



# OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Winter 2007

## *President's Message—John Poppino's "First Hurrah!"*

I couldn't resist that title to follow Marlin's last letter. I look forward to the next nine months as the presiding "OldSmokey." Although, I must admit it's been a long time since I spent time even near a fire camp and came home with smokey clothes.

When I was ranger at Sisters, I went to a fire in California as a crew boss because my fire credentials up to that time had been on the business side. We had been assigned to mop up, a job that I really liked. You get paid to make mud pies! At the end of a long day, we were gathered at roadside to await transportation to camp when Bud Cravens, a recreation tech on the Metolius District, said, "John, you are without a doubt the filthiest district ranger I've ever seen!" I took that as a positive compliment.

For folks who may not know me, I'm a native Oregonian who spent my whole Forest Service career in Oregon and had assignments in the three major mission areas. I started on the Clackamas River Division while in high school. Then I was a river basin planner, reporting through Watershed Management to State and Private Forestry in the WO. From there I went to the Deschutes and Malheur on the way to the RO in Planning. My last assignment was project leader for Forest Inventory and Analysis (old Forest Survey). Some may think my career was upside down. Many people start in Forest Inventory and go to grander and more glorious things.

The organization [PNWFSA] moves steadily along. We are in the process of cooperating with Region 6 to develop and print a history of the region. It will be on the streets in time for the region's centennial. **Jerry Williams** will do the heavy lifting on this project.

Speaking of centennials, **Gail Baker** celebrated his on January 3 at the Beaverton Elks. It was a grand blowout with dignitaries from across the country saying good words about Gail and his long service with the Forest Service. (As I write this, the event is planned and dignitaries from across the country have agreed to participate.)

I look forward to my stint as president of the OldSmokeys. The last year has been an interesting one of getting up to speed with the organization. We have a "problem" some of the organizations I'm involved with would like to share. We have willing hands to do their part, and then some. We're looking for projects our volunteers can take on. We've restored Forest Service buildings and bridges, fixed trails, and.... We have a reasonable cash reserve to provide materials. So, if you know of something that needs to be done that will help out the Forest Service and keep OldSmokeys off the streets, let me know.

*John Poppino*

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## Forum

### Hurricane Relief Efforts Show Great Need for Incident Command System

I recently reread the article in the summer *OldSmokeys Newsletter* (“OldSmokeys Back in Service,” page 3) about the Area Command Teams and Incident Command Teams, partly staffed by **George Chesley, Mike Edrington, Dick Grace, and Stan Kunzman**, assisting evacuees of recent hurricanes.

My wife Elly and I drove to Mississippi last year to do our part to assist evacuees in Long Beach, Mississippi. The green rigs of the Forest Service were much in evidence where we worked. Boy, was I proud of the outfit!

We worked at Camp Coast Care, a Lutheran/Episcopal Relief facility, for two weeks in September and October, drove home and flew back for another week in December. We did kitchen duty, which gave me breaks to roam our camp area and observe the relief efforts of other groups. Within a hundred yards of our camp were a temporary post office, the Red Cross, a regular U.S. Navy construction battalion (SeaBees) unit, Southern Baptists from Ohio, and Scientologists. Some of these groups were doing different things for the evacuees, and some were doing the same things. When I asked a SeaBee chief petty officer for whom they were working, he did not know but said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was providing lumber and other materials. I later found out that the SeaBees had erected 70 family-size tents to shelter evacuees and a mess hall, showers, and FEMA office tent.

I read that some National Guard soldiers were sent to help the local police, but when they reported in the police didn't know what the Guard was supposed to do since they had not requested them. I kept asking myself: “Where are the emergency operation headquarters folks from every level—city, county, state, and federal? Where are the organizations that should be coordinating all this relief effort?” That was in September and October. Things were a bit different when we got back in December, but inter-group communication was not much better.

Because I am so sold on the Incident Command System (ICS) of handling emergencies, I invited **David Summer** of the Region 6 office to talk about ICS hurricane relief to my Downtown [Portland] Lions Club. David said that, because of the immediate presence of Incident Command Teams during Hurricane Rita, there was nowhere near the confusion and lack of relief there was during Hurricane Katrina. Many of the Lions members who asked David questions commented that they didn't know there even was [an ICS] type of organization and asked why it wasn't used more often. I also found myself asking why the relief organizations at all levels of government don't call more frequently on this proven system when disaster strikes.

-- John Nesbitt, PNWFSA President-elect

### The Historic Santiam Wagon Road: After 138 Years, a Conundrum

Many Westerners have a wagon road or so in their family history. These old pioneer roads were the means for many, many families to find a new life in the West. Most have disappeared under asphalt, cultivation, and development. Oregon, however, has a gem that has survived relatively intact: the Santiam Wagon Road (SWR).

This wagon road was opened to traffic as a toll and military road in 1868 and was abandoned as a through road in 1939 when it was supplanted by the opening of U.S. Highway 20. At the time there were no regrets. The old road was a terror to travelers, and “good riddance” was the response of most people. The Forest Service, for fire and administrative needs, continued to use certain sections of the old road.

In the 1980s and '90s, the old road began to be rediscovered. Today it is an historic trail that can be traveled across the Cascade crest by foot, horse, or mountain bike from the South Santiam River on the west to the site of the old Cache Creek Toll Station on the east, a distance of 34 miles or more. It traverses the Sweet Home, McKenzie, and Sisters ranger districts in the Willamette and Deschutes national forests. The management is very different between these administrative jurisdictions. About half the SWR is in relatively good shape for historic travel and appreciation. The other half suffers heavy use by dirt bikes and quads that have converted the roadbed into traction media.\* This motorized use causes noise and air pollution (both fumes and dust) and endangers non-motorized users to the point that they are driven away.

The SWR is protected by a 1983 determination by the State Historic Preservation Officer that the road is eligible for nomination to the National Historic Sites Registry, a state law (ORS 358.057) passed in 1995 which designates the road an Oregon Historic Trail, and an Historic Special Interest Corridor established by the Willamette National Forest in 1990.

In February 2005, the McKenzie River Ranger District issued a “Santiam Pass Dispersed **Motorized** Recreation Area” proposed action, and environmental statement in which the purpose and need for action states: “The purpose of this project is to manage and **enhance** off-highway vehicle travel and dispersed recreation...” (emphasis added). The protected SWR and the Pacific Crest Trail divide the area into four quadrants. The content of the entire proposed action can be viewed at the web site:

<[http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/manage/nepa/current\\_mckenzie.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/manage/nepa/current_mckenzie.html)>.

Complicating the conflict further is the fact that, in order to accomplish the planning, the ranger district applied for and received a grant of \$15,620 from the OHV Gas Tax Rebate Fund that is managed by a committee of OHV advocates under the aegis of the

Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation. An additional carrot for a plan favorable to OHV recreation is the fact that agencies managing OHV parks similar to this receive annual grants of sums that run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for operation, maintenance, and law enforcement. Forest Service managers in this day and age of tight funding are encouraged to be innovative in seeking and constructing partnerships that bring additional funding to maintain their organization.

The due date for comments was April 15, 2005, but the ranger district has indicated that to be a flexible date and will accept late comments. The district's interdisciplinary team work on the proposal has experienced delays caused by personnel changes and wildfires. As of November 2006, work continues on the environmental assessment. Address letters to: **Mary Allison**, District Ranger, McKenzie River Ranger District, 57600 McKenzie Highway, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon 97413. Email sent to the district ranger at <mallison@fs.fed.us> is also acceptable.

\* "Traction media" is an OHV term for loose material commonly found on motocross tracks which is suitable for the special tires used on these vehicles.

-- Richard Spray

## ***And another OldSmokey speaks out in the press...***

### **Don't "lock up" forests**

The popular cry to lock up Oregon's roadless areas to "save" them ignores the wisdom of good science and of national environmental leaders who advocate the need to rethink the "lock up" philosophy.

Environmentalist and essayist Wendall Berry, in his book *The Ways of Ignorance*, questions "how we can preserve the natural world by protecting wilderness areas while we neglect or destroy economic landscape—the farms and ranches and working forests, and the people who use them?"

Dan Dagget, environmentalist and activist, and Sierra Club award winner, advocates in *Gardeners in Eden*, "a strong case for man's involvement in physical management of The Quivira Coalition, a nonprofit group building bridges between ranchers and environmentalists in New Mexico, strongly supports the need to care for resources by management rather than locking them up."

The future well-being of the Oregon and Washington forests is dependent upon society understanding "locking up" the land will threaten more than protect it. If there is serious interest in "saving" the lands for our use and the use of future generations, enlightened management with a wide range of options is critical.

-- Raymond W. Scharpf in *The Columbian*, Vancouver, Washington, September 18, 2006

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

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### ***Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association***



## **Who Are We? OldSmokeys Facts 2006**

At the end of 2006 our member roster stood at 910. At this time in 2005, we were 897 strong. That's a net gain of 13. During 2006, 43 new members signed up. This gain was offset by the deaths of 13 members or spouses, and nine members were dropped for nonpayment of dues, six requested to be dropped, and two were lost because of inadequate addresses.

