



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Fall 2008

President's Message—John Nesbitt

This has been a year of change. Regional Forester and OldSmokey **Linda Goodman** retired and OldSmokey **Liz Agpaoa** was promoted to regional forester in Atlanta (see page 4). I admired both, and wish them Godspeed and well in their new lives.

Our Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association is an Internal Revenue Service Code 501.c.3 not-for-profit organization. That means we don't bankroll profits. If we gain money from selling a book or putting on an event, we donate it to help another "good work." We follow this rule, and I'm sure you've read about the projects we've supported in our newsletter. Our Board of Directors has developed a procedure (and a form) for submitting proposals for grants from our limited but available funds. If you have a project you believe coincides with our goals, contact any Board member for details about submitting a request for financial aid.

We are a volunteer organization that elects a president each year. All other members of the Board of Directors—save the president-elect and the past-president—are OldSmokeys who see the need and serve for an unspecified time. We could not survive without these unelected volunteers, and they can't serve forever. We need members *now* to volunteer to act as understudies for these officers so that, when the time comes, these understudies can assume the duties of secretary or treasurer or data base manager—critical jobs to keep our organization functioning. ***Please consider stepping up to the plate to become one of these unsung heroes of the OldSmokeys when the time comes.*** That time is coming soon. That said, I must say that other positions in our organization—such as newsletter editor, recording secretary, NAFSR representative, webmaster, e-mail editor, club photographer, banquet and picnic coordinators, and others this aging memory can't recall—are also very important. But the first three I mentioned are absolutely essential, so please consider signing on now as an understudy to and future replacement for one of these critical positions (see pages 3-4).

Speaking of all whose efforts make the OldSmokeys so successful, I hope all members have gone to our website and enjoyed **Paul Enberg's** photographs. The Board especially wants to thank Paul for his skillful ability to capture our historic moments.

Thanks to every OldSmokey.

John Nesbitt

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Forum

Replace OldSmokeys Secretary Bev Pratt and Treasurer Vern Clapp

OldSmokeys **Bev Pratt** and **Vern Clapp** should be replaced as secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association—not because they have done anything wrong, but because both have done so much we should not impose on them further.

That's right. It's time for other OldSmokeys to step up and take up the burdens these two exemplary officers of our Board of Directors have bourn much longer than we should have allowed them to and probably a tad or two longer than they expected to. Bev has been secretary for at least a decade and Vern has been treasurer since 1997 for a whopping 11 years. Vern, as you know, fills three PNWFSA jobs. He's also served as our data base manager since 1993 and our e-mail editor since 2002.

So, please, read the lead story "OldSmokeys Board of Directors Seeks New Blood to Fill Key Positions" in the *OldSmokeys News* section on the very next page with an eye to volunteering to relieve these two outstanding members of their duties—duties that are absolutely essential to the continued operation of the PNWFSA. When you do, you'll see there are other PNWFSA jobs that will need to be filled soon, too. It's your turn.

-- Les Joslin

The Real Significance of the OldSmokeys Interior Dialogue

The real significance of OldSmokey comments on the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) "study of alternatives to consolidate the U.S. Forest Service within the Department of the Interior" (published in the *Forum* section of the summer issue) is the apparent acceptance by so many that this consolidation (transfer) might prove the lesser evil for our beloved but beleaguered outfit.

But don't hold your breath. Writing in the Fall 2008 issue of *Forest Magazine*, Gifford Pinchot biographer Char Miller, a history professor who specializes in Forest Service matters, says of the possibility: "I'm betting not." Professor Miller explains that his "skepticism is derived in large part from the lengthy and complex history of transfer schemes, none of which has come to fruition." OldSmokey **Jerry Williams** has documented this history in a fascinating 33-page paper. In his shorter opinion piece "Interior Dialogue," Professor Miller assesses the proposal within its broader historical and political contexts to suggest how this current chapter in a century-long drama may play out next year and why.

It's a fascinating story you can read on the *Forest Magazine* website just by googling (I think that's become a verb now.) it up.

-- Les Joslin

OldSmokey Gladys Biglor Celebrates Ninth Circuit Decision

I am elated with the recent Ninth Circuit Court decision (see *Forest Service News* on page 8) and believe it can provide the pathway for increased sustainable national forest management. I can only hope that Forest Service officials and employees will jump on this remarkable decision to improve the health of our forests.

-- Gladys Biglor

OldSmokey Dick Deleissegues Sees Ninth Circuit Decision as "Long Overdue"

With regard to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on timber harvest—it's about time this turned around. Nothing could be more destructive to the environment than uncontrolled wildfire, and obviously some fuel reduction in national forests makes sense. I think the Sierra Club long ago had its lobbyists arrange for so-called environmental laws that no agency could ever satisfy, for the sole purpose of suing the agency and collecting legal defense costs. They made more money that way than through donations. No matter that the forests and public lands suffered, the money was the sole object of the program.

