’s environmental and economic well-being today,” the Chief’s Office commented on February 11.

The celebration will include a number of national, regional, and local events with partners, Forest Service retirees, states, and local communities.

Prepared from an article in the February 11, 2011, issue of The Chief’s Desk.

U.S. Forest Service Appointed Actress Betty White an Honorary Forest Ranger

U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell appointed Betty White an honorary forest ranger on November 9, 2010, in recognition of the actress’s “lifelong dedication to protecting wilderness and wildlife.”

Ms. White had said that she wanted to be a forest ranger as a little girl, but that women were not allowed to do that then. During the ceremony at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Chief Tidwell remarked that, despite those challenges, she found ways to make a difference in conservation and animal welfare.

“I am sorry you couldn’t join us before,” said Tidwell. “Judging from your illustrious career, you would have made marvelous contributions to our agency and to the cause of conservation across the United States,” he said. “Betty, you are a role model for little girls—for all of us—never to give up on our dreams.”

Today’s Forest Service is 38 percent female—including rangers, scientists, and leaders at every level.

Prepared from U.S. Forest Service News Release No. 1027 of November 9, 2010.

U.S. Forest Service, Partners Welcomed Walt Disney’s Bambi to Fire Prevention Campaign

Smokey Bear welcomed Walt Disney’s Bambi back to the wildfire prevention campaign—which most OldSmokeys recall as the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign or CFFP—during Fire Prevention Week last October to encourage elementary school age kids to help prevent wildfires.

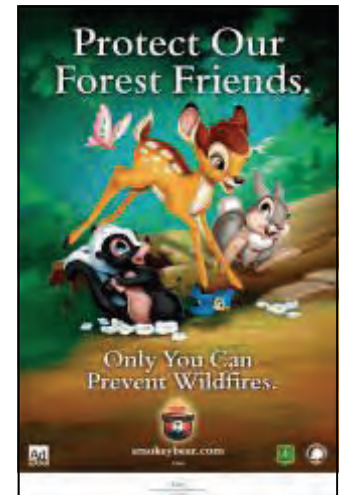
The venerable campaign is a partnership effort of the U.S. Forest Service, the Association of State Foresters, and the Advertising Council (now generally called the “Ad Council”).

At the center of the campaign is a series of public service announcements (PSAs) that show characters and scenes from Disney’s 1942 animated feature film *Bambi* with Smokey’s updated longtime message: “Only you can prevent wildfires.” The term “wildfires” replaced “forest fires” in 2001.

“We are delighted to reunite Smokey Bear and Disney’s Bambi to remind all Americans about their important role in wildfire prevention. They are both beloved and enduring characters and these wonderful new PSAs will continue to resonate with a new generation of children and further the reach of Smokey’s critical message,” said Peggy Conlon, president and CEO of the Ad Council.

Bambi and Smokey ask us to prevent wildfires to “Protect Our Forest Friends.”

Prepared from multiple sources including Kristin Ford’s “Disney pairs Bambi with Smokey Bear to educate kids about wildfires” posted on October 8, 2010, on TheDailyDisney.com from OrlandoSentinental.com; “Smokey Bear Partners with Disney’s Bambi to Remind Americans ‘Only You Can Prevent Wildfires’” posted October 12, 2010, on Wireless News; and “Smokey Bear, Bambi reunite in series of ads about wildfires” posted October 26, 2010, in FS Today.



World’s Tallest Ponderosa Pine Found on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

Two “big-tree hunters” found the tallest ponderosa pine in the world on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest just this January 2011.

“We were walking along, saw the top of the tree sticking up, and we both said ‘Wow!’” Michael Taylor of Trinity County, California, said. “I knew right away it was the tallest.”

“We have a new world record,” said Mario Vaden of Beaverton, Oregon, his colleague.

Not only is this ponderosa pine, at 268.35 feet, the tallest known of its species, it is also the tallest known pine tree—of any pine species—on the planet, they say. What’s more, it is among at least four trees in the grove that are taller than the tallest known pines on the globe, they said.

The site where the world's tallest known ponderosa pines grow is a heavily treed little basin on the Wild Rivers Ranger District within two dozen miles west of Grants Pass, Oregon, and south of the Rogue River. The tree hunters asked that the pines' exact location not be identified because of concerns they might be vandalized.

Big-tree hunters use a formula including height, diameter, and circumference to come up with a champion tree, which is then placed on the National Register of Big Trees kept by American Forests, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization.

Taylor estimates the tallest tree is around 300 years old, which he figures is young for a tree its height. Its Dbh is only 5.7 feet.

"The tallest one still has a youthful crown," he said. "It's still pushing up. This tree has potential to keep growing."

The pine previously labeled as the tallest in the world was a sugar pine measuring 269.2 feet in Yosemite National Park in California, but it died in 2009, Taylor said.

Prepared from "Tall Pine in southern Oregon Breaks Record" in the January 27, 2011, issue of The Thursday R6 Update, newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service, based on an article by Paul Fattig in the Medford Mail Tribune.

Study Shows Lodgepole Pine May Almost Disappear from Pacific Northwest by 2080

A combination of factors including rising temperatures, drought, and the spread of bark beetles will shrink the North American range of the lodgepole pine nearly 10 percent by 2020 and could virtually eliminate the species in the Pacific Northwest by 2080 according to a study conducted by scientists at the College of Forestry at Oregon State University and the Department of Forest Resource Management at the University of British Columbia.

The research, published in the latest issue of the journal *Climatic Change*, was based on analysis of 12,600 sites across a broad geographic range. It concludes that "the threat to lodgepole pines from the destructive bark beetle has risen as decreasing snow cover and milder winters allow more of the insects to survive from season to season," as John Collins Rudolf summarized it in a February 28, 2011, *New York Times* report.

"For skeptics of climate change, it's worth noting that the increase in vulnerability of lodgepole pine we've seen in recent decades is made from comparisons with real climatic data, and is backed up with satellite observations showing major changes on the ground," said Richard Waring, an OSU distinguished professor emeritus of forest science. OldSmokeys and others who've been out on the ground during the last decade or two have witnessed the increasing levels of beetle attack the satellites observe and the study describes.

"Bark beetles in lodgepole pine used to be more selective, leaving the younger and healthier trees alone," Dr. Waring said. "Now their populations and pheromone levels are getting so high they can more easily reach epidemic levels and kill almost all adult trees. Less frost, combined with less snow, favors heavier levels of bark beetle infestation. We're already seeing more insect attack, and we project it will get worse.

The large "dead zones" left by these attacks make for larger wildfires harder to control because of the danger of snags falling on firefighters and because air tankers are less effective against fires fed by fallen timber, according to Tony Dixon, U.S. Forest Service deputy regional forester for the Rocky Mountain Region. "We're probably going to have to allow these fires to grow much larger than we're accustomed to."

Prepared from multiple sources including "Climate Change Reducing Range of Lodgepole Pine Trees" by Kristian Foden-Vencil, Oregon Public Broadcasting, February 28, 2011, and "Climate change Takes Toll on the Lodgepole Pine" by John Collins Rudolf, The New York Times, February 28, 2011.

"Forests at Risk" Symposium Focused on "Climate Change and the Future of the American West"

A Colorado-based organization called For the Forest put on a symposium called "Forests at Risk: Climate Change & the Future of the American West" in Aspen, Colorado, in February 2011. Former Vice president Al Gore was the keynote speaker.

"The climate is changing," said U.S. Forest Service ecologist Linda Joyce. "Temperatures are warming and will likely continue to warm. That will change the look of our forests forever, but exactly what they will look like remains to be seen."

Aspen, the iconic trees of the West, will probably vanish from mountainsides where they once thrived, Joyce said. Pine trees will retreat to cooler climes, and animals that depend on them will follow. That leaves land managers trying to grapple with "the eventual loss of the plants and animals we know," she stated.

"It's a challenge that I've never seen," said Rick Cables, U.S. Forest Service, Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region. "This context, the context of our times, with climate change and what we're seeing on the landscape, is a game changer."

Noting that government agencies are used to working slowly and juggling a variety of interests, from those of environmentalists to those of industry, Cables noted that those groups may have to work together if land managers are to respond quickly. Tools such as fire and logging may be necessary, he said, even if they are unpopular.

The mission of For the Forest is "to promote the health of forests, with particular emphasis on promoting the long-term sustainability of Western forests..."

Prepared from a March 5, 2011, post in the A New Century of Forest Planning blog.

THANK YOU

Thanks, Pat!

**Thanks for five years of patient technical assistance
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—Les

THANK YOU

Feature

President Theodore Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot, and the U.S. Forest Ranger

By Les Joslin

“They are to be rangers in fact and not in name, and no excuse will be tolerated for inability to perform the vigorous bodily work of the position any more than lack of courage and honesty would be excused.”