Our membership keeps getting a little older. Our age now averages 72.0 years, up a half year from last year. This is in spite of the 2006 new members whose age averages 64.7. There are now 33 in our ranks who are nonagenarians (big word—between 90 and 100); we gained two in 2006.

We're all over the map. Most of us live in the Pacific Northwest: 572 in Oregon and 180 in Washington. There are 26 in Arizona, 20 in California, 19 in Montana, 13 in Idaho, and 10 in Colorado. The balance is spread through another 24 states. We keep moving—there were 63 address changes recorded in 2006. There were so many e-mail address changes we lost count.

Currently, 552 members have elected lifetime memberships, paying \$40,388 over the years. (We still have a number of older members who paid out just \$50 for lifetime dues. Quite a deal! ) The balance of the membership paid annual dues worth over \$3,600 last year. Our group has many generous members who donated over \$1,300 to the OldSmokeys (see "Generous Members" on page 5). Our largest expense in 2006 was almost \$8,000 for the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. (The complete PNWFSA annual financial statement for 2006 will be published in the Summer 2007 newsletter).

-- Vern Clapp, Treasurer and Data Base Manager

## OldSmokeys News

### OldSmokeys Fete Gail Baker's One-Hundredth Birthday

OldSmokeys were scheduled to gather at the Beaverton Elks Club on January 3 (after this issue went to press) to celebrate Gail Baker's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As you read in the Fall 2006 issue of this newsletter, destined to be remembered as "the Gail Baker issue," Gail is just a couple years younger than the Forest Service. He joined the Outfit in 1933, and retired in 1970. Most of his career was in Region 6.

### John Nesbitt Elected President-elect

One hundred percent of the ballots cast in the annual leadership election approved the PNWFSA Board of Directors' nomination of **John Nesbitt** to serve as president-elect in 2007 and then lead the OldSmokeys as president in 2008.

John's 36-year Forest Service career, active and reserve service as an armor and artillery officer, and current service as an Episcopal priest and consulting forester (see "PNWFSA Board Taps John Nesbitt..." on page 3 of the Fall 2006 OldSmokeys Newsletter) portend an active PNWFSA leadership role.

### OldSmokeys Approve Dues Increase

OldSmokeys approved the PNWFSA Board of Directors recommendation to increase annual dues from \$10 to \$20 and lifetime dues from \$125 to \$250 in a vote of the membership that concluded on November 7. The dues increase took effect on January 1.

Of the 78 votes cast, 71 were for increasing dues and only 7 were opposed.

"I've been wondering how y'all do it on \$10 dues!" wrote **John Hargrove** of Pearland, Texas, reflecting many members' belief that a dues increase was long overdue. Sending in another \$10 to cover his already paid

2007 dues and \$20 for his 2008 dues, **Jack Kerr** of Prineville, Oregon, agreed that "The price is right!"

"Since I got in on a lifetime membership years ago when the price was pretty low, I'm sending a small contribution" said a note accompanying a check from **John O. Wilson** of Boring, Oregon. Several other members did the same.

Among those who voted against the dues increase, **John Hammond** of Goodyear, Arizona, opined "a 100% increase deserves more specifics" than presented in the *President's Message*, objected to that message's claim the increase "should not place an undue burden on anyone" since not all members' circumstances are known, and saw billing at the proposed increased rates as presumptuous. "Looks like there is no need to count the ballots since someone's already got the results figured out. It would seem the results should be determined before we start telling members what amount to write the check for."

### Communicating by E-mail: OldSmokeys E-Notes

Communicating with members by e-mail is efficient and cost-effective. This was recently illustrated when we announced a special OldSmokeys function. We sent out the word to 510 members quickly and cost free. The balance of the membership had to be notified by post card at a cost of over \$350.

Members online have received over 720 OldSmokeys E-Notes. This is a good way to get word out to many quickly on subjects such as members' sickness or death, various Forest Service issues, PNWFSA announcements and special events, and other items of interest. Members who want something sent promptly to other members merely need to e-mail it to us, and we send it out to all.

It's hoped all members with e-mail capability should share their e-addresses with PNWFSA. You'll be put on the OldSmokeys e-note mailing list only if you wish. Send your e-address with a short note to <vclapp@teleport.com>.

-- Vern Clapp

### OldSmokey 2007 Directory Enclosed; E-Directory Available

The 2007 Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association Membership Directory is enclosed at the center of this newsletter. This year it has a green cover. Pull it out and save it for reference. Please review your listing and let us know of any errors or corrections.

An electronic version of the PNEFSA Membership Directory is also available to members. It is in PDF format, which can be searched and printed. We distribute it by e-mail. This version is updated quarterly. So far, 139 members have tried it. If you want a copy, e-mail a request to <vclapp@teleport.com>.

## AOL Subscribers: Are You Getting Your OldSmokeys E-Notes?

Since September, OldSmokeys E-Notes sent to some 97 AOL addressees have been blocked regularly. This seems to be a result of AOL's anti-spam program. In some cases, we have been able to work around this blocking by repeated mailings or by waiting until the blocks have expired. At other times, AOL members have not received their E-Notes. They may not be aware of this.

These blocks seem to take place after the E-Notes mailings and to last from 12 hours to a couple days. Not only are the mass e-mailings to AOL subscribers blocked, so are e-mails sent to individuals by this E-Notes post-

master. This disrupts communications and causes considerable inconvenience.

So far, a satisfactory solution has not been found. AOL does not seem to allow its customers any way to identify "safe" senders. AOL does offer non-profit accreditation; however, a static internet address for this purpose would cost PNWFSA some \$240 per year.

Do any of you—especially you AOLers—have any ideas for solutions to this issue? If so, please share them with <vclapp@teleport.com>. If worse comes to worse, AOL members may have to be removed from the E-Notes mailing list. We hope not.

-- Vern Clapp

## Recruiting PNWFSA Members is Every OldSmokey's Job

By Bob Devlin, Membership Chair

The fact that there are now more than 900 OldSmokeys reflects some recent success in recruiting new members.

I can account for part of this. I have spent a lot of time contacting Forest Service employees close to retirement and eligible for membership. Many knew about the PNWFSA but did not realize they were eligible to join. Most followed up and joined. I have also contacted retirees who are not members, told them about what a great organization we have, and suggested they join.

I have also contacted some of PNWFSA's area representatives, and plan to contact the rest of the representatives soon. I want to make sure the area representatives want to continue as such and do what I can to help them recruit new members.

Recruiting new members isn't just the job of the area representatives and myself. All members can recruit and should strive to do so. Review the membership requirements (*below*), and I bet it will trigger you to think of someone to contact about joining.

If there is anything I can do to help, please send me a note at rdevlinb@aol.com.

### Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership in the PNWFSA is open to: (1) any retiree of the Forest Service who has worked in the Pacific Northwest or now resides in the Pacific Northwest, and (2) any current employee of the Forest Service with at least 20 years of government service (including military service) who works in or has worked in the Pacific Northwest. Membership will be granted upon submission of a membership application and payment of dues. The executive board may also grant membership to special individuals.

Annual dues are \$20 and lifetime dues are \$250. Membership applications are available online at [www.oldsmokeys.org](http://www.oldsmokeys.org) or from Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583

## Generous Members: OldSmokeys Donors 2006

A big advantage of PNWFSA gaining non-profit INS 501(c)3 status is the tax deduction OldSmokeys gain when they contribute to their association. Even before we gained this non-profit status, contributions were an important part of PNWFSA income. It still is. In 2006, 34 generous members donated \$1,326. Four contributed \$100 or more. All these supporters are listed below:

Phil Aune	Duane Ecker	Tom (Mac) Kerns	Thelma Robinson
Chester Bennett, Jr.	Walt Furen	Herman Kuppler	Raymond Scharpf
Thelma Bond	Edwin Graham	Claude McLean	Mervin Schouten
Richard Buscher	Frederick Hall	Jill McLean	Donald Strong
John Butruille	Robert Harris	Frank Miller	Pauline Tower
Raymond Crist	Kathleen Higginbotham	Richard Pomeroy	Dave Trask
Dean Cullins	Philip Jaspers	Gene Pong	Robert Williams
Michael da Luz	Edwin Kentner	Lita Post	Woodrow Williams
		Robert Reindl	John Wilson

-- Vern Clapp, Treasurer and Data Base Manager

## OldSmokey Paul Engstrom Leads Reconstruction of Snow Shelters

When he retired as wilderness and trails manager on the Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, at the end of 2003, OldSmokey **Paul Engstrom** made it clear he wanted to be involved when the time came to rebuild the district's North Blowout snow shelter. Built in 1984 and 1985 by the Salem Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, the shelter burned in the summer 2003 B&B Fire.

"Well, that came to pass this year," Paul wrote recently. "I was contacted by [Deschutes National Forest wilderness and trails specialist] Chris Sabo [and offered] a service contract to coordinate volunteers rebuilding the North Blowout shelter. I agreed to do it in August and made contact with the Salem chapter. It was short notice for them, but they came through in a big way."