Congressmen from urban areas had no concept of resource management, so the courts were the only recourse. Most cases went by the "book" finding that any agency that did not do 100% environmental impact evaluations was not in compliance with the law. No agency could afford to do a 100% EIS, [so it was] a losing battle. It's about time some Judge really looked at the merits of the resource agency's work..., and started handing down some reasoned decisions. Long overdue.

-- Dick Deleissegues

OldSmokey Ken White Sees Too Much Wilderness

The law makers have been making "Wilderness" right and left for the past years. We now have so much "Wilderness" that it dilutes the concept. "Wilderness" is, or has been in the "Old Days," something to cherish, a national treasure. Now that we have so much it doesn't seem to be so important. Law makers and interest groups see it not as "Wilderness" but as a way to lock up parts of forests.

-- Ken White

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

Send your Forum inputs to the editor: Les Joslin, 2356 NW Great Place, Bend, Oregon 97701, or lesjoslin@aol.com.

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

— *Attributed to Voltaire*

OldSmokeysNews

Volunteers Needed Pronto!

OldSmokeys Board of Directors Seeks New Blood to Fill Key Positions

The viability of our Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) depends on OldSmokeys who volunteer to serve on its Board of Directors and fulfill the duties of specific offices and program managers.

Except for the president, who is elected as a president-elect by the membership and who serves one year in that office, one year as president, and one year as past president (candidate information and a ballot for a new president-elect will appear in the Winter 2009 of this newsletter), all other Board of Directors officers and program managers are appointed by the Board from qualified members who volunteer to do specific jobs. *Some vital PNWFSA officers need to be replaced soon!*

Critical Successions

“For a reasonable period of time, we *can do without* presidents (all three), newsletter and e-mail editors, membership and event chairs, NAFSR rep and other Board positions,” Board member **Vern Clapp** recently observed to other Board members. “However, there are three positions critical to the *day-to-day* operation of our Association that we *cannot do without*. These are the *secretary*, the *treasurer*, and the *data base manager*. These are completely separate positions, and probably will be filled separately in the future.

“We would be in deep doodoo very quickly if any of these three vital jobs went vacant for any length of time.

“The **secretary** picks up and processes the Association mail, deposits incoming funds such as dues and event payments, and makes records of these transactions for others.

“The **treasurer** pays bills, reconciles accounts, and manages the PNWFSA finances.

“The **data base manager** continually updates the member records (sometimes making 10 or more changes per week). This includes keeping track of 910 dues payments.

“All of these are important tasks that need *immediate* attention. They cannot be put off for a month or so. Almost all OldSmokey business depends on these officers.”

And these officers must be replaced within the next year by capable members.

Why? These are real jobs, and those who hold them have done more than their part and are just plain burned out.

Secretary **Bev Pratt** has served for years and desires to be replaced in 2010.

Treasurer **Vern Clapp** also has served for years and desires to be replaced by the fall of 2009. Vern also serves as data base manager and e-notes editor, jobs in which he must be replaced in 2010. All three of Vern’s jobs require some specific computer knowledge.

Bev and Vern have served long and honorably, and deserve to retire and be replaced by competent people. They are the most critical ones, but certainly not the only ones.

Succession Plan

President-elect **Bruce Hendrickson** has devised the following Plan for Succession of Board Officers and Program Managers that addresses the immediate imperative to find successors for these critical officers as well as the need to replace others.

Again, as previously noted, the office of the president has a plan for succession specified in the by-laws. Pursuant to this plan, President-elect **Bruce Hendrickson** will succeed President **John Nesbitt**, who will in turn replace Past-president **John Poppino**. A new president-elect will be elected this fall.

Secretary **Bev Pratt** must be replaced in 2010. A volunteer is needed. According to the PNWFSA bylaws, the job of the secretary is to “perform normal corresponding secretarial duties, keep minutes of regular meetings when the Recording Secretary is absent, open all mail, record and deposit all monies received, verify addresses and other member information, report changes of addresses, process applications for membership, acknowledge new members, disperse information to the President, Treasurer, Archivist, Editor, etc.” The secretary is appointed for a two-year term.”

Vern Clapp must be replaced as **treasurer** in 2009 and as **data base manager** and **e-notes manager** in 2010. Three volunteers—one to fill each of Vern’s positions—are needed. According to the PNWFSA bylaws, the treasurer “will manage the association’s finances and investments, with timely review by the Executive Board. Prepares routine reports and an annual financial review report.” The treasurer is appointed for a two-year term.

The **data base manager**, a position in which Vern must be replaced in 2010, “will manage the data base, keep pertinent up-to-date information on membership. Prepares current mailing lists and prepares an annual membership directory.” The data base manager is appointed for a minimum of two years.

The other job in which Vern must be replaced in 2010 is that of **e-mail editor**. This job involves keeping the PNWFSA membership apprised of association and agency news through almost-daily *OldSmokey E-Notes* on the internet.

In addition to these four offices, **Jim List** must be replaced in the **picnic chair** program manager position *before the 2009 summer picnic*. The incumbent in this position coordinates the scheduling, location, catering, and other details of one of the OldSmokeys two major annual social events.

