



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Summer 2017

President’s Message—Tom Mulder

I appreciate the opportunity to share reflections on my first month as OldSmokeys president. It is an immense honor to connect with you and represent you as the newest president of our wonderful organization.

Let’s start by thanking past presidents **Jim Rice** and **Ron Boehm** for graciously teaching me the ropes, and by celebrating **Kent Connaughton**’s election as the future president. What a team!

Current News: Regional Forester **Jim Peña** and the Region 6 troops hosted a WO field review the week of June 6, and several of us proudly represented the OldSmokeys as co-hosts of a midweek evening social. You may remember field reviews from back in the day. It was a grand opportunity to see old friends from the RO and WO, meet new friends participating in the review, and talk with pride about the OldSmokeys. The evening focus was filled with conversations about strong partnerships, including OldSmokeys, as Beth Pendleton filled in for the Chief before his pending arrival. I had the privilege of talking to the entire room of reviewers and reviewees about you, about future retirees, about our partnership with the Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest, and about our wonderful OldSmokey grants and our Elmer Moyer Memorial Emergency Fund which supports Forest Service families in times of need. I took the time to conduct some OldSmokey braggin’ on your behalf. What fun!

Recent Reflections: I want to relate an interesting conversation with a friend. We were talking about planting trees, and this prompted some lighthearted reflection. Planting trees. Yes, a topic near and dear to many OldSmokeys and lovers of the outdoors. We recalled fond memories of the many special places, both at work and home and as volunteers, where the simple act of optimistically embedding a seedling’s roots into the soil became an enduring memory about both the tree and about the people with whom I shared that experience.

It brings joy to go back and revisit trees I have planted years ago—some forest stock, some landscaping ornamentals and shade trees, a number of fruitful orchard trees. Like many of you, I can recall that those former seedlings span the country, following my journeys, reflecting my roots in Michigan and Wisconsin, early career years in Alaska, and familiar locales in both Oregon and Washington. I enjoy going back to say howdy from time to time, enjoy the shade, snag a piece of fruit. While nostalgically revisiting a tree planted years ago, it strikes me that something is always familiar, yet simultaneously...uh...different. If we planted a fir, yes, it’s still a fir. If we sowed an apple, it’s still that apple. Yet the trees, if thriving in good growing conditions, are obviously taller, broader, and stronger. They are the same trees, yet they have been relentlessly changing, growing, responding to their environment.

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Forum

The U.S. Forest Service and the PNWFSA: “Thick” or “Thin” Institutions?

Columnist David Brooks of *The New York Times* got my attention with his April 23, 2017, column “Thick vs. thin institutions: How to leave a mark on people.” That got me thinking about the U.S. Forest Service and our Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) as organizations and as institutions. I’m sure Mr. Brooks won’t mind my liberal quoting of passages in his column that spurred the thoughts I share.

“Some organizations are thick, and some are thin,” he wrote. “Some leave a mark on you, and some you pass through with scarcely a memory.” The Forest Service, by degrees thick and thin, leaves its mark on those who invest themselves in it.

“A thick institution is not one that people use instrumentally, to get a degree or earn a salary. A thick institution becomes part of a person’s identity and engages the whole person: head, hands, heart and soul.” As legendary forest ranger Archie Murchie, who served from 1929 to 1965, put it for the many who have known it, “You had to live a Forest Service life.”

“Such organizations often tell and retell a sacred origin story about themselves.” President Theodore Roosevelt’s and Gifford Pinchot’s founding of the Forest Service in 1905 are our Outfit’s seminal story.

“Many experienced a moment when they nearly failed, and they celebrate the heroes who pulled them from the brink.” The “Big Burn” of 1910 and its hero, “Big Ed” Pulaski, have long filled this bill for the Forest Service.

“They have a common ideal—encapsulated in” [a motto]. “Caring for the land and serving people” summarizes the charge of the Forest Service’s challenging and complex mission.

Thick institutions have still other characteristics that cause individuals to identify with their cultures:

- “initiation rituals, especially those that are difficult”—like fighting your first remote lightning-strike fire alone;
- “distinct jargon and phrases that are spoken inside the culture but misunderstood outside it”—working *on* a forest;
- “a label”—being known as a forest ranger;
- “uniforms or other emblems”—green shirts and green jeans and that proudly worn Pine Tree Shield.

“Thick institutions have a different moral ecology.” While thin organizations view their personnel as human capital (a dehumanizing term) “to be marshaled,” thick organizations view their personnel as members who contribute. “In the former, there’s an ever-present utilitarian calculus—Is this working for me? Am I getting more out than I’m putting in?—that creates a distance between people and the organization. In the latter, there’s an intimacy and identity born out of common love.”

“In a thick organization, selfishness and selflessness marry” to achieve the common good. Both today’s Forest Service and PNWFSA should strive—member by member—to be thicker organizations by shouldering the load. For the PNWFSA, this includes more members taking on jobs that need to be done.

--Les Joslin

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

—Attributed to Voltaire

OldSmokeys News

OldSmokey Tom Mulder Relieved Ron Boehm as PNWFSA President at May 21 Annual Spring Banquet



OldSmokeys Kent Connaughton, Tom Mulder, and Ron Boehm assumed their Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association offices as President-elect, President, and Past President, respectively, at the annual Spring Banquet on May 21, 2017.

Photograph by Kathy Geyer

Seventy-four OldSmokeys gathered on a beautiful May 21 Sunday afternoon at the Charbonneau Country Club near Wilsonville, Oregon, to watch OldSmokey **Tom Mulder** assume the responsibilities of President of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) from OldSmokey **Ron Boehm**, who became Past President, and to welcome recently-elected OldSmokey **Kent Connaughton** as President-elect.

In his brief inaugural address, Tom expressed not only his aspirations for the PNWFSA but his thanks to those whose volunteer efforts make it work. In doing so, he focused on OldSmokey **Vern Clapp** who has held one or more board positions since he began as Secretary of PNWFSA’s predecessor Thirty-Year Club in 1993 and soon—as he and Jessie converted membership information from paper to computer database—created the position of Database Manager in which he also served for many years during some of which he was Treasurer and E-Mail Editor to boot! At Tom’s signal, all rose to render Vern a much deserved standing ovation. And now, as Tom observed, someone needs to relieve Vern of his E-Mail Editor job so he and Jessie may move to Colorado.

During the same brief ceremony, all applauded OldSmokey **Jim Rice** for three years of service in that sequence of leadership positions. And, after that brief changing of the guard, OldSmokey and Regional Forester **Jim Peña** updated the membership on Forest Service and Region 6 matters of interest.

Other events at the Banquet included the every-other-year silent auction organized by OldSmokey **Mary Moyer**—who was absent because of illness—which OldSmokey **Bev Pratt** reported “brought in \$626.50” and the raffle that netted “an even \$400.”

And, of course, the Banquet brought together those 74 OldSmokeys who—as the page of photographs on page 16 attest—enjoyed each others’ company as well as a sumptuous buffet supper on a beautiful springtime afternoon.

OldSmokeys Must Reserve for August 11 Summer Picnic by August 1, 2017

OldSmokeys who plan to attend the annual Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) Summer Picnic in the Woods scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2017, should use the reservation form below or the PayPal process on the PNWFSA website at <www.oldsmokeys.org> to reserve their places at this super summer event not later than August 1, 2017.

Getting together with your OldSmokey friends will set you back just \$15.00 each—**that’s right, just \$15.00 per person, just \$7.50 for kids under 12**—for a great picnic lunch. This lower price is available again this year by arrangement with the Job Corps culinary student program who will serve us. This price includes everything except alcoholic beverages—so it’s BYOB if you want it.

As it has been for many summers, the BLM’s beautiful Wildwood Recreation Area near Mt. Hood will be the site of this year’s picnic. As most OldSmokeys know, Wildwood is about 40 miles east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. Watch for the BLM Wildwood Recreation Area sign on the south side of the highway and follow the signs to the area reserved for the picnic. Your Federal Recreation Lands Pass will cover the fee that helps BLM maintain this special place.

Reserve not later than August 1!

OldSmokeys May Register Now for September 2018 Asheville Reunion!



In about 15 months OldSmokeys and other U.S.

Forest Service retirees—and active duty folks, too—from around the United States will gather in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, for the September 24-28, 2018, “Reunion at the Cradle” national reunion put on by the Southern Forest Service Retirees Association (SFSRA).

Reservations for the reunion started March 15. If you register for the reunion before March 31, 2018, you will get a \$45.00 discount and your reservation fee will be \$200.00 rather than the \$240.00 fee after that date.

Reservations for rooms at the Crown Plaza Hotel will be available beginning in October 2017. The daily rate will be \$199.00 plus taxes.

For complete up-to-date “Reunion at the Cradle” information—and to register and make reservations—visit the website at **2018.fsreunions.org**.

The Reunion at the Cradle is the only U.S. Forest Service reunion to be held east of the Mississippi River and in the South!

You don’t want to miss it!

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
SUMMER PICNIC IN THE WOODS—AUGUST 11, 2017
 BLM Wildwood Recreation Area

RESERVATION FORM

Socializing at 11:00 a.m.—Lunch at 12:00 noon

Mail this reservation form and a check for \$15.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:
 PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve _____ picnic lunches at \$15.00 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 to be received not later than August 1, 2017!

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

OldSmokeys Nominating Committee Asks...

Whose Job Is It?!

This is about a few positions that are critical to the operations of our OldSmokey organization.

Some officers of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association have been giving of their time and energy to fill these jobs for a L-O-N-G time. In one case, up to 27 years! Although they look like they could still hike up the tallest mountain, some are well into their 80s! These long-term servants of the PNWFSA deserve for the other 900-plus of us to step up and take on some of the load. Let's start with this little poem!

The Parable of Responsibility (Whose Job Is It?)

This is a little story about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

Now, hopefully, this has you at least considering reading the rest of this message and giving some consideration to being part of the solution to keeping the PNWFSA running. We have a really good team of officers and have a fun time with the events and activities. And you don't have to be located in the Portland/Vancouver area to function as an OldSmokeys officer.

