



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Spring 2018

President's Message—Tom Mulder

Greetings, friends! Spring is sneaking in the back door, the sunshine hours are getting longer, and thoughts turn toward pleasant spring activities: increasing time outdoors, family camping, gardening as hillsides return to green. With spring, I'm also looking forward to gathering with OldSmokeys friends for the annual Spring Banquet in May. Hope to see you and your smile there. It's like coming out of hibernation and reconnecting!

At the banquet, we're eager to honor the incoming President, **Kent Connaughton**, and welcome the next President Elect, **Rob Mangold**. A hearty thanks to them for contributing their leadership spirit to our fine organization. I also am honored to thank **Ron Boehm** as he wraps up his term as Past President, an important emeritus role in which he has provided his insights and wise counsel. We really have some mighty fine folks who keep the OldSmokeys on track. I hope you will join me in thanking the members of the Board who provide dedicated service to all of us in OldSmokeys.

We are eagerly reaching out to new members. All Forest Service retirees and active employees who have shared our experiences, both good and challenging, are welcomed into our supportive network. We'll be at the Region 6 New Employee Orientation in March, making connections with future OldSmokeys who are barely getting started in what will surely be an abundance of exciting Forest Service careers.

We have recently issued a wonderful number of grants to very worthwhile non-profit Forest Service partners who are supporting causes we appreciate. I am looking forward to seeing those projects implemented, many with OldSmokey volunteers, and you can participate in their progress by watching our OldSmokeys website and newsletters. It is one of the greatest ways we continue to say thanks and support those who help care for our Forest Service treasures.

Wishing you all a great spring!

Tom Mulder

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Forum

Two Weeks in Costa Rica: Sun, Sand, Surf, and Sloth

Pat and I enjoyed the last two weeks of January at friends' luxury condo at The Palms, Jaco Playa, Costa Rica. On our third morning there, an amazing wave of total relaxation washed over me. My inner sloth was aroused!

We emulated that tropical forest tree-top critter's slothful lifestyle by adopting a lazy "pura vida" lifestyle as we walked the warm Pacific beach, dined and drank at street side cafes and beachside bars, lounged and read on the balcony or beside the pool, and just plain took it easy.

Oh, we did take a day trip south to Manuel Antonio National Park to enjoy that oceanside tropical forest preserve and its wildlife, but otherwise this OldSmokey morphed into an "OldSloth" who didn't even make an effort to track down and photograph his tree-top soulmate.

After two weeks, the palms and ocean outside the spacious fifth-floor condo overlooking the Pacific changed to the pines and mountains outside my little home office in Bend, Oregon. Refreshed and rejuvenated, your *OldSmokeys Newsletter* editor was back on the job.

Hey! Google "501 The Palms Jaco Costa Rico" to see where we stayed. Perhaps you'd enjoy the "sloth experience" too.

U.S Forest Service Budget Needs Seem Ignored by Administration and Congress

In a January 15, 2018, letter (*see page 8*) the six living former U.S. Forest Service chiefs—three of them OldSmokeys—asked Congress to fix the fire borrowing problem that is overwhelming the Forest Service's declining budget. On February 10, 2018, in the Eugene, Oregon, *Register-Guard*, Willamette National Forest Supervisor and OldSmokey **Tracy Beck** explained the consequences for the Forest Service of being "the only federal agency that is required to fund its entire emergency management program through its regular budget appropriations."

Neither the Trump Administration nor the Congress seem to be listening, and the Forest Service budget situation worsens.

A quick look at the administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget for discretionary appropriations of \$4.77 billion shows a decrease of \$486 million from the agency's FY 2018 amount. That's a 16 percent cut. The biggest cut is to Capital Improvement and Maintenance (care of roads, bridges, buildings, campgrounds, etc.) down 74 percent from \$362 million to \$95 million. State and Private Forestry is down 43 percent; Research is down 15 percent; Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness is down nine percent; and Timber is down six percent.

Meanwhile, Wildland Fire Activities is up to 53 percent of Forest Service discretionary spending—a \$190 million increase to about \$2.5 billion. Such an increase supports predictions that fire could consume as much as 67 percent of the budget by 2021 and—if there's no fire borrowing fix—could take even more from other high-priority programs.

Perhaps—just perhaps—Congress will take positive steps to improve this desperate situation.

**"I may disapprove of what you say,
but will defend to the death your right to say it."**
—Attributed to Voltaire

OldSmokeys News

OldSmokeys to Install 2018-2019 Officers at Sunday, May 20, Spring Banquet

OldSmokeys will gather at the beautiful Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, Oregon, on Sunday, May 20, for the annual Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) Spring Banquet at which they will witness the PNWFSA's annual peaceful transition of power and otherwise just enjoy a darn good time with darn good friends.

With regard to that first order of business, scheduled to follow all that good food and good fun, OldSmokey **Kent Connaughton** will relieve OldSmokey **Tom Mulder** of the mantle of President, and Tom will then assume a year of Past President duties.

And then, OldSmokey **Bob Mangold**, whose nomination to serve as President-elect was approved in the recent election, will begin a year in office during which he will prepare himself to assume the PNWFSA presidency in May 2019.

Before that piece of business, all who attend will enjoy socializing and fine dining with their fellow OldSmokeys as they get caught up on what's going on in the Forest Service in which they served—a process usually facilitated by the presence of Regional Forester and OldSmokey **Jim Peña**, if his busy schedule permits—as well as what's going on with each other.

Doors and the no-host bar will open at 1:00 p.m., and socializing with drinks and appetizers will soon be under way. The always-delicious buffet-style dinner catered by honorary OldSmokey **Dave Dalton** will be served by 3:00 p.m. As dinner ends, officers will be installed and door prizes will be awarded.

All this will set you back just **\$25.00 per person**, and you can use the Reservation Form (or a copy of it) in the right-hand column of page 3 to reserve your places not later than May 10, 2018.

Driving Directions

Most OldSmokeys already know how to get to Charbonneau Country Club. For those who don't or who need a reminder:

From Portland and points north, exit I-5 at Exit 282B (Charbonneau District) after crossing the Willamette River bridge. Turn left (east) at the first stop onto NE Miley Road, go .4 mile to French Prairie Road. Turn left onto French Prairie Road, go .7 mile to Charbonneau Drive. Turn onto Charbonneau Drive and follow it to Charbonneau Country Club. From Salem and points south, exit I-5 at Exit 282 (Canby) just north of the rest stop. Turn right (east) onto NE Miley Road, go .3 mile to French Prairie Road, turn left and go .7 mile to Charbonneau Drive, then follow that drive to Charbonneau Country Club.

OldSmokeys May Reserve Now for August 10 PNWFSA Summer Picnic

Why not kill two birds with one stone and use the Summer Picnic reservation form on the page 4 flip-side of the Spring Banquet reservation form to sign up for the August 10 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) Summer Picnic in the Woods scheduled for Friday, August 10, at the BLM Wildwood Recreation Area on U.S. Highway 26 near Welches, Oregon?

Again this summer, this always fun picnic will cost you **just \$15.00 per person, and just \$7.50 for kids under 12!** This lower price is available again this year by arrangement with the Job Corps culinary student program which will serve us. Socializing will start at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Your Federal Recreation Lands Pass will cover the fee that helps BLM maintain the Wildwood Recreation Area.

This invitation and registration form will appear again in the Summer 2018 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, **but if you're sure you can make it to this summer's picnic you might as well sign up now!**

OldSmokeys Continue to Register for the "Reunion at the Cradle" in Beautiful Asheville, North Carolina

Just six months from now, OldSmokeys and other U.S. Forest Service retirees from all over the United States—and active duty Forest Service folks, too—will converge on beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, for the September 24-28, 2018, national "Reunion at the Cradle" hosted by the Southern Forest Service Retirees Association (SFSRA) at the beautiful Crown Plaza Resort.

You don't want to miss this one!