John Marker has asked to be replaced as our representative to the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) by 2010. This unique position of **NAFSR representative**—one of active liaison between the regional retiree associations and the national retiree association—calls for a NAFSR member who is politically savvy and able to travel. John points out “the desirability of [his] replacement living in an area where it is convenient to visit congressional district offices from time to time. Travel is primarily within the region, but there is at least one NAFSR board of directors meeting each year that may require travel outside the region.” The last such meeting was in Denver.

Les Joslin, who has served as **editor** of the PNWFSA’s quarterly *OldSmokeys Newsletter* for three years, should have a

successor as soon as reasonably prudent. As stated in the by-laws, the editor is “responsible for managing, publishing, and mailing the quarterly newsletter. This includes business dealings with any contracted services for the newsletter.” As one would expect, the editor works closely with the secretary and the data base manager in carrying out these duties. A member with extensive public affairs and writing and publication experience would be ideal for this office.

Other positions in the program manager realm that will need to be filled within the next few years are those of **website manager** currently occupied by **Don Nearhood**, **membership chair** currently occupied by **Bob Devlin**, and **banquet chair** which **Emil** and **Dorine Sabol** share.

The bottom line is your PNWFSA cannot continue as the premier Forest Service retiree organization it is without dedicated members filling these offices and program manager positions. It’s time for every able member to think about how he or she might best serve his fellow OldSmokeys—and then step up and shoulder part of the burden.



OldSmokey epicureans “chow down” at August 22 picnic.

Photo by Paul Enberg

OldSmokeys Enjoy August 22 Picnic

A cast of 139 OldSmokeys gathered on August 22, 2008, at BLM’s Wildwood Picnic Area near Mt. Hood, to enjoy a beautiful day of good Forest Service companionship and good food catered by Dave Dalton at the PNWFSA’s annual picnic.

According to Secretary **Bev Pratt** and Treasurer **Vern Clapp**, the picnic was a financial as well as a social success. “We ended up in the black again this year, to the tune of \$324.” What more is there to say—except look forward to the Summer 2009 picnic!

OldSmokeys Emil Sabol and Jack Smith Appear in November 9 OPB CCC Program

OldSmokeys across Oregon and southwestern Washington will be glued to their television sets at 9:00 p.m. Monday, November 3, to see OldSmokeys **Emil Sabol** and **Jack Smith** help tell the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) story when Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) airs its new Oregon Experience documentary on the CCC which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

You can watch a preview of what promises to be an excellent CCC program on the OPB website at <http://www.opb.org/programs/oregonexperience/videos/index.php?dir+preview&file+ccc>. Prepared from e-mails from Kami Horton, Oregon Public Broadcasting

OldSmokey Liz Agpaoa Named Regional Forester, Southern Region

OldSmokey **Elizabeth (Liz) Agpaoa**, who’s been serving as Acting Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, has been appointed Regional Forester for the Southern Region (Region 8) by Chief of the Forest Service Gail Kimbell.

Scheduled to take up her new duties in Atlanta, Georgia, this month, she will oversee 14 national forests in 13 southern states and Puerto Rico.

Liz succeeds Chuck Myers who recently became Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System in Washington, D.C.

“Liz brings a wealth of experience in forest management and cooperating with state and private forestry programs,” said Chief Kimbell. “She has a deep belief in public service and conservation management that will serve her well in this new assignment.”

Liz began her Forest Service career in 1979 as a district biologist on the Willamette National Forest. She has since served as a line officer at the district, forest, and regional levels, and has served as Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C. Her forest management experience includes line officer assignments in Oregon, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Liz holds a B.S. degree in wildlife management and an M.S. degree in natural resource management from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. Her husband, Dan Crittenden, also has a career with the Forest Service.

Prepared from an August 20, 2008, FS Today news release.

OldSmokeys George Chesley, Mike Edrington, Roland Emetaz, and Ray Steiger Back on Fire Duty

OldSmokeys **George Chesley** and **Mike Edrington** returned to duty again this summer as members of National Inter-agency Area Command Team 3.

George and Mike deployed to Redding, California, as deputy area commander and assistant area commander for plans, respectively, for fire complexes and a fire on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino, and Six Rivers national forests from July 8 to 22. These included the Iron and Alps complexes on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest that burned 57,154 acres, the Lime and Yolla Bolla complexes on the Shasta-Trinity and Mendocino national forests that burned 92,867 acres, and the Hells Half Fire on the Six Rivers National Forest that burned 11,868 acres.

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George later deployed to Eureka, California, as assistant area commander for logistics for fires on the Klamath and Six Rivers national forests from July 31 to August 9. These included the Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex that burned 66,747 acres on the Klamath and Six rivers national forests, the Ukonom Complex that burned 42,728 acres on the Klamath and Six Rivers national forests, the Bear Wallow Complex that burned 13,988 acres on the Klamath National Forest, and the Panther Fire on the Klamath National Forest.

Area Command Team 3 was to efficiently and cost-effectively manage these fires' suppression and suppression-related rehabilitation activities. Some specific objectives included coordinating area command strategies and establishing fire and demobilization priorities, protecting communities, and minimizing acres burned on private lands.