"The Forest Service prepared the foundation and ordered the kit and other materials. We began erecting the logs on September 20." Volunteer work parties on September 23-24 and 29-30 and on October 1 and October 6-7 worked with Paul, who also got occasional help from an AmeriCorps crew and Forest Service trail crew members, to complete the heavy work. Bob Turner, a local volunteer, helped Paul complete the finish work. "We finished up about October 21."

"It was a good feeling to have the job done. But it was only the beginning. There were two more shelters to build, Island Junction and Brandenburg. Chris Sabo didn't have much paid help, so I became a true volunteer and worked with Salem chapter members, the remaining Forest Service trail crew, volunteer Bob Turner, and members of local 4x4 and snowmobile clubs. We managed to get both shelters erected and roofed, wood stoves installed, benches built, and stocked before we were shut down on November 10 by snow. They are both usable but not completely finished. They are nice shelters and should last for 50+ years. We'll finish up next summer. If anyone wants to help, let me know."

## OldSmokeys, Friends Help Maintain Historic Fish Lake Ranger Station, Remount Depot

By Mike Kerrick

**Rolf Anderson** got the ball rolling by contacting the "Fish Lake Volunteers" and suggesting a work party to accomplish some of the tasks the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, had identified for volunteer work at the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station and Remount Depot.\* District hydropower coordinator (and former recreation staff officer) Phil Raab and business administration staff officer Kathy Harbick put together a list of tasks, and October 9-12 was selected as the best time to do the work.

**Mike** and **Sue Kerrick** and **Wendall Jones** spent three days, and **Rolf**, **Dick Grace**, **Steve Mealey**, and **Kelan Zerr** made it for one day. During 66 hours of volunteer work, the group: removed the wire fence along the stock driveway; cleaned the Hall House and the commissary building (including washing and ironing the curtains) in preparation for seasonal renting; pruned dead branches from several trees and removed volunteer bushes from around several buildings; and graded dirt and rocks away from the bunkhouse, open storage building, gas and oil house, and barn and blacksmith-tack building.

Phil asked the group to brainstorm possible major uses of the site. One idea discussed at length is a regional wilderness-training center patterned after the one at the Ninemile Ranger Station and Remount Depot in Montana. The Forest Service as well as universities and colleges could train employees and the general public. Based on this work party's experience, Rolf suggested the group pin down a work week planned and supervised by the McKenzie River Ranger District for next summer.

*\*Editor's Note: Until recently a Willamette National Forest work center comprising the Fish Lake Guard Station and Remount Depot, the historic Fish Lake Ranger Station site was withdrawn from potential Forest Homestead Act of 1906 entry that year for Forest Service administrative use. A log cabin ranger*



*North Blowout snow shelter.*

Photograph by Paul Engstrom



*Dispatcher's office cabin at Fish Lake Ranger Station, Santiam National Forest, in 1926.*

U.S. Forest Service photograph



*Dispatcher's office cabin after renovation in recent years replaced roof, porch.*

Photograph by Les Joslin

station was built in 1908 to support fire patrols in the surrounding Cascade National Forest. The station began service as the old Santiam National Forest—split off from the Cascade in 1911—summer field headquarters in 1911. The original cabin was crushed by snow during the winter of 1912-13. By the summer of 1914, the Cascadia Ranger District had built a new two-room cabin and a barn. As time passed, other buildings were added and these disappeared. The cabins still in use as recreation rentals include the dispatcher's cabin built in 1921, the supervisor's cabin built in 1924 to house Santiam National Forest supervisor C.C. Hall (so it's called Hall House), and the commissary cabin built in 1924. The remount depot component of the site was built by the CCC in 1934 after the old Cascade and Santiam national forests merged as the Willamette National Forest in 1933. During the 1930s, Fish Lake became an important firefighting and remount station for crews and pack animals sent to forest fires throughout the central Cascades, and remained as such into the 1960s when vehicles and aircraft largely replaced pack animal transportation of crews and equipment to forest fires. Fish Lake remained an operational guard station and remount depot for recreation and wilderness operations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century; the packing operation lasted until the end of the 2005 season.

## High Desert Museum Seeks Support for Outdoor Forest Service Exhibit

By Bob Boyd, Western History Curator, High Desert Museum

The High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, is following up its current *Century of Service: The U.S. Forest Service in the High Desert, 1905-2005* exhibit with a permanent outdoor interpretive and living history exhibit called *National Forests in the Intermountain West* to tell the story of the Forest Service and the National Forest System in the vast landscape bounded on the west by the Cascade and Sierra Nevada ranges and on the east by the Rocky Mountains.

Visitors to this exhibit will experience the Forest Service of the past at a restored ranger station-fire lookout complex as they explore the National Forest System multiple-use concept along a trail featuring an early 20<sup>th</sup> century timber sale and railroad logging camp, a vintage forest campground, a spring-fed watershed protected to benefit wildlife and rangeland values, a recent burn and reforestation efforts, and more. At the ranger station they will talk with a ranger (including OldSmokeys who volunteer for this duty), then climb the fire tower to report a “smoke” to him on a working vintage Forest Service telephone. Visitors will get a glance at and a feel for the Forest Service and the National Forest System as it was when many OldSmokeys were starting their careers as they learn about current challenges of “caring for the land and serving people.”

The price of this exhibit is \$250,000. That's not much unless you haven't got it. The High Desert Museum has a piece of that price, donated by generous Forest Service retirees, private timber owners, and others. It plans to raise the rest through additional individual and corporate donations. Dollar donations, of course, are supplemented by in-kind donations. The Forest Service is providing historic structures—the Deschutes National Forest's 1933 Wanoga Butte Lookout and a classic 1933 district ranger's office from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest—as centerpieces, as well as technical expertise and partial funding for moving these structures to the Museum. A major cost to be met soon is moving that one-room ranger's office building from Central Nevada to Central Oregon.

Opened on the western edge of the High Desert in 1982, the High Desert Museum interprets and serves the people, communities, and ecosystems of the diverse and complex Intermountain West. As it approaches its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007, the Museum is the preeminent interpretive site for the natural and cultural history of this unique region. Each year 150,000 visitors experience the Museum's 130 acres of outdoor and 100,000 square feet of indoor exhibits. You can help add the permanent exhibit that will walk these visitors through the natural and cultural history of the national forests you served so well.

OldSmokeys interested in supporting this project may write to me at the High Desert Museum, 59800 South U.S. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon 97702, call me at 541-382-4754, ext. 375, or call the Museum membership office at 541-382-4754.



Artist's concept of planned outdoor exhibit.

### High Desert Museum's Bob Boyd is Honorary OldSmokey

**Bob Boyd**, Western History Curator at the High Desert Museum, was named an Honorary OldSmokey at the Museum's annual meeting on October 6, 2006. Representing the PNWFSA at the Museum they support, **John Marker** presented the plaque thanking Bob for his “outstanding contributions to U.S. Forest Service History at the High Desert Museum” and **Les Joslin** announced PNWFSA's supplemental grant of \$4,500 to the Museum's *National Forests in the Intermountain West* outdoor exhibit.

## National Museum of Forest Service History Pursues 2009 Completion

By Gray Reynolds, President, National Museum of Forest Service History

I am pleased to report that the first major construction contract leading to completing the National Museum of Forest Service History in time for the Forest Service reunion scheduled to be held in Missoula from September 7 to 11, 2009, is nearing completion. The \$401,800 sewer and water contract completes the underground piping, wet well, pump station, and waterlines to support the museum building.

The capital campaign is well under way with a goal of raising \$4 million by the end of 2007 and \$2 million more in 2008. I thank all our members for their support and gifts to the capital campaign. Current membership of 737 is 48 more than last year. I ask each member to please recruit two new members this year. The museum relies on member dues to keep the museum office open and the curator working to catalog donated historic items. I also ask each member to consider a gift to the museum capital campaign to help reach the \$4 million goal set for 2007.

Museum vice president Dave Stack and other executive committee members are working with Missoula architect Stan Zimet to revise the current site plan by the end of 2006 to accommodate the museum and 10,000 square-foot repository building. Mr. Zimet is doing the preliminary work pro bono. Museum building design work will begin in Spring 2007.

The capital campaign strategy was completed in July. **Max Peterson** has asked regional campaign coordinators and members of the Board of Directors to make business and individual contacts to request donations to fund the \$6 million museum and the endowment necessary to help pay operating expenses.

The museum goal is to tell the Forest Service story from Gifford Pinchot's original conservation objectives through current Forest Service policies. Emphasis will be on early-day management challenges and innovations as well as the roles played by others such as local and state officials, permittees and resource users, summer and winter recreationists, engineers, fire managers, and wilderness managers. Planned interactive technologies will allow web users to visit the museum from home and work places.

We are committed to producing a first class interactive museum that will attract adults and children and accurately tell the story of the Forest Service, its partners and cooperatives, and the role each has played in the past 100 years. Please help the museum with your gifts, support, and ideas.