To be sure you don't, go right now to the reunion website at 2018.fsreunions.org to find out all about it and to register to attend and enjoy the only U.S. Forest Service reunion ever to be held east of the Mississippi and in the South! Here's what you'll see on the website:

- **Home Page** tells all about what is planned.
- **History and Culture** introduces the Southern Region.
- **Venue Overview** shows you the Crown Plaza Resort.
- **Program Overview** previews such reunion offerings as day-long field trips to the Biltmore Estate and to the Cradle of Forestry on the Pisgah National Forest as well as the silent auction and raffle.
- **Registration** provides complete information on reunion registration (including a registration form you can download) as well as complete room reservation information.
- **About Us** introduces the fine Southern Region retirees who are putting on this reunion.



Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

SPRING BANQUET—MAY 20, 2018
Charbonneau Country Club, Wilsonville, Oregon

RESERVATION FORM

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):

support

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please print your name here:

Please send this reservation form and your check to be received not later than May 10, 2018.



Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

**SUMMER PICNIC IN THE WOODS:
AUGUST 10, 2018**

RESERVATION FORM

**Socializing at 11:00 a.m. followed by
Lunch at 12:00 noon.**

**Mail this reservation form and check for
\$15.00 per person*
(payable to PNWFSA) to:**

**PNWFSA
P.O. Box 5583
Portland, Oregon 97728-5583**

Please reserve _____ picnic lunches
at **\$15.00** each for
(names exactly as they will appear on name tags)
for:

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please print your name here:

**Please send your reservation form and your check
to be received not later than August 1, 2018!**

*Grandchildren under 12 years old cost \$7.50 each.

**OldSmokeys Grant a Record \$20,550
to Seven Worthy Projects in 2018**

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) Board of Directors on January 26, 2018, awarded a record total of \$20,550 in grants to seven projects pursuant to the recommendation of Grant Committee chair **Charlie Krebs** and members **Phil Cruz**, **Kent Mays**, and **Bob Tokarczyk**.

“There was lots of interest in the program this year,” committee chair Charlie commented, comparing the record sum awarded with last year’s total of only \$2,500 awarded to two projects. It was a particularly challenging year for the committee because seven of the eight proposals satisfied all grant program criteria and were considered very good projects.

“We didn’t use \$7,000 of the grant funds budgeted for 2017,” Past President **Ron Boehm** noted, and those funds were available to help fund 2018 project proposals.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to fully fund all seven eligible grant requests using the \$10,000 budgeted for 2018 grants, the unused \$7,000 budgeted for 2017 grants, and another \$3,550 from the Lifetime Fund.

The grant recipients, amounts awarded, and projects for 2018 are:

- **Discover Your Forest** (Deschutes National Forest partner for partnerships and conservation education) received \$3,000 for the Historic Deschutes Bridge Guard Station for completion of renovation activities that will result in this Great Depression era guard station being added to the recreation rental program. This project also involves stabilization and interpretation on an early 1900s log cabin (one of two which originally comprised the guard station) and removal on non-contributing structures from the site.
- **Cascade Pacific RC&D** (in cooperation with the Siuslaw National Forest and several others) received \$2,200 to support the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative that is raising awareness of the need for dunes restoration and the preservation of the open sand, unique habits, and dunes processes that benefit plants, animals, and people within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.
- **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** in Government Camp, Oregon, received \$5,000 to fund about half the cost of replacing or modifying all building emergency exits to conform with building codes as required by the local fire marshal.
- **The High Desert Museum** south of Bend, Oregon, received \$1,000 to help defray the costs of repainting the historic 1933 CCC-built district ranger’s office building moved from central Nevada, restored ten years ago, and reused since as the High Desert Ranger Station to interpret National Forest System history under PNWFSA sponsorship.
- **Douglas County Museum Foundation** (in cooperation with the Umpqua National Forest, the BLM, and the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe) received \$2,350 to fund revamping the Colliding Rivers Exploration Station Viewpoint, including repair of four benches and emplacement of two picnic tables by the Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, where visitors can enjoy this significant confluence of the North Umpqua River and the Little River.

- **The Friends of Fish Lake** (in cooperation with the McKenzie River Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest) received \$5,000 for historic Hall House roof replacement with new special shakes acquired as part of a 2016 PNWFSA grant. The current plan is to contract out the shake installation since the Friends of Fish Lake are no longer comfortable asking their members—many of whom are getting up in years—to work on the roof.
- **The Friends of Fish Lake** also received \$2,000 to implement part of the Fish Lake Historic Site interpretation plan by producing video vignettes of individual historic buildings to better tell the historic station's story.

With this year's record grants, the PNWFSA has awarded a total of \$68,564 in grants to 35 projects since the grants program began in 2009.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Charlie Krebs and Bill Funk for coordination of this article.

OldSmokeys, Friends of Fish Lake to Gather for June 24-29 Work Week at Fish Lake Historic Site

The Friends of Fish Lake (FFL) have scheduled their annual work week at the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station and Remount Depot on the Willamette National Forest for Sunday, June 24, through Friday, June 29, 2018, according to FFL President and OldSmokey **Rolf Anderson**.

"Anyone interested is welcome to attend for any length of time," Rolf said. "Our highest priority is to complete the re-roofing project for the Hall House, the signature structure on the site." As reported on page 5 of this issue, the FFL received a \$5,000 grant from the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) for this project. "Work will also include the annual maintenance and repair on all twelve structures on the grounds." As always, there is space for campers and RVs.

"We plan to use the Forest Service's Passport in Time (PIT) program again this year to provide on-site hosts at the Fish Lake Historic Site from June to September," Rolf added.

OldSmokeys figure prominently in the FFL. At the FFL's annual winter board of directors meeting on January 26, 2018, the 2017 slate of officers—OldSmokeys **Rolf Anderson**, President; **Steve Mealey**, Vice President; **Randy Dunbar**, Treasurer; and **Phil Raab**, Treasurer—was reelected for the duration of 2018.

OldSmokey Vern Clapp Urges Members to Switch to Paperless *OldSmokeys Newsletter*

"Currently, 273 members [of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association] have elected to forgo the hard-copy *OldSmokeys Newsletter* and directory," OldSmokey **Vern Clapp** noted on January 7, 2018. "They access the newsletter online, and receive the e-Directory via e-mail. This saves resources such as paper, and at the same time saves our association bucks with reduced postage and printing costs."

If you want to go paperless and receive your *OldSmokeys Newsletter* online only, please contact PNWFSA Membership Database & Website Manager **Bill Funk** by e-mail at <billfpdx@gmail.com>.



OldSmokey Doug Ridley is one of nine OldSmokeys and several other High Desert Museum volunteers who welcomed High Desert Ranger Station visitors daily last summer.

OldSmokeys are Signing Up Now to Staff High Desert Ranger Station Tenth Season

The summer of 2018 will be the tenth consecutive summer during which OldSmokeys, supplemented by other High Desert Museum volunteers, will welcome that world-class museum's visitors to its High Desert Ranger Station on June weekends and daily from July 1 through Labor Day.

Last summer's volunteer team of nine OldSmokeys and several other museum volunteers welcomed over 1,500 visitors to the High Desert Ranger Station. Each of these visitors received personal introductions to U.S. Forest Service history and its role in the evolution of the Old West of natural resource exploitation into the New West of natural resource stewardship.

Readily identifiable in their forest green polo shirts, these volunteers' five-hour duty days are individually scheduled by volunteer team leader OldSmokey **Les Joslin** based on each volunteer's availability and convenience. Les trains new volunteers, updates experienced volunteers, and serves days not scheduled for other volunteers. Les will have to be away from Central Oregon for a couple yet-to-be scheduled periods this summer and needs to recruit as strong volunteer team like last summer's team to ensure all 73 scheduled days are staffed.