--Theodore Roosevelt

With those words, President Theodore Roosevelt cast the die, wrote the prescription, set the mold—anyway you want to put it—for the forest rangers he and his right-hand forester, Gifford Pinchot, would and did deploy in America’s national forests.

Even as vice-president, Roosevelt wanted what Irving Stone would have called “men to match the mountains” to make the U.S. Forest Service he and Pinchot would establish in 1905 what I have called “an agency to match the mountains.” And, even before the Forest Service was established, Roosevelt had seen to it that the Department of the Interior agency that managed the forest reserves got some of them.

The first, young William Kreutzer of Colorado—the first person ever employed by the U.S. Government as a forest ranger in 1898—was one such man. So was David E. Warford of Arizona, one of T.R.’s Rough Riders of Spanish-American War fame—who hired on to protect the yellow pine forests of central-eastern Oregon. So was T.R.’s old friend Seth Bullock of South Dakota for whose appointment Roosevelt lobbied as vice president. And so were James G. Cayton of Colorado, recruited in 1903 to work with Kreutzer, and Cy Bingham of Oregon who joined the same year to watch over the Cascade Range Forest Reserve. And who can forget Leon F. Kneipp and John D. Guthrie who’d do well in the future Forest Service.

These and a few others like them were the cream of the crop of the General Land Office ranger force otherwise disparaged by Pinchot as “crooked and incompetent” or just plain lazy political appointees.

These were the men Pinchot kept on when the Forest Service was established in 1905. Political appointments of rangers gave way to appointment of those who would be “rangers in fact.”

These were the men who were joined in that new Forest Service by the likes of John Riis in 1907 and Walt Perry in 1910. And, during the same era, by the first generation of college- and university-trained foresters such as Elers Koch, who earned a master’s degree in forestry at Yale in 1903 and joined Pinchot in the Bureau of Forestry soon to evolve into the Forest Service, and others immediately ahead and behind named Ringland, DuBois, Greeley, Allen, Silcox, and Leopold.



These and many like them were the men who molded the Forest Service and the art and science of rangers—so admired through the next several decades—that motivated many OldSmokeys to follow the ranger trail.

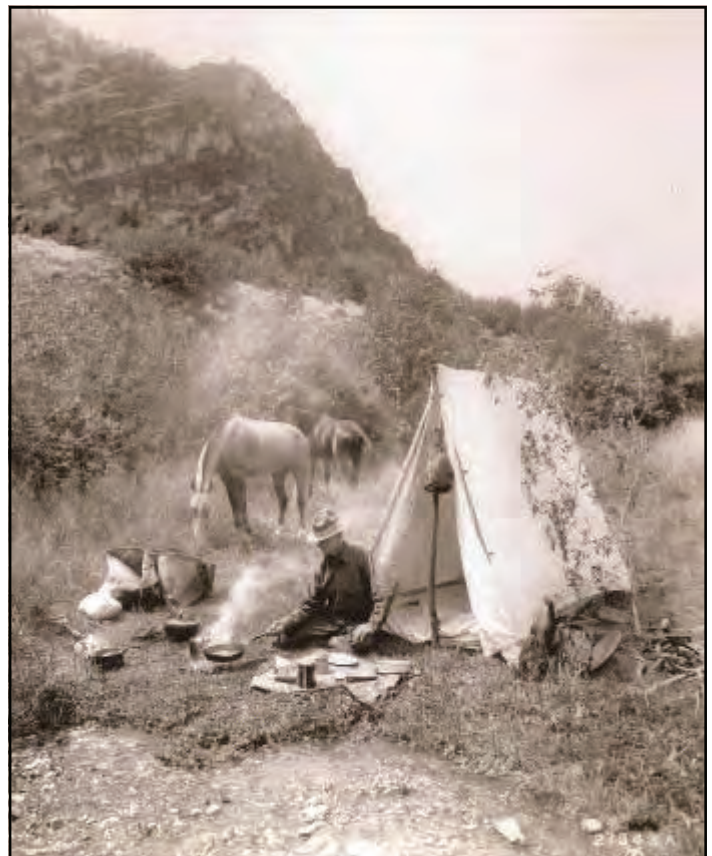
That trail, for many reasons found in modern culture and technology, has become harder to follow, and many lose it.

That trail, nonetheless, must be blazed again for Forest Service officers of

the future agency to match the mountains to follow.

These are the select men and women who would successfully complete a rigorous officer candidate school—at some future U.S. Forest Service Academy worthy of the name—that would add to their college and university-gained knowledge the skills and abilities, the stamina, determination, esprit, and ethics essential to meeting the physical and mental challenges of service in the field as well as the bureaucratic and ethical challenges of work in the office.

These are the men and women who would “be rangers in fact and not [just] in name” of whom Roosevelt and Pinchot could be justly and truly proud.



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New Members *Compiled by Secretary Bev Pratt*

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined since the Winter 2011 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Kathy L. Boutwell of Cougar, Washington, joined on January 9, 2011. Kathy retired from the U.S. Forest Service on January 2, 2004, on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument after 35 years in the Forest Service in Region 6.

Jeannie & Sam Brittell of Lakeview, Oregon, joined on January 4, 2011, after Jeannie's retirement from the U.S. Forest Service on the Fremont-Winema National Forest on December 31, 2010, with 30 years of service entirely on the Fremont—later, Fremont-Winema.

Kent W. & Edith Clarida of Wenatchee, Washington, joined on December 12, 2010. Kent retired from the U.S. Forest Service on May 3, 2008, on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, after 38 in Region 6 that included assignments on the Umpqua and Siuslaw national forests. He was forest timber sale contracting officer and served as a regional forester representative for the timber sale administration certification program. Currently, he is president of the local chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).

Dale L. & Rebecca Hom of Olympia, Washington, joined on December 13, 2010. Currently the forest supervisor on the Olympic National Forest since 1999, and also Acting Deputy Regional Forester for Region 6, Dale has served 34 years in the Forest Service, 23 of those in Region 6. Rebecca also served in the Forest Service in Region 6 and Region 10, but resigned to raise a family and become a master storyteller.

Charles F. "Charlie" & Sarah G. "Sally" Krebs of Portland, Oregon, joined in February 2011. Charlie retired from a joint Region 6 and Region 10 position at the RO in Portland after 42 years in the U.S. Forest Service, 29 of which were served in Region 6.

Nancy A. Lankford of Sandy, Oregon, joined on December 23, 2001. Now in her 31st year in the U.S. Forest Service in Region 6, Nancy serves on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Norm Michaels & Dawn Pozzani of McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, joined on January 31, 2011. Both are retired from the U.S. Forest Service. Norm retired from the Willamette National Forest SO on December 31, 2010 after 38 years in the Outfit, all in Region 6.

David E. & Chris Nordenson of Eugene, Oregon, joined this winter. Dave retired on December 31, 2010, on the Willamette National Forest after 37 years of federal service, 34.5 of those years in the U.S. Forest Service—34 of those years in Region 6—and the other 2.5 years in the U.S. Navy.

Jacquelyn C. Oakes of Portland, Oregon, joined on December 17, 2010. Her 38 years of federal service include 26 in the U.S. Forest Service in Region 6. The Clackamas Lake

Ivars S. & Dace Steinblums of Gresham, Oregon, joined on January 27, 2011. Twenty-five of Ivars' 33 years in the U.S. Forest Service have been in Region 6.

Jamie & Terri Stone of Roseburg, Oregon, joined on February 6, 2011. Jamie retired in March 2008 from the Umpqua National Forest SO after 32 years in the U.S. Forest Service in Region 6.

Paula M. Tredeau of Shady Cove, Oregon, joined on January 1, 2011, after retiring from the U.S. Forest Service on December 31, 2010, at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest SO. Paula's 33.5 years in the Forest Service included 31.5 years in Region 6.

OldSmokeys Are Urged to Recruit New OldSmokeys from Active Duty and Recently Retired Forest Service Personnel

"Did you know you don't have to be retired to be an OldSmokey?" asked the lead sentence of an article entitled "Are You Ready To Be an OldSmokey" in the November 4, 2010, issue of *The Thursday R6 Update*, the weekly newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

OldSmokeys can use that information to recruit not just eligible Forest Service retirees who served in the Forest Service because it was their life's calling and want to remain relevant as well as connected, but eligible Forest Service folks still on active duty in the Outfit who share that perspective.

So, remember, membership in the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association is open to: (1) any retiree of the Forest Service; (2) any current employee of the Forest Service with at least 20 years of government service (including military service) who works or has worked in the Pacific Northwest Region or with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, or (3) any retiree who has worked for the Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest.

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Memories

E. Bruce Barron died March 11, 2011, at age 90. He was a PNWFSA member. Bruce was born April 5, 1920, in San Jose, California. He graduated from Coalinga High School in 1938, attended various California colleges, and worked as a ranch hand and construction foreman. Soon after he married Elna Maria Walldin in 1944, Bruce went to work for the U.S. Forest Service on the Goosenest Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest. His 15 years in the Forest Service also included jobs on the Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, and Eldorado national forests and in the Region 5 RO in San Francisco, all recalled in his 2001 book *Fabulous Memories of a Truly Adventurous Life* reviewed in the Fall 2009 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. Bruce left the Forest Service in 1959 to go into cattle ranching and real estate development. He also was an outfitter-guide, a musician, and active in many civic affairs. Elna survives.