OldSmokey **Roland Emetaz**, information officer on the Central Washington Incident Management Team (a regional Type 2 team) for about 9 years, served two assignments on the July 10-17 Cayuse Incident in Washington and the August 21-30 Middle Fork Incident in Oregon.

OldSmokey **Ray Steiger**, public information officer on the Washington State Southwest Region Type 3 All Risk Team, was dispatched for the July 10-13 period to the Badger Mountain Complex of two fires that burned 11,000 acres of private and public (BLM) lands on the east side of the Columbia River north of East Wenatchee.

OldSmokey Lloyd Musser Submits First PNWFSA Project Proposal

OldSmokey **Lloyd Musser**, curator of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Government Camp, Oregon, on September 10 submitted a proposal for PNWFSA financial assistance to build a replica forest fire lookout for the Museum.

This is the first proposal submitted on the new OldSmokeys project proposal form through which the PNWFSA fulfills its requirement as a "tax-exempt, charitable corporation, exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and will be considered by the Board of Directors at its October 31 meeting.

Lloyd's proposal is for assistance in building a replica forest fire lookout structure to be placed on top of the Museum building to shroud a proposed elevator housing as it serves as a thematic landmark and educational facility. OldSmokey **Ron Walters** has agreed to design the project so the structure may be prefabricated in OldSmokey **Dick Buscher's** woodshop. Plans call for the lookout structure to be built in 2009 and placed on the Museum building on completion of the elevator shaft in the fall of 2009 or the summer of 2010.

The PNWFSA has a history of supporting such projects, most recently at the High Desert Museum in Bend, the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, and the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center.

Annual Dues Payers Use This Bill for Collection to Pay 2009 Dues By January 1

Annual dues for all OldSmokeys who pay their dues annually are due on January 1, 2009, and payable now. The easiest way to pay these dues is to mail them in with the coupon below. Also on the coupon is space for any address, telephone number, or e-mail changes and space to write a note for the **Letters** section of the newsletter (or you can attach a sheet with a longer letter).

Please clip or copy this Bill for Collection for 2009 Annual Dues and mail it with your check for \$20 (or \$250 for a Lifetime Membership) to the address indicated. Thank you!

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(or a Lifetime Membership)

This is your Bill for Collection for PNWFSA Annual Dues for 2009. The dues are \$20 per year, and you may pay for one or more years at this rate at this time. Or, you may elect a Lifetime Membership for a one-time payment of \$250 and not pay annual dues.

Please make your check for Annual Dues of \$20 or a Lifetime Membership for \$250 payable to **PNWFSA** and mail it with this coupon to: PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583 before January 1, 2009.

Name: _____

Address, phone, or e-mail (if different from that in the *OldSmokeys Directory* or your last notice of change):

Please add a note here or write and attach a longer letter for the **Letters** section of the newsletter if you wish:

OldSmokeys Jay and Marie Hughes in Pendleton *East Oregonian* Article

George Murdock, editor and publisher of Pendleton, Oregon's, newspaper, the *East Oregonian*, chose the occasion of the Umatilla National Forest's 100th anniversary celebration to focus on the life and times of 92-year-old OldSmokey **Jay Hughes**, his wife of 66 years, **Marie**, and the 31 years the couple spent in the Forest Service.

Jay, who retired from the Forest Service 35 years ago, served as a district ranger and assistant forest supervisor on the Pendleton-based Umatilla National Forest before his 1973 retirement. Jay and Marie live on Mount Hebron at the edge of Pendleton.

Murdock published his article, "Life on the Dry Side: Forest Service offers a colorful existence," in the June 29, 2008, issue of the *East Oregonian*.

Jay and Marie didn't start out on "the Dry Side" but in the Willamette Valley as students at Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) in Corvallis where she became a teacher and he a forester. They married in May 1942 soon after Jay graduated a term early.

After a couple months in the woods in Tillamook, they embarked on Jay's career in the Forest Service that soon took them to the "Dry Side" as a Fremont National Forest timber cruiser in Lakeview and assistant district ranger in Bly and Drew's Valley. "He was in Bly in 1945 when a Japanese balloon [bomb] killed five members of a Sunday school class and the minister's wife who were on a picnic outing," Murdock wrote. "He was also a member of the search party that found the plane carrying Oregon Gov. Earl W. Snell and three others in 1947."

As district ranger at Unity on the old Whitman National Forest (combined with the Wallowa as the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in 1964), Jay spent much of the first year of his 1948-1951 time there helping rebuild the schoolhouse that burned with the Christmas tree that ignited it in 1948.

He then served as district ranger at the Rager Ranger Station on the Paulina Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest from 1951 until he and Marie moved to Pendleton some years later. Remote Rager Ranger Station, 72 miles east of Prineville, seems to have been the Hughes' favorite. "My heart is still kind of out there in the Ochoco," Jay told Murdock. "It was really quite a place. I worked with some wonderful ranchers."