High Desert Ranger Station volunteers sign on as High Desert Museum volunteers, and first-year volunteers pass a criminal background check, attend Museum volunteer training, and receive a full-day of on-the-job ranger station staffing orientation. Volunteers pay for their own uniform polo shirts worn tucked into regular blue jeans set off by proper belts and footwear. Warm uniform jackets for cool weather are provided.

An OldSmokey project—sponsored completely by your Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) as an organization and as individuals since its inception—the High Desert Ranger Station is one way OldSmokeys help citizen-owners of the National Forest System understand and appreciate the current and historic roles of the Forest Service and the national forests and grasslands it administers for them.

For more information, contact Les by telephone at 541-330-0331 (leave message if nobody's home), by e-mail at <lesjoslin@aol.com>, or by letter addressed to him at 2356 NW Great Place, Bend, Oregon 97703.



OldSmokey Keith Clinton and Scout are members of Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue K9 Unit.

Photograph Courtesy of Keith Clinton

OldSmokey Keith Clinton and Scout Keep Busy on Deschutes County Search & Rescue K9 Unit

OldSmokey **Keith Clinton** of Bend, Oregon, who retired from the U.S. Forest Service on the Deschutes National Forest in 2003 and from a second career in real estate in 2016, spends much of his time these days training his dog, Scout, and serving as a volunteer member and assistant team coordinator of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) K9 Unit.

Keith recalls involvement in a search for a little boy lost on national forest land in Klamath County in the early 1990s. At the time, there were no SAR dogs in the area. By the time they were brought in from afar, it was too late. Much of the area had been stomped over by searchers on foot or horseback, and a major winter storm dropped more than a foot of snow there. The little boy did not survive.

"It was a helpless, horrible feeling not being able to find that little guy," Keith says. "But I told myself that someday, when I had the time and resources, I would get a pup and train him to be a SAR dog so I could perhaps do more for a lost person the next time."

That pup, a German shepherd named Scout, was born October 2, 2013. Keith applied to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to be a member of the 2014 SAR Academy from which he graduated that spring.

Fast forward to today. Keith and Scout are certified as a team in a discipline known as "Wilderness Air Scent" and they are working toward certification in "Tracking and Trailing" as well. They and their fellow handlers and dogs in the K9 SAR unit can be seen throughout Central Oregon training at least once or twice each week, getting ready for the next call-out to find a lost person.

Prepared from information provided by Keith Clinton.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Deschutes National Forest Area Representative Dennis Dietrich for leads on these two stories.

OldSmokey Ron Pugh Adopted Little Big Man

OldSmokey **Ron Pugh**, who lives on the Little Deschutes River south of Sunriver, Oregon, has a new dog. How he came to adopt Little Big Man, a Chihuahua mixed breed seriously injured in a fatal traffic accident on U.S. Highway 97 near Sunriver on December 6, 2017, is quite a story.

Aaron Beaty, one of several bystanders who arrived on the scene of the two-car crash, assured the fatally-injured driver, Brian Harris, 56, of southern Deschutes County, that he would care for his seriously-injured dog. Beaty took Little Big Man to the Sunriver Veterinary Clinic, the first of three facilities at which the dog's two broken legs, fractured pelvis, broken ribs, and puncture wounds were treated and the little dog began his recovery. Beaty and three local veterinary clinics covered the costs.

It wasn't long before Little Big Man needed a new home. That's when Ron stepped in. "I heard about his (Little Big Man's) situation the night of the accident from a friend who works at the Sunriver Veterinary Clinic," Ron told your *OldSmokeys Newsletter* on February 19, 2018. "The moment I heard about him, I felt this overwhelming need to help him. I didn't want another dog. I definitely didn't want a shedding male dog. Dog hair and peeing are not my things.

"After about three days of resisting that urge, my morning Bible study read: 'God offers you what you need, you just need to learn to accept it. And God tells you what you need to hear, you just need to learn to listen.' So, I listened and tracked him down at his third veterinary clinic. We bonded immediately."

Ron got permission from Harris' family to adopt Little Big Man, taking him home—his legs still in casts, but stable and on the road to recovery—on December 15. It was a rapid recovery.

"On February 3, 2018, less than two months after he was injured, Little Big Man was recovering so well I entered him and my other little dog Kenda in the Sunriver Brewery K-9 Keg Pull," Ron finished the story. "About 160 dogs and 400 people were involved. There were only about 20 dogs in the 'under 10 pounds' category in which my two dogs competed. While large dogs pull full-size kegs, dogs in that small category pull empty Foster's beer cans. Little Big Man won second place! Amazing recovery! Kenda placed third."

Prepared from multiple sources including "Two-vehicle crash kills Bend man near Sunriver" in the December 6, 2017, issue of Bend, Oregon's The Bulletin; "Big Times for Little Big Man" by Nicole Vulcan in the December 20, 2017, issue of Bend, Oregon's The Source; and February 19 and 20, 2018, e-mails from Ron Pugh.



OldSmokey Ron Pugh and Little Big Man, wearing his second-place keg pull medal, on February 3, 2018.

Photograph courtesy of Ron Pugh

Come on, OldSmokeys!
 This page proves there are good stories out there! Send 'em in to your OldSmokeys Newsletter and share 'em with your friends!



OldSmokeys Can Support Their U.S. Forest Service as Members of NAFSR

While your Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (OldSmokeys) membership affords your primary social network as a Forest Service retiree, a National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) membership connects you with the best possible way to advocate, support, and defend—now and in the future—our National Forest System and the Forest Service in which you served.

The mission of the NAFSR is to actively advocate and support the National Forests and the Forest Service and accomplishment of its mission. NAFSR has been an effective and respected voice working in partnerships with elected officials, administrations, NGOs, and the Forest Service Chief's Office to address and promote policies and laws that directly affect the Forest Service's mission of caring for the land and serving people.

In the coming year, NAFSR will focus efforts around:

- securing a legislative fix for Wildland fire funding,
- language in the 2018 Farm Bill,
- keeping public lands public,
- advocating for Job Corp Centers,
- responding to the President's Administrative Budget proposals affecting the Forest Service and its retirees,
- and taking positions on new proposals that could affect our public lands.

NAFSR is also actively recognizing and promoting current Forest Service employees or teams through the John McGuire Award for the work they are doing. To see if NAFSR is a fit for you, visit <www.nafsr.org> for more detailed information.

Over the years, many OldSmokeys and other NAFSR leaders and members have been at the forefront of helping to ensuring the effectiveness of the Forest Service as the leading steward of America's forest resources and treasures. You can join them and contribute to this effort by becoming a member of NAFSR. It's easy and inexpensive. Indeed, your first year of membership will be free, and after that only \$25.00 per year, or you can become a lifetime member \$250.00. And, if you're 80 years old or better, NAFSR doesn't want your money...just you!

The best way to join and to find out what's going on is to go to NAFSR's website at <www.nafsr.org> and click on **Membership** and follow the easy steps to join. If you're not online, you can write to NAFSR at P.O. Box 273362, Fort Collins, Colorado 80527.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to OldSmokey Ranotta McNair, PNWFSA's representative to NAFSR, for this article.

U.S. Forest Service Offers Work Opportunities for Retirees 55 Years of Age or Older

Through a new partnership with the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC), the Forest Service offers retirees paid opportunities to help it accomplish its work .

See article on page 9 for more information!



Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue's January 2, 2018, "OneUSDA" holiday message raised some U.S. Forest Service concerns.
U.S. Department of Agriculture photograph

U.S. Forest Service Briefly Shocked by Secretary Perdue's "OneUSDA" Message

Perhaps recalling former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack's 2013 proposal to phase out the Pine Tree Shield which had identified the U.S. Forest Service for more than a century, Forest Service personnel and retirees were taken aback by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue's January 2, 2018, "OneUSDA" holiday message to his department. In that brief message, Secretary Perdue said the individual agencies and offices he oversees—including the Forest Service—would surrender their individual identities in the "days, weeks, and months ahead."