James N. “Jim” Craig died January 13, 2011. He was a PNWFSA member.

Editor’s Note: No further information, except for OldSmokey Ron Koenig’s recollection in this issue’s “Letters” section of Jim as his first boss on the Hoodport Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest in 1957 and that he served as a forest supervisor, has been developed. Any additional information will be published in a future OldSmokeys Newsletter.

Douglas Aden “Doug” Deeks died February 20, 2011, at age 85. Doug was born May 28, 1925, in Portland, Oregon, where he was raised and graduated from Grant High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II, attended the University of Portland, and worked at several jobs until he joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1960. Doug married Mary Sue Koski in 1965. He worked on the Bend Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, in several assignments including 17 years at Lava Lands Visitor Center until he retired in 1985. Survivors include his wife, daughter Heather Saucedo, son Christopher, and five grandchildren.

Julius “Bud” Dunn died March 2, 2011, at age 80. Bud was born February 13, 1931, in Entiat, Washington, where he grew up and graduated from high school before joining the U.S. Army and serving in the Korean War. Bud married Edna Shiflett and they had four children. Bud spent most of his working life in the U.S. Forest Service and worked in fire prevention and control on the Bend Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, from the late 1960s into the early 1980s. Survivors include his son Clayton, daughter Donna Hostetter, son William, and several grandchildren.

Thanks to OldSmokeys Marlene Ralph and Arlie Holm for providing the information for this remembrance.

Harold W. Gustafson died March 6, 2010, just one week short of his 97th birthday. He was a PNWFSA member. Harold was born March 12, 1913, in Portland, Oregon. He grew up in Woodburn, Oregon, and graduated from Woodburn High School in 1931. Harold graduated from Oregon State College in 1936 with a B.S. degree in forestry, and spent the summer of

1936 as a U.S. Forest Service lookout and patrolman at Chinidere Lookout and Wahtum Lake on the Mt. Hood National Forest. In December 1936 he began his professional career in the Forest Service in Chelan, Washington, as a junior forester on the old Chelan National Forest. Harold married his college sweetheart, Velma, in July 1937 in Wenatchee, Washington. Harold and Velma lived in Twisp, Washington, and Seneca, Bates, and Blue Mountain, Oregon. While in Blue Mountain, he marked ponderosa pine timber for the Oregon-American Lumber Company which had a large government contract to support the war effort in Europe. Harold became district ranger of the Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, in 1944, and served in that position until 1957 when he was transferred to the Okanogan National Forest SO in Okanogan where he handled timber management and fire control including the North Cascades Smokejumper Base at Winthrop, Washington. He also assisted with panning the North Cascades cross-state highway. Harold retired from the Forest Service in 1968. He and Velma sold their home in Okanogan and relocated near Sisters in Redmond, Oregon. Harold and Velma moved to a senior living facility in Medford, Oregon, in 2004. Velma died on October 11, 2009. Survivors include their son Phil and their daughter Ann Lynde.

Editor’s Note: Thanks to Harold’s son Phil Gustafson of Jacksonville, Oregon, for providing the information for this remembrance.

Ray W. Frost died November 15, 2010, at age 67. He was a PNWFSA member. Ray was born September 9, 1943, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and lived in various places in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon until his family settled in Walla Walla, Washington, where he graduated from high school in 1961. Ray graduated from the University of Idaho in 1965 with a B.S. degree in forestry, and began his U.S. Forest Service career on the Ellensburg Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest. Ray served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, and married Wanita Dunbar in 1966. He pursued postgraduate studies at Oregon State University in 1968 and 1969, then continued his Forest Service career with postings at Lake Wenatchee and Cle Elum on the Wenatchee and in Klamath Falls on the Winema National Forest where he retired from the SO in 1998 after 34 years of service. During retirement, Ray and Wanita enjoyed RV trips and wintering in Arizona, and they moved to Casa Grande, Arizona, in 2001. Survivors include Wanita; son John; daughter Janine Parsons; and one granddaughter.

Donna Marion Hodge died December 5, 2010, at age 86. Donna was born November 26, 1924, in Park Rapids, Minnesota. After finishing school, she joined the U.S. Army during World War II and served as a nurse from 1944 to 1948. Donna met her husband Richard during the war and they had three sons. After moving to Corvallis, Oregon, in 1966, Donna worked for the U.S. Forest Service in budget and finance and as secretary to the forest supervisor at the Siuslaw National Forest SO until 1986 when she moved to Bend, Oregon, and worked as a licensed real estate agent until 1999. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was active at the Bend Senior Center. Survivors include her sons Rick and Pat and two grandsons.

*Editor's Note: Donna was the sister of OldSmokey **Joy Hirl** and sister-in-law of OldSmokey **Phil Hirl** who provided the information for this remembrance.*

Dennis Everett Jones died November 26, 2010, at age 75. He was a former PNWFSA member. Dennis was born October 10, 1935, in Harmony, Oregon, and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1953. He joined the U.S. Army in 1955 and while stationed in El Paso, Texas, met his future wife, JusRA “Julie” Avila, who later died. Following his Army service, Dennis earned a degree in business administration at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, and joined the U.S. Forest Service. He served on the Umpqua, Fremont, and Umatilla national forests during his Forest Service career. Dennis met and married Cindy, and their two daughters joined his three daughters. He retired as administrative officer of the Umatilla National Forest in 1985, then sold real estate, attended Ecola Hall Bible School and Multnomah Bible College, and became pastor of Oceanlake Christian Church in Lincoln City, Oregon. Survivors include his wife Cindy; daughters Teresa, Karen, Sharon, Lori, and Kris; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

David Lee Love died in late December 2010 at age 68. Dave was born near Corvallis, Oregon, in 1942, and moved with his family to Wendling in 1945, Oakridge in 1948, and Springfield in 1954 where he graduated from Springfield High School in 1961. He attended Lane Community College and the University of Oregon and married Regina Ann Hancock in 1968. Dave served in the U.S. Forest Service as a Willamette National Forest road engineer for 30 years and retired in 1990. Survivors include Regina, their daughter Serena, and three grandsons.

Donna Lundeen died February 1, 2011, at age 83. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Charles R. “Chuck” Lundeen. Donna Jean Baisel was born June 30, 1927, in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, lived in several places near Lansing, Michigan, and graduated from Sunfield High School in Michigan, where she lettered in four sports, in 1945. Donna bore three sons of her first marriage that ended in divorce. A second marriage to Wayne Moss ended with his death in France in 1960. Her third marriage to Chuck lasted 45 years. Wayne’s military career and Chuck’s Forest Service career led Donna to many interesting locales, jobs, and friends. Donna was an accomplished vocalist and office manager in her younger years. She was an elections technician for Marine and Placer counties in California for many years. After her youth in Michigan, she lived successively in such diverse locales as Phoenix, Arizona; Mineral Wells, Texas; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Ingrandes, France; Redlands, Rialto, and San Rafael in California; Vienna, Virginia; Auburn and Grass Valley, California; Reno, Nevada; and finally Surprise, Arizona. Donna is survived by Chuck; son Lynn M. Moss; and four grandchildren.

Harry Edward McCormack died November 25, 2010, at age 95. He was a PNWFSA member. Harry was born June 18, 1915, in Monroe, Washington, graduated from high school in 1933 in Skykomish, Washington, and earned a forestry degree at the University of Washington in 1940. On December 24, 1940, Harry married Charlotte Bound, his wife for just one

month short of 70 years. After working at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, during World War II, Harry joined the U.S. Forest Service in November 1945 as timber management assistant at Darrington Ranger Station on the old Mt. Baker National Forest. He served on the Glacier Ranger District of the Mt. Baker from May 1948 to July 1953 when he transferred to the Umpqua National Forest as an assistant district ranger. On January 1956, Harry was appointed district ranger on the Mineral Ranger District of the old Snoqualmie National Forest, and in April 1959 as district ranger on the White River Ranger District of the Snoqualmie. Harry was transferred in July 1971 from that assignment in Enumclaw to the Snoqualmie National Forest SO in Seattle where he served as the forest’s recreation planner until he retired from the Forest Service on April 30, 1973. Harry worked five more years in private industry until July 1978 when he “retired fully and began traveling and playing golf.” Harry and Charlotte had five children, four girls and one boy, “all great kids.”

Editor's Note: This remembrance is written from a one-page handwritten “autobiography” Harry prepared on March 4, 2002, provided by Charlotte.