The positions that we currently need to find replacements for are:

E-Mail Editor (vice Vern Clapp)—Vern has been serving in this and other roles for 27 years and has informed us that we must find a replacement for him by September of this year. He celebrates 85 happy years and plans to move to Colorado to be closer to his children. Because he has worked hard over the years to simplify the process, Vern assures us that this job is not a big time-consumer! There are approximately one to three eNotes sent out weekly and mailing list updates are done every 30 to 40 days, which Vern says is usually a minor job.

Responsible for managing PNWFSA e-mail programs, including OldSmokeys eNotes, eForums, eMemorials, and other

OldSmokeys Lost Two U.S. Forest Service "Giants" in One Week This Spring

Among all too many fine Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association members memorialized in this issue are two former PNWFSA Presidents—**Dave Trask** who died May 8, and **Wendall Jones** who died May 16—characterized by former PNWFSA President **Mike Ash** and other OldSmokeys as "giants." Both are remembered in this issue's *Memories* section, and in tributes of their colleagues and friends.

"Dave Trask was special," wrote **Kent Mays**. "Engineers are builders [and] he was truly a builder of people around him."

"He was easy to talk to, always asking the right questions,

e-mail communications with the membership. This includes posting of specific and timely member information, news, and events as provided by the board and membership. It also includes posting Forest Service electronic newsletters and other pertinent Forest Service news and events.

Newsletter Editor (vice Les Joslin)—Les has been our newsletter guy for 11 years and—with this issue—46 issues! He plans to call it quits after issue No. 50. He believes strongly that organizational newsletters benefit from fresh perspectives that come with editorial changes.

Responsible for managing and producing and coordinating publication and mailing with contract printing-mailing service of the 16-page quarterly *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

Photographer (vice Paul Enberg)—This role is HUGELY appreciated by the membership as they enjoy seeing their old friends during OldSmokey events such as the annual Banquet and Picnic and the monthly luncheons. Kathy Geyer has stepped up to do the Banquet and Picnic picture taking, but we need someone to take on occasional photographer duties for the monthly luncheons.

The good news is that OldSmokey Bill Funk—who already holds down the job of Membership Database Manager—recently stepped up to take over the Website Manager job from OldSmokey Don Nearhood who has done the job for many years.

Bill, with Don's support, will add managing the PNWFSA website on the Internet to his list of PNWFSA duties. This includes posting the quarterly *OldSmokeys Newsletter* and maintaining the currency and content of all the other departments on the PNWFSA Website.

Volunteer Now!

If you are interested in following Bill Funk's example and stepping up to take on one of these crucial jobs, you may:

- Go to the PNWFSA website at <www.oldsmokeys.org> and review the positions descriptions found in the Bylaws.
- Contact the person who currently does the job for more information.
- Contact a member of the Nominating Committee—Mike Ash, Linda Goodman, or Bob Devlin.

Another creative concept might be that a couple or small group might consider making one of these jobs a "team" rather than an individual effort!

**"It's not overstating the case to say
that the future viability of the OldSmokeys
hinges on recruiting members to fill these vital jobs."**

--The Nominating Committee

providing good direction, sharing his thoughts, good advice, and recommendations," **Doug Porter** wrote of Dave.

"Dave was one of my best friends and I miss him," shared **Dick Deleissegues**.

"He was indeed 'Mr. Forest Service,'" **Harold Welborn** echoed the phrase used by others to describe Wendall Jones. "...always a good man to have at your side on and off the job."

"Wendall is part of a past Forest Service that had extraordinary focus and a work force that was exceptional in every respect...a perfect example," wrote **Zane Smith**.

OldSmokey, Friends of Fish Lake Boards Meet at Fish Lake Historic Site August 23

As announced in the Spring 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the boards of directors of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) and the Friends of Fish Lake (FFL) will hold an on-site joint meeting at the Fish Lake Historic Site, Willamette National Forest, on August 23, 2017.

“In addition to members of these boards, interested members of the PNWFSA and the FFL are welcome to attend,” coordinating OldSmokeys **Mike Ash** and **Linda Goodman** emphasize. If you plan to attend, please advise Linda by e-mail at <lengdall@comcast.com> or telephone at 503-722-4557 by August 18.

Here’s what you need to know:

- Bring your own lunch and beverages.
- The meeting will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in a new pavilion scheduled to be completed at Fish Lake Historic Site by a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve unit.
- FFL members will provide information and site interpretation.
- Limited parking is available at the Fish Lake Day Use Area on the west side of Oregon Highway 126 about 1.5 miles south of that highway’s junction with U.S. Highway 20; from there it’s about a 100-yard walk north to the Fish Lake Historic Site.
- For those who wish to come earlier or stay later (or visit on another day), the Fish Lake Historic Site accepts visitors from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To drive to Fish Lake Historic Site:

- From Portland and Salem areas—take Oregon Highway 22 from Salem through Mill City and Detroit to Santiam Junction, turn right (south) onto U.S. Highway 20, go 4 miles and turn left onto Oregon Highway 126, go about 1.5 miles to right turn into Fish Lake Day Use Area parking.
- From Corvallis and Albany areas—take U.S. Highway 20 through Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Cascadia over Tombstone Pass to junction with Oregon Highway 126, turn right (south) onto Oregon Highway 126, go about 1.5 miles to right turn into Fish Lake Day Use Area parking.
- From Eugene and Springfield areas—take Oregon Highway 126 through McKenzie Bridge and past Belknap Springs and Clear Lake, drive a few miles north of Clear Lake to left turn into Fish Lake Day Use Area parking.
- From Bend and Central Oregon—take U.S. Highway 20 through Sisters and over Santiam Pass to Santiam Junction, turn left (toward Eugene) and follow U.S. Highway 20 for 4 miles, turn left onto Oregon Highway 126, go about 1.5 miles to right turn into Fish Lake Day Use Area parking.

Drive Carefully!

U.S. Forest Service ranger Daniel D. Olin stood next to the Fish Lake Ranger Station sign in 1942. The sign along Oregon Highway 126 is a bit smaller, so look close and don’t miss the turn!



OldSmokeys and Friends of Fish Lake Gather for Annual June Work Week at Fish Lake Historic Site

OldSmokeys and other Friends of Fish Lake (FFL) members gathered for FFL’s annual meeting and work week scheduled for June 18 through 23 at the Fish Lake Historic Site on the Willamette National Forest.

“In addition to dozens of Work Week projects Jim Denney has lined up, other major summer work includes the Marine Corps Reserve constructing a 20’ by 40’ pavilion south of the bunkhouse and a nearby vault toilet purchased with a Federal Highways Administration grant,” the *Friends of Fish Lake Spring 2017 Newsletter* reported. “Other work includes improvements to the Day Use parking area and burying the propane tank. The Friends received grants from the OldSmokeys (\$1,500) and the Kinsman Foundation (\$2,000) and will contribute \$2,500 from [their] own funds for projects.”

Since this annual meeting and work week got underway just as your Summer 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press, the event will be reported in the fall issue.

OldSmokeys and Other Volunteers Staff High Desert Ranger Station 9th Summer

Several OldSmokeys and several other High Desert Museum volunteers are staffing the historic High Desert Ranger Station at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, this ninth consecutive summer of its operation.

Open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in June and daily from July 1 through Labor Day (except for July 4 when the Museum is closed and August 21), these volunteers share the National Forest System and U.S. Forest Service stories with High Desert Museum visitors.

As reported in the *Feature* on pages 9 and 10 of this *OldSmokeys Newsletter*, the High Desert Museum and the sponsoring Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) are celebrating the tenth anniversary of this historic ranger station’s acquisition for, transportation to, and restoration at the Museum. Drop in while in Central Oregon this summer and see what your PNWFSA “hath wrought!”

OldSmokeys Build Trails in Patagonia

Submitted by Jon Stewart

In late February 2017, OldSmokeys **David Summer** and **Jon Stewart** joined Gene Zimmerman, their district ranger from the old Columbia Gorge Ranger District days on the Mt. Hood National Forest, for ten days of trail building at Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia, southern Chile.

Gene, who retired as forest supervisor on the San Bernardino National Forest, is executive director of the Conservation Volunteers International Program (CVIP). Over the past few years, he has called on the skills of a number of OldSmokeys—including **Barbara Kennedy** and **Tom Iraci**—and other U.S. Forest Service retirees like Marty Marshall and Rex Holloway to aid CVIP projects at Machu Picchu in Peru, the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador, Scotland, the Virgin Islands, and in Acadia, Yosemite, and Denali national parks.

This was Gene’s tenth CVIP trip to Patagonia, Jon’s third, and David’s first. On this trip, they supervised 17 volunteers

ranging in age from 22 to 76 years of age recruited from Canada and the United States through REI Adventures for this trail project. Torres del Paine’s iconic massif attracts crowds of backpacking visitors from every corner of the world. Use of its trails, which increases at 20 percent a year, makes maintaining the park’s trails and facilities increasingly challenging. This trip’s CVIP volunteers built almost a mile of new trail to relieve overcrowding on an existing trail and over 200 feet of boardwalk. The volunteers stayed in a large *refugio*, or hostel, designed to feed and sleep over 350 backpackers in bunkbeds and in an adjacent tent campground. In the heart of the park, it is accessible only by foot or ferry.

After this project, Jon stayed an additional week in the park to work with the Legacy Fund, another internationally-sponsored non-profit, to train and lead a group of 28 volunteers from Australia, Canada, France, the Netherlands, and Venezuela as well as the United States and Chile. This group installed 26 water bars, built another kilometer of new trail, and constructed 45 feet of boardwalk while braving unseasonably heavy rains and flooding.

OldSmokey Randy Dunbar Announced McKenzie High School Scholarship Raffle Winner Prize

OldSmokey **Randy Dunbar** announced that the winner of the 2017 raffle in support of the Doug Dunbar Memorial Scholarship Fund will be the proud new owner of Randy’s beautiful woodcarving of a sharp-shinned hawk shown at right.



That fund annually awards a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduate of McKenzie High School in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, where Randy was district ranger from 1980 through 1992. The scholarship honors the memory of Randy’s son Doug, one of nine Prineville Hotshots who lost their lives in the South Canyon Fire in Colorado on July 6, 1994.