But, when it came time for their son Ray to go to high school, Jay became district ranger of the Pendleton Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest where, in 1959, he became assistant to the forest supervisor for fire control, recreation, and land issues, a post he held until he retired.

Murdock's article about Jay and Marie provided a rare glimpse of Forest Service life as it once was lived.

Thanks to George Murdock, Editor and Publisher, East Oregonian.

What's Your Story?

Let's face it: We're history! Forest Service history, that is. So share your story, whether written by yourself or someone else. Send it in to the editor at the addresses given on Page 2.

OldSmokeys Donate to Wildland Fire Foundation

A letter from President **John Nesbitt** and an enclosed check for \$250 were sent by the PNWFSA to the Wildland Fire Foundation (WFF) to honor the nine firefighters killed and four injured in the August 5, 2008, crash of a Sikorsky S-61 helicopter on the Iron Fire Complex on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests in northern California.

The WFF was established after the 1994 South Canyon Fire tragedy to provide immediate assistance to firefighter victims and their families as quickly as possible after an incident. It compliments rather than replaces agency responses, and can often provide help agencies are unable to provide.

For more information about the WFF go to the Internet at <<http://www.wildlandfire.com/>>.

OldSmokeys Mark September 7-11, 2009, Reunion in Missoula on Their Calendars

The next Forest Service Reunion, scheduled for September 7-11, 2009, will center on the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula and focus on various attractions in and around the Missoula area.

The reunion format will include general sessions, banquets, topic meetings, displays, and entertainment. If construction has started on the National Museum of Forest Service History facility, tours to the site will be possible. Shuttle bus transportation to and from other hotels and the Hilton Garden Inn is planned.

Chief Gail Kimbell has been invited to schedule a National Leadership Team meeting in conjunction with the reunion.

Co-sponsors of the 2009 reunion are the National Museum of Forest Service History, the Northern Rocky Mountain Retiree Association, and the National Smokejumper Association.

OldSmokeys to Attend National SAF Convention in Reno in November

OldSmokeys will soon be on their way to Reno, Nevada, for the 88th national convention of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Themed "Forestry in a Climate of Change," the November 5-9 convention is being held at the Grand Sierra Hotel.

Although pre-registration ended on September 19, SAF members may still register to attend for \$475. See the SAF Convention website at <<http://www.safconvention.org/natcon-08/index.cfm>> for complete information and registration instructions.

OldSmokeys May Attend Forest Service Harvest Ball at Timberline Lodge

Pencil in the Forest Service Harvest Ball set for November 7, 2008, at magnificent Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. The ball features a five-star dinner, very reasonable room rates, and dancing into the evening.

For more information please see <www.harvestball.net>.

Prepared from an article in the August 15, 2008, R6 Update.

Forest Service News

Mary Wagner is New Regional Forester for Pacific Northwest

Mary Wagner is the new Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region to succeed OldSmokey **Linda Goodman** who recently retired, Chief of the Forest Service Abigail Kimbell announced in September.

“Since May of 2005, Mary has been the Deputy Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region. Her recent assignment as Acting Forest Management Director will serve her well in her new position,” Chief Kimbell said.

“Mary served as the first National Director of Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers in Washington, D.C. Her roles have also included Forest Supervisor on the Dixie National Forest; Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; District Ranger [of the] Carson Ranger District, Carson City, Nevada; and District Ranger, Vernal Ranger District, Vernal, Utah. Mary graduated from Humboldt State University with a bachelor’s degree in forest management and completed a master’s of public administration at the University of Utah,” the Chief summed up Regional Forester Wagner’s career.

“She will be an excellent Regional Forester in Region 6 and an outstanding addition to our National Leadership Council,” the Chief concluded.

Prepared from a U.S. Forest Service Washington Office release signed by Associate Chief Sally D. Collins.

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Kristine Fairbanks Killed in Line of Duty

Kristine Fairbanks, 51, a U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer, was shot and killed on Saturday, September 20, 2008, while investigating a suspicious vehicle near the Dungeness Forks Campground on the Olympic National Forest about six miles south of Sequim, Washington. When she didn’t answer calls, Clallam County sheriff’s deputies and Washington state troopers went to the scene and found her dead. Fairbanks, a 22-year veteran of the Forest Service, left behind her husband Brian and a 15-year-old daughter.

The vehicle, linked to Shawn Roe, 36, a convicted felon with a violent history, was later located. And, about three hours later, two sheriff’s deputies responding to a report of a man answering Roe’s description in a convenience store east of Sequim told the suspect to put up his hands as he left the store. Roe drew at least one handgun of three he had and fired. Both deputies returned fire and killed him. Roe appears also to have shot and killed camper Richard Ziegler, 57, before he shot Fairbanks. Roe was wanted by the Washington Department of Corrections for failing to appear at an August meeting with his probation officer.

“What happened to Kristine drives home the fact that on any given day, something could happen to any one of us,” Deputy Forest Supervisor and OldSmokey **Cal Joyner** wrote in a mes-

sage to all Region 6 personnel that expressed regret at the Forest Service’s tragic loss and encouraged situational awareness as a key to safety on the job.