"Too many times we think of our individual offices, or in our agencies or about mission areas," he said. "But...segregating ourselves into those categories fails to recognize just how interconnected we are, how the work of one team complements or informs the work of another. So, from today forward you will hear all of our USDA leadership, from the Office of the Secretary on down, begin to refer to us as OneUSDA. Not as APHIS or as the Forest Service, not as Rural Development or of FAS, not as distinct agencies sitting in the same office, like FSA, RMA, or NRCS. No, instead, we're gonna be one team all working toward the same goals: OneUSDA."

Within a few days, expressions of concern—including a January 8 letter from the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR)—had elicited a clarification. In that January 8 letter, signed by Chair James L. Caswell, NAFSR expressed the Forest Service's pride—"symbolized in the agency's shield which helps to sustain our heritage"—in being a Department of Agriculture component, and explained that the millions it serves—including "the recreating public and folks in the rural communities"—understand the Forest Service and "collaboration and helping one another get things done," but "likely won't understand OneUSDA." The entire letter is available on NAFSR's website at <www.nafsr.org> under "advocacy" on the home page.

"We did a significant amount of follow-up and gathering of facts about what OneUSDA is about," NAFSR posted on its website on January 8. "All indications are this is about USDA agencies working together more as a team and not about name changes or re-branding." With this perspective, NAFSR said of its letter, "our intentions were to respond positively, offer a note of caution, do it quickly, and be vigilant as implementation proceeds."

Prepared from multiple sources including a January 3, 2018, Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEE) website posting “Perdue: Let’s Stop Calling the Forest Service ‘the Forest Service’” which quoted the January 2, 2018, message; the January 8, 2018, National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) letter to Secretary Perdue; a brief update from OldSmokey Bill Ciesla passed by OldSmokeys Steve Ellis and Linda Goodman to OldSmokey Carol Cushing who shared it as PNWFSA eNote 1918 on January 12, 2018; and January 25, 2018, New Century of Forest Planning blog posting “NAFSR Follows Up on OneUDSA” by Sharon Friedman.

U.S. Forest Service Retired Chiefs Asked Congress for Fire Funding Fix

The six living former U.S. Forest Service chiefs—OldSmokeys **Max Peterson** (1979-1987), **Dale Robertson** (1987-1993), and **Gail Kimbell** (2007-2009) along with Mike Dombeck (1997-2001), Dale Bosworth (2001-2007), and Tom Tidwell (2009-2017)—jointly signed a January 15, 2018, letter to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate majority and minority leaders urging them—as Jim Petersen of the non-profit Evergreen Foundation put it on January 25—“to fix the fire borrowing mess that annually sabotages the agency’s ability to treat diseased and dying National Forests before catastrophic wildfires destroy them.” That letter follows.

“Dear Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Schumer:

“As the lost homes and lives from last year’s wildfires sadly reminded us, we are experiencing longer, hotter and more devastating fire seasons. This past fire season registered as the costliest in history, with over 58,000 wildfires on 9.3 million acres of federal, state, tribal and private lands. This was not an anomaly. Our nation’s forests are in crisis. On the national forests, current data is showing that around 80 million acres are at high risk of catastrophic fire with potential impacts to over 70,000 communities. The unprecedented levels of insect and disease epidemics, combined with extended drought and climate change have caused tree mortality at the highest levels in recorded history. In California alone in the last few years, we’ve lost over 100 million trees. So it is clear, the trend of more and larger catastrophic fires is going to continue indefinitely unless and until we get much more aggressive at managing our forests, using all available tools such as prescribed fire, timber harvesting, managed natural wildfires and precommercial thinning. Research and science have demonstrated that 90% of preventive fuel treatments are effective in changing the fire behavior and/or helping with control of the wildfire. We simply need to do more proactive forest management.

“Unfortunately, the ability of the Forest Service to ramp up preventative forest treatments on national forests, and to assist states with their forest health management, is being impacted by the increasing cost of firefighting and the archaic 10-year average method being used to fund fire suppression. The Department of the Interior and to a much greater degree the Forest Service are the only government entities required to pay for catastrophic emergency operations out of their regular appropriated budgets. Today the Forest Service spends over half of its budget on fire management activities, compared to 16% in 1995. In a 2015 report, the Forest Service projected the fire budget would consume two thirds of the agency’s budget by 2025. Conditions on the ground are worsening and the agency is now projecting the fire budget to consume two thirds of the overall budget four years sooner in 2021. In the last two decades, the number of national forest employees has dropped

from 19,000 to 11,000, while the number of firefighters has more than doubled. This is crippling the agency’s efforts to increase critical management activities.

“For these reasons, we ask you to pass a comprehensive fire funding fix. We cannot waste this rare opportunity. Active management of our nation’s forests is crucial, not only for providing jobs and prosperity to rural communities, but for providing clean water, abundant wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and all the other amenities that come from well managed forests. The National Governors Association, Western Governors Association, the National Association of State Foresters and over 200 conservation, timber, wildlife, recreation and sportsmen’s organizations have all expressed strong support for a comprehensive fire funding fix. If not now, when? The future of our forests is in your hands.”



U.S. Forest Service firefighter Dave Dahlberg was recognized at the January 30, 2018, State of the Union at the U.S. Capitol. *White House photograph*

U.S. Forest Service’s Dave Dahlberg Recognized at State of the Union

U.S. Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke’s office shared the good news of President Donald Trump’s recognition at the January 30, 2018, State of the Union of Forest Service fire prevention specialist Dave Dahlberg’s courageous July 2017 Whittier Fire action in the following statement.

“In his 2018 State of the Union, the President singled out one of our own as a model for the nation. He praised Dave Dahlberg for his exemplary service in saving 58 children and 24 staff from a wildfire threatening a summer camp.

“Dave, a fire prevention specialist with seven seasons of experience on Los Padres National Forest in California, stood in uniform in the United States Capitol to receive accolades from the President, which were followed by a standing ovation from Congress and guests.

“Last July, Dave was part of a team battling the Whittier Fire near Santa Barbara. The fire cut off the Circle V Ranch Camp before all the kids and staff could get out. First responders attempted to reach the camp but were unsuccessful. Santa Barbara County Fire Division Chief Steve Oaks, who was serving as evacuation group supervisor, discussed with Dave the need to reach the camp. Together, they decided that Dave would make another try.

“Dave was familiar with the area, including access to the camp and location of the structures. He had participated in structure protection simulations at the camp and had helped

with a wildland fire training camp there. Only two years earlier, he had been in a training session at the exact same location. His training had included a ‘what if’ scenario of being cut off by a fire, including access and egress routes.

“Dave made it to the camp, then contacted Chief Oaks. After assessing the situation, they decided that everyone would shelter in place inside the dining hall. Helped by camp counselors and staff members, Dave prepared the camp for the oncoming fire by wetting down the main lodge and removing debris and flammable material from around buildings. Overhead, helicopters and airtankers made drops on the approaching flames.

“A bulldozer finally got through to cut fireline around the camp, and an hour or so later everyone was evacuated in a convoy of vehicles. Dave’s presence and calm demeanor kept anyone from trying to flee the refuge of the camp. Thankfully, everyone survived unharmed.

“Dave exemplifies the outstanding dedication of Forest Service employees that makes our agency so great. His training and experience prepared him to collaborate with partners, help make the right decisions and take actions that truly made a difference to a group of trapped and frightened kids and staff.

“Dave also epitomizes the courage and commitment of Forest Service firefighters. Through his selfless act of courage, he brought honor to himself and honor to the Forest Service. He is a model of our service to the nation—of what we mean by ‘Caring for the land and serving people’—and I am proud to serve alongside him.”

U.S. Forest Service ACES Program Offers Work Opportunities for Retirees and Others 55 Years of Age or Older

U.S. Forest Service retirees, along with other persons 55 years of age or older, now have an opportunity to help the Forest Service accomplish its program of work on a paid basis, thanks to a partnership with the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). This work can be intermittent, part- or full-time, or call when needed.