You may contact the National Museum of Forest Service History at P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, Montana 59806-2772; by e-mail at [nationalforest@montana.com](mailto:nationalforest@montana.com); or by telephone at 406-541-6374. Visit the museum website at [www.nmfs-history.net](http://www.nmfs-history.net).

## Forest Service News

### New Interagency Federal Recreation Lands Pass Announced

OldSmokeys who enjoy visiting lands they once managed will be interested that Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett and Under Secretary of Agriculture Mark Rey announced on December 5 a new interagency recreation pass for visitors to America's public lands. The new pass, authorized by Congress when it passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, combines the benefits of existing recreation passes from five federal agencies into one comprehensive pass, the "America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass."

The new pass covers recreation opportunities on public lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and three U.S. Department of the Interior agencies—the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Access to most public lands remains free. The pass applies to those locations that currently have entrance or standard amenity fees.

The new pass program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and the Golden Access passports as well as the National Parks Pass. Existing passes will remain valid until expired, lost, or stolen.

Sales of the new pass begin in January 2007. Passes will be available at federal recreation sites that charge entrance and standard amenity fees, through government internet sites, and through select third-party vendors.

According to agency officials, 100 percent of the revenue derived from passes sold at federal recreation sites will directly benefit the selling agency and no less than 80 percent of the revenue will remain at the site where the pass was sold.

The four different passes in the new interagency program are:

- (1) a new annual pass costing \$80. For visitors to multiple federal sites, the pass offers unlimited coverage of entrance and standard amenity recreation fees for a specific period of time, typically a year, beginning from the date of first use.
- (2) a \$10 lifetime senior pass for U.S. citizens 62 and over, *for which all but the youngest OldSmokeys qualify*;
- (3) a free lifetime pass for citizens with permanent disabilities; and
- (4) a new, free annual volunteer pass for volunteers acquiring 500 hours on a cumulative basis.

The new interagency pass is good at vehicle-based entry sites for all occupants in a single, non-commercial vehicle. At walk-up sites, the pass is good for the pass holder and three adults (total of four adults). There is no charge for children under 16.

The passes are durable, plasticized, and designed with technology that will enable future program improvements.

## Recreation Site Facility Master Plans Defining Future of National Forest Recreation

OldSmokeys retired for more than a couple years may not have heard about the Recreation Site Facility Master Plan process the Forest Service is using to design the future of National Forest System recreation. By the end of this year, each of the 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands must complete a recreation site facilities master plan that evaluates each of the System's roughly 15,000 campgrounds, trailheads, and restrooms in terms of their condition, frequency of use, and how they fit each forest's or grassland's recreation focus—or *niche*—against the costs of maintaining and operating them.

"Forest Service officials...are being forced to juggle priorities as the [national forests' recreation infrastructure] faces a \$346 million backlog in maintenance, [and the Forest Service faces] a growing tab for fire suppression—now 42 percent of expenditures—and an annual budget that was cut 2.5 percent to \$4.9 billion for 2007," according to an article by Jeremy P. Meyer of *The Denver Post* published in *The Bulletin* (Bend, Oregon) on November 19, 2006.

"We are looking at reality here," Meyer quoted Jim Bedwell, the Forest Service's national director of recreation and heritage resources. "We're trying to focus our funds as well as look at other ways to operate." So far, about 10 percent of recreation facilities in the 44 national forests that have completed their studies—including the Deschutes and Willamette national forests—are targeted for decommissioning or closure.

Critics such as the Durango, Colorado-based Western Slope No-Fee Coalition claim the Forest Service process "threatens to shut out the American public from substantial areas of public land and to convert what remains open to a for-profit model based on access and use fees. If ...allowed to continue, most Forest Service developed recreation sites will be run by concessionaires, will require fees, or will be decommissioned or closed."

In the Pacific Northwest, Meyer reported, "Scott Silver, director of the Oregon-based Wild Wilderness, said the Forest Service is placing too much emphasis on cutting costs and outside groups' taking over facilities. 'It is a way to allow the government to get the job done without using tax dollars,' Silver said. 'When you starve government of the needed money, you force these other alternatives. You start to make government fail. Americans are becoming used to government failing.'"

-- Prepared from the sources indicated and Forest Service sources

## Federal Audit Says Forest Service Should Let More Wildfires Burn, Get More State and Local Firefighting Funds

"A federal audit says the U.S. Forest Service should let more wildfires burn and demand that state and local governments pick up a bigger share of firefighting costs that regularly top \$1 billion a year," according to an Associated Press report by Jeff Barnard published in *The Bulletin* (Bend, Oregon) on November 30, 2006.

Such moves could at least partly address the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) concern that the rising costs of fighting wildfires are eroding other essential Forest Service programs as explained in a NAFSR issue paper published in the Fall 2006 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

"The Forest Service spent about \$1.5 billion this year fighting wildfires that burned over 9.5 million acres, and over \$1 billion in three of the past six years," the report says, according to a November 30 *Greenwire* report by Dan Berman quoted in "The Chief's Desk" on December 1. Protecting private property in the wildland-urban interface where cities meet forests accounts for more than half these costs, the report said.

"Produced at the request of the Forest Service, the audit said that by picking up so much of the cost of fighting wildfires, the Forest Service was taking away incentives homeowners would have to take responsibility for protecting their homes in the woods," Barnard wrote. "And because state and local governments control development in the wildland-urban interface, they should bear a greater share of the costs, the audit added." As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's inspector general has "called on the Forest Service to renegotiate agreements with state and local governments regarding [wildland-urban interface fire] protection," Berman reported.

"The audit said current Forest Service policy calls for giving equal consideration to putting out fires and letting them burn to reduce buildups of brush and small trees, but outside pressure and a lack of trained personnel make it difficult to choose to let fires burn. It noted that only 2 percent of wildfires from 1998 through 2005 were allowed to burn for ecological benefit," Barnard reported.

As additional measures to control Forest Service costs: "The audit urged the Forest Service to train more personnel to assess and monitor wildfires for the practice known as wildland fire use, and hold wildfire incident commanders and line officers accountable for controlling costs," according to Barnard.

Just how much all these measures may reduce Forest Service wildland firefighting costs remains to be seen.

*Editor's Note: Prepared from the sources indicated.*

**"Always do right—This will gratify some and astonish the rest." — Mark Twain**

## Features

### Canada to Mexico

#### Jon Stewart Completes Pacific Crest Trail Trek

*“As I entered the twilight of my Forest Service career and found myself trapped at a desk with my belly expanding and my legs atrophying, I realized I could fulfill my dream of hiking the length of the Pacific Crest Trail.” – Jon Stewart*

Jon’s dream was born a quarter century ago when he met hikers traveling the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) while a forestry technician working in what now is the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. That dream was realized on October 2, 2006, when he completed the 2,650-mile trek from Canada to Mexico.

Jon hiked the PCT in sections. First, in late summer 2003, he walked the Washington state stretch from the Columbia River to British Columbia in 29 days. In 2004, starting near Ashland, Jon hiked the length of Oregon along the trail in 21 days. “By the time I reached Timberline Lodge, the weather was so nice and I was feeling so strong I circled Mt. Hood on the Timberline Trail,” he recalled. California remained.

“So, in 2005, when I retired, my focus was completing the California portion of the PCT.,” Jon wrote recently. Certainly the longest at 1,800 miles, extremes including the hot Mohave Desert and snowbound Sierra Nevada passes make it the most difficult, too. A record snow year, which blocked his northward progress from Mexico after in the southern High Sierra and then his southward progress from Ashland in the Marble Mountains, where he was almost swept away by an avalanche, forced Jon to skip south and hike the lower reach from Dunsmuir to Sierra City, then go back and finish the part he skipped after the close call with the avalanche. But he’d have to finish the job in 2006.

And he did. Late this summer, after waiting for the snow to melt in the High Sierra, Jon “returned to Sierra City and hiked south for 36 days and over 500 miles through some of the grandest alpine scenery in the world” to complete both the Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail. The High Sierra, with seven passes over 11,000 feet and a climb of Mt. Whitney at 14,498 feet to complete the passage, were a grand finale to a truly incredible trek.

Jon proved an OldSmokey can learn new tricks – which he applied as he hiked the PCT – and insights that he passes on to his fellow OldSmokeys.

First, John has hiked in the Himalayas, the Alps, and the Pyrenees, “but the best scenery in the world is in our own back yard.”

Second, after spending a good part of his Forest Service career working on trails, Jon “marveled at the incredible feats of trail engineering that, for the most part, keeps the trail an easy hike over some of the highest passes on this continent. The PCT is truly a monument to the skill, passion, vision, and leadership of the Forest Service.”

Third, on the trip, Jon met hikers from all over the world on the trail that offers citizens of the world a tour through more wildernesses, national parks, national forests, national scenic and recreation areas, and state parks “than any other trail in any nation on earth, yet I met people who live beside it who don’t even know it exists.”