Details of the annual scholarship and the supporting raffle were explained on page 5 of your Winter 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. The winner of the raffle—if an Old-Smokey—will be announced in the Fall 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

OldSmokeys Ben and Helen Carson Made News Restoring Historic Windmill

Just over two years ago, on June 11, 2015, reporter Luke Hammill of *The Oregonian* reported on OldSmokeys **Ben and Helen Carson** restoring a 1918 Monitor Vaneless windmill on their farm south of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Ben was 92 and Helen was 90 then. About 20 years before, they’d found the windmill—in pieces—on Ben’s brother’s farm in Minnesota. They’d hauled the pieces back to Oregon. Finally, in 2015, with the help of their son Jerry, then 68, they spent six months restoring the antique windmill that now stands beside their barn.

“You can’t have a barn without a windmill,” Hammill quoted Ben.

Editor’s Note: I missed this story—the kind of story about OldSmokeys I’d like to print more of—when it was published.

OldSmokeys to Accept Grant Applications for Projects Meeting PNWFSA Criteria through December 31, 2017

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) Grants Committee will accept applications for grants to help fund projects in 2018 that further PNWFSA goals within the Pacific Northwest Region.

Applications for PNWFSA grants to be awarded in 2018 are invited from private, non-profit, or non-governmental organizations pursuing such goals. Grants will not be made directly to the U.S. Forest Service. About \$10,000 will be available for 2018 grants, and applications are due December 31, 2017, according to Grants Committee chair OldSmokey **Charlie Krebs**.

Grant Criteria

Grants are awarded to organizations that satisfy the donation policy adopted by the PNWFSA Board of Directors on February 27, 2009. This policy specifies “Grants or gift proposals will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Does it further the OldSmokeys mission?
- Will the project have a lasting influence on national forest management, natural resource management, and help sell the public on the importance of these resources?
- Will it reach large numbers of people?
- Can OldSmokeys funds be leveraged with other funds?
- Will a restoration or improvement project help sustain our Forest Service legacy?
- Will the PNWFSA receive visible and lasting credit for participation?
- Is it a project that “feels good” to us and reminds us of why we chose to throw in with the Outfit for our careers?

Not all these questions will apply to every proposal, but running through this checklist should help the PNWFSA get the most bang for its buck. Applications for grants, therefore, should reflect these policy specifications and criteria.

Grant applications

If you know of a worthy potential recipient of a PNWFSA grant, please let that party know of this opportunity. Grant applications should be prepared as letters that describe the proposed project and enumerate how its accomplishment would satisfy the above criteria.

Additionally, for grant requests supporting U.S. Forest Service projects, a statement of support for and commitment to the project signed by the cognizant line officer (e.g., forest supervisor or district ranger) must be submitted with the application.

Grant applications should be submitted electronically to the Grants Committee via the <Grants@oldsmokeys.org> mailbox not later than December 31, 2017.

OldSmokey grants provide vital funding for worthy projects throughout the Pacific Northwest Region. We have awarded a total of \$48,014 in grants to 28 projects since our grants program began in 2009. OldSmokeys who know of worthy projects that meet the criteria listed above should encourage early submission of grant requests to the PNWFSA Grants Committee!



OldSmokeys Treasurer Dick Bennett Presents 2016 PNWFSA Financial Report

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) enjoyed another financially successful year in 2016. Our fund balance grew, primarily due to the performance of our investments. We had another enjoyable spring banquet even though attendance was down somewhat. The opposite occurred with record attendance at our summer picnic.

The grant program was even larger than 2015's with a total of \$10,750 awarded to six organizations and their efforts. These included:

- \$1,750 to the Dufur Historical Society for restoration of the historic Dufur Ranger Station office building in Dufur, Oregon
- \$1,000 to Forests Forever for the Clatskanie Mountain Fire Lookout Tower installation at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest,
- \$2,000 to the High Desert Museum for the new National Smokejumper Association smokejumper exhibit,
- \$4,000 to the Friends of Fish Lake to re-shake the roof of the Hall House at the Fish Lake Historic Area on the Willamette National Forest
- \$2,000 to Discover Your Northwest for an historic photograph exhibit at the new Cascade Lakes Welcome Station on the Deschutes National Forest.

— Dick Bennett

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, Inc. Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2016

Assets		
Checking	\$	923
Investments	\$	134,999
Total Assets	\$	135,922
Equity		
General Fund	\$	5,358
Auction Fund	\$	2,627
Grant Fund	\$	428
Moyer Memorial Fund	\$	12,977
Lifetime Trust Fund	\$	114,532
Total Equity	\$	135,922

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Membership Dues for 2018

OldSmokeys who pay their PNWFSA membership dues of \$20.00 annually are reminded that dues for 2018 will be due and payable on January 1, 2018. Paying these dues on time will spare Membership Committee members many hours of contacting members who owe dues.

Your Fall 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* will contain a handy "Bill for Collection" for paying your annual dues by check, or you can pay online by PayPal on the OldSmokeys website at <www.oldsmokeys.org>.

You may also use that "Bill for Collection" to convert to a \$250.00 Lifetime Membership and never again concern yourself with paying annual dues.

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, Inc. Statement of Revenue & Expenses January 1 through December 31, 2016

General Operating Income/Expense

Income		
Dues Collected for 2016	\$	4,760
Banquet/Picnic Receipts	\$	4,092
Gifts and Donations	\$	437
Forest Service Participating Agreement	\$	3,000
Fund Transfer Income	\$	2,530
Total Income	\$	14,819
Expenses		
Administration	\$	258
Bank and State Fees	\$	114
Tax Return Preparation	\$	425
Liability Insurance	\$	525
Newsletter and Directory	\$	6,204
Technology Expenses	\$	309
Banquet Expenses	\$	1,493
Picnic Expenses	\$	2,145
Gifts and Donations	\$	54
Fund Transfer Expense	\$	454
Total Expenses	\$	11,981
Net Income Less Expenses	\$	2,838

Restricted Fund Income/Expense

Grant/Project Fund

Income		
Book Sales	\$	15
Gifts and Donations	\$	553
Raffle	\$	582
Fund Transfer	\$	10,028
Total Income	\$	11,178
Expenses		
Dufur Historical Society	\$	1,750
High Desert Museum	\$	2,000
Friends of Fish Lake	\$	4,000
Discover Your Northwest	\$	2,000
Forests Forever	\$	1,000
Total Grants Made	\$	10,750
Net Income Less Expenses	\$	428

Elmer Moyer Memorial Emergency Fund

Income		
Donations	\$	873
Expense		
Emergency Payments	\$	0
Net Income Less Expenses	\$	873

Lifetime Fund

Income		
Lifetime Dues	\$	2,530
Interest/Dividends	\$	2,205
Realized Capital Gain	\$	3,961
Total Income	\$	8,696
Expenses		
Transfer to Grant/Project Fund	\$	5,611
Net Income Less Expenses	\$	3,085

Editor's Note: Thanks to Treasurer Dick Bennett for his timely submission of this well-formatted data.

Forest Service News

U.S. Forest Service Chief Reports to New Secretary of Agriculture Perdue

The U.S. Senate on Monday, April 24, confirmed former Georgia Governor George Ervin “Sonny” Perdue III as the 31st Secretary of Agriculture by a bipartisan vote of 87 to 11. His nomination had passed the Senate Agriculture Committee on March 23 with only one vote in opposition. He was sworn in on April 26 by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.



Secretary Perdue

“The only legacy I seek is the only one that any grandparent seeks—to be good stewards and to hand off our nation, our home, our fields, our forests, and our farms to the next generation in better shape than we found it,” Secretary Perdue said in his initial remarks to Department of Agriculture personnel.

“I look forward to working closely with Secretary Perdue and his team as we continue to improve lives and carry out the Forest Service mission of sustaining the nation’s forests and grasslands.” U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell said.

President Donald J. Trump had nominated Perdue, 70, in January, but progress on his nomination was slow, with media reports suggesting resolving his various business entanglements delayed ethics findings. Perdue did not file his disclosure forms until mid-March.

In a June 1, 2017, op-ed published in the *Idaho Statesman*, Secretary Perdue wrote that the Forest Service “must reorient its culture to embrace a generational approach to responsible forest management.”

“How that would change the agency’s operations he doesn’t say,” commented Steve Wilent, editor of the Society of American Foresters’ periodical *The Forestry Source*.

Georgia’s governor from 2003 to 2011, Secretary Perdue is a first cousin of U.S. Senator David Perdue (Republican-Georgia) but is not related to the family that owns and operates Perdue Farms commonly associated with “Perdue Chicken.”

Google “Sonny Perdue” for Wikipedia biographical and career information.

Prepared from a Wikipedia entry and multiple press sources.

U.S. Forest Service Could Remain in Agriculture Under New Scheme

In an effort led by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, President Donald J. Trump’s administration has pursued at least two ways to consolidate federal natural resource management agencies. The first would transfer the U.S. Forest Service to the Department of the Interior. The more recently proposed second way would leave the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture but more closely coordinate Forest Service and Interior Department natural resource agency operations through an approach similar to the Department of Defense “joint commands” practice Secretary Zinke experienced as a naval officer.

The “transfer” option

In a March 23, 2017, report, the think tank Center for American Progress (CAP), as reported by Scott Streater of *E&E News* that

same day, said Trump’s administration “should take ‘bold action’ and transfer the Forest Service to the Interior Department to shift the service’s priorities from timber harvesting to forestland recreation.” The Forest Service needs to “reboot” its approach to managing the National Forest System, the CAP said in a report that laid out policy recommendations that “include responsible timber harvest but also puts the focus on forest restoration as a pathway to all kinds of additional positive outcomes, many of which would create American jobs.

“The best way to achieve these goals, according to the report, is to transfer the 193-million-acre forest system to Interior, where the forest agency’s predecessor resided before 1905—an idea which has been advanced by [Secretary Zinke who] told senators during his confirmation process that he was interested in exploring moving the Forest Service...to Interior.