Since 1997, NOWCC, a nonprofit headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, has used “cost-effective, flexible, innovative and contemporary staffing options” to provide partnering government agencies with experienced workers 55 years and older where their knowledge, skills, and abilities are needed.

The NOWCC is partnering with the Forest Service through the U.S. Forest Service ACES Program to provide such older workers with agriculture and conservation experience and service (thus the “ACES” acronym) to “assist with technical services for conservation related programs and authorities carried out on National Forest System land” where its workforce lacks capacity to do the work. Under a pilot program in the Forest Management organization there are 38 NOWCC workers in the ACES Program within Regions 1,2,4,6, and 8, with Region 8 having the majority (20 workers). Beginning in March, the program is being significantly expanded to include virtually all work in support of National Forest System lands with the exception of emergency wildfire operations that involve use of the “AD” authority.

The ACES Program has been authorized in USDA for several years. However, with the passage of the Farm Bill of 2014 (PL 113-079), the Forest Service was authorized to use its available funds to operate the program. That authority is expected to

continue. Regions and Stations prepare supplemental agreements under a nationwide master agreement to hire older workers for jobs they need done. Regions and Stations supply the salary with the position to the NOWCC. Salaries can range up to \$80.00 per hour (generally commensurate with the GS wages paid for similar federal positions), and federal retiree benefits are completely unaffected by this employment.

An enrollee profiled on the NOWCC website is a retired Forest Service forester serving in Washington state as a “Silviculture and Forestry Mentor—communicating, advising, sharing career experiences and knowledge with new employees.” On February 23, 2018, clicking on the website’s ACES-USFS PORTAL button revealed three positions open in Missoula, Montana: Silviculture Mentor, Certification; Timber Sales Administration Trainer; and Sale Preparation Mentor, at \$45.00 per hour. A “spotlight link” to other Forest Service enrollees can be viewed at <https://www.nowcc.org/glenda-goodwyne-forest-services-aces-enrollee/>.

Retirees who are interested should contact their local Forest Service office, to let them know of their interest, recognizing that it is possible employees in that office may not be aware of the program. They should be encouraged to inquire further within the agency and to see the NOWCC website at www.nowcc.org for more information. Forest Service retirees are encouraged to “network” this opportunity with other persons 55 years of age or older, who may also be qualified.

Prepared from “National Older Worker Career Center” by Hank Kashdan in the NAFSR Annual Board Meeting and Workshop February 6-7, 2018, Final Notes, and reference to the NOWCC website.



U.S. Forest Service Loses Stan Tixier

John Stanley “Stan” Tixier died December 23, 2017, at age 85. Following a distinguished U.S. Forest Service career, from which he retired in 1991 as Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region, Stan lived in Eden, Utah, where he and his wife Jan raised Missouri fox-trotters and he wrote novels and cowboy poetry. “He...loved the Forest Service so much...it was joked...he wore green underwear,” a coworker once observed.

Stan was born February 15, 1932, in Clayton, New Mexico, and graduated from high school in Albuquerque. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy as an air traffic controller, Stan attended the University of Arizona where he earned bachelor of science and master’s degrees in range management in 1958 and 1959, respectively, and met and on June 28, 1958, married Janice White. He joined the Forest Service in 1959 and began the 31-year career that took him to assignments in Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, D.C., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which included district ranger and forest supervisor jobs, before he served eight years in Ogden, Utah, as Regional Forester. While serving as Regional Forester, Stan also served as the first chairman of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee. He was active in the Society for Range Management and served as its 1991-92 national president.

Stan’s love for the Forest Service shines through in his 2001 novel *Green Underwear* about the fascinating and demanding life of fictional District Ranger Larry Weaver in the early 1990s, and in that novel’s 2005 prequel *The Badge With A Tree* which follows the career and adventures of Ranger Lew Weav-

er, Larry's dad. Both books, the first with a foreword by Chief Emeritus and OldSmokey **Max Peterson** and the second with a foreword by Chief Emeritus and OldSmokey **Dale Robertson**, carry important messages both for Forest Service personnel and the citizen-owners of the National Forest System they serve.

In *Green Underwear*, Stan's character Lew Weaver eloquently stated the "There's no such thing as 'Forest Service land'" case to an erring newspaper editor. "The Forest Service doesn't own an acre of this land; you and I, we, the people do. The Forest Service is the agency, the organization. The land it manages has a specific title; it's called...the National Forest System. So please, ..., in the future, be careful to refer to National Forest Land, never Forest Service land, and I'll thank you for it." There's nothing better than truth in fiction, and those who strive to tell this truth thank Stan for it.

Stan's two collections of cowboy poetry, *A Good Lookin' Horse* and *A Better Lookin' Horse*, find ground truth in his experience as a young working cowboy on a ranch in southern Colorado. Among Stan's many other interests were support for Friends of the Kaibab Squirrel and his local St. Florence Catholic Church.

Stan is survived by his wife, Jan; son, John and wife, Suzanne; son, Joe and wife, Mary Kay; and daughter, Ann and husband, Allen; 11 grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Editor's Note: Stan's two Forest Service novels and two collections of cowboy poetry are available from the Western Heritage Company (337 E. 4th St., Loveland, CO 80537; 800-303-5703; <info@westernheritage.com> or <ranger@westernheritage.com>) as well as from online booksellers.

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Changes

Barrett, Helen R. – Deceased December 20, 2017;
Jim survives

Bond, Thelma – Deceased April 30, 2017

Claeyssens, Paul – Change e-mail address:
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Lewis, Florette – Deceased February 8, 2017; Robert survives
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Nelson, Julia – Deceased October 14, 2015

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Todd, John E. – Deceased November 10, 2014

New Members

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association since the Winter 2018 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Matthew J. "Matt" Deppmeier of Bend, Oregon. Matt retired from the U.S. Forest Service on June 28, 2014, as a silviculturist on the Deschutes National Forest, after 32 years in the U.S. Forest Service, 31 of those years in Region 6. Matt focused on timber sale planning early in his career, and later oversaw reforestation and timber stand improvement projects. In retirement, Matt focuses on youth ministry, Society of American Foresters activities, and camping, skiing, rafting, reading, and traveling.

Gery Ferguson & Bob Larson of Redmond, Oregon. Gery retired from the U.S. Forest Service on January 3, 2018, after 36 years as a forestry technician and a forester in Region 6 on the Colville, Umpqua, and Deschutes national forests. In retirement, "Bob and I are planning to travel in our new travel trailer, fish, hike, hang around the house and get caught up on chores. Visiting family around the nation will also be high on our list."

Gayle & Terry Hueth of Kihei, Hawaii. Gayle retired from the U.S. Forest Service on January 1, 2008, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after 35 years in the Forest Service, 28 of those in Region 6 in which she was last assigned on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Gayle's career focused on various aspects of administration including personnel and finance, and she served as a unit administrative officer. In retirement, she and Terry enjoy travel and windsurfing.

Kernie P. Perkins Jones & Greg D. Jones of Albany, Oregon. Kernie retired from the U.S. Forest Service in March 2012 from an administrative position on the Siuslaw National Forest after 20 years in the Forest Service, 15 of those in Region 6, and 34 total years of federal service. Retirement activities include gold panning, card groups, and Bunco.

Tom Knappenberger & Mary Keltz of Vancouver, Washington. Tom retired from the U.S. Forest Service on August 29, 2014, as a Region 6 public affairs officer after 23 years of federal service which included 19 years with the Forest Service—all in Region 6—and four years as a U.S. House of Representatives staffer. In retirement, Tom volunteers with the Clark County Food Bank and the Walk & Knock Food Drive and enjoys hiking and biking.