Stanley R. “Stan” Rapp died January 2, 2011, at age 80. He was a PNWFSA member. Stan was born January 24, 1930, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. He graduated from New Kensington High School in 1948, earned a B.S. degree in forestry at Pennsylvania State University in 1952, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1954. Following naval service, Stan joined the U.S. Forest Service and began his career on the Mount Adams Ranger District at Trout Lake, Washington, on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. He married Rosalyn Pearson in Trout Lake on June 20, 1959. After a variety of Forest Service assignments in Region 6, which included service as district ranger of the Zigzag Ranger District on the Mt. Hood National Forest, Stan transferred to the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station’s Forest Fire Laboratory in Riverside, California, where he retired and founded a real estate company. He retired again in 1984 and returned to Trout Lake where he lived the rest of his life. Rosalyn died in 2002. Survivors include his son Robert; his daughters Robin Deardon and Lesli Schmid; and seven grandchildren.

William A. “Bill” Schmeling died December 3, 2010, at age 82. Bill was born December 19, 1928, in Republic, Washington. He graduated from Washington State University, served in the Korean War, married Margaret Cole in 1955, and served in the U.S. Forest Service for over 35 years before he retired in Pilchuk, Washington, in 1988.

Helen Elizabeth Youngdahl died July 9, 2010, at age 90. Helen Chytraus was born December 9, 1919, in Los Angeles, California, where she grew up. She married C.R. “Bob” Youngdahl in 1942, and they moved to McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, in 1966 where she worked as an administrative assistant for the U.S. Forest Service for many years. Bob died in 1989. Survivors include her daughters Pam Turner, Penny Steele, and Karen Steele; stepson Pete Youngdahl; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Letters

Temple Hahn *comments on U.S. Forest Service Academy proposal in OldSmokeys Newsletter editorials and letters*

I agree with the comments that a Forest Service Academy should emphasize leadership and management rather than functional training, which is readily available to fit an employee's discipline. Leadership—including the basic managerial functions of planning, organizing, motivating, and controlling—should be considered central to course development. These were basic elements in management training I received in R-6 during the '60s!

Jim Olsen *comments on U.S. Forest Service Academy proposal in OldSmokeys Newsletter editorials*

An academy [such as the proposed U.S. Forest Service Academy] should, if nothing else, instill the Gifford Pinchot heritage. An academy would require the reading of, and the writing of treatises on, Pinchot's *Breaking New Ground*. By whatever means, this foundational cornerstone of the Forest Service would be internalized.

As George Washington enobles us as father of our country, so does Gifford Pinchot as the father of the Forest Service. He was a man of character, principle, valor, vision, selflessness, courage, and public service—a true American.

The Pinchot Forest Service was the trusted servant/steward of our nation's public lands. The U.S. forest Service, more than anything, now must earn the public trust. This may mean, on principle, putting oneself at risk of being fired, as Pinchot was.

As for a Spartan U.S. Forest Service Academy, this is so appropriate. More like a spike camp than an edifice, located in a forest setting—basic cabins, with wood stoves. Love it!

Jerry Wojack *comments on national forest management*

It was quite obvious [from Chief Tom Tidwell's December 21, 2010, letter "Taking Stock and Looking to the Future"] that "multiple use management" for "the greatest good" is no longer part of the Forest Service direction.

We could do a lot better job of creating jobs by practicing multiple use management on national forest lands. Politically that will not happen. But it would better meet [the Chief's] community focus point "to put America back to work." Concerning this focus point, how can the Forest Service expect to expand on recreation benefits if it is closing everything down and letting every facility deteriorate....

Another good reason the Forest Service should become part of the National Park Service.

Jerry Gause *comments on Bus Carrell story*

I had heard of Bus Carrell many times during my tenure with the Forest Service. His "Family of Shapes" entry and other signs are found from the White Mountain National Forest to the Mt. Baker National forest, the Cleveland National Forest to the Ocala National Forest. His creativity was outstanding and is unequalled in any other federal or state agency in the United States. His Forest Service sign Handbook is a legacy to his imagination. Great work, Bus!

Don Nelson *comments on OldSmokeys Newsletter and Bus Carrell story*

Thank you for a great job on the newsletter. I really enjoy reading it.

The article on bus Carrell and his team's "Family of Shapes" for Forest Service signs brought back memories. In 1963 I drew up plans for the base of the Lewis and Clark National Forest entrance sign west of East Glacier, Montana, on U.S. Highway 2. We then contracted for the rock base and installed the sign. It was one of the new "Family of Shapes" signs.

I drove by last summer, and the sign and base are still there.

Virgil Lindsey was district ranger and I was his assistant.

Ron Koenig *remembers Jim Craig*

Jim Craig was my first boss on my first assignment as a junior forester to the Hoodspout Ranger District on the Olympic National Forest in 1957. I was one of the few who could keep up with him in the brush until we put on our 50-pound packs for our 10-day campouts. Then no one could!

He left for greener pastures that summer and I saw him only once on a fire since. I know he was a forest supervisor and retired in the Portland area.

Bruce Kaufman *remembers Cliff Streeter, Bob Northman, and Joyce Kerns*

The past year saw the loss of three long-term Wallowa-Whitman National Forest employees. Cliff Streeter was a leader on the forest's timber sale administration team. His experience in many aspects of the timber industry had an impact on the forest's decision to place more decision authority with on-the-ground sale administrators.

Bob Northman served in several staff positions in the forest timber shop. We had some troubles designing an organization that could make the most of Bob's talents. When we finally finished it, Bob really came into his own and served the forest in an exceptional manner for the rest of his career. Bob also served as a long time member of the Baker City Tree Board and was instrumental in the community becoming a "Tree City U.S.A."

Joyce Kerns was a valued member of the forest's timber sale administration team. I particularly remember her fine assistance during the huge timber sale extension program. Joyce was an OldSmokey alongside her husband, Mac, and was also a major contributor to the family farm business that followed Mac's retirement from the forest Service.

Three very fine employees and friends will be sorely missed.

Dick Woodcock *remembers Bob Northman*

I was a little surprised at the brevity of Bob Northman's obituary. Bob was a great kid. He came to work for me out of school in 1946 on the Lake Wenatchee Ranger District. He worked in sales preparation and was soon followed by his sister, Sally, who kept house for him and began attending Leavenworth High School. Sally and my oldest daughter Judy became close friends.

A while later Bob's parents felt led to leave Seattle for the Lake Wenatchee area. Eric, Bob's dad, quit Boeing, sold their west Seattle home, bought property and built at the lake. Bob

and Sally eventually moved on, although Sally later returned, and Eric became an employee of the Forest Service in engineering. Bob's parents have been gone for some time and Sally now lives with her daughter in Canada.

Frank Lewis *remembers Stan Rapp*

Stan worked for me in the RO handling fire training before he transferred to the Riverside Fire Lab. He was very thorough in organizing sessions and wanted to know how his performance stacked up in all cases. I urged him to take the Lab assignment to further his career. We still corresponded and I had just sent him a Christmas card when I learned of his passing.

He was a Penn State graduate and active in the alumni association. During his Region 6 years he was district ranger at Zig Zag on the Mt. Hood National Forest, if I recall correctly. Stan retired to Trout Lake where he had met his future wife, Roslyn, while working at Mt. Adams on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. I'll miss his interesting cards and letters.

Dick Woodcock *remembers Les Sullivan*

Les Sullivan and I both showed up on the Quinault Ranger District, Olympia National Forest, in 1946. Les and I became good friends and worked in sales preparation and administration. My wife Nina and Les's wife Ginny also became good friends. We both moved on losing contact until around 1954 when I got my first district, the Suiattle Ranger District on the Mt. Baker National Forest, and found that Les was in charge of fire control in the supervisor's office. We again got together trying to locate a new lookout station on the ridge between the Sauk and the Suiattle.

Then, in 1957, I was transferred to the Lake Wenatchee Ranger District and I never saw Les again until after we were retired. Thankfully Ginny was still alive then and although Nina was gone we had a great reunion in Prineville.

Alvin Anderson *reminisces from Cloverdale, Oregon*

In 1942, I went to work for the Forest Service the day after I graduated from high school. Spent the summer on Old Baldy Lookout learning about nature and St. Elmo's Fire and smoke chasing. That fall I went into the Navy [and served] in PT-498 on D-Day at Normandy.

Editor's Note: PT-498 was one of a dozen Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 34 PT boats assigned to the English Channel area from June to October 1944 during which they saw action in support of the Allied landings on the Normandy Peninsula before the squadron's boats were prepared for transfer and shipment to the USSR.

Bill Ciesla *checks in from Fort Collins, Colorado*

Pat and I are enjoying "retirement" in Colorado, although I am only retired in theory. Forest Health Management International, my consulting business, continues to thrive and the client that is currently keeping me busiest in the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS). Since 2004, I've been under contract to CSFS to conduct aerial forest health surveys over portions of the state. I am also training aerial observers. We currently have a cadre of five CSFS aerial observers including two district foresters, two assistant district foresters, and the forest entomologist. Also, over the past two years, I have drafted the "Colorado Forest

Health Report" which has been mandated by the state legislature and is widely distributed to the public.