Fourth, “the best way to hike the PCT is in sections. That way you can pick the season of the year to avoid hazards, such as mosquitoes and avalanches, yet see the wildflowers and glaciers.”

Fifth, almost anybody can enjoy the PCT. “With today’s backpacking technology, the days of trudging along with a 70-pound pack are over. I met many men and women in their 60s, 70s, and 80s on the trail, and there’s no better way for a retiree to maintain his or her physical health while seeing some of the grandest scenery on the planet than to explore the PCT.”

Jon’s bottom line for OldSmokeys: “You don’t have to hike the entire trail, but all Forest Service retirees on the West Coast should check out one of the finest natural legacies in the world which is virtually in our back yard – the Pacific Crest Trail.”



### Esperanza Fire Claims Five Forest Service Firefighters

Five members of a Forest Service engine crew—San Bernardino National Forest Engine 57—died when the wind-whipped Esperanza Fire engulfed the men and their truck on October 26 as they tried to protect a house. Four of the firefighters—Mark Loutzenhisser, 43; Jess McLean, 27; Jason McKay, 27; and Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20—died that day, and a fifth, Pablo Cerda, 23, succumbed later to burns.

Ten thousand people gathered at a Sunday, November 5, memorial service in Devore, California, to remember the five-man crew of Engine 57 who lost their lives in this fire, believed to have been started by an arsonist, that burned 40,000 acres and destroyed 34 homes before it was contained on October 30. Firefighting operations cost nearly \$10 million.

*The fire season of 2006 was the worst in the United States in fifty years. This poem—actually a song first sung by its writer, Dan Casamajor, at a September 1990 appreciation day for firefighters who held the 3,300-acre Awbrey Hall Fire of August 1990 on the west side of Bend, Oregon—could be about a wildfire in the wildland-urban interface anywhere in the West.*

*Editor's Note: I met the writer, a young lawyer living in Bend at the time, that September day, and told him how much I liked his song. I soon learned he is a nephew of Mr. Paul Casamajor, the former faculty member of the College of Forestry at the University of California, Berkeley, who got me my first Forest Service job in 1962 and who's known by many OldSmokeys. I have a September 1990 letter from Dan authorizing me to make these lyrics "available to firefighter newsletters and similar nonprofit organizations, provided authorship and copyright notations appear with any use." I figure this is a good time.*

## On the Fire Line

By Dan Casamajor © 1990

It was a dog-day August weekend  
With the county fair in town  
Temperature in the high nineties  
Humidity way down  
Somebody went camping out at Shevlin Park  
Lit a fire and walked away  
The siren wailed at ten past three  
And a town began to pray

*On the fire line  
Look out for the crowning pines  
And if she starts to run  
You better get out of there, son  
Life on the fire line  
Comes one breath at a time  
For hardhat heroes and shovel soldiers  
On the fire line*

It took a while to find the flames  
It started out that small  
But then it was an acre, then three, then five  
And they called it Awbrey Hall  
A northwest wind started blowing  
An ill wind that blew no good  
Like a finger it raced through the forest  
Heading straight for River Woods

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Out across the airwaves  
Came the old familiar tone  
But this time it was not a test  
Folks would have to leave their homes  
The refugees streamed into town  
From out on the south side  
Running scared through the terrible night  
Looking for a place to hide

*Camping out at the high school  
Or staying in somebody's home  
Stranger helping stranger  
No one had to be alone  
The heart of a community  
Paid the price and took the time  
Heroes of the home front  
On the fire line*

They flew the slurry sorties  
From sunrise to sunset  
The water-bucket choppers  
Tried to keep the hot spots wet  
Out on the far perimeters  
The battle lines were laid  
By people living on adrenaline  
And sweating Gatorade

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Some say this was the big one  
Some say we passed the test  
With the help of a whole lot of heroes  
Who came from all over the West  
To Awbrey Butte in '68  
Bridge Creek in '79  
Now at Awbrey Hall in 1990  
They're back on the fire line

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

The brand-new, hot-off-the-press *OldSmokeys Membership Directory 2007* is enclosed in this newsletter. Since all the changes in membership information appear in this new directory, only the names of members whose residential addresses have changed since changes listed in the Fall 2007 newsletter are listed below. E-mail address and telephone number changes are not listed; e-mail changes occur frequently and telephone number changes almost always occur with residential address changes. All changes to this new directory will resume in the Spring 2007 newsletter.

Address changes: Walter **Bennett**; Chester **Bennett, Jr.**; Marie **Betts**; Richard **Burke**; Dennis **Caird**; Floyd **Cowles**; Carol **Ford**; Jack **Groom**; Marjorie **Hergert**; V. Jay **Hughes**; Stephen **Kelley**; Darrell **Kenops**; Bill **Knutson**; Eleanor **Lammi**; Sislin **Lund**; Richard **Marlega**; Bob **McQuown**; Robert **Mealey**; Marilyn **Melcher**; Myrtice **Morrison**; Beth **Olin**; Vincent **Olson**; John **Perkins**; Marshall **Sanders**; Thomas **Seiger**; Richard **Smith**; Patrick **Stumbaugh**; Richard **Warthan**; Boyd **Wickman**; Robert **Williams**; Roger **Williams**; Agnes **Williams**; Phillis **Wilt**; Robert **Wulf**; Mary **Yamasaki**; Roy **Zingmark**.

## **New Members** *Compiled by Les Joslin with the valuable assistance of: Bev Pratt, Secretary; Vern Clapp, Treasurer and Data Base Manager; Bob Devlin, Membership Chair; and Wendall Jones, Editor Emeritus.*

The Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association is proud to welcome the 2006 membership class of new OldSmokeys!

**Liz Agpaoa & Dan Crittenden** of Gresham, Oregon. Liz, recently arrived from the Washington Office to serve as a Region 6 deputy regional forester, is former forest supervisor, Cibola National Forest, New Mexico, and joined in November.

**Richard & Patricia Babcock** of Albany, Oregon. Richard retired from Siuslaw National Forest in August, joined in November.

**Jim & Helen Barrett** of Bend, Oregon. Jim retired as research forester, Bend Silviculture Laboratory, in 1982 and joined in April. Helen Rastovich joined the Forest Service in 1943 as a clerk-stenographer, Deschutes National Forest, married Jim in 1973, and retired as administrative officer, Bend Silviculture Laboratory, in 1980.

**Bud & Barbara Baumgarter** of Sweet Home, Oregon. Bud retired from Forest Service, joined in October

**Shari Blakey** of Vancouver, Washington, retired administrative officer, Mt. Hood National Forest, joined in November.

**Bob Blakey** of Azalea, Oregon, retired as human resources officer, Rogue River & Siskiyou National Forests, 2004, joined in August.

**Larry & Karen Bowman** of Sweethome, Oregon. Larry retired from Fremont National Forest in 1999, joined in February.

**Mike & Susan Cavin** of Roseburg, Oregon. Formerly on Malheur National Forest, Mike retired from Lassen National Forest in 1997, joined in January.

**Bill & Sharon Connelly** of Warren, Pennsylvania. Bill, formerly on Region 6 RO planning staff, now on Allegheny National Forest, joined in November.

**Allan & Yvonne Cosand** of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Allan retired from Winema National Forest in 1993, joined in October.

**Michael & Althea da Luz** of Arvada, Colorado. Michael was last district ranger, Alsea Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, retired from Region 2 RO in 2005, joined in November.

**Dwight & Fran Fickes** of Cave Junction, Oregon. Dwight retired from Siskiyou National Forest in 1997, joined in March.

**John & Jean Galea** of Lincoln City, Oregon. John ranged in Region 1 and Region 10, wrapped up his Forest Service career on the Alaska Planning Team in 1980, then was chief forester for SeaAlaska and state forester of Alaska, and joined in September.

**Jim Golden & Susan Skalski** of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Jim, former deputy forest supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, and forest supervisor, Coconino National Forest, retired as deputy regional forester, Region 6, and joined in December. Susan is deputy forest supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, in Coeur d'Alene.

**Gordon & Laurie Hain** of Salem, Oregon. Gordon, formerly on the Ochoco National Forest, retired from the Forest Service in Fort Collins, Colorado, in 1998, and joined in November.

**Toby & Dee Hastie** of Tucson, Arizona. Toby retired from North Bend Ranger District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, in 2005, joined in February.

**Karen & Kirk Hays** of Spring Creek, Nevada. Karen retired as executive assistant to the forest supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, in 2003, and joined in November.

**Richard Larson** of Hood River, Oregon, served on the Mt. Hood National Forest, retired from the Salmon-Challis National Forest in 2005, and joined in 2006.

**Jim & Retta Leep** of Mulino, Oregon. Jim retired from Portland Police Bureau in 1993, served as seasonal mounted wilderness ranger and packer, Deschutes National Forest, from 1993 through 2004, and joined in October.

**Robert & Connie Leonard** of Eugene, Oregon. Robert retired from Willamette National Forest in 1994, joined in October.