Rick F. Roberts of Richland, Washington, retired from the U.S. Forest Service on April 1, 2004, at the Northern Region RO in Missoula, Montana, after 33 years of federal service, 27 of those years in the Forest Service and 20 of those in Region 6, and two years with BLM, during which he worked in range and wildlife management and resource planning, and four years in the U.S. Air Force. In retirement, Rick enjoys kayak building and kayaking, muzzleloading, and his grandkids.

Kelly A. and Curtis Schofield of Prineville, Oregon. Kelly retired from the U.S. Forest Service on January 2, 2018, after 38 years in the Forest Service on the Ochoco National Forest from October 1979 until she retired. She began her career working half days during her senior year in high school, and went on to get a permanent position as a scale clerk, then as a resource clerk, then as a financial assistant, and finally as a timber sale accounting resource specialist. “I truly enjoyed my jobs and the people I worked with!” says Kelly, who has “just got started on retirement. So far, so good!”

Roy G. & Judy C. Shelby of Sandy, Oregon. Roy retired from the U.S. Forest Service after “38.67” years in the Forest Service, 34 of those years in Region 6 and the rest elsewhere. Roy began his career in 1980 as a sale administrator on the Randle Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and worked in engineering on a detail in administration from 1997 to 2000 after the 1996 floods. In 2001, he was reassigned to the Idaho Panhandle National Forests where he worked in St. Maries, Idaho, until 2005, when he went to the Mt. Hood National Forest. While a sale administrator on the Dufur Ranger District, he was detailed as contracting officer on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in 2010. In 2013, he became forest products contracting officer for the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot national forests and served as such until his retirement. As far as retirement plans go, Roy and Judy “will be traveling over the first year and then see from there.”

Memories

Farewell to these recently deceased Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) members who live on in our memories.

In several instances, members whose deaths were not reported to the PNWFSA but came to light during a recent membership review are memorialized.

Helen R. Barrett died December 20, 2017, at age 92. She was the wife of retired U.S. Forest Service research forester Jim

Barrett of Bend, Oregon, and, as a U.S. Forest Service retiree herself, an OldSmokey in her own right. Helen Rastovich was born January 24, 1924, in Bend, and grew up on the farm homesteaded by her Yugoslavian immigrant parents east of that town. One of seven children, she attended grade school at the two-room Richardson School and graduated from Bend High School in 1941. After working five months for the Deschutes County district attorney at \$15.00 per month and just over a year for a collection agency for \$60.00 per month, Helen joined the U.S. Forest Service in February 1943 as a clerk-stenographer under a war service appointment and began her career at the Deschutes National Forest SO then located in the downtown Bend Post Office building. In 1951, she transferred to the Deschutes Research Center, later known as the Bend Silviculture Laboratory, where she served until her January 5, 1979, retirement. While at the Deschutes Research Center, Helen met James W. Barrett III, a Forest Service research forester, and the couple married on June 30, 1959. Together, Jim and Helen built a home on land east of Bend which Helen had purchased with her savings. In 1963, Helen visited her parents’ homeland, Yugoslavia, with her father and other family members, and met an uncle and many first cousins. She was a member of the Eastern Star Grange. She sewed many of her own clothes, loved to cook, garden, can, and paint pictures. She and Jim enjoyed fishing and boating, and they traveled most of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and abroad to Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. Jim survives.

Thelma Bond died April 30, 2017, at age 91. She was the widow of F. Leroy “Roy” Bond. Thelma Crane was born March 21, 1926, in Talihane, Oklahoma, and grew up in Tularosa, New Mexico, where she graduated from high school. Instead of going to Las Cruces with her brother to work and attend college, Thelma went to California to contribute the war effort by working in an aircraft factory. Years later, while working as a computer technician in the Albuquerque federal building, she met Roy Bond. Thelma and Roy married in 1969. Roy’s position in the U.S. Forest Service required a move to Washington, D.C., and they subsequently moved several times. They traveled to many foreign countries as part of Roy’s assignments, and continued to travel after Roy retired and they settled in Albuquerque. Roy died in 2004, but Thelma continued to travel to visit children and grandchildren and to attend Daughters of the Nile conferences. She was a long-standing member of St. John’s United Methodist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Linda Gundiler; her sons Jerry Brown, William Bond, and Robert Bond; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

LeRoy Warren Layton died January 4, 2018, at age 87. LeRoy was born March 6, 1930, in Alturas, California. His father died when LeRoy was five and his family moved to the Viola area in Estacada, Oregon, where he attended Viola Grade School and graduated from Estacada Union High School. After high school, LeRoy served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard and was honorably discharged in New Orleans. He moved to Kansas where he worked for a bakery and later for a Sherwin Williams paint store. He married Mary Ann Ficken in Bison, Kansas, in January 1954, and the couple made their home in Hutchinson, Kansas. Leroy transferred his job at Sherwin Williams to the Portland, Oregon, area he and Mary Ann settled in the Viola area. He later joined the U.S. Forest Service and worked as a timber sale administrator on the Estacada Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, from which he retired in

1985. LeRoy enjoyed woodworking and was a founding member of the Eagle Creek Four Square Church. Survivors include Mary Ann; their daughters Catherine Babbitt-Smith and Cynthia Cessnun; their sons Randy and Joseph; six grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Florette Mary Lewis died February 8, 2017, at age 75. The wife of U.S. Forest Service retiree Robert G. Lewis, she was born March 25, 1941. No further information is available.

Dorothy L. Marshall died September 10, 2013, at age 82. She was the wife of Merle Marshall. Dorothy Jess was born May 12, 1931, in Spokane, Washington, and grew up in Coulee City, Washington, where she graduated from high school. She and Merle, whom she met while he was a carpenter working on the Grand Coulee Dam, married in 1947. The couple built a home in Estacada, Oregon, where Merle joined the U.S. Forest Service. In 1956, he was transferred to the Barlow Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, headquartered in Dufur, Oregon, where he served as fire control officer until he retired in 1978. During their 57 years in Dufur, Dorothy worked for many years as bookkeeper and office manager for DePriest Farm Equipment and also worked at the local hardware store. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and was past president of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing and traveling. Survivors included Merle, her husband of 65 years who died May 9, 2014 (*see Summer 2014 OldSmokeys Newsletter*); their daughter Judy Marshall; son Jerry; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Alice Elizabeth Reed Moore died March 19, 2012, at age 96. She was the widow of Spencer “Tenny” Moore. Alice Reed was born June 30, 1915, in Corvallis, Oregon, where she graduated from Corvallis High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics at Oregon State College before she married U.S. Forest Service forester Tenny Moore in 1937. Alice and Tenny raised eight children as his career took them to several locations in Oregon, to Colorado, and then back to Corvallis where Tenny was supervisor of the Siulsaw National Forest. During those years, in addition to raising her own brood, Alice was a home day-care provider for many lucky babies and taught preschool for several years at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. A few years after Tenny’s death in 1988 in Vancouver, Washington, where he was supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Alice returned to a house in Corvallis which had been built in 1925 for her great-grandparents, spending several years in that cottage next door to the home in which she had been born. Following a 2002 stroke, Alice became one of the first residents at the new Stoneybrook Assisted Living where she lived happily for the rest of her life. Survivors include her children Michael, Susanne Truscott, Marylou Montgomery, Robert, Patrick, Peggy Kibbel, and Daniel; 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Julia Nelson died October 14, 2015, at age 84. She was the widow of Gary Nelson. Julia Schaeftbauer was born in 1931 in South Dakota, educated at Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and taught kindergarten and first grades. She met Gary Nelson at a dance club in Deer Lodge, Montana, where he served in the U.S. Forest Service, and they married in 1957. At age 34 she gave birth to their first son, Gary J., and 17 months later their second son, Terry. After traveling the country with Gary’s job advancements, they settled in

Stevensville, Montana, in 1978, where they lived and served the community for the rest of their lives. Survivors include their son Terry and four grandchildren.