Another project I started about two years ago was the writing of a text entitled *Forest Entomology: A Global Perspective*. It's being published by Wiley-Blackwell in Oxford, England, and is now in the production stage. Tentative plans are to release the book at the upcoming North American Forest Insect Work Conference that will be held in Portland, Oregon, in May 2011. Other projects that I've been involved with include the revision of several leaflets in the U.S. Forest Service insect and disease leaflet series and revising and updating sections of Bob Furniss' and Val Carolin's classic book *Western Forest Insects*. The latter is a project under the leadership of Ira Ragenovich, Region 6 entomologist.

These have all been great projects and I'm still having a lot of fun working with forest insects.

Bill Connelly *checks in from Falls Church, Virginia*

I'm still working in the Washington Office and part of the team that produced the new planning rule. OldSmokeys should comment on the rule.

Irene Hanna *shares thoughts from Roseburg, Oregon*

Enjoy the OldSmokeys and appreciate the job being done by the group. Still enjoy all my Forest Service friends.

Phil Jaspers *renews PNWFSA membership retroactively*

Sorry for overlooking the great Membership Crew that keeps us going.

I was so far behind [in PNWFSA dues] that I found this envelope the other day and finally put things in gear.

I gave a little [more money] and hoped you could fill me up with as much information as you could give me for this past year.

I know a few of our members have gone on to "give God some help" [and] I would be interested in who they may have been.

Editor's Note: Secretary Bev Pratt sent Phil back copies of the OldSmokeys Newsletter so he could catch up.

Carl Juhl *says howdy from Bend, Oregon*

I am still raising beef cattle east of Bend, but have downsized the herd. Jean and I have traveled some visiting children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in western Oregon and in Washington.

Dave Kolb *checks in from Tigard, Oregon*

Enclosed is my ballot for President-Elect Mike Ash.

Since I was an early life member who paid only \$50.00, I am sending a donation for the good of the order!

Editor's Note: Dave enclosed a generous donation to PNWFSA.

Ron Skrip *suggests "Unity" as a newsletter password*

I like the [online newsletter] passwords, and they do bring back visions and memories of the past. A simple one might be "Unity," an important but lost and forgotten Forest Service site of the past. Many have served there and served well. The price of isolation was paid to get the job done. I spent Thanksgiving in the bunkhouse there in 1957 while on detail to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest from the Umpqua National Forest. I

took my “child bride” from the East Coast to Unity in 1960. She flew into Boise, and lucky for me I got her to Unity in the dark in mid-January. Another story for another time. Paid a visit there last September. Forest Service holdings were in disrepair. Left with a tear. You do good work, Vern.

DeWilton Smith says howdy from Medford, Oregon

I’m busy re-creating Libby, Troy, and Warland, Montana, with my N-gauge model railroad in memory of happy years there.

Dick Woodcock checks in from Burlington, Washington

[After mentioning he is now 93 years old and writing the above remembrances of Bob Northman and Les Sullivan, Dick wrote about his limited mobility.] Even though I still drive locally, my wife Lois and I don’t get too far from our new rented home and no more RVing. Miss our annual trek to the Forest Service picnic but probably would know very few anyway.

Liz Agpaoa renews PNWFSA membership for three years

Please accept my annual dues [for] 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Hope all is well. Very much enjoy the newsletter!

Editor’s Note: Liz is Regional Forester, Southern Region.

Bob Van Aken comments on the PNWFSA

You do a great job with the PNWFSA. Thank you!

Glenn Baker comments on the PNWFSA

I appreciate the work all of you do to keep the OldSmokeys going. Thanks to all of you.

John Marker comments on the Winter 2011 OldSmokeys Newsletter

It’s all Les’ fault. The temperature had finally got above 20 degrees and it had rained away a lot of the snow, so today [January 13, 2011] was to be an energetic effort to clean up winter debris, see if the equipment would still start, and get out in the fresh air after three weeks of cold winter. But half a day got shot when I opened the Winter 2011 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. I got hooked by the information, stories, history, and the opportunity to spend some time—as we elderly gentlemen are prone to do—enjoying the days of yesteryear and wishing the Outfit would figure out how to stay out of difficulty.

The winter newsletter was a superb edition, and I really did not put it down until I reached the end. No retiree group has a finer newsletter.

So Les was responsible for me being in trouble here on the farm with my wife and our dog who was planning to supervise me.

Keep it up, Les, but getting the next issue out on a miserable weather day would sure be helpful.

Roger Miller comments on the OldSmokeys Newsletter

Enjoy the newsletter. Les Joslin does a great job!

Betty J. Taylor comments on the Winter 2011 OldSmokeys Newsletter and on proposed U.S. Forest Service Academy

The Winter 2011 newsletter was very interesting. The Forest Service Academy for leadership training is a great idea. Some could have certainly benefitted from this in the past. We have a great outfit. This training could make it even better.

Editor’s Note: Betty converted to lifetime membership.

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OldSmokeys React to Article on Federal Forest Management Policy and Wildfires

Editor’s Note: This article, cut from the Fall 2010 and Winter 2011 OldSmokey Newsletter issues for lack of space, remains current and is published in this issue to contribute to the continuing conversation on this issue.

Compiled by Les Joslin

An article entitled “Federal policies helped spark California wildfires” by Don Brunell who is president of the Association of Washington Businesses, Washington’s state chamber of commerce, has got the attention of several OldSmokeys who have read this August 3, 2010, piece published online at <<http://www.awb.org>>.

Brunell sees irony in the fact that the “environmental and human devastation” wrought by wildfires “is due in part to federal environmental policies.”

“For decades, federal forest management policy has been, in effect, not to manage forests. Because of pressure from environmental groups, many federal and state forests are off limits to harvest and even to ‘housekeeping’ activities, such as thinning, clearing undergrowth, and removing dead and diseased trees. The philosophy is, let nature take its course.

“Unfortunately, nature cleans its house with fire. Undergrowth and diseased trees provide the fuel; lightning or the errant camper provides the spark.”

And, of course, those fires burn in unnaturally heavy fuel loads accumulated because of lack of management.

And, as Brunell continues, those fires do more than burn fuels.

“The West and Pacific Northwest are blessed with vast forestlands that, if managed to keep green and growing, can be our most potent weapon in reducing greenhouse gasses. Trees absorb and store CO₂ and emit life-giving oxygen. Young growing trees absorb the most CO₂ and produce the most oxygen.

“But when they burn, these same trees release their stored CO₂, choking the skies with smoke and polluting the air with millions of tons of greenhouse gasses. Researchers estimate that the CO₂ emitted by a single California wildfire in one week is equivalent to 25 percent of the monthly emissions from all fossil fuel burning throughout the state.

“The study, conducted by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the University of Colorado at Boulder, estimates that U.S. fires release about 290 million metric tons of carbon dioxide a year, the equivalent of 4 to 6 percent of the nation’s CO₂ emissions from all fossil fuel burning.”

Federal forest policies are the enemy

“Think about it,” Brunell asks. “American taxpayers are spending billions of dollars to protect air quality, yet misguided federal forest policies can wipe out much of that benefit in a few weeks.

“President George W. Bush tried to address the situation with his Healthy Forests initiative, which put people to work clearing brush and salvaging diseased trees while bringing in income from salvage logging companies. Unfortunately, that effort was stopped in its tracks by environmentalists.

“While a hands-off attitude may be popular in some environmental circles, history has shown the consequences of that policy.... The consequences of a massive wildfire today would be catastrophic. A century ago, the Bib burn scorched three million acres of forests from Boise into Canada and from east of Spokane to west of Missoula. Today, more than 13 million people live in that area.

“Even our firefighters are being handcuffed in the name of environmental protection. Recently, a federal judge rejected the way the U.S. Forest Service uses fire retardant to fight wildfires because it couldn’t ensure that the retardant wouldn’t harm threatened and endangered species. The judge did not address the harm a raging inferno would cause to those same animals.

“One has only to watch the nightly news to see the devastation cause by wildfires. Add to that the human and economic cost to battle the fires and the environmental degradation that results.

“Congress and the President must restore sanity and common sense to our federal forest management policy. Sensible management, clearing dead and diseased trees and reducing underbrush is a much more responsible policy than ‘burn, baby, burn.’”

OldSmokeys and others respond

OldSmokeys and others responded to the point of Brunell’s piece—“those who make forest management policy are indeed toying with killer fires today because we are allowing our forests to be ravaged by insects, diseases, and they have curtailed brush clearing, thinning, and harvesting.” A sampling:

“I no longer believe any significant action on the national forests can get by the so-called environmental groups. We went to Central Oregon this week, and passed by the fire that burned most of the Santiam Pass area [the B&B Complex of September 2003]. That would not have happened 25 years ago when the Forest Service could manage forests. Timber sales would have cut some of the insect infested stuff, and brush disposal would have removed the worst of the fuels.”