Prepared from KING5.com Staff and Associated Press reports, an article in the Monday, September 22, 2008, Fort Mill Times, and Deputy Regional Forester Joyner’s September 22 e-mail.

Wildfire Season 2008 Proves Costly in Lives, Acres, and Dollars

Not quite a record wildfire season, the 2008 season proved a very costly one in terms of firefighters’ lives, acres burned, and funds spent.

By the end of September, 22 wildland firefighters had been killed—15 of these in northern California. Among them was Andy Palmer, an 18-year old National Park Service fire crew member hit by a snag on July 25 while fighting a lightning fire on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests. He died en route the hospital. Then, on August 5, eight firefighters and a helicopter crew member were killed when the Sikorsky S-61 contract helicopter from Grants Pass, Oregon, picking them up in a remote area of the Shasta-Trinity, crashed on lift-off when its rotor blades hit tree branches. Four others survived the crash. And, on September 11, Curtis Hillman, a contract firefighter from Happy Camp, California, died from a head injury suffered on August 25 while fighting another northern California fire.

Also by the end of September, 67,949 wildfires had burned 4,734,350 acres nationwide. The ten-year average of wildfires and lands burned by that date is 66,786 fires and 6,246,737 acres. Many of the larger fires burned on national forest lands. Of these, 6,244 fires had burned 1,158,931 acres of national forest lands.

By the middle of July it was predicted that the Forest Service would exhaust its \$1.2 billion in appropriated fire funds on or about August 10 and would have to start pulling money—to the tune of about \$400 million in \$100 million increments—from its operating budgets (*see “FLAME Act” article below*). Total wildfire suppression costs on national forest lands are not yet available.

Prepared from multiple sources including press reports and e-mails.

FLAME Act Goes Down in Flames; Forest Service, National Forests Suffer

The proposed FLAME Act—more properly called H.R. 5541, the Federal Lands Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act—was meant to provide an emergency firefighting fund that would allow the Forest Service (and other federal agencies) to fight wildfires without raiding its other already under-funded operating budgets.

The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on July 9, 2008, then was gutted by someone in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) who changed its language to leave the Forest Service still having to eat fire suppression out of its other operating funds. The responsible U.S. Senate committee failed to act, and the bill died when the session ended.

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“Given the last-minute addition of use of the 10-year average cost of suppression to the House bill, it is probably just as well,” commented Chairman George Leonard of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) of the change that would provide an insufficient basis for the proposed fire suppression funding. “The general attitude is let’s wait until next year when there will be a more sympathetic administration.”

“In the meantime,” George observed. “Congress failed to pass emergency supplemental legislation [including fire suppression funds] because of amendments that would have authorized off-shore oil drilling.” This meant the Forest Service, which would exhaust its \$1.2 billion in appropriated fire funds by the middle of August, would begin to transfer funds from other operations in \$100 million increments, with successive increments to follow as needed.

Just how unbalanced the Forest Service fire suppression budget has become is reflected in the fact that the agency spent 13 percent of its total budget on firefighting in 1991 and now spends over 48 percent on firefighting—before fund transfer once that 48 percent is exhausted. As a result, other National Forest System operations suffer.

Some good news is the House added \$910 million in emergency supplemental fiscal year 2008 firefighting money to a temporary spending bill (H.R. 2368) on September 24 and the Senate followed suit on September 27. President Bush has indicated he will sign the bill. The Forest Service would receive \$775 million, much of which would be used to repay Forest Service programs from which money was transferred.

Prepared from multiple sources including “FLAME Act may snuff out state fires” by Char Miller in the July 16, 2008, dailybulletin.com, “Fire transfer” in the August 8, 2008, R6 Update, “Congress putting up \$910 million in extra fire money” in September 29, 2008, Public Lands News Bulletin No. 8, and e-mails from George Leonard and John Marker.

Ninth Circuit Court Decision Favors National Forest Management

“Top federal judges ruled [in early July] that their own court has gone too far in holding up logging projects, saying Western judges from now on must show more deference to the agencies planning the cutting,” Michael Milstein wrote in *The Oregonian* on July 4, 2008, of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *The Lands Council v. McNair*.

The unanimous decision reversed several of the Court’s earlier opinions “that second guessed the Forest Service and imposed project-specific research requirements and data collection burdens not in any law or regulation” on Forest Service managers and planners, according to Scott Horngren, a Portland attorney who represented Boundary County, Idaho, and others in the case.

The bottom line, according to Horngren, is “this is a great [precedent-setting] opinion that overrules some bad cases and clearly sets forth the law in a way that defers to the professional resource managers.” The landmark decision should set judges “on a new course that will hopefully make it easier for the Forest Service to implement forest health and fuel reduction projects to benefit watersheds, wildlife, and the economy.”