Denise Marie Reinhart died February 14, 2018, at age 64. Denise Marie Denison was born April 27, 1953, in Prineville, Oregon. She attended Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon, for two years, and had several jobs before she began her U.S. Forest Service career on the Ochoco National Forest. There she met Kenneth R. “Ken” Reinhart, also in the Forest Service. They married on May 3, 1981. Denise retired from the Forest Service in 2014 after 40 years of service. She was civic minded, and for many years served on the boards of the United Fund, Crook County Historical Society, and Friends of the Library. She was in Toastmasters for 30 years and introduced the organization at the Deer Ridge Correctional Facility in Madras, Oregon. She was a member of Grace Gate Community Church in Redmond, Oregon. Denise was and Ken is a member of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA), and she was an PNWFSA area representative for the Ochoco National Forest. Survivors include her husband Ken.

Douglas B. Shaw died December 4, 2017, at age 89. Born September 23, 1928, Doug was a University of Minnesota forester who began his U.S. Forest Service career in July 1953 on the old Union Creek Ranger District of the then-Rogue River National Forest. After serving in Ashland, Oregon, on the then-Siskiyou National Forest, he transferred to the new Winema National Forest based in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and in 1961 became the first district ranger on that national forest’s Chemult Ranger District. From there, Doug’s career took him to the Office of the Inspector General in the WO for several years, then to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and then back to the WO where he served as leader of the Information Management Group before he retired on his 55th birthday, September 23, 1983, after 30 years of federal service. Survivors include his wife Bess, daughter Sandi, son Eric, and their families. No further information is available.

John E. “Jack” Todd died November 10, 2014, at age 92. Jack was born September 15, 1922, in Shenandoah, Iowa. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle, Washington, where he met his future wife, Mary, at a school dance. They were married October 23, 1943. Jack began working for the U.S. Forest Service as a seasonal fire lookout while attending the School of Forestry at the University of Washington. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in New Guinea and the Philippines. After being honorably discharged at the rank of first lieutenant in September 1946, he resumed his education and earned a B.S. degree in forestry. Jack’s more than 30-year Forest Service career first took him to Diamond Lake, Oregon, on the Umpqua National Forest, where he and his family lived for only three months, before he served at Wolf Creek from 1947 to 1948; Laying Creek on the Willamette National Forest from 1948 to 1950; in Eugene, Oregon, at the Willamette National Forest SO, from 1950 to 1953; in Zigzag, Oregon, on the Mt. Hood National Forest, from 1953 to 1954; in Tiller, Oregon, again on the Umpqua National Forest, from 1954 to 1956; and in Randle, Washington, on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, from 1956 to 1959. Jack then spent seven years in the Pacific Northwest Region RO in Portland before he moved in 1968 to Washington, D.C., where he headed the WO’s timber

appraisal division. He returned to the Portland RO in 1975 to oversee timber management for the region. As stated in the invitation to his retirement party, Jack “pulled the pin” as Region 6’s “Mr. Timber” in January 1979. In retirement, Jack enjoyed photography, genealogy, traveling, and hiking with Forest Service buddies the late OldSmokey Doug Hunt and OldSmokey John Skeele. Jack served as 1988-1989 vice president and 1989-1990 president of the Thirty-Year Club, predecessor organization of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association. In 2007, he completed and self-published *On the Trail*, stories and photographs of more than 53 hiking and camping trips, mostly in the Pacific Northwest. Mary died in 2012. Survivors include daughters Lois Carlock and Joan Gilbertson and four grandchildren.

Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Lois Carlock of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for this fine remembrance of her father.

Letters

A “space available” section of your *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the **Letters** section offers OldSmokeys opportunities for brief comments on topics of choice—oftentimes remembrances of deceased colleagues and friends—that are not op-eds which would appear in the **Forum** section.

Zane Smith remembers Stan Tixier

Stan was one of the finest and most dedicated Forest Service employees. Having served in more than one region and the WO, he retired with honors as regional forester in Region 4.

Stan and I first met when we attended Albuquerque, New Mexico, high school together in 1949. He was a junior on the basketball team and I was a sophomore about to transfer to a new high school in town. He, of course, after college embarked on a most successful career with the Forest Service. My dad, Zane, Sr., our family’s second Forest Service generation, knew him well in Region 3 and mentored him knowing his outstanding performance. He and I were fellow regional foresters for several years before retirement. We both served in the WO in the 1970s, he in Range and me in Recreation. As regional foresters, we were the closest of colleagues.

Abigail Kimbell compliments the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* editor
You do such a beautiful job editing the newsletter. Thank you!

Carlos Carillo compliments *Fall 2017 OldSmokeys Newsletter*
Excellent issue. Very sad to learn of Mike Cooley’s passing.

Kent Clarida compliments the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*

As always, enjoy the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* and appreciate the work going into it.

Grant & Wanda McClelland compliment the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*

We really enjoy receiving the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* and know it is a big job. Thank you to those who make it possible.

Katy Mallams appreciates *OldSmokeys Newsletter* efforts

Thank you for standing up for the importance of the Forest Service and keeping it on the straight and narrow.

Fern Nilsen appreciates the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*
Great Newsletter!

Joyce O’Neal appreciates *OldSmokeys Newsletter*

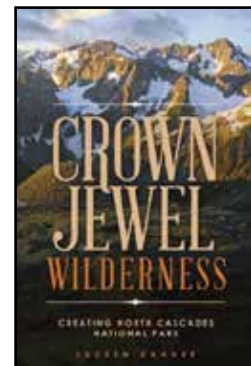
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Books

Lauren Danner’s *Crown Jewel Wilderness* Tells How North Cascades National Park Was Carved Out of National Forest Lands

By Les Joslin

Just how OldSmokey **Dick “Bush” Buscher** played a decisive role in the size and shape of North Cascades National Park—carved out of the Mt. Baker, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Snoqualmie national forests and designated by Congress in 1968—is just one fascinating facet of the story Lauren Danner, Ph.D., shares in *Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park* published late last year by Washington State University Press.



Bush, of course, had nothing to do with the decision to create the national park. As that issue heated up in the latter 1960s, Danner wrote, “the Forest Service needed to demonstrate it had a comprehensive plan for managing the North Cascades.... To this end, the Forest Service sent Dick ‘Bush’ Buscher, a Cle Elum-based resource assistant, on a summer-long hiking and horseback tour to locate potential trails and recreation sites. The result was the Forest Service’s proposal for a 560,000-acre North Cascades National Recreation Area” to be wedged between the Glacier Peak Wilderness and the Canadian border, for which the Forest Service’s plan was finished in late 1966. Pursuant to that plan, “the entire area would be managed for recreation. The differences between the Forest Service and Park Service plans remained the degree of development and, of course, the administering agency.”

After all the politicking, President Lyndon B. Johnson said, “I think we owe one to Scoop” and opted for the national park plan favored by Senator Henry W. “Scoop” Jackson of Washington. As recalled by then-Mt. Baker National Forest Supervisor and late OldSmokey **Harold “Chris” Chriswell**, “the Forest Service fell into line.” And “Senator Jackson used Bush’s work to draw the boundaries of the Senate park bill. There may be no better indicator of the political nature of the park than this one fact: the Forest Service drew the boundaries of North Cascades National Park.”

Of course, there’s much more to the North Cascades National Park story, and you can read it in Danner’s new book which Lincoln Bramwell, Ph.D., Chief Historian, U.S. Forest Service, calls “a highly readable book for those interested in how America’s federal landscape is shaped.”

Crown Jewell Wilderness by Lauren Danner, 326 pages, paperback (ISBN 978-0-87422-352-1), was published in 2017 by Washington State University Press and is available at booksellers, online at <wsupress.wsu.edu> or by phone at 1-800-354-7360, and from other online booksellers.