-- *Phil Hirl, August 9, 2010*

“The Santiam Pass fire problems began just about 25 years ago when the beetle kill wasn’t salvaged. Maps of the beetle kill perimeter nearly 20 years ago are almost identical to maps of the 2003 B&B. The problem is not Global Warming or even modern U.S. Forest Service mismanagement—it is centralized, government-mandated, passive management of forest resources. It begins with Wilderness, accelerates with ESA-based litigation, and ends with forest destruction throughout the entire West.”

-- *Bob Zybach, August 9, 2010*

“To me the real travesty is that many of the so-called ‘environmentalists’ are pushing for ‘no action’ when it comes to extinguishing fires such as the one on Santiam Pass. This is very evident in the ongoing attempt by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest to alter their forest plan to allow them to *not* put out fires as they may wish and have no finite guidelines for making the decision to do nothing.”

--*Charles Hendricks, August 10, 2010*

“Every time I drive over Santiam Pass and look at the results of the B&B fire I get upset with the failed Forest Service fire policy.

--*Stan Kunzman, August 14, 2010*

“It is hard for a few people who know better to combat those with millions of dollars and thousands of followers constantly advocating no commercial use of the forests and selling the idea that burning our forest treasures is ‘natural.’ People with the wisdom of education, boots on the ground and research knowledge know people listening to the siren song of ‘let nature’ take care of the forests and know they have little interest in looking at the critical role the forests here in the West play in making it possible for something like 60 million of us to live here.

“People with simple answers to complex problems refuse to look at the need for water from the forests, forest-generated oxygen, and—yes—even wood fiber as well as fish and wildlife habitat and forest-supported economies. With a wave of the hand they ignore soil destruction, watershed losses, recreation losses, jobs lost to fire damage, fire-related injuries and health problems, losses to taxpayers, and a bag full of other negatives that result from incinerating the land.

“Fire use? You bet! But with thought, planning, and the wisdom to ensure benefits far outweigh the negatives of burned landscapes. The guiding principle, as stated by Regional Forester Emeritus Bill Hurst, is: ‘If there is no good reason for a fire to burn, put it out.’

“According to my cuff records, since 2002 over 1,500,000 acres of the peoples’ forests have burned in an area bounded by Interstate Highway 5 on the east, the Pacific Ocean on the west, and east-west lines to the ocean from Red Bluff, California, on the south and Eugene, Oregon, at the north.

“What a heck of a legacy to leave for our grandkids, great-grandkids, and the rest of the people in coming generations. Surely there is a better answer than burning forests and ruining peoples’ lives by turning green land into black ash and dead snags.”

-- *John Marker, August 15, 2010*



OldSmokeys Donate \$1,296 in 2011

Twenty-one OldSmokeys donated a total of \$1,296.62—including the donations to the fund to aid Forest Service personnel whose Enterprise, Oregon, offices burned—to the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) in 2010. Donations ranged from \$5.00 to \$250.

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OldSmokey John Marker Reports on Issues NAFSR is Working or Watching

The fiscal year 2011 budget and 2012 budget cycle, the new forest planning rule draft, and development of a cohesive federal fire strategy led the list of issues of concern to the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) as winter turned to spring, according to OldSmokey **John Marker** who edits NAFSR's periodical *The Lookout*.

Congress's apparent deadlock over the 2011 Continuing Resolution and the 2012 Budget Cycle has caused the Forest Service, as well as all federal agencies, significant heartburn not likely to have been relieved by the time you read this. There have been reports of the Forest Service would take a \$38 million whack in its 2011 allocation and an even deeper cut in 2012. Retired Associate Chief George Leonard and recently-retired Associate Chief Hank Kashdan (who has agreed to help George with Washington, D.C., affairs) and deputy chiefs agree, in John's words, "budget reductions won't be fun."

The draft of the new forest planning rule is on the street for public comment, and a small team of NAFSR members is reviewing the document and preparing comments. "The administration expresses high hopes the new rules will improve local line officers' ability to make management decisions [that better consider] local community needs," John said. "However, some of the big NGOs want to keep decisions in Washington where they can influence them."

A proposed cohesive federal fire strategy intended to improve federal wildland fire protection was "still under wraps at OMB," John wrote at deadline. "It's significant [Secretary of the Interior] Salazar is the point man for this new strategy and the Forest Service is second fiddle. The draft released last summer for public comment was, in the opinion of those of us reviewing it, a very poor document lacking in any real understanding of fire protection on the ground, or the true cost of fire protection."

Join NAFSR to read more about these and other issues in *The Lookout*, and—more importantly—add your voice and expertise to the process.

Books

Early U.S. Forest Service Fiction is Epitomized by Hamlin Garland's 1910 *Cavanaugh: Forest Ranger* and Arthur Carhart's 1929 *The Ordeal of Brad Ogden*

By Les Joslin

U.S. Forest Service fiction is a small literary genre. You have to go looking for it. It's almost as old as the Forest Service itself, and two novels about forest rangers in Colorado epitomize its early years.

Hamlin Garland, a prolific American writer best known for his fiction involving hard-working Midwestern farmers, took leave of the prairies long enough to focus on a young Forest Service ranger named Ross Cavanaugh in his 1910 novel *Cavanaugh: Forest Ranger—A Romance of the Mountain West*. In addition to Ranger Cavanaugh's romance with one Miss Lee Virginia Weatherford and the challenge of introducing pioneer cattlemen to Forest Service management of national forest range, the novel focuses—albeit briefly—on the shock felt by forest rangers when President William Howard Taft fired For-ester Gifford Pinchot in the same year the book was published.

Pinchot's introduction of the book, dated March 14, 1910, indicates Garland churned the novel out quickly or inserted that event at the last moment before publication. "You have been kind enough to let me see the proofs of *Cavanaugh: Forest Ranger*," Pinchot wrote in the introduction addressed to "My Dear Mr. Garland" that recommends the book. "I have read it with mingled feelings—with keen appreciation of your sympathetic understanding of the problems which confronted the Forest Service before the Western people understood it, and with deep regret that I am no longer officially associated with its work."

No book could come better endorsed, and it cheers me to tell you that this 101-year-old novel is not hard to come by and enjoy. Just go to your computer and (if I may use what seems to be a verb now) "Google" it by title on Amazon.com where its available in paperback for \$9.99 and in a Kindle edition for \$5.00. I got the hardbound first edition I cherish some years ago from an online used book source called AbeBooks.com.

Arthur Carhart's 1929 *The Ordeal of Brad Ogden*, which begins with the title character's horse being shot out from under him, is a little harder to get. A check of AbeBooks.com at this writing showed four copies available at prices ranging from \$27.99 to \$125.00. Amazon.com had one copy available for \$40.00 and a statement saying "we don't know when or if this item will be back in stock." That's too bad, because this is a good read.

Handsome young Bradley Ogden, supervisor of the fictitious Pinos Altos National Forest, teams with Tillamook Thompson, ranger on the Canon Creek District, and Ted, his all-American tomboy office clerk, to track down the miscreant who did the dirty deed. "He's killed one of my best friends," Brad said of the shooting of Silver, his horse. "And mine,"

said Ted softly, sobbing again. ‘I lo-loved Si-Silver.’”

Trouble with cattlemen seemed at the root of it. “There are two things I’m going to do before I leave this forest,” Brad vowed. “Find the man who shot Silver and wring his neck, and make Christians out of the cattlemen of Canon Creek.” That set the stage for the remaining 300 pages of Carhart’s novel.

OldSmokeys know this writer. Born in Mapleton, Iowa, in 1892, Arthur H. Carhart studied landscape architecture at Iowa State College, served in World War I, and joined the U.S. Forest Service as its first landscape architect. Based at the Rocky Mountain District Office (called regional offices after 1930), he soon threw in with Aldo Leopold, number two man in the Southwestern District, to begin wilderness preservation in the National Forest System. Disillusionment with the Forest Service caused Carhart to quit in 1922, start a private landscape design and city planning firm in Denver, and start writing.

He wrote mysteries, westerns, and books on conservation including *Water or Your Life* in 1951, *Timber in Your Life* in 1959, and *The National Forests* in 1959, that I read in high school in the late 1950s. Unknown to me when I lived on Dexter Street in Denver in the early 1970s, Carhart lived one block east on Eudora Street. He died in 1978. I came on *The Ordeal of Brad Ogden—A Romance of the Forest Rangers* late in life, and I’m happy I did. For pulp fiction, it’s a good yarn.

Films

Coming to Portland and Seattle

U.S. Forest Service Partners with Aldo Leopold Foundation to Preserve Conservationist’s Legacy in *Green Fire*

By Les Joslin

The world premiere of *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time* in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 5, 2011, was attended by a sell-out crowd of a thousand people. Produced by the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with the Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Center for Humans and Nature, the film explores conservationist Aldo Leopold’s personal journey and reveals how his idea of a “land ethic” resonates today.