“The CAP report says the Forest Service’s ‘mission involving stewardship of taxpayer-owned forests’ is undermined by being part of USDA, ‘which works primarily at the service of farmers and other private landowners and producers [while] the Interior Department has honed significant expertise in managing its stable of agencies adept at providing all kinds of value to taxpayers from public lands: conservation, resource extraction, recreation, public health benefits, and more.’

“Consolidating the Forest Service under Interior would save taxpayers money by reducing a ‘huge duplicity’ in management activities that exists between the service and Interior,” Streater’s report of CAP’s recommendations continued. ‘If the Trump Administration is serious about making government work for Americans and saving taxpayer money, the president and Congress should follow Zinke’s advice and make the Forest Service part of the Interior Department,’ the report says.”

The “joint operations” option

“I may not get the Forest Service, but we’re going to work with the Forest Service and figure out how not to be so stove piped,” Secretary Zinke said as he introduced the joint operations option at a March 28 Public Lands Council meeting. He indicated that he and then-Secretary of Agriculture-nominee Sonny Perdue—since confirmed—had discussed a “joint command” model such as that used by the Department of Defense for integrated armed forces operations.

As reported by Brittany Patterson in her June 8 *E&E News* article “Zinke previews agency reorganization,” Secretary Zinke’s “revamp would create 13 ‘joint management areas,’ [the former Idaho member of the House of Representatives] told his former colleagues at a House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee hearing. Each area would be small and, when possible, ecosystem-based.

“‘We’re trying to push more of the authority out in the field and redesign Interior,’ he said. ‘These smaller areas can focus on the problems that are within their smaller regions.’ Instead of reporting to their respective regional offices, each of Interior’s bureaus and the Department of Agriculture [i.e., the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, presumably] would coordinate to better serve the local land, water, and wildlife issues in each area. The move mirrors how U.S. federal agencies coordinate to fight wildfires. Eight agencies and organizations operate out of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise” visited by Secretary Zinke and Secretary Perdue early in June.

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Feature

OldSmokeys Celebrate Ten Years of Historic Ranger Station Project at The High Desert Museum

By Les Joslin

It all began during a 2003 kitchen table conversation at the home of future honorary OldSmokey **Bob Boyd**, then Western History Curator at The High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon. During that fateful conversation, two ideas were hatched.

The first, for a U.S. Forest Service centennial exhibit at the Museum, was realized when “A Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service on the High Desert” opened in June 2005 for a two-year run.

The second idea took a little longer.

During that conversation, Bob mentioned the Museum’s evolving plans for outdoor interpretation of the relationships between life and natural resources in the Intermountain West, the Museum’s interpretive turf. This would include a small, old-time U.S. Forest Service ranger station. He was interested in “a little old Forest Service building out in the middle of Nevada that might be available” for this purpose.

“Is it on the Toiyabe National Forest?” I asked.

“Yes.”

“Is it south of Austin on the Reese River?” I asked.

“Yes.”

“I know the building!” I exclaimed. It was the one-room 1933 Bridgeport Ranger Station office building in which I’d signed on for my first Forest Service job in June 1962. Later that year, it had been moved to the now-abandoned Reese River Ranger Station site forty miles south of Austin.

Bob and I had a project! I reconnoitered the structure in September 2004 and found it sound and moveable. Bob and I visited the structure again in March 2006 to further evaluate it and begin serious negotiations with the Forest Service for its acquisition. We began working with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (the two had been consolidated) and the Intermountain Region of the National Forest System to acquire the historic district forest ranger’s office structure to serve as the centerpiece of the planned exhibit.

Projects cost money. The late OldSmokey **John Marker**, a High Desert Museum member, enlisted the funding assistance of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association as both an organization and as individuals to sponsor the effort. It became an OldSmokey project!

By early 2008, with the assistance of officials in the Forest Service and other concerned agencies, approval for transfer of the structure to the High Desert Museum on a “long-term loan” basis was secured. Bob and I spent four days in March 2008 making on-site preparations for moving it 550 miles north to the Museum, a process that culminated in a final moving project and the structure’s arrival at the Museum at 11:00 a.m. on June 26, 2008, and its initial external restoration there completed on August 2, 2008.

Restoration—internal as well as external—continued through spring 2009 to prepare it for a gala dedication on June 30 reported in the Fall 2009 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. Beginning the next day, OldSmokeys **George Chesley**, **Dick Connelly**,

Stan Kunzman, and I staffed the High Desert Ranger Station every day through Labor Day, welcoming hundreds of High Desert Museum visitors with whom we shared the story of forest rangers who worked out of stations such as this to manage the resources of the National Forest System for the benefit of the people of the United States.

This continued with stronger volunteer teams every summer since, and this summer of 2017 marks the ninth consecutive summer of such staffing and the tenth anniversary of the High Desert Ranger Station’s arrival at the High Desert Museum.

To this day, every time we see each other at the High Desert Ranger Station, Bob and I share “We did it!” grins.

The captioned photographs below and on page 10 illustrate moments during this adventure in OldSmokey-sponsored heritage resource preservation and conservation education.

Originally built in 1933 as the Bridgeport Ranger Station office on the old Mono National Forest in eastern California and western Nevada, the one-room Toiyabe National Forest district ranger’s office (right) was replaced by a new building and moved in 1962 to the Reese River Ranger Station (below) in central Nevada.



Forty miles of unpaved road south of U.S. Highway 50, the old Reese River Ranger Station lies in a valley between the Toiyabe Range (shown) and the Shoshone Mountains. The historic office building moved to the High Desert Museum is on the left.



In March 2008, Bob (shown on front porch) and I sized up the job and spent a few days getting the historic office building ready to remove from its concrete front porch and foundation.



In June 2008, with two more on the crew, we removed the roof, to be stored inside the building, and the front porch roof.



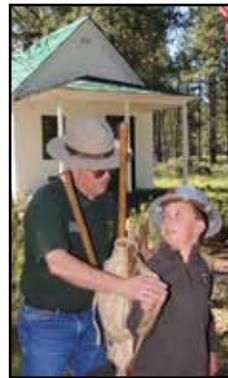
After all the roof components and other parts were stored inside, the building was jacked off its foundation, winched aboard a lowboy, driven 550 miles to the High Desert Museum, craned onto a waiting foundation, and reassembled and restored for interpretation that began on July 1, 2009.



One of the trickier aspects of reassembly was hoisting the front porch roof to be reattached to the front gable of the building. A new porch was then built under the roof.

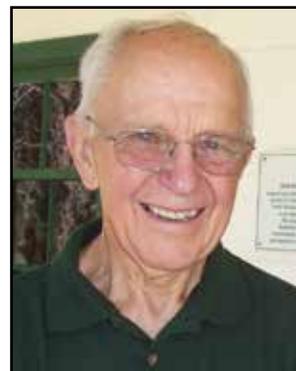


Restoration completed, the High Desert Ranger Station at The High Desert Museum was dedicated on July 30, 2009, and OldSmokeys began daily summer operation and interpretation the next day.



Kids who visit the museum learn about many aspects of ranger station life—from field work to office work. The smokechaser pack (left) interests many, and the typewriter (right) is news to many computer-age children.

Among many OldSmokeys who have staffed the High Desert Ranger Station are Stan Kunzman (right) since it opened in 2009, Carl Anderson (below left), and Jon Stewart (below right). Stan and Jon are on the 2017 volunteer roster along with OldSmokeys John Bambe, Dick Connelly, Joan Landsberg, Ray Romero, Doug Ridley, Desi Zamudio, and a few High Desert Museum volunteers.



Changes *Compiled by Secretary Deb Warren and Membership Database Manager Bill Funk*

- Beck, Jeanette** – Change telephone: 541-897-0501
Collins, Sally D. & John – Change address:
 1477 NW Saginaw, Bend, OR 97703
Coonce, Lee – Deceased April 14, 2017
Cramer, Owen P. – Deceased March 23, 2017
Culbertson, Richard & Mae – Change address:
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Dunbar, Randy & Ellen – Change address:
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Evans, Claudia Lou – Deceased April 27, 2017; Ken survives
Evans, Lee Ann – New member:
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Graham, Edwin D. – Deceased June 12, 2017
Hirst, Sherry – Deceased April 16, 2016; Val survives
Jones, Wendall L. – Deceased May 16, 2017; Jessie survives
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Naish, Robert M. – Deceased May 10, 2017
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Paulson, Neil R. – Deceased April 28, 2017; Patsy survives
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Smallwood, N. Alleene – Deceased January 26, 2016
Trask, David B. – Deceased May 8, 2017; Pam survives
Williams, Roger S. & Carol – Change address:
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Wood, Don & Helen – Change address:
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Wood, Karyn & Steve Chamber – Change address:
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Woodcock, Lois Marie – Deceased December 14, 2016

Submitting timely address changes helps keep the PNWFSA Membership Directory up-to-date and OldSmokeys in touch!

New Members *Compiled by Secretary Deb Warren*

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association since the Spring 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Lee Ann Evans of Council, Idaho, joined April 11, 2017. Still serving in the U.S. Forest Service after 29 years of federal service—over 25 with the Forest Service, including two Region 6 years in Bend, Oregon, on the Deschutes National Forest, and three more with the BLM in Nevada—Lee Ann currently serves in Region 4 as a fire business program lead. She began her Forest Service career as a payroll clerk, then worked in timber sale accounting for several years, and has spent the last 15 years “in fire business.” Away from work, she spends “a great deal of time working on my small acreage and raising Black Angus for beef. I love to travel. I also have a 1968 Chevelle SS that I enjoy driving and taking to local show and shines.”

Mike T. & Sally J. Matarrese of Springfield, Oregon, joined May 30, 2017. Both are U.S. Forest Service retirees. Mike retired from his Forest Service career in fire, fuels, and aviation management on December 31, 2010, after 36 years in the Forest Service, 32 years of those in Region 6. Since retiring, Mike has enjoyed travel, golf, fishing, and construction work. Sally retired from her Forest Service career in silviculture, budget, and finance in 2009 after 35 years of service. She enjoys their cabin and travel, and volunteers with a local social service organization.