*Dick Buscher at work in the future
North Cascades National Park*

Photograph courtesy of Dick Buscher



Uncle Sam's Cabins

Dufur Ranger Station Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon

By Jim Davidson with Les Joslin



*Editor's Note: The old Dufur Ranger Station office building, shown in the above 1934 photograph made available by Howard Verschoor, is being restored by volunteers led by OldSmokey **Jim Davidson** and the Dufur Historical Society on the grounds of the Dufur Historical Museum to which it has been moved.*

A forest ranger has been based in Dufur, Oregon, since about 1895 when General Land Office Ranger J.B. Senecal was assigned to look after northern reaches of the Cascade Range Forest Reserve. Ranger Senecal transferred to Gifford Pinchot's new U.S. Forest Service in 1905 and ran the Barlow Ranger District of the old Oregon National Forest from Dufur until 1913. Much of the Oregon National Forest became the Mt. Hood National Forest in 1924.

Sixteen Forest Service district rangers—most based at historic Dufur Ranger Station—followed Ranger Senecal. These include OldSmokeys **Glenn Baker** (1962-1967), the late **Bob Chadwick** (1967-1973), **Steve Kelley** (1973-1977), **Jim Davidson** (1977-1988), **Rich Stem** (1988-1991), and **Mike Hernandez** (2002-2013). Kameron Sam has had the job since 2013.

According to a Mt. Hood National Forest facilities report: "The original ranger station was located in the district ranger's home. It was a small building on skids which was moved as rangers changed." It wound up at the Dufur Ranger Station site.

According to Wasco County, Oregon, documents, the lands on which historic Dufur Ranger Station was built were sold to the U.S. Government by the City of Dufur in 1923 for \$1.00, Frank and Kellie Stark in 1933 for \$50.00, Eric and Mae Johnson in 1951 for \$500.00, and by Oregon pioneers Dan and Florence France in 1959 for \$1,000.00.

The oldest building on the current Dufur Ranger Station site was built in 1932. With the advent of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1933 and establishment of CCC Camp Friend there, many other buildings, including a beautiful ranger's residence and a garage as well as other support buildings, were completed by the mid-1930s.

The effort to restore the old office building is supported by in part by Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association grants. The Mt. Hood National Forest also supports the project and plans to design and install an interpretive sign outside the restored structure. The inside of the old office building will be set up to tell Forest Service and Mt. Hood National Forest stories.



The old Dufur Ranger Station office has been moved to the Dufur Historical Museum for restoration. Photograph by Les Joslin

The beautiful early 1930s Dufur Ranger Station residence (at right) remains the historic centerpiece of the Dufur Ranger Station site. The current district office building (below) was built in 1951 with additions in 1978 and 1989.



Photographs by Les Joslin.



My First Forest Service Job

Out of Uniform in 1969

By Pamela Devereaux Wilson

Editor's Note: This isn't about the writer's first U.S. Forest Service job in 1967, but about her first job representing the Forest Service to the public in uniform in 1969. It took place in the Bridger Wilderness in Wyoming between school years at the University of Washington where she earned a Master of Forest Resources degree in interpretation and outdoor recreation. Assisting with a wilderness carrying capacity study, her job was to interview visitors as they left the wilderness.

Getting to the Big Sandy River had been a challenge! "Scared spit-less" driving had pulled me through washouts bigger than my baby-blue Ford Falcon. Once in a campground, I set up my plastic orange tube tent and unloaded an oversized olive-green mummy bag and blue foam pad into it. Within 30 minutes, pin-tos beans, dehydrated onions and water were cooking over a campfire. They had been jostling in a jar all day long. When I introduced myself to the couple in the next campsite, she laughed. She thought I was a "Girl Scout" thanks to the Forest Service uniform!

Hiking into the Bridger Wilderness the first day, I carried my dad's Trapper Nelson. It was full—clipboards, pencils, survey questionnaires, a thermos of coffee, peanut butter sandwich, water, sweatshirt and *jungle juice*. The backpack fit properly over my Forest Service green fitted, princess-darted, single-button jacket and khaki shirt with cross-tie and multiple-use tree tie-tack. Patch on my shoulder, name tag on my chest. The jacket sleeve stopped in mid-forearm leaving room for gloves. White gloves! A green A-line skirt ended fashionably below my knees. Nylons, before the days of pantyhose, and slippery-soled penny loafers, the only flat shoe available, completed my work ensemble. Redwing boots remained in the car. They looked silly with the skirt. Nineteen sixty-nine in Wyoming. No field uniform for women. There was no need for one because women didn't go into the field!



The old (1960s to mid-1970s) U.S. Forest Service patch identified women wearing this uniform described by Pam—and hardly intended for field wear—as Forest Service members.

I made it safely into the Bridger where I established an interview station. Sitting on my inside-out sweatshirt, I waited for outgoing wilderness users to come down the trail. My summer job was to persuade them to answer a survey about their wilderness use for a study on wilderness carrying capacity.

The day grew hotter and events unfolded rather quickly. Being a Cascades, Douglas-fir forest gal, I had no idea Rocky Mountain afternoons were often stormy. Caught off-guard, I scurried to find shelter from a thunder-and-lightning downpour. As a former lookout, I was not comfortable hiding in the trees.

When the rains stopped, I began to steam-dry under the intense high mountain sun. I placed my shoes on a log to dry which left me nylon-footed when my first potential survey-takers wandered down the trail. They wanted to take a survey, but, after two weeks in the wilderness, were highly amused to find a be-draggled, barefoot woman sitting on a log in the wilderness.

At quitting time, I packed my gear and started hiking back to camp. Mosquitoes emerged. Hungry, vicious mosquitoes! I found the *jungle juice* in my pack and applied it to my arms and legs. Color bleached from the hem of a jacket sleeve and yellow paint from a pencil dissolved on my hand. I watched, fascinated, as the nylons dissolved right off my legs! Everything I touched putting the repellent back was affected; pen barrels partially dissolved and remained sticky dirt catchers for the rest of the summer.

In camp, I discovered I had sunburned my face, the "V" where my uniform blouse was open, forearms, neck, ears and knees—my skirt wasn't quite long enough. On the way through Pinedale, I bought several pairs of green knee-high socks, tubes of zinc oxide (before the days of sunscreen), and a big bottle of moisture cream. I struggled through two more weeks of field work in a dress uniform, repeatedly mistaken for an escaped Girl Scout.

An incident at Willow Creek Guard Station provided the impetus for permanent uniform redesign. After filling my water containers, I watched three squirrels leaping from limb to limb and skittering up and down tree boles. The fun continued until one mistook me for a tree and ran up my leg, well under my skirt. Springing and screaming, swearing and swatting at my skirt, I calmed down to a silent forest. Those squirrels were nowhere to be seen; birds still!

On the way back from Green River Lakes, I again stopped in Pinedale and bought two pair of green Wrangler jeans. I called my supervisor at the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Missoula and told him I'd had it with trying to be a proper lady in the wilderness. The jeans had pockets which we agreed was good since I'd already lost my Forest Service key in the Big Sandy river while fishing. "You might make yourself scarce if the forest supervisor comes to visit," he said, "as you are out of uniform."

For the rest of the summer, I watched the supervisor and his staff from hiding places, comfortable in Wranglers and Redwings. I managed to avoid him so well that his comment to my boss was, "I never met her. She was never where her schedule said she would be."

Pam, eldest daughter of the late Johnny and Pennie Devereaux, grew up in the Forest Service. Johnny was a long-time fire control officer on the Wenatchee, Willamette, and Siuslaw national forests. She began as a summer clerk on the Willamette after two summers as a state lookout, and had temporary jobs with both the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest forest and range experiment stations. She served in permanent positions in the Forest Service in Oregon and Alaska, and ended her Forest Service career on the Chugach National Forest in Alaska where she was the public information specialist in charge of Portage Glacier Visitor Center and the marine interpretive program aboard state ferries in Prince William Sound. She later served in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and in 2003 retired as a fifth-grade teacher. This story, originally published in the May 2002 newsletter of the National Museum of Forest Service History, has been "revised and tightened considerably."



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