*Prepared from multiple sources including a July 3, 2008, Boundary County, Idaho, press release, Michael Milstein’s July 4 “9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals clears path for more logging” in *The Oregonian*; and an overview of the Court’s decision by Scott Horngren of Haglund Kelly Horngren Jones & Wilder in Portland, Oregon.*

Ellreese Daniels Sentenced in Thirtymile Fire Case

Ellreese Daniels, the U.S. Forest Service incident commander when four firefighters perished in the July 10, 2001, Thirtymile Fire on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest near Winthrop, Washington, was sentenced on August 19, 2008, in federal district court in Spokane, to three years supervised probation, 90 days commitment to a work-release facility, and several additional conditions.

In an agreement that dropped manslaughter and other felony charges against him, Daniels had pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges for making false statements during the investigation of the tragedy. The sentence will be imposed after November 4 when Daniels’ seasonal employment with the Forest Service ends for the year. Daniels will continue to be a Forest Service employee in a non-firefighting capacity in the future.

Prior to sentencing, Judge Fred Van Sickle made it very clear that he had heard nothing to convince him that Daniels was responsible for the deaths of the four firefighters at Thirtymile. The judge made it clear how important it is during an investigation to tell the truth.

Prepared from a letter Forest Supervisor Becki Heath, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests, sent to Forest Service personnel following the sentencing and published in the August 21, 2008, R6 Update, and an August 20, 2008, e-mail from Dick Mangan, Blackbull Wildfire Services, Missoula, Montana.

Forest Service Retirees Question Mt. Hood Wilderness Expansion Plan

Two former high-ranking U.S. Forest Service officials contend that expanding the Mt. Hood Wilderness as proposed in the Oregon Treasures wilderness bill sponsored by U.S. Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Peter DeFazio, both Oregon Democrats, would not meet the intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and would “create numerous management challenges,” according to an August 27, 2008, article by Raelyn Ricarte in the *Hood River News*.

Retired Region 6 Regional Forester and OldSmokey **Linda Goodman** and Retired Associate Chief of the Forest Service and current president of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) **George Leonard** “believe that retirement has afforded them the opportunity to speak freely and... represent the views of many,” Ricarte reported.

Noting that expansion of the Mt. Hood Wilderness would not address the diverse recreational interests of the majority of the Mt. Hood National Forest’s visitors, Linda said “it would be more appropriate for Congress to impose a National Recreation Area designation rather than Wilderness” designation. She also noted that Mt. Hood Wilderness managers “don’t have enough

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Feature

“What Every Forest Officer Should Know” (Part 4)

By Stuart Bevier “S.B.” Show

Herewith is Part Four of S.B. Show’s early 1930s “What Every Forest Officer Should Know” issued by the then-California Region’s regional forester for the edification of his rangers. This final installment consists of two more chapters.

“The best thing I’ve seen—put across in the best fashion.”
— Walt Perry, U.S. Forest Service, 1910-1936

Chapter VI: Obeying Orders

“Through obedience learn to command.”

The queer thing about orders is that sometimes they can be obeyed too well. The old ranger told the young guard to do a good job of backfiring both sides of a fire trail. The old ranger was joshing, but the young guard didn’t know that and so he proceeded to spoil a lot of hard work. This shows that you have to mix a knowledge of onions with our obedience and also that people have to pick their times and persons when they want to get off a few wisecracks. However, in the long run, it is safer to carry out every order to the letter.

There was the case of the old ranger who discovered a break in the fire line and sent a young guard back for help and water while he stayed to try to hold it. The young guard decided that the ranger could corral the break alone without getting too thirsty so he sent the men somewhere else and went along, too, with the water. That young guard went somewhere else himself once the fire was over.

The fire fighting game, especially a big fight with lots of men, crews, and organization, needs and demands as strict obedience to orders as is required of soldiers in battle. Without obedience no plan can be carried out and untold harm can be done. Trace the history of the big fires and in most cases you will find that at some time someone failed to obey orders, and perhaps for no other reason than he thought things should be done differently.

Of course, emergencies arise that cannot be foreseen to spoil any chances of obeying orders. That’s different and gives you a chance to display your headwork and enterprise. But the knowledge that you can be counted on to carry out orders as given is comforting to the men who are running the show and does you no harm. When you obey orders you are dependable and when you are dependable you are good.

And speaking of orders, the safest one is the written order. Human speech is still too uncertain and too easily misunderstood. There are plenty of reasons why on a fire it is easy to misunderstand. Fatigue, loss of sleep, hurry, excitement, all make it difficult sometimes for two persons to understand each other exactly. A spoken order may be only partly understood or partly remembered and may leave too much to the imagination. A written one, if it is clearly written, is definite and complete. Naturally it is not necessary to write out every order. That is up to the judgment of the boss.

All forest service work, and especially fire fighting, never has been, and it is to be hoped never will be, the same as factory production methods. In spite of superior officers we are on our own most of the time and this is one of the great reasons why the Forest Service is worth while. It calls for individual responsibility under changing conditions and that is why it is interesting. But the future of the Service depends now, as in the past, on the ability and willingness of the individual members to carry out plans and execute orders to the letter.

Chapter VII: Heads Up!