Margaret Petersen of Portland, Oregon, joined April 6, 2017. Still serving in the U.S. Forest Service, Margaret is responsible for Internal Communications on the Public & Legislative Affairs Staff in the Region 6 RO in Portland, Oregon. *Editor's Note: Margaret has been on travel and has promised a more complete introductory profile for a later issue.*

Raymond F. Romero of Bend, Oregon, joined January 1, 2017. Ray retired from the U.S. Forest Service on May 3, 2013, as Natural Resources Staff Officer on the Ochoco National Forest after 35 years in the Outfit, 22 of those in Region 6 and the rest in Region 3. Ray began his career as a district wildlife biologist, moved on to be a zone wildlife and then a forest biologist and program manager. From there Ray served as a NEPA specialist on a forest planning team and did acting district ranger details before serving as district ranger on the Chemult Ranger District, Fremont-Winema National Forest. His next assignment was to a natural resources staff officer position for the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests and Crooked River National Grassland. In retirement, “volunteering in educational efforts, mentoring young people, and doing some consulting work as a wildlife biologist” are Ray’s things. “Also pursuing my artistic side in art, music, and writing, and being the best grandfather I can be to my five grandsons and one granddaughter” and “enjoying the outdoors” round out Ray’s life. Ray is also volunteering at the High Desert Ranger Station at the High Desert Museum south of Bend this summer.

There are many Forest Service folks out there just waiting to join us as OldSmokeys.

Recruit a new member!



Memories

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

In a few instances, memorials were pieced together from available information; certain specific information not available by press time will be provided in a subsequent issue of your *OldSmokey Newsletter* if obtained.

Leeland F. “Lee” Coonce died April 13, 2017, at age 80. Lee was born February 22, 1937, in Oakland, Missouri. He grew up on a large farm near the Lake of the Ozarks and with a true love of the outdoors expressed in hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. After completing high school at the School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, Missouri, Lee served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959. He earned a B.S. degree in forest land management at Missouri State University in 1963 and began a career in the U.S. Forest Service which took him to the West. There, in Downieville, California, he met Olivine Duffenais Kistner, and they married in Reno, Nevada, on January 7, 1966. Among Lee’s career assignments were service as district ranger on the Salmon River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest; deputy forest supervisor on the Deschutes National Forest; and forest supervisor of the Winema National Forest and then the Umpqua National Forest from which he retired in 1993. That retirement took Lee and Olivine to the Yreka, California, area to which he was attracted by the steelhead fishing and the view of Mount Shasta. After Olivine died in 2013, Lee moved to Wisconsin near his family. Survivors include his son Vince, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Owen Putman Cramer died March 23, 2017, at age 98. Owen was born June 12, 1918, in Portland, Oregon, and lived over 90 years in the home in which he grew up. Owen attended Ainsworth Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1936. He attended Reed College from 1936 to 1938, then transferred to Oregon State College where he earned a B.S. degree in forestry in 1941. As a student, he staffed Coast Range fire lookouts for three summers. As the United States entered World War II, Owen joined the U.S. Navy, trained at UCLA as a meteorologist, and served in the escort aircraft carrier USS *Natoma Bay* (CVE-62) seeing combat throughout the Western Pacific culminating in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and surviving a typhoon and a kamikaze attack before returning in December 1945. Upon return, Owen married his college sweetheart, Mildred Maxine Martin, moved into the home in which he had grown up, and began a family which eventually included four sons. He began his professional career with the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1946, and later transferred to the U.S. Forest Service in which he focused on research of relationships between forest fires and weather. This research often took him to field studies in forested mountain terrain where he studied wind and weather patterns. When possible, Owen took his family on these research trips to enjoy camping while he worked. Owen also served as fire behavior officer on forest fires in the West. A committed family man, Owen loved his wife and four sons. He coached Little League baseball, was a scoutmaster, and was involved in YMCA summer camps. He frequently took his family skiing, hiking, and camping, and instilled a love of the outdoors and a spirit of adventure in his sons. In 1995, Maxine suffered a stroke and spent the last seven years of her life in a care home; throughout those years, Owen visited her nearly

every day. One of Owen’s great interests during retirement was metaphysics. Survivors include his sons Steve, Doug, and Bruce; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bruce Emil Egger died April 8, 2017, at age 93. Bruce was born May 9, 1923, in Middleton, Idaho. He graduated from McCall High School in McCall, Idaho, in 1942, and was inducted into the U.S. Army in June 1943. As an infantryman in G Company, 328th Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, Bruce fought in the front lines in France and Germany. Discharged as a staff sergeant in 1946, Bruce was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and other decorations for his World War II service. Bruce then served as a U.S. Forest Service smokejumper based at McCall during his college years. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in forestry in 1951 and began his 29-year Forest Service career. While assigned at Rager Ranger Station, 70 miles from Prineville, Oregon, on the Ochoco National Forest, Bruce met Leora Houston, of Prineville. They married in 1955. Bruce’s career included service as district ranger on the Bly Ranger District, Fremont National Forest, from 1960 to 1968, and then on the Pomeroy Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest. He retired from the Forest Service in 1979, and he and Leora moved to Prineville where she continued her elementary school teacher career. During the 1980s, Bruce completed a memoir of his World War II experiences for his children. This and the memoir of fellow soldier Lee Otis were edited by Paul Roley and published by the University of Alabama Press in 1992 as *G Company’s War: Two Personal Accounts of the Campaigns in Europe, 1944-1945*. Bruce remained a Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association member through 2013. Survivors include his and Leora’s children Kathy Fink, Kelvin Egger, Laurie Snyder, and Leslie Gould, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Claudia Lou Evans died April 27, 2017, at age 82. The wife of Kenneth L. Evans, Claudia Haner was born November 25, 1934, in Bend, Oregon, where she graduated from Bend High School in 1952. She completed registered nurse training at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon, in 1955. She married Ken Evans in Bend in 1959, and spent the next 35 years serving as a registered nurse there, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in Fairfax, Virginia, and in John Day, Oregon, as Ken pursued his U.S. Forest Service career, and retired from the Grant County Health Department in John Day in 1992. Claudia enjoyed camping, hosting deer camp, gardening, traveling to tropical locations, sewing, reading, and attending the Pendleton Round-Up. She also loved spending time with her children, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter. She was a member of the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, John Day Elkettes, and Forest Service Magpies. Survivors include Ken, her daughters Jennifer Medico and Juliann, granddaughter Whitney Moore, great-granddaughter Emma Voight, and many nieces and nephews.

Edwin D. “Ed” Graham died June 12, 2017, at age 93. After graduating from high school, Ed served in the U.S. Army as a medical technician during World War II. While at Madigan Army Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1944, Ed met Margaret Elizabeth Ann Eller, a WAAC servicewoman nicknamed “Patti” reassigned from duty as a nurse at demobilized Camp Abbot near Bend, Oregon. They worked together as laboratory technicians, and their May 1946 marriage began their 62-year union. Patti continued to work as a civilian laboratory techni-

cian as Ed worked toward a bachelor's degree in forestry at the University of Washington awarded in 1950. Their first child, Pam, was born in 1947, and Patti and Pam joined Ed at his summer assignments at U.S. Forest Service guard stations and fire lookouts in western Washington. Their second child, Ed, was born in 1950, and their third, David, was born in 1954. Patti raised the children in Forest Service housing where Ed was stationed. Ed's Forest Service career, served on the Willamette National Forest and in the RO in Portland, Oregon, included assignments at Oak Grove and Detroit ranger stations, then at McKenzie Bridge Ranger Station were Ed, as district ranger from 1963 to 1975, wrote the first Three Sisters Wilderness management plan. Then, in the Willamette National Forest SO in Eugene, where he retired in 1980 as recreation staff officer, he planned and oversaw development of the McKenzie River National Recreation Trail and other significant projects. Ed and Patti moved to Sunriver, Oregon, a retirement and resort community built on the site of Camp Abbot where Patti had served in the Army and where they quickly became community fixtures. Both served on the Mt. Bachelor Ski Patrol for 20 years, and Ed also served as an EMT on the Sunriver Fire Department. After Patti's death in December 2008, Ed moved to Salem, Oregon. Survivors include their daughter Pam Wojack, sons Ed and David (a Forest Service retiree), two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sherry Hirst died April 16, 2016, at age 59. The wife of Val N. Hirst, Sherry was born August 24, 1956. No further information is available.

Wendall L. Jones died May 16, 2017, at age 84. Wendall, born June 23, 1932, was a native Oregonian destined to be a forester. After graduating from high school in 1950, he had to wait until his 18th birthday to begin work on the fire crew at the Fish Lake Ranger Station on the Willamette National Forest that June 23. He also worked on that crew during summer 1951. Wendall graduated from the School of Forestry at Oregon State College in June 1954, and joined the U.S. Forest Service as a junior forester on the Detroit Ranger District, Willamette National Forest. In August 1960, while a forester on the Metolius Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, he represented the Forest Service at the Girl Scouts of America two-week All-States Wilderness Encampment at Todd Lake, teaching the girls how to navigate the backcountry with map and compass. Wendall was district ranger, Hebo Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, from 1966 to 1975. He then served as Timber Staff Officer on the Mt. Hood National Forest, as Assistant Director for Timber Sales for Region 6, and Assistant Director for Timber Sales on the Timber Management Staff in the WO before he returned to Region 6 in 1984 to serve as Director of Timber Management until he retired from the Forest Service. Active in the PNWF-SA, Wendall served as its 1997-1998 President and edited its *OldSmokeys Newsletter* from 2001 to 2006. Survivors include Jessie and other family members.

Robert A. "Bob" Naish died May 10, 2017, at age 88. No further information is available.