**Doug Macdonald** of Springfield, Oregon, forest engineer, Willamette, Siuslaw, and Mt. Hood national forests, joined in October

**Bill & Virginia Martin** of Bend, Oregon. Bill retired as forest engineer, Deschutes National Forest, in 1995, joined in May.

**Timothy & Beverlee Max** of Portland, Oregon. Timothy, PNW Research Station, joined in October.

**Dan & Sherry Nichols** of Oregon City, Oregon. Dan retired as budget and finance director, Region 6 RO, in 2005, joined in October.



**Robin & Chris Nimura** of Tijeras, NM, formerly of Region 4 RO, retired from Region 6 RO in 2005, joined in November.

**Earl and Margaret Nutt** of Corvallis, Oregon. Earl retired as a contract administrator on Siuslaw National Forest in 1989, joined in May.

**Jerry & Linda Panter** of New Pine Creek, Oregon. Jerry retired from the Fremont-Winema National Forest on January 3, 2007, after joining in November.

**Gaston & Joan Porterie** of Battle Ground, Washington. Gaston, former Gifford Pinchot National Forest silviculturist, retired as budget coordinator, PNW Research Station, joined in November.

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## Opportunities

*OldSmokeys are always looking for opportunities to get together, whether at our luncheons on the last Friday of every month at the Beaverton Elks Club, our Spring Banquet, our Summer Picnic, or back in service on volunteer jobs on the national forests or emergency assignments where their expertise is needed.*

### Reserve Now for May 6 Spring Banquet at Charbonneau Country Club

Plan now to visit with your friends, get updates on their lives, and enjoy an excellent meal at the PNWFSA OldSmokeys Spring Banquet on May 6 at the beautiful Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville.

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

Donations for door prizes are requested. Please notify co-hosts **Dorine** or **Emil Sabol** if you are able to help with a door prize donation. E-mail them at EDSabe@att.net

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

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

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

**RESERVATION FORM**

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

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

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

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

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

***Send your reservation form in to be received no later than April 30, 2006!***

## Letters

### **Jim Golden** *on retirement and moving to Idaho*

I'm grateful to have been part of the great conservation work and noble mission of our agency for my 34 Forest Service years. And to have had the honor to lead and be part of some great teams; to live in the best places; to enjoy our national forests, but most of all to know lots of wonderful people in a great organization and its "extended family." Those very special people will remain in my heart forever.

I'm really looking forward to moving back home with Susan and resuming a more normal life, for now, in Coeur d'Alene. I'll also be looking for ways to pursue my passion for our national forests, and to...help in the very important task of protecting these magnificent assets. And I plan to get to know some good trout streams in the area (and beyond) and to reacquaint myself with my old guitar and my skis. So it's on to the next chapter! Yahoo!

Stay well. And, as a wise forest supervisor once said: "Be happy in your work."

*Editor's Note: Jim retired as Deputy Regional Forester, Region 6, on January 3, 2007.*

### **Emil Sabol** *on the High Desert museum's "Century of Service" exhibit*

On our way back [from] a CCC sign dedication at Union Creek on the Rogue River National Forest, Dorine and I stopped at the High Desert Museum south of Bend...to see the Forest Service "wing" of the museum and the CCC portion in particular. The curator, Bob Boyd, took us on a tour of the facility and described its operations and procedures.

The museum is doing a splendid job of presenting items which deal with Forest Service and CCC history.

My purpose in writing is to urge you all to look into the far corners of your attics and garages. You may discover a long forgotten piece of memorabilia which might fit into the museum's program. If you find something (no matter how insignificant you may think it is), send it to: Bob Boyd, Western History Curator, High Desert Museum, 59800 S. U.S. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon 97702-7963.

### **Helen Barrett** *remembers falling asleep on the job in 1943!*

I was young Helen Rastovich when I graduated from Bend High School and joined the Forest Service as a clerk-stenographer in 1943. I was working in the Deschutes National Forest supervisor's office in Bend's post office building when Gail Baker arrived as fire control and grazing assistant that year.

That Gail "had to learn a lot about grazing" mentioned in the Fall 2006 newsletter story "Gail Baker, the Oldest OldSmokey, Anticipates Personal Centennial" reminded me of a time soon after he arrived when I was taking dictation from him.

Gail was dictating a letter about grazing, and doing so very slowly because the topic was new to him. He dictated so slowly that I dozed off! He gently tapped me on the head with a rolled up map to get me back on the job!

*Editor's Note: Helen, OldSmokey Jim Barrett's wife since 1973*

*and a Forest Service retiree of 36.5 years of service, is an OldSmokey in her own right.*

### **Ken Jensen** *appreciates "Motley Crew" mention in Summer and Fall 2006 newsletters*

Thank you for acknowledging the "Motley Crew" in the recent OldSmokeys newsletters. Most of the crew was working when producing outputs was one of the objectives of the Forest Service. By maintaining trails, we can see at the end of the day some real accomplishments on the ground. Thanks again.

### **Dick Chase** *remembers Llew Evans*

Lew (*Memories*, page 15), which is how he spelled his nickname back then, was Protection Assistant, which subsequently became the District Assistant and finally the District Fire Management Officer, on the Soleduck Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest when I reported there as a Junior Forester fresh out of college in the summer of 1954. I worked for Lew my first year, training and supervising district lookouts and fire guards and administering the large contract tree planting project on the 1951 Forks Burn. I was a New Englander with no practical experience in much of what my job entailed, but fortunately for me Lew was a most patient and kind man who was willing to take a still wet behind the ears easterner under his wing and teach him the ropes.

### **Ed Whitmore** *remembers Llew Evans*

Lew (*Memories*, page 15) was Regional Check Scaler when I started my career on the Olympic National Forest in late 1981. I recall him being very professional and very good at his work. He was a legend in his own time, and had the respect of everyone in the Forest Service, the scaling bureaus, and those in private industry who came in contact with him. He was a credit to the Forest Service.

### **Jack Grubb** *remembers Llew Evans*

Llew (*Memories*, page 15) was a long-time Olympic National Forest employee. He was Regional Check Scaler, stationed at Hoodspout, Washington, at least from 1962 when I arrived as District Ranger to retirement in 1972. I remember Llew telling of being at Snyder Ranger Station when President Franklin D. Roosevelt made his swing around the Olympic Peninsula during the Olympic National Park controversy.

### **Ed Whitmore** *remembers Paul Backwell*

Paul (*Memories*, page 16) was lead Timber Sale Administrator on the Estacada Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, when I was District Ranger there from 1979 to 1984. I do not know how long he had been there before or after my tenure. Paul was very knowledgeable of the timber sale contract and was respected by the timber operators in the area. He was quiet but very effective in gaining compliance. He was an excellent resource on my staff.

### **Norma Gant** *remembers Paul Backwell*

I knew Paul (*Memories*, page 15) well. When I worked on the Lakes Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, during the early 1960s Paul was a slash crew foreman. We both went to Estacada Ranger District about the same time, I think. I was the

Business Management Assistant on the District. Paul was promoted to a Timber Staff Officer. He ended up as the manager of timber on the District. ... Paul was one of the best to work with. He was fair and always on time to turn in anything I asked for him to do for me. Paul was great; that's all I can say.

**Benny Parmele** *reflects on Paul Backwell's funeral*

I went to Paul Backwell's funeral at the Springwater Presbyterian Church in Estacada on November 1. Saw Wendall Jones and had a good visit. So sad you have to go to a funeral to meet an old friend. But that is life.

**Woody Williams** *reports on incident duty*

I spent November 2005 in New Orleans as a member of a contract Incident Management Team. Our team comprised primarily federal and state retirees (several from Region 6) who have remained active in Incident Management. We were responsible for managing three camps in the New Orleans area: Downtown New Orleans, Convention Center, and the West Bank Water Treatment Center camps. What a privilege it was to again have the opportunity to work with a great group of "can do" and "hard charging" people who know how to make things happen!

*Editor's Note: Woody's note tells us there were more "OldSmokeys Back in Service" in the hurricane zone than we knew of when we wrote the feature on pages 3 and 4 of the Summer 2006 newsletter.*

**Joe Gannon** *replies to Ted Stubblefield on Forest Service campgrounds*

I would like to comment on Ted Stubblefield's letter about Forest Service campgrounds (*Letters, Fall 2006 OldSmokeys Newsletter, page 11*).

I travel around the Northwest with my medium-size motor home and pickup and use Forest Service campgrounds whenever I can. Most of the time they are too busy to use. We like the primitive or near-primitive conditions they provide. I strongly disagree that they are 30 years out of date.

The Forest Service is doing a good job of making a few improvements when needed, mostly in outhouses, fire sites, fresh water, and trying to keep up with the danger trees. I would hate to see the Forest Service get into the dump stations, ... something that needs constant maintenance....

So, Ted, if you are getting your information from people in private resorts or state campgrounds, it is misleading. We also stay in private resorts and a few state and other private campgrounds, and most people in these sites would not stay anywhere unless they have a hot tub or swimming pool anyway.