The film is scheduled to play at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, on April 27, and in Seattle in late May or early June. For details, you can check out the film web site at www.greenfire.aldoleopold.org.

As most OldSmokeys know, Aldo Leopold graduated from the Yale Forest School in 1909 and joined the Forest Service in which he served in the Southwestern District from 1909 to 1924. Those were formative years during which this bureaucratic son of Gifford Pinchot became a philosophical son of John Muir and, along with Forest Service colleagues including Arthur Carhart, gave early on-the-ground expression within the National Forest System to the concept of wilderness preservation. Later, at the University of Wisconsin, he developed and taught the modern science of wildlife management. He, Forest

Service colleague Bob Marshall, and others founded the Wilderness Society in 1935. Some call his 1949 book, *A Sand County Almanac*, published two years after his death, “the bible of the environmental movement.”

Green Fire is the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about Leopold and his legacy. Leopold’s biographer, Dr. Curt Meine, serves as the film’s on-screen guide.

“The idea of the film is to introduce as many people as possible to Leopold’s ideas,” said Steve Dunsky, who produced and directed the film with his wife, Ann, and fellow producer Dave Steinke. The Dunskeys work for the Forest Service, Steve as an audiovisual manager and Ann as an editor with Region 5 Public Affairs. Dave Steinke is assistant director of Region 2 Public Affairs. The filmmaking trio previously produced *The Greatest Good*, a film for the Forest Service’s centennial which featured Leopold as a member of the agency. Their productions are seen in visitor centers and other venues around the country.

The 70-minute film, currently showing around the country, will someday be shown on PBS and will be available on DVD and Blu-Ray later this spring from the Aldo Leopold Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913; 608-355-0279; www.aldoleopold.org. Again, watch the film web site at www.greenfire.aldoleopold.org for details.



Aldo Leopold, a 1909 Yale Forest School graduate, served in the U.S. Forest Service from 1909 to 1924 in the Southwestern District (later region) where he was a forest assistant on the Apache National Forest when this photo was made in 1911, forest supervisor of the Carson National Forest in 1912 and 1913, and later D-3 Director of Operations. He was Assistant Director of the Forest Products Laboratory from 1924 to 1928.

U.S. Forest Service photograph by John D. Guthrie

Prepared from articles in The Chief’s Desk for February 4 and 25, 2011; an article “Film preserves Aldo Leopold’s legacy as a conservationist” by Adrian Gomez in the Albuquerque Journal for January 27, 2011; an article “New documentary highlighting the life and work of Aldo Leopold to premier at AI Ringling” by Tim Damos in the Baraboo, Wisconsin, News Republic for February 25, 2011, and the Green Fire website at greenfire@aldoleopold.org, and personal communications with Steve Dunsky.



The old and the new office buildings at Leavenworth Ranger Station in 1939. The 1920s office on the left was replaced by the late 1930s Cascadian Rustic style office, flanked by other structures, on the right. U.S. Forest Service photograph

Uncle Sam’s Cabins

Leavenworth Ranger Station

Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Washington

By Les Joslin

Photographs by the U.S. Forest Service and Les Joslin

Leavenworth Ranger Station is located along U.S. Highway 2 in Leavenworth, Washington. Built between 1937 and 1939 by Civilian Conservation Corps construction crews and local experienced men supervised by the U.S. Forest Service, this historic compound reflects the Cascadian Rustic architecture of Pacific Northwest Region structures of the Great Depression era with a Bavarian twist added about three decades later.

The nine buildings built between 1937 and 1939 combined with two of the four Leavenworth Ranger Station structures built in the 1920s—an office converted to a crew house and a carpenter shop retained as a warehouse—to provide an attractive and functional Wenatchee National Forest district ranger’s headquarters on a beautifully landscaped site.

The new office was sited prominently in the center of the compound and next to the station entrance where it served as the control point for all business traffic entering and leaving the station and was readily accessible to the public. East and north of the office was a service court around which a machine shop, equipment storage building, and gas and oil house were located. West of the complex a residential site included the assistant ranger’s and protection assistant’s houses and a two-car garage. A third residence for the district lumberman (the old term for timber staff officer) west of the service building group and a ranger’s residence entirely separate from the compound completed the project.

Still serving as headquarters of the Wenatchee River Ranger District, the Leavenworth Ranger Station has responded to six decades of changing structural and functional requirements reflected in modification of several buildings for other needs, additions to the office built in the 1960s and 1990s, and disposal of other buildings without significantly diminishing the appearance of the compound.

A change in the station’s appearance was made to help the city of Leavenworth survive. A small timber and railroad community founded in 1892 when the Great Northern Railway was routed over Stevens Pass, Leavenworth became headquarters of the Great North Railroad in the early 1900s. The railroad relocated to Wenatchee in the 1920s, and the city struggled until 1968 when it adopted a Bavarian theme to attract visitors and revitalize its economy. As a resident agency, the Forest Service participated by making the office and machine shop evocative of the Bavarian motif.

Although somewhat altered, the outward appearance of Leavenworth Ranger Station buildings is much as it was at the time of construction. The historic Leavenworth Ranger Station compound was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

Editor’s Note: Leavenworth Ranger Station is located on U.S. Highway 2 in Leavenworth, Washington.

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The historic Leavenworth Ranger Station office today.

Photograph by Les Joslin



Ranger Harold E. Smith, bareback on Doll on a cold Pine Mountain Ranger District day, contemplated the bond between forest rangers and their horses.

Photograph courtesy of Stephen G. Petit

The Way We Were

The Horse Known as Lady

By Harold E. Smith

Lady and I joined the Forest Service at Bend, Oregon, on July 1, 1911. For the next eight years, Lady contributed much to the cause of conservation. She became quite proficient on fire patrol. On boundary work and timber cruising she would do my pacing for me while I sat in the saddle and recorded her steps on the tally register. She would stand perfectly still while I took my compass shot then resume walking when she heard the compass lid click shut.

A slight pressure of the knee against her shoulder would bring her back on course when she occasionally veered off line. Thus I found her more valuable, in the area where I worked, than a seventy-five dollar a month field assistant.

Early in the spring of 1913 lady received a severe wire cut in the muscle of the front leg. Using a sharp knife I trimmed out some tags of dead flesh and sprayed the wound with antiseptic sheep dip to assist healing and repel flies. Knowing that Lady would be laid up for some time I put her out to pasture at what later would become the Sunriver Resort.

While at Sunriver I had her bred to a race horse. As winter approached I arranged to have her boarded at the Aune Brothers Stables in Bend. This proved a mistake. The confinement and lack of exercise resulted in the abortion of the foal. In August 1913 I was sent to the Siuslaw Forest, on a fifteen months detail, doing June Eleven examinations. Therefore, during the winter of 1913-1914 I was not in the Bend area to look after my interests.

The spring of 1914 saw Lady back at Pine Mountain, helping with Forest Service chores. Later that summer she participated in a two week trail ride on the Upper Deschutes. Being taught to respond to the command "Come Here lady" (known as whip broke), she was always available in rounding up the rest of the horses. Thus she made herself the pet and favorite of the whole twenty unit group. Late in November 1914 I finished my detail on the Siuslaw Forest and returned to the Deschutes. I again assumed charge of the Pine Mountain District.

By now I had acquired more saddle stock so Lady's work load became much lighter. Taking advantage of this she delivered a colt in 1916. This filly was named Dixie but I never got around to breaking her.

Another time, when Lady came in to water, I noticed she had a badly inflamed eye. She would not tolerate an examination so I decided to throw her. As soon as I tightened up on the ropes she voluntarily folded her legs at the knees and laid down of her own accord. Fearing she might change her mind and try to get up, I hog tied her and proceeded to examine the swollen eye. Angie, in the meantime, had mixed a boric acid solution. Together we removed a head of cheat grass from the inflamed eye and bathed it in the boric acid solution. First aid thus completed we removed the restraining ropes. Lady got back to her feet looking better and apparently feeling better. With a look of gratitude showing in her face, she resumed her place in the pasture with the rest of the horses.

It was a calm evening and darkness was settling over the landscape. The mercury stood at fifteen below zero and a light granulated snow filtered down from a canopy of dark clouds. I led Lady out to the water hole to give her a drink before bedding her down for the night. The pond was frozen so I dipped water from the well.

Watering thus completed I saw no reason for walking back to the barn. Mounted bareback I gave her the go ahead signal. She took the gesture too seriously and broke into a run. I had no objection to the extra speed but neither did I want to get bumped against the building. I pulled up the halter and Lady went into action. She didn't know what bucking meant but she seemed to know some of the maneuvers. She lowered her head, straddled her neck and left the ground, on a forty-five degree incline. At the apex of the curve Lady shifted rudders and began the descent. Different with me, however, I dragged anchor and

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My First Forest Service Job



Ron McCormick 57 years after his first Forest Service job.