Neil R. Paulson died April 28, 2017, at age 82. Neil was born in April 1934 in Ashland, Wisconsin, where he enjoyed frequent hunting and fishing trips with his dad and graduated from Ashland High School in 1952. Neil earned a degree in forestry at Michigan Tech in 1957, married Patsy whom he had met in high school that same year, and completed postgraduate work at

the University of Minnesota before he and Pat headed west to start his 31-year U.S. Forest Service career in Estacada, Oregon, on the Mt. Hood National Forest. That career took him to Cle Elum, Washington, on the Wenatchee National Forest, then to Trout Lake, Washington, as district ranger, Mt. Adams Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, from 1970 to 1977. From Trout Lake, Neil went to the WO Fire & Aviation Management division and then to Flagstaff, Arizona, as forest supervisor of the Coconino National Forest. Neil traveled extensively throughout his career and chaired the National Wildfire Coordinating Group which led the effort to achieve national standardization in key areas of incident management. After he retired, Neil and Pat bought Bear Country, a sporting goods store in Drummond, Wisconsin, which they owned for seven years. Neil was active in community affairs, serving on the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, the local fire district, and in the local criminal justice system; he was an advisor and participant in local affairs, especially related to natural resources; and he was a volunteer for many organizations. He participated in a range of outdoor sports and enjoyed spectator sports with his family. He twice traveled to Finland to explore his family heritage. Survivors include his wife Patsy, son Paul, and grandsons Sam and Owen.

N. Alleene Smallwood died January 26, 2016, at age 89. Alleene Mericie was born January 9, 1927, in Dewey, Texas. A longtime resident of Gilchrist, La Pine, and Bend, Oregon, she was married to Walter W. "Bud" Smallwood, who died in 2004, for 57 years. Alleene served in the U.S. Forest Service as a business management professional on the Deschutes National Forest for many years. She was a 55-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in which she served as a Worthy Maiden of the Bend Chapter and a lifelong member of Nydia No. 4, Daughters of the Nile. Survivors include daughters Marsha Ann Phillips and Shirla Sue Bond; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

David B. "Dave" Trask died May 8, 2017, at age 82. Dave was born September 18, 1934, in Gardiner, Maine, where he attended Gardiner High School. There he was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and baseball, and met Pamela "Pam" Dick, also a member of the class of 1952, who later became his wife. After graduating from the University of Maine as a civil engineer and marrying Pam in 1956, Dave began his distinguished career of over 30 years in U.S. Forest Service engineering that same year as a junior engineer on the on the White Mountain National Forest in Laconia, New Hampshire. From 1958 to 1961, he was forest engineer on the Green Mountain National Forest in neighboring Vermont. Then, at 27, Dave landed a job in Region 6 as a forest engineer on the Umpqua National Forest, and he and Pam and their two young children moved west to Roseburg, Oregon. They were there only long enough to have a baby and buy a house when, in 1962, Dave was transferred to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Vancouver, Washington. In 1965, Dave was transferred to the old regional headquarters in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, where he served as a staff engineer in transportation planning. In 1966, Dave transferred to the WO where he served until 1974; in his final year there he was special assistant to Chief of the Forest Service John McGuire. Dave and his family returned to the West when he accepted the position of Director of Engineering for Region 6; at age 39 he was the youngest to serve in that position in which he served until he retired in 1986. About a

year later, Dave accepted the position of Director of the Executive Seminar Program at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, taking the reins from Ted Schlapfer who designed and built the program and lead it until 1994. Dave spent five years bringing middle managers from various agencies together to wrestle with current natural resource issues and gain insight into each other's perspectives. Active in the PNWFSA, he served as its 1993-1994 president. Survivors include Pam; their children Steve, Sue Ellen, and Diana; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Boyd E. Wickman died April 27, 2017, at age 86. Boyd was born June 17, 1930, in Martinez, California. He earned a master of science degree in entomology at the University of California, Berkeley, and after serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War joined the U.S. Forest Service. His career as a Forest Service entomologist and later as a consulting forester spanned 60 years. He was a respected scientist with over 100 publications on forest insects and a book on the history of Western forest entomology. He was one of the earliest certified entomologists in the Entomological Society of America and the first and longest-serving emeritus entomologist with the Pacific Northwest Research Station. He lectured around the world and served as an Oregon State University adjunct professor. Also, after his retirement from the Forest Service, Boyd cared for the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest south of Bend, Oregon, after the Bend Silviculture Laboratory closed in 1996. Boyd was a Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association member through 2008. Survivors include his daughter Laura Wickman-Carle, five grandchildren, and the love of his life Mimi Graves.

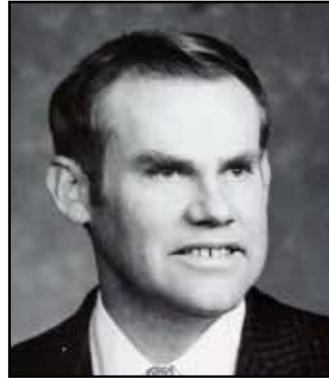
Lois Marie Woodcock died December 14, 2016, at age 95. The widow of the late Richard "Dick" Woodcock, Lois Rensink was born in December 1921 in Everson, Washington, spent most of her childhood in the Arlington area, and as a teenager lived and attended school in Darrington where she met and married Charlton Hayter, who died in 1970 after 31 years of marriage and four children. In 1974, Lois married retired U.S. Forest Service district ranger Dick Woodcock, whose first wife Nina died while he was district ranger on the Lake Wenatchee Ranger District, Wenatchee National Forest, and moved to Lake Wenatchee. Lois and Dick were married for 41 years until his October 12, 2015, death at age 98. She and Dick traveled extensively in Europe, South America, and the United States. Together they volunteered for Roving Volunteers in Christ's Services. Survivors include her sons Jerry Haytor and Rod Haytor and daughters Carolyn Lopez and Jane McIntyre; Dick's son Jon and daughters Judy Brown and Jill Salween; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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The very fact that so many have spoken of them so highly speaks volumes about their character, integrity, and impact on so many of us. May God be with both Jessie and Pam....

Ray Bunster remembers Ed Graham

I was in the Willamette National Forest SO in the 1960s when Ed Graham was the McKenzie Ranger District ranger. He was a top notch district ranger, one of the best I had the privilege to get to know in my 14 years in Region 6. When Dave Gibney was forest supervisor, he and the rest of us on his staff had the good fortune to have such good district rangers to work with. We're sure going to miss Ed.



John O. Hoffman

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*A Remembrance by
Ron McCormick, with
John Berry and Rich Stem*

John, Rich and I felt our recently-passed friend, John Hoffman, was due additional recognition for the contributions he made to the U.S. Forest Service, the public, and the management of forest resources during his long career. John was quiet and never sought the spotlight. One had

to watch carefully and listen closely to appreciate the man. He thought "outside the box," and frequently offered creative solutions to vexing problems. He mentored many and offered sage counsel to others.

John was born and raised in Rapid City, South Dakota. He developed into a tall, lanky, and laconic young man who was calm in a crisis. He never seemed to be in a hurry. Following graduation from high school in 1953, he enrolled in the forestry curriculum at Montana State University, offered through the University of Montana in Missoula. He also completed smoke-jumper training at Missoula, and jumped from the base in Grangeville, Idaho, in 1955, 1956, and 1957. He graduated with a B.S. degree in forestry in 1960.

Along the way he met his future wife, Cora. John related to me that fellow jumpers in Grangeville gave them a "smokejumper wedding." Cora wore a wedding dress fabricated from an old parachute. Following the wedding ceremony, they placed Cora in a decorated wheelbarrow and directed John to maneuver the "vehicle" down the main street and through town, with the whooping and hollering jumpers trailing behind. One can just imagine! This wheelbarrow ride was re-enacted on their 50th wedding anniversary in Grants Pass.

John's first assignment was on the Rogue River National Forest at the Butte Falls Ranger District, and then as the silviculturist on the Prospect Ranger District. John was later promoted to the district ranger position on the Galice Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, and then reassigned as district ranger on that national forest's Illinois Ranger District. He was promoted to timber staff officer (TSO) on the Siuslaw National Forest, and his final assignment was as TSO on the Siskiyou National Forest, after which he and Cora retired to their lovely five-acre hobby farm in Grants Pass.

John and Cora had four sons: John Jr., Joseph, Daniel, and Donald. I asked Dan what he recalled most about growing up in the Forest Service. He said, "We moved a lot." He also told me that John Jr. worked several summers on a hot shot crew, and that he (Dan) had worked on a BD (brush disposal) crew.

John's assignment at Cave Junction was especially challenging as it was at the apex of the counter-culture movement in the Illinois Valley, and there were several communes around the town. Controversy and resentment ran high, and so did unemployment. John worked closely with the leaders of the communes and the town leaders to establish training under the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. This involved forest improvement projects and fire fighting for over 100 of the youths of both the town and communes. His inclusive management and

leadership style eased tensions in the Illinois Valley.

For the afore-mentioned groundbreaking work, John was nominated for and received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award in 1974, which was presented to him in Washington, D.C., by Secretary Earl Butz. The award reads as follows:

For effective response to community needs through special understanding of changing lifestyles and the need for training and development of youth.

John served on the Board of Directors of Rogue Community College for several years. According to a November 23, 1973, Region 6 *Greensheet* article, he “was returning from a conference of community college trustees when the right engine of the National Airlines jetliner exploded, and flying shrapnel ruptured the fuselage...the stricken aircraft made an emergency landing at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hoffman assisted a physically handicapped male passenger down the emergency chute, and sustained rope burns and bruises in the process.” As a footnote to this story, while perusing some of John’s records, I came across two letters to him from people in Texas. One was from the wife of the handicapped man John helped, thanking John for saving her husband’s life; and another from the man’s daughter, offering similar heartfelt sentiments.

John was rated as an air attack boss (old nomenclature) and, as such, he planned and executed retardant drops when flying in the lead plane.

When John was TSO on the Siskiyou, he would round up all the TMAs on the forest for a meeting and look at them and ask questions like: “Are we doing the right thing? Should we be doing more selective cutting than clear-cuts, as long as it works?” It seems he had a way of pondering questions for all of us that would make us stop and think.

During his tenure on the Siskiyou, John helped coordinate the development of the Silver Fire Recovery Plan and EIS. This was one of the first project EISs the agency had attempted, and it had to be done in record time and with extreme quality. The public engagement was expected to be unprecedented, and it was! When most of the team was running around “getting things done,” John would just lean back, take a breath, and ponder the big questions that needed to be asked and dealt with, which no one else seemed to have time to consider. He was always present, always available, and always looking ahead to the next few months while others were solving last week’s problems. Much of the strategic success of that project can be attributable to John’s thinking “out of the box.”

Occasionally, at management team meetings, John would pronounce, “We are all dancing around stepping on piss ants while the elephant is charging by.”