So, I say leave them alone. We truly enjoy staying in a fancy resort for a couple weeks and then getting out to a near primitive area for a week. If you are careful, you can make your holding tanks last a week. I have to get the wax out once in a while to rub out the tree rubs, but that's okay. So, leave them alone!

**Richard Hoffmann** *is new lifetime member*

I had planned to do this for years, but just kept putting it off. You do great work on the information passed to the retirees. Thanks.

**Mike daLuz** *is a new member*

I was the "last" district ranger at Alsea Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest. In 1994 I took a detail to Region 2 following the tragedy at South Canyon. I subsequently accepted the position of Chief of Fire Operations and Fire Ecology and retired in 2005 as the National Fire Plan Coordinator. Since "retiring" I am working as a subject specialist and account manager for a GIS firm.

All is well with family and though we enjoy Colorado, we have strong ties to the Northwest. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with the Region 6 "crew."

**Tom Sutton** *is a new member*

I began my career on a survey crew with the Forest Service in 1963 on the Burns Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest. I worked 26 years on the Malheur. During a reduction in personnel on the Malheur in 1989 I transferred to the Federal Highway Administration in Vancouver, Washington, where I worked until I retired in January 2004. I retired with 26 years with the Forest Service and 14 years with the Federal Highway Administration for a total of 40 years of federal service.

My wife of 40 years is Sandra Sutton.

**Carl Berntsen** *reports from North Carolina*

I retired from the Forest Service in 1979, from the SAF national office in 1983, and from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in which I served from 1987 to 2006. Now I am just fishin'.

**Doug Barton** *retires again*

I've sold my pro archer shop after 24 years and expect to stay retired this time and travel.

**George & Maxine Williams** *resign from committee*

Due to health problems we have resigned from the Yamhill County Historical Society's heritage tree committee.

**Roger Stamy** *expresses thanks*

Thanks for keeping us informed.

**Memories** *Compiled by Dave and Jane Kolb*

**Raymond P. "Ray" Allison**

Raymond P. Allison died September 15, 2006, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at age 75. Ray was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, and graduated from West Virginia University. Ray worked his entire career in Washington Office Engineering. He coordinated Forest Service work at the Special Mapping Center in Reston, Virginia, before becoming the first remote sensing coordinator for the agency. Survivors include his wife Pam; nieces Susan, Diane, and Virginia; and nephew Robert.

**Paul L. Blackwell**

Paul L. Blackwell died October 25, 2006, at age 83. He was born March 30, 1923, in Manistique, Minnesota. Paul moved to Estacada in 1958 where he worked for the Forest Service on the Mt. Hood National Forest. He worked on the Clackamas and Collawash ranger districts and later became the lead Tim-

ber Sale Administrator for the Estacada Ranger District. Paul was efficient and hard working and respected by both Forest Service employees and timber sale contractors. Survivors include his wife Lena, sons Juan and Arthur, daughter Angela Langley, a step-daughter and step-son, 10 grand and six great-grandchildren.

### **Mitchell Grant Boon**

Mitchell G. Boon died November 8, 2006, in Medford, Oregon, at age 72. He was born August 10, 1934, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mitch worked on the Rogue River National Forest and fought fires in Oregon, California, Washington, and Montana. He retired from the Butte Falls Ranger District. Survivors include his mother Florence, brothers Dennis and Milan, sisters Shirley Weiser and Audrey Fueston, and many nieces and nephews.

### **Llewellyn John Evans**

Llewellyn J. Evans died September 26, 2006, in Port Townsend, Washington, at age 91. He was born August 7, 1915, in Juneau, Alaska, and moved to Washington state as a child. Llew served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and returned to the Forest Service about 1961. He worked on the Soleduck and Hoodport ranger districts of the Olympic National Forest. Llew retired in 1972 as a Regional Check Scaler. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, Stephen; stepdaughters, Rosemary McCallum, Beth Pope and Jody Mager.

### **Melville J. Hornbuckle**

Melville Hornbuckle died October 19, 2006, at age 83. He was born February 1, 1923, in Selma, Oregon. Mel served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a logger after being discharged in 1946. Later he started working for the Forest Service and became the manager of the Jim Creek Seed Orchard, working to develop blister rust resistant trees. Survivors include his wife Evelyn, sons Steve and Bruce, and two grandsons.

### **G. Irvin “Irv” Mahugh**

G. Irvin Mahugh died September 18, 2006, at age 73. Irv was born May 7, 1933, in Glasgow, Montana. He earned his pilot's license at age 16 and attended Aircraft and Engineering Mechanics School in Helena. After four years in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for Boeing in Seattle and later for the Forest Service in Baker City, Oregon, as a civil engineer. He designed and inspected road and trail bridges for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Survivors include his wife Florence; son Jim; daughters Debbie Lantz, Margie Fulton, and Janice Mahugh; and six grandchildren.

### **Margaret Jane Haddock Markillie**

Margaret Jane Haddock Markillie died November 29, 2006, at age 71. She was born December 19, 1934, in Exeter, Missouri, and moved to Klamath County, Oregon, as a child. Margaret married Gerald I. Hill in Chiloquin, Oregon, and had three children. They later divorced, and she moved to Roseburg where she married Earl W. Markillie. The family relocated to Central

Point, Oregon, where Margaret (better known as “Jane” or “Janie”) became the business manager of the J. Herbert Stone Nursery. Survivors include her children Kathleen Hill, Gerald L. Hill, and James D. Hill; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; two sisters, and one brother. Her husband Earl preceded her in death.

### **Charles Franklin Miller**

Charles F. Miller died October 27, 2006, at age 72. He was born July 25, 1934, in Portland, Oregon. Charles graduated from Lincoln High School and served in the U.S. Army. He was Director of the Timber Lake Job Corps Center. Survivors include his brothers Jerry E. and Ronald H. Miller.

### **Zean Raymond Moore**

Zean R. Moore died November 11, 2006, at age 86. He was a PNWFSA member. Zean was born April 7, 1920, in Anaconda, Montana. During World War II he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force and later with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe. He graduated from the University of Utah, and was a mining engineer in Missoula and Portland. He married Virginia Black in 1946. She died in 1979. Survivors include his daughters Madeline C. Moore and Marzean Quay, sons James W. and Zean R.II; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### **William Ray “Bill” Randall**

William R. Randall died October 27, 2006, at age 67. He was born July 10, 1939, at the family home on the Tucannon River in Washington, and later moved to Okanogan, Washington. Bill started with the Forest Service on the Okanogan National Forest on the Conconally Ranger District, and also worked on the Tonasket Ranger District. He was active in fire control and was an incident commander for the North Central Washington Fire Team. Survivors include his wife Joyce, son Ray, daughter Laura Hayner, five grandchildren and one brother.

### **Erwin R. “Skip” Waring**

Erwin R. Waring died December 11, 2006, at age 76 after an extended illness. He was a PNWFSA member. Skip was born May 8, 1930, in Portland. He graduated from Oregon State College and was a contracting officer for the Pacific Northwest Research Station. He married Janet L. Bills in 1954. She died in 2001. Survivors include his daughter Celeste, son Scott, and brother Earl R.

### **Donald Anton Warman**

Donald A. Warman died November 6, 2006, at age 84. He was a PNWFSA member. Don was born November 16, 1921, in Stillwater, Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and earned a degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota. Don was a Forest Service forester for 32 years on the Umpqua, Willamette, and Mt. Hood national forests. He married Charlotte Mallory in 1952. Survivors include his wife, sons Carl and David, daughters Alice Bechtoldt and Lois Allen, two brothers; and seven grand-

children.

### Wayne West

Wayne West died September 12, 2006, at age 89. He was born September 17, 1916, near Buhl, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1940 with a degree in forestry. Wayne worked for the Immigration Service for two years, then enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served two years in North Africa during World War II. He married Margaret Jabrasky March 29, 1947. After the war he returned to the Immigration Service before moving to the Forest Service. He worked in Pendleton on the Umatilla National Forest and Prineville on the Ochoco National Forest as assistant staff, and was District Ranger at Heppner on the Umatilla National Forest. In 1955 he moved to the Regional Office in Portland. Later he headed range management in the Atlanta, Georgia, and San Francisco, California, regional offices. He retired in 1972. Survivors include his wife, son Wayne, Jr., daughter Julia, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

### Donald Joseph Wilson

Donald J. Wilson died September 17, 2006, in Roseburg, Oregon, at age 76. He was born there on July 13, 1930, and grew up in Tenmile, Oregon. Donald served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He married Anna Barnes Lieby in Sandy, Oregon, February 18, 1957. Don worked for the Forest Service for 26 years in Estacada, Alaska, and California. He retired in 1994 and moved back to Roseburg in 2001. Survivors include his wife, daughters Pauline Niswander and Estella Jane Wilson, and grandsons Joe and Lee Wilson.

*Thanks, Amy and Wendy!*

*The editor thanks his daughters,  
Amy McLaughlin and Wendy Joslin  
for technical assistance in producing  
this newsletter.*

## Books

### Barney Duberow Recommends *The Man Who Planted Trees*

By Les Joslin

I ran into **Barney Duberow**, retired Deschutes National Forest timber man, in Q-Photo in Bend on November 20.