The Calling

By Ron McCormick

In the spring quarter of 1954, my freshman year at Ohio State University, I took a course called “Introduction to Forestry.” Following basic English and math and other obligatory courses the first two quarters, this was my first forestry class. We used the maroon-colored textbook in the McGraw-Hill American Forestry Series. I was very excited to be learning something about my chosen profession!

Near the end of the term I noticed a government announcement on the bulletin board outside the classroom. The Clearwater national forest in Idaho was hiring summer laborers for a brush-cutting crew. I had no idea where the Clearwater Forest was located and, for that matter, no more than a vague notion about Idaho and the Forest Service. I checked an atlas in the library and found that the forest was located in the panhandle of northern Idaho. That sounded good to me, so I sent in an application. I was hired!

In early June I traveled west with a classmate from OSU who had taken a similar job on another national forest in Idaho. He owned an old car, so we drove to Idaho. That was my first trip west of the Mississippi River, and it was an eye-opener! I had seen mountains, plains, and rivers like that only in western movies.

We drove through the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming on a brilliantly clear, full moon night. The scenes I watched through the windshield reminded me of good black and white photographs—absent color, but starkly clear and sharp. Coming around a turn, we encountered a large herd of elk grazing in a meadow just below the highway. I had never seen an elk, much less an entire herd in a mountain meadow bathed in moonlight. The huge animals appeared majestically surreal. The moment was magical, and I knew I would really like the mountains of the western United States.

Musselshell Ranger Station

My classmate, a fellow from Wooster, Ohio, dropped me off at the Musselshell Ranger Station, an hour’s drive on a gravel road outside Pierce, Idaho. Pierce was a tiny town with a gravelled main street through its center and weathered, clapboard buildings on each side. Just like those western movies.

I was assigned a cot in the old barracks at Musselshell. Following some orientation and training, I spent the summer with a twenty-man crew cutting and piling roadside slash that had been generated by a logging contractor building access roads into the magnificent white pine forests that comprised the Clearwater. We rode to the job site standing in the back of a stake-side truck. We hand cut and piled brush all day, day after day. We returned to the barracks in the evening, ate dinner together in the cookhouse, and repeated the simple routine the next day. I became very proficient at wielding a double bit ax and keeping the business end very sharp. Good enough, in fact, that I later won the log cutting championship at the annual “field day” event at the University of Michigan Forestry Summer Camp in the Upper Peninsula.

We were also trained in basic firefighting techniques, including instructions on how to carry a tool and hike safely to the fire, building fire line, and mop-up. We were informed that in the event of a lightning storm we would be “smoke chasers.” That was an exciting prospect for me, and the term itself fired my imagination. Unfortunately, with the exception of a practice burn, we were never sent to a fire.

This was a new world for me, but I found I liked the work and loved the mountains.

Pierce, Softball, and Flossie

The man who supervised the work camp at Musselshell had a passion for softball. He organized our crew into a team, and on Saturdays hauled us in the back of the stake-side truck to Pierce to play other local teams. We didn’t have much time to practice, and we weren’t very good.

It was, however, a nice diversion and an opportunity to get out of the camp for a change of scene. We wouldn’t return until late evening, which gave us a chance to walk around the little town. Pierce had one old hotel that also offered a bar. It was the local hangout for loggers.

One Saturday evening I noticed a line of men standing outside the hotel. It was a line of loggers in black staged-off *Can’t Bust ‘Em* pants, coarse wool shirts, and suspenders. The line of rugged-looking loggers crossed the sagging, wooden porch and spilled over into the dusty street.

“What’s that line all about?” I asked my supervisor. “What are they selling in there?”

“Ron,” he smiled at me patiently, “why don’t you get in the line behind Buck and find out?”

Buck was a big, broad-shouldered man of about thirty, and the straw boss of second-in-command of our crew. I stepped in behind him and asked, “What’s going on, Buck? What’s the line for?”

He looked down at me with derision and answered. “Flossie. We’re waiting for a crack at Flossie. She’s here tonight and the only one in town.”

I felt my face turn warm and very red I am sure, and I bolted from the line. The men in line had been watching and enjoyed a good laugh. Boy, I was sure an innocent, naïve kid from Chagrin Falls, Ohio!

Hitchhiking Home

The summer progressed and I had cut and piled my share of slash. I needed to leave for home in early September to get ready for another year of college. I had been sending most of my earnings home for Mom to deposit in my bank account, designated for college tuition and books. I had about fifteen dollars for travel expenses, so I decided to hitchhike home. Frugality was only part of the reason. I wanted to make the return trip into an experience—another adventure!

In the 1950s, hitchhiking was more common than today and relatively safe. Hitching south toward Boise, Idaho, on my fourth or fifth ride I was picked up by a steelworker from Spokane, Washington. He was a swarthy, short, but powerfully built man who promptly began telling me his story. He occasionally paused to take swigs from a bottle in a brown paper bag that rested on the seat between us. He offered me a drink, but I declined. At that point in my life I didn't drink, smoke, or stand in lines outside old hotels. Not to suggest that I do now!

The steelworker told me he had been a professional boxer but had to quit because of repeated broken bones in his hands. He said he was a good fighter, a highly ranked middleweight. He bragged about fighting (and losing to) Tony Zale, who sometime later fought Rocky Graziano for the middleweight championship of the world. I recalled the Graziano-Zale match. I had listened to it on the radio a few years earlier, and it was a typical, punishing, Graziano-style battle. Graziano won.

The steelworker told me about his girlfriend, a cocktail waitress in a tavern in Boise.

"The slimy bartended in that dumpy joint is making moves on my girlfriend, and I'm going down there to whip his butt, and anyone else in the bar that has similar ideas. I could use some help. Why don't you join me and we'll clean out the place?"

I was startled, and a vision of a bloody bar fight, arrest, and a night in the Boise jail filled my head.

Well, in those days I thought I was pretty tough. But I wasn't dumb. "I just can't do that. I must get back to Ohio so I can go back to college," I mumbled.

He just laughed and said OK. "But you're going to miss out on a good time!"

I have always wondered how that episode of his life turned out, and what might have happened if I had gone along with him. He dropped me off on the edge of town, and I spent two dollars of my fifteen-dollar travel budget to stay the night in a cheap Boise hotel (flop house). The little room didn't have a door, and any noise in the hallway kept me awake and a bit anxious. I didn't get much sleep.

In an ensuing ride, I was searched by an encyclopedia salesman as a condition of riding with him. He had previously been robbed at knifepoint. He wanted to take a look in my little gym bag, which contained only a couple changes of clothes.

I slept outside all but that one night in Boise. I recall making

a bed in a utility trailer stored in a backyard. It had a tarp thrown over it, and I just crawled under the tarp. The trailer was propped up at an angle, and I spent an uncomfortable night. When I was lucky, I got a ride with someone who was traveling overnight.

Finally, after more than two hundred rides—I counted them—and four and a half days, I arrived at 171 Bradley Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Home! On the last ride the driver felt sorry for me and delivered me right to my front door. I had a memorable adventure and two dollars left in my wallet!

My Calling

Coincident with my quest for experience and adventure, I realized I had discovered my calling: I knew what I wanted to do and where I wanted to be. I would return to the mountains of the West, and cast my lot as a forester in the world's premier conservation agency, the U.S. Forest Service.

Editor's Note: OldSmokey Ron McCormick served on seven national forests in three western states and in one regional office. He published his memoir, Plain Green Wrapper—A Forester's Story, in 2009.

This is the first in a series of "My First Forest Service Job" stories (inspired by Wendall Jones' story published in the Fall 2010 issue and Gil Gilbert's and Fitz Fitzgerald's stories published in the Winter 2011 issue) published under that heading that is intended to be a regular section of your OldSmokeys Newsletter and perhaps later a book. Every OldSmokey has such a story, and you are invited to share yours in this new section. Just apply the seat of your pants to the seat of a chair, tickle the keys on that keyboard as the memories flow, and send the results to your editor at <lesjoslin@aol.com> or by snail mail to Les Joslin, 2356 NW Great Place, Bend, Oregon 97701, and help the series succeed.

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continued the upward, outward course, eventually landing on all fours some six or eight feet out front.

As soon as Lady realized what she had done, she came to me and offered a silent apology. It seemed that what she was trying to say was that she had intended the thing as a joke, that she had no intention of trying to throw me and had misjudged my ability as a bareback jockey. And did I give her a good spanking for her mischievous joke? No, instead I gave her a little love pat and accepted her apology.

Editor's Note: Ranger Harold E. Smith was district ranger, Pine Mountain Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, from 1911 until 1918 when his wife, Angie, died during the influenza pandemic and he soon transferred to Alaska. He was a prolific writer. This article is reprinted from the August 1985 Timberlines published by the Thirty-Year Club, predecessor of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association. The photograph is one of six of Ranger Smith and his Pine Mountain Ranger District provided to your editor in 2002 by Mr. Stephen G. Petit of Cottage Grove, Oregon.



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