John retired in 1991. He and Cora acquired an RV and loved to travel to British Columbia to camp and fish. They did that for several summers. They videotaped these excursions replete with astounding scenery, bears and elk. Winters were spent in an RV park in Arizona as a sojourn from the Oregon rain.

John Berry said, “If we were able to ask John Hoffman if he wanted a memorial written, he would shrug and give that goofy grin and utter ‘ehhh’.”

John, we did it anyway. We miss you a lot.

— Ron, John, and Rich



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And relationships with old friends seem just like that. Often the friendships start out small, and grow and grow. They can flourish and become giants. Friendships rarely remain static; they evolve and mature. Each of you have similar experiences and tales to share, and I would love to hear some. It’s what we do as OldSmokeys. We note how friends can stay unchanged in some ways, but grow refined in others. Think about a few old friends, and see if this isn’t true for you as well as them.

I am realizing relationships with our familiar Forest Service are also much like those changing trees. The agency mission continues largely unchanged, so a fir remains a fir and an apple remains an apple, but the dynamics within a shifting society—changing economy, differing demands and expectations, and new technology—mean that the agency and thus our relationships evolve as well. Going back to revisit old friends and the familiar Forest Service leads to discoveries, sometimes surprising, about how they have grown, borne lightning scars, buried deep roots, grown furrowed bark, reached strong limbs in new directions, sprouted new shoots, changed strategies, and all. Still the Forest Service, but renewed, changing, maturing,

So, a heartfelt message” Plant more trees. Give seed to new friendships. Cherish our longstanding relationships, as well, and acknowledge their growth and change. Relish the blending of both familiar and surprisingly new. It’s what we do.

Friends, we are preparing to bid a fond farewell to **Vern and Jessie Clapp**. They are putting down new roots in a new locale. We will miss them, though they will remain part of our diverse forest community from afar. But as we celebrate Vern’s years of dedicated service to fellow retirees, it’s time to fill in the canopy with new trees. Our OldSmokeys organization thrives on connections among dear friends, and as the outgoing E-Mail Editor, Vern leaves some exciting space for one or several retirees to take on that role. My understanding is that Vern’s e-mail role is not a big time commitment, but is a fun and priceless important role of bundling and passing along communications so we can all keep in touch more effectively. You can help!

Yes, your Board of Directors and I are enthusiastically in search of talent and energy. Opportunities include not only filling Vern’s valued role as your E-Mail Editor, but also others: the Newsletter Editor (Thanks, **Les Joslin!**), more photographers to casually capture and share the photo needs of our various events, adding liaisons with connections to various forests and labs to contact and welcome new and pending retirees, organizing a Facebook page...these are all great opportunities for you to jump in and lend a hand while enjoying OldSmokeys’ cheerful comradery. A hearty thanks to **Bill Funk** for recently taking the helm of our OldSmokeys’ website, and an equally hearty thanks to **Don Nearhood** for his years of faithfully tending to it. Please take a moment to let them know they are appreciated.

Thank all the dedicated board members.

And jump in, join the team. We’re having fun!

I would like your assistance, and I’m looking forward to hearing from you!

Tom Mulder

Welcome President Tom!



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OldSmokeys Spring Banquet Photographs

This selection of photographs by Photographer **Kathy Geyer** and Newsletter Editor **Les Joslin** will help you review and remember who you saw and what you did at this great annual event—or help you realize what you missed and make an extra effort to attend next spring’s banquet.



A server assisted Tom, Bev, Kent, and Bob with the buffet.



A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all 74 OldSmokeys. After dinner, Regional Forester and OldSmokey Jim Peña (right) took the floor and updated his fellow OldSmokeys on trends in and the outlook for the Forest Service.



Nine former Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association presidents and the newly inaugurated president posed for this prestigious panoramic photograph. They are, from left to right: Dave Jay, Bruce Hendrickson, John Berry, Bob Tokarczyk, Linda Goodman, Jim Rice, Ron Boehm, Mike Ash, President Tom Mulder, and Dave Scott.



Jean Loff nodded assent (left) as Kent and Stub discussed issues of mutual interest (above).



Sue Triplett inspected the array of silent auction offerings.



Bob Tokarczyk (top center), accompanied by Virginia Williams (on his left), presided over the table at which were seated Mary Lou Williams (left), Regional Forester Jim Peña (bottom center), Debbie Peña (left), and Bob Williams.

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Secretary Zinke said “the USDA is on board with the proposed system,” Patterson reported. “Under the plan, the Forest Service would remain part of Agriculture and a simple memorandum of understanding would cover the agency’s participation. Zinke asserted the staffing shifts would not cost any money or technically need congressional approval. But he told lawmakers he intends to reach out to Congress ‘because it matters to us all to make sure we go ahead and do it right.’ He told House Republicans and Democrats the consolidation would reduce permitting hurdles, give federal officials more latitude to focus on regional issues such as invasive species, and enable Interior to better use the resources appropriated by Congress for ecosystem-specific projects.”

Prepared from the quoted sources and multiple other sources.

Letters

Remembrances of recently departed members dominated the spring’s eForum messages. A few excerpts follow.

Max Peterson remembers Dave Trask and Wendall Jones

Dave Trask and Wendall Jones were two examples of outstanding Forest Service employees. I had the privilege of knowing and working with them over many years.

Kent Mays remembers Dave Trask

Dave Trask was special. It is known that engineers are builders, and Dave was way beyond that label. He was truly a builder of people around him, always a smile, a word of encouragement, and a strong sense of professionalism.

Richard Sowa remembers Dave Trask

Dave Trask was a wonderful man.... I thought if I could ever be the man Dave was I would have arrived as an engineer in the Forest Service. I never quite made it but Dave inspired me and many others to be just a little bit better. Rest in peace, Dave, your legacy was profound, inspired many, and lives on.

Mike Kerrick remembers Wendall Jones

Sad to hear of Wendall’s passing, we have been friends since our Mt. Hood days. He was a big supporter of Fish Lake.

Ron Humphrey remembers Wendall Jones

Wendall’s passing is really a tough one for me. He and Jessie were terrific influences on me at a critical point in my life/career. Wendall was an outstanding forester, mentor, and friend. His memory will linger for many of us.

Dick Blashill remembers Wendall Jones

In November 1978 Wendall selected me for [a] position...on his timber staff on the Mt. Hood. I had never met him.... We talked awhile, he introduced me.... He then pointed to a desk, said it was mine and...to go to work. I expected he would sit me down in a day or so and tell me what he expected...but he never did. I made the decision to create my job as I saw fit and proceeded on that basis. I was always grateful to him for that. Wendall was a real gentleman and had “Forest Service Green Blood” in his veins. It was my pleasure to know him.

Bob McQuown remembers Wendall Jones and Dave Trask

There is not much one can add to the accolades...already published in remembrance of both Wendall Jones and Dave Trask.

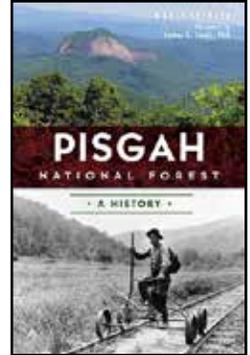
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Books

In Pisgah National Forest: A History, Marci Spencer Tells the Unique Story of a Unique National Forest

By Les Joslin

OldSmokeys who plan to attend the September 2018 U.S. Forest Service “Reunion at the Cradle” in Asheville, North Carolina, will want to read up on the Pisgah National Forest in the Blue Ridge Mountains northeast of that beautiful city. A good way to do that is by reading Marci Spencer’s 2014 *Pisgah National Forest: A History* published by The History Press.



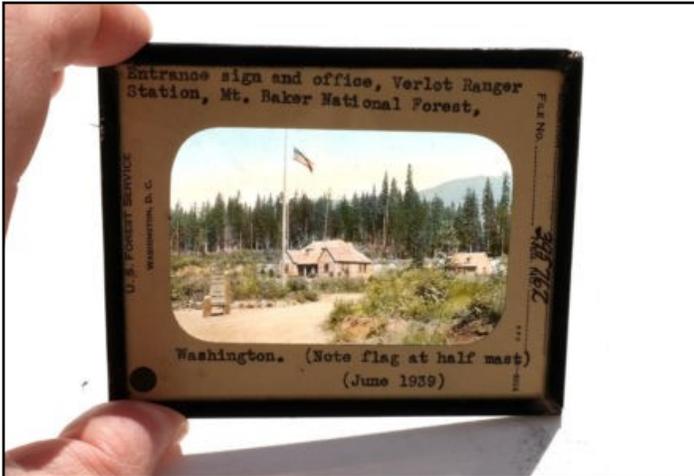
When multi-millionaire George Vanderbilt constructed the Biltmore House on his Biltmore Estate, he hired America’s first forester, Gifford Pinchot, and later, German forester Dr. Carl A. Schenck to manage his forests. Over 80,000 of his woodland acres became the home of America’s first forestry school and the heart of the Pisgah National Forest established in 1916 under the Weeks Act of 1911.

Now comprising more than 500,000 acres, the Pisgah National Forest is a unique repository of natural and cultural history. In the heart of the southern Appalachians, it includes Linville Gorge, Catawba Falls, the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River, the Shining Rock Wilderness, Mt. Pisgah, and—of special interest to foresters—the Cradle of Forestry in America.

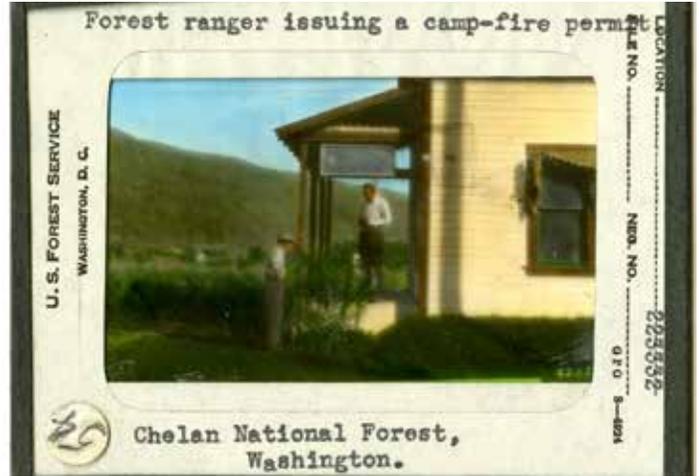
The Cradle of Forestry in America is the 6,500-acre historic site created by Congress in 1968 and jointly managed by the Forest Service and the Cradle of Forestry Interpretative Association to “preserve develop, and make available to this and future generations the birthplace of forestry and forestry education in the United States.” It’s the “cradle” referred to in the reunion’s name.