“Hey, Barney! Whatcha know?” I greeted him

“The man who planted trees!” Barney replied. “Have you read it? Great book! I just got two copies at the bookstore.” And Barney went on extolling the virtues of a little French book I recalled having read—*translated into English, of course!*—at some time in the distant past.

“I’ll pass your recommendation on to the OldSmokeys.” I told Barney. He liked the idea, so I went to the bookstore to check it out.

It didn’t take me long to find the twentieth anniversary edition of *The Man Who Planted Trees*, a story by Jean Giono “of a man’s generosity to nature—and through nature to other humans,” as Wendell Berry characterized it, that “surely belongs among the most moving and enduring statements of our hope. In the figure of Elzard Bouffier, Giono summarizes the best that can be said of our species.”

Barry’s recommendation alone probably wouldn’t have sold me on this book. But Barney’s recommendation is another matter. He seemed captivated by what the book’s dust jacket claims is “a timeless classic” which has “sold over a quarter of a million copies and inspired countless numbers of people around the world to plant trees.” You just might be, too.

*The Man Who Planted Trees* has just been republished by Chelsea Green Publishing Company, P.O. Box 428, White River Junction, Vermont 05001; telephone 802-295-6300; website at [www.chelseagreen.com](http://www.chelseagreen.com). The publisher’s retail price is \$17.50.

### PNWFSA’s Centennial Anthology *We Had An Objective In Mind* Remains Available

If you still haven’t read this magnificent U.S. Forest Service centennial anthology inspired by **Wendall Jones**, edited by **Rolf Anderson**, and produced and promoted by many of your fellow OldSmokeys, well...you just don’t know what you’re missing!

*We Had An Objective In Mind* tells over 300 stories of “the life and times, and the humor and spirit of Forest Service life in Oregon and Washington from 1905 to 2005.” As the book’s cover copy correctly claims, “The reader will experience the beginnings, the growth spurts, and everyday life as told by Forest Service employees and their families.” Some of these are folks you know.

So, go ahead, order your copy—and copies for friends—now for \$16.00 per copy plus \$3.00 per copy for shipping and handling from PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583.

## Uncle Sam's Cabins

### Historic Interrorem Ranger Station, Olympic National Forest, Washington

By Les Joslin

The old Interrorem Ranger Station on the Duckabush River was the first ranger station on the Olympic National Forest which, at the time, included the area that is now Olympic National Park. In addition to being the oldest Forest Service building on the Olympic Peninsula, this cabin – in an old orchard surrounded by a damp Douglas-fir forest – is one of the oldest remaining Forest Service ranger stations in the Pacific Northwest Region.

Ranger Emery J. Finch, a son of Hoodspout pioneers, built the one-story, square, peeled-log cabin in 1907 as authorized by Forest Supervisor Fred Hanson, first Olympic National Forest supervisor. Ranger Finch and his new bride, Maybell Peterson, first occupied the new Interrorem Ranger Station's square, one-story, three-room, peeled-log cabin set off by a front porch and a pyramidal cedar shake roof on April 22, 1908.

From 1909 to 1933, the station served as an administrative site for both the Olympic National Forest and the Forest Service-administered Mount Olympus National Monument that in 1938 became Olympic National Park. From 1933, – the year the nearby Mt. Jupiter fire lookout was built – to 1942, the Interrorem station housed several Depression-era government programs even as it served as a fire guard base.

Forest Service fire guards continued to be based at Interrorem Guard Station during World War II and for four decades after the war. Between 1947 and 1952, when Merritt B. Major was fire guard there, the telephone was replaced by two-way radios and electric lights were installed. And there was a garage, probably built during the 1930s and now gone.

Beginning in 1986, the Interrorem Cabin was used by Forest Service volunteers, and in 1994 it became an Olympic National Forest recreation rental cabin. Visitors who rent the cabin for \$30.00 a night plus a \$25.00 refundable deposit can experience something of early ranger living – without, for example, electricity or running water.

For additional information, see the Olympic National Forest website at <[www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic)> or call the Hoodspout Ranger District office in Hoodspout at (360) 877-5254. For reservations, call toll-free at 1-877-444-6777 or make reservations over the internet at <[www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com)>.

#### *New Members continued from page 13*

**Jean & Dewayne Potts** of Bend, Oregon. Jean retired from Deschutes National Forest in 1994, joined in July.

**Marlene Ralph** of Bend, Oregon, retired from Deschutes National Forest in 1994, joined in April.

**Connie & Mike Redmond** of Estacada, Oregon. Connie is executive program assistant, Regional Forester's office, Region 6 RO, joined in October.

**Robert S. Rolfness** of Moses Lake, Washington, was married to a career Forest Service employee in the 1970s and 1980s.

**Marcy & Norm Schlosser** of Oro Valley, Arizona. Marcy, formerly of Deschutes National Forest, retired from Coronado National Forest in 2005, joined in November.

**N. Alleene Smallwood** of Bend, Oregon, retired from Deschutes National Forest in 1987, joined in May.

**Bernie Smith** of Beaverton, Oregon, formerly Deschutes National Forest recreation staff officer, retired from Region 6 RO in 1997, joined in May.

**Kay Sommerfield & Leon Greene** of Wichita, Kansas. Kay retired from Washington Office in 2002, joined in February.

**Yvonne Sterud** of Vancouver, Washington, retired from Gifford Pinchot National Forest in April 2006, joined in July.

**Tom Sutton** of John Day, Oregon, served 26 years as engineering technician on Malheur National Forest and retired after another 14 years with Federal Highways Administration, joined in November.

**Glen & Laverna Sykes** of Corvallis, Oregon. Glen retired from Siuslaw National Forest in 1985, joined in April.

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*Interrorem Ranger Station cabin in 1937 at 30 years of age.*

U.S. Forest Service photograph



*Interrorem Ranger Station cabin still in service as recreation rental at 100 years old.*

Les Joslin photograph

## The Way We Were

### Suppression Crew, 1942

By Curt Townsend

This photograph, taken by District Ranger Harold E. D. Brown in September 1942, shows half the ten-man fire suppression crew plus the attached faller-instructor at the Eden Valley Guard Station on the old Port Orford (now Powers) Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest. At that time, each district on the forest had a ten-man suppression crew.

The men in the photograph are (front, left to right): Francis Floyd, faller; Clyde Thorp, foreman; Elmo Frye; “Red Van Meer; and Curt Townsend (the writer). Jack Bushnell looms behind them in a back row of one.

World War II was on. Floyd and Thorp were too old for military service and are deceased. Bushnell and Frye enlisted in the Navy, Townsend and Van Meer in the Army. Van Meer was killed in Italy. Bushnell, Frye, and Townsend survived the war and live in Powers.



*Editor’s Note: Curt retired in 1980 as Fire Management Officer on the Gold Beach Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, after 35 years in the Forest Service.*

## Out of the Past

### Forest Service 1930s Camp Stoves

By Loyd M. Collett

In the early days of forest recreation, and before Coleman stoves became popular, the U.S. Forest Service created some elaborate but rustic campground stoves. The CCC constructed several such stoves in the Cape Perpetua Campground on the Waldport Ranger District of the Siuslaw National Forest.

These stoves had a steel firebox imbedded into a structure of mortar and river-tumbled stones that continued into a raised rock chimney. The 10- by 14-inch heavy cast iron door weighed 18.5 pounds. These stoves remained in service from 1933 until December 1964 when a flood and debris torrent all but destroyed the campground.

During the ten-year rebuilding and updating process, the remaining CCC stoves, all in bad repair, were dozed into landfills and forgotten. That is, all except this one firebox door, which was preserved by Don Moffitt, district carpenter and maintenance worker. The door remained in his yard as a form of “yard art” until several years after his death in 1989. Then, in early 2006, Don’s son, Dave, knowing that I had a long work history at The Cape, asked if I would like to continue with the care of this historic piece. I will.

*Editor’s Note: Loyd was Recreation and Lands Staff Officer, Waldport Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, from 1970-1990. Before that, he served on the Deschutes, Mt. Hood, and Gifford Pinchot national forests.*

*New Members continued from page 18*

**Lucille Trowbridge** of Medford, Oregon, retired in 1982, joined in October.

**M. Ruth Voltz** of Portland, Oregon, former deputy regional forester for operations, Eastern Region, and recently an acting deputy regional forester for Region 6, has resumed her financial management directorship in the RO; she joined in November.

**Bruce & Connie Watson** of Three Forks, Montana. Bruce retired from Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 1996, joined in May.

**Herb & Sharon Wick** of Oakridge, Oregon. Herb retired from Willamette National Forest in 2002, joined in February.



*Loyd Collett’s 1930s Forest Service camp stove cast iron firebox door. Loyd Collett photograph.*



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Woodward  
**Gifford Pinchot (east):** Jim  
Bull  
**Gifford Pinchot (west):**  
Ray Scharpf  
**Malheur:** vacant  
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Lee Boecksteigel  
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