To get ready for the reunion and the Cradle of Forestry experience, trek through the human, political, and natural history of the Pisgah National Forest with author Marci Spencer in *Pisgah National Forest: A History* (ISBN 9781626196346) published at \$19.95 by The History Press and available from <www.arcadiapublisher.com/97816261936346/Pisgah-National-Forest-A-History> or from Amazon and other online book-sellers.





This historic U.S. Forest Service slide shows the Verlot Ranger Station, on the old Mt. Baker National Forest, in June 1939.



This undated slide shows a ranger on the old Chelan National Forest, probably in the 1920s, issuing a campfire permit.

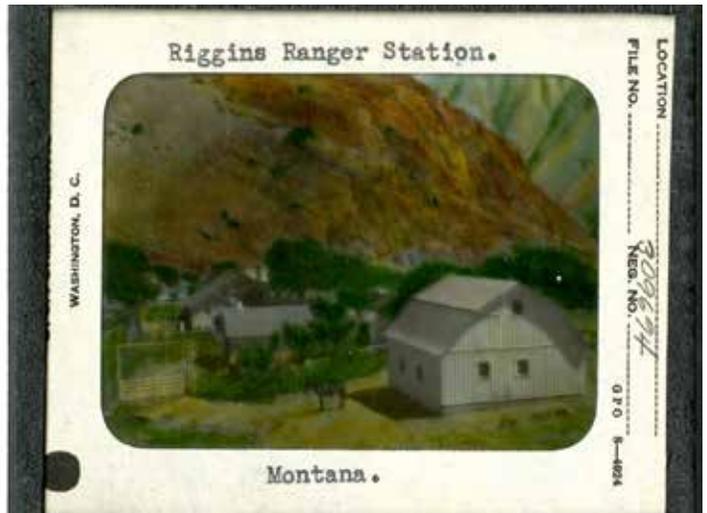
Uncle Sam's Cabins

Historic Hand-Colored Lantern Slides Offer a Look at U.S. Forest Service Ranger Stations of Yesteryear

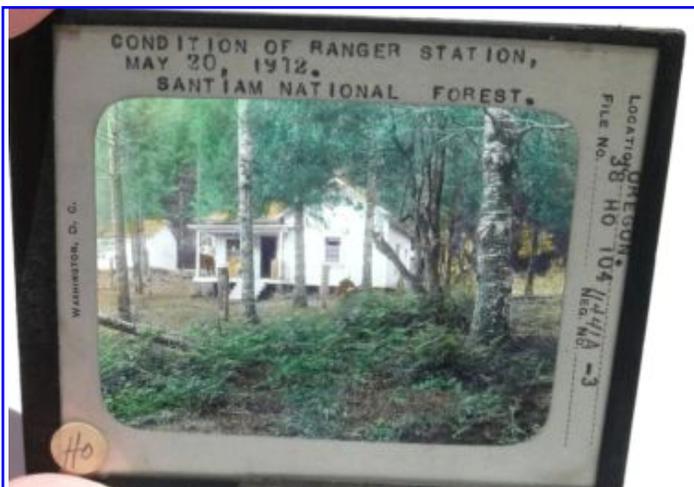
By Dave Govatski and Les Joslin

Return with us, now, to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when the lone district rangers were based at remote ranger stations such as these shown in official U.S. Forest Service hand-colored lantern slides retrieved from an online sales source!

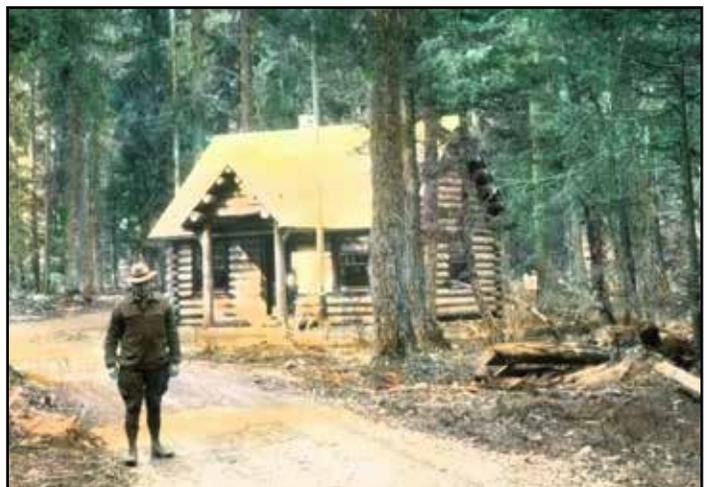
Hand-tinted glass slides such as the one below and their successors—up to and including Kodachrome and Ektachrome 35-mm color slides only recently displaced by PowerPoint technology—were used by forest officers for a wide range of purposes including Information and Education (I&E) programs at which the role of the Forest Service in managing the National Forest System for its citizen-owners was interpreted for the public.



This mistitled slide shows Riggins Ranger Station which was in Idaho on the Nez Perce National Forest, not in Montana.



This hand-tinted glass slide shows the condition of a ranger station on the old Santiam National Forest, Oregon, when it was photographed on May 20, 1912.



This image of Silver Creek Ranger Station on the old Snoqualmie National Forest came from a 1931 hand-colored glass slide by Forest Service recreation pioneer Fred W. Cleator.



Forestry Technician Barry Keller and a truckload of trees to be planted on the Willamette National Forest.

My First Forest Service Job

The Best Job I Ever Had

By Barry Stewart Keller

I'm known to tell anyone who will listen: Working for the U.S. Forest Service was the best job I ever had.

As a latecomer to finding a career, I muddled through numerous colleges. Raised as a city kid around Washington, D.C., I was even late to discovering "the great outdoors." Then one event changed everything.

While attending college in California, I began hiking and camping. When the 1970 Malibu-Newhall Fire destroyed all my local hiking trails, I volunteered every week afterward to help bring some green back to the charred hills. I found this was the work for me, and knew the Pacific Northwest was where to do it.

After completing a forest technician course, I got on with the Willamette National Forest on the Lowell Ranger District brush disposal and fire suppression crew. At the end of each season, I pestered the staff to stay and help administer tree-planting contracts. Applying for jobs all over Oregon, my first "permanent" position was as a timber marker out of John Day, but I quickly returned to Lowell.

The silviculture bunch at Lowell was great. We loved what we did, took it seriously, and given Lowell's annual cut had plenty of it to do. Our Motto was: "Any fool can turn wood into money. It takes a SPECIAL fool to turn money into wood."

During the tree-planting season, I was up long before daylight, loading trees onto the truck and getting to the landing before there was enough light to start planting. We slogged in the rain behind the planters, throwing inspection plots, keeping tallies on soaked "Rite-in-the-Rain" sheets until it was too dark to plant, then returned to the ranger station to offload unplanted trees, do paperwork, and prepare for the next day. Back then, that was a seven-day-a-week show. Since our inspections didn't endear us to any of the contractors, I had an industrywide reputation that required me to pull my telephone and address listings.

On one steep, rocky, 140-acre unit, I put in more hours than anyone, starting with the slash burn (where they thought I had

died until they found me hours later, hiking back to the station in the dark), to the original planting, the follow-up stocking survey, a replant and its follow-up stocking survey. I spent so much time doing plots to set up a contract for an experimental manual-brush release in a unit covered with *ceanothus*, inspecting the work, and doing follow-up surveys that the district ranger presented me a "deed" to the property.

On the first day of one planting season, I found my hardhat painted pink and my desk turned around. Facing the wall. There was never a dull moment.

After seeing a huge aerial photograph of the district with 100-acre concentric circles over suspected spotted owl pairings and a looming downsizing coming, I simultaneously made the best and worst career decision: I decided to leave the Forest Service and return to college. After graduating, I tried regularly to get back into the Forest Service but it wasn't to be. I retired as a contracting officer in the U.S. Department of Energy.

For the last 17 years, the Forest Service has had me for free as a volunteer, and I still tell anybody who will listen how the Forest Service was the best job I ever had.

Every OldSmokey has a "My First Forest Service Job" story! Write yours up and send it in!

One More Thought...

"Images of America" Book Series Offers OldSmokeys Opportunities to Tell Fascinating National Forest Stories

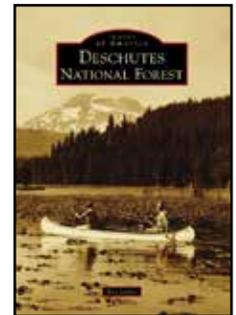
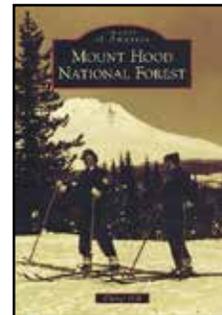
Once there were as many as 26 national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region. Now, as a result of a century of reorganizations and recent lumpings, there are 17. Most of these national forests have fascinating histories, and most if not all of their SOs have fabulous photographic collections.

So what? These two facts add up to superb opportunities for OldSmokeys to share those national forest's stories illustrated by those national forest's historic photographs to interpret them for their citizens. This opportunity is offered by Arcadia Publishing of Charleston, South Carolina, to anyone willing to propose and produce such a book to their exacting standards.

Only two such books on Pacific Northwest national forests have been published. Cheryl Hill's 2014 *Images of America: Mount Hood National Forest* and my 2017 *Images of America: Deschutes National Forest* announced in the Spring 2017 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. I think there should be one on each of our region's national forests—indeed, one on every national forest in the country.

Who better than an OldSmokey who knows a national forest well to produce such a book that would increase the citizens' appreciation and understanding of a national forest? Want to know more? Let me know!

--Les Joslin





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