*“To look up and not down,
To look forward and not back,
To look out and not in—and
To lend a hand.”*

The main trouble with all Books of Rules and Instructions is that they never make allowances for your feelings. Take the “Army Rules and Regulations” for example—it doesn’t tell you what to do when you get scared stiff. Our own Manual, with its hundreds of “henskin” pages, is full of Do’s and Don’ts, but you wouldn’t call it a human document. You couldn’t find an ounce of comfort in a truck load of them, and if you needed an inspiration you would probably have to take an aspirin after you get through looking for it.

What we mean is, that there is liable to come a time along about the middle of the fire season when we get that “What’s the use!” feeling which comes after too much field work and fire fighting. That’s the time when your lungs are full of smoke and your eyes are bleary from want of sleep; when your feet feel like you were walking on two chunks of red-hot iron weighing about 20 pounds per foot; you have to lick your lips and swallow twice to spit once; when that last few feet of fire line seems miles long; when you feel sort of squeamish inside; and when you think you have the fire corralled and it gets away from you, and you know you have to do the whole d---n thing over again.

This “sunk” complex comes from taking the count of nine too many times and working too long on your nerve. When your muscles are dead tired and your head begins to swim, then the old nerves get frazzled and let the glooms in. The highbrow name for all this is “morale,” but somehow we never thought much about it until the famous season of 1924 showed us what

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Changes

Anderson, Ethel Mary – Deceased, February 7, 2005 (late notification)
Brown, Carroll E. – Deceased, August 8, 2008; Pearl survives
Cochran, Joyce – Deceased, September 4, 2008; Kenneth survives
Cooper, Frederick & Cherie – Change address: Missoula, MT
Dahms, Walter George “Walt” – Deceased, July 17, 2008; Lorna Mae survives
Elliott, Edwin – Change e-mail:
Files, Dorothy Wallace – Deceased, July 25, 2008; Ross survives
Friberg, Billye -- New member: Bend, OR
Gillmor, Mildred L. – Deceased, April 7, 2008
Golden, Jim & Susan Skalski – Change address: Sonora, CA
Gray, James P. & Jan – Change address: Winston, OR
Grevstad, Jerry – Deceased, April 6, 2008; Rosalie survives
Hays, Karen F. & Kirk – Change e-mail
Henley, Fred L. & Judith – Add e-mail:
Hoffmann Richard A. & Carolyn – Change e-mail:
Hopkins, William E. “Bill” – Deceased, September 3, 2008; Christine survives
Joyner, Calvin N. “Cal” & Kathy – New members: Vancouver, WA
Kansky, George William – Deceased, September 14, 2008
Lauridsen, Morton J. “Mort” Jr. – Deceased, August 7, 2008
Max, Timothy A. & Beverlee – Change e-mail:
McClarren, Gregory R. & Carter – Change e-mail:
McQuown, Bob & Ruth – Change e-mail:
Moore, Mack R. & Louise – Change e-mail:
Nichols, Earl E. “Nick” – Deceased, August 4, 2008; Phyllis survives
Nutt, Margaret E. – Deceased, August 29, 2008; Earl survives
Phillips, Robert “Bob” – Deceased, September 7, 2008; Sharon survives
Post, Lita — Change e-mail:
Rexford, Gordon & Clarita – Change e-mail:
Rusch, Chris, & Kevin Kehoe – New members: Tiller, OR
Shimamoto, Karen H., & Richard Mackey – New members: Lakeview, OR
Thompson, Allen E. & Barbara — Change address: Wenatchee, WA
Tuininga, Diane — Deceased, September 3, 2006 (late notification)
Warman, Charlotte Elaine – Deceased, July 6, 2008
Warren, Debra D. – New member: Portland, OR
Williams, Robert W. and Mary Lou – Change e-mail:

Specific personal information has been deleted from this website version of the Newsletter

The actual changes are included in the printed edition of the Newsletter and an electronic PDF version of the updated Directory can be emailed to you from [Vern](#) upon member request.

Editor’s Note: We strive for accuracy, but don’t always attain it. Please let us know if any of these changes require correction. Thanks



Out of the Past
Coming in the
Winter 2009
Newsletter:
OldSmokey Don
Franks on the
Trail of the Fabled
Fort Rock Lookout.

Photo by Les Joslin

New Members

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined since the Summer 2008 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Cal & Kathy Joyner of Vancouver, Washington. Cal is Deputy Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region. Joined in July.

Chris Rusch & Kevin Kehoe of Tiller, Oregon. Chris retired July 3, 2008, after 35 years in the Forest Service in Region 6. Chris's career was spent entirely on the on the Umpqua National Forest. She was a pioneer for women working in the woods. She started out in presale, and spent many years as a

reforestation specialist before returning as the district botanist and silviculturist for the Tiller Ranger District. Joined in July.

Karen Shimamoto & Richard Mackey of Lakeview, Oregon. Karen, who has served in the Forest Service for 30 years, is currently forest supervisor of the Fremont-Winema National Forests. Before that, she was deputy forest supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; community relations staff officer, Deschutes National Forest; district ranger, Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest; and district ranger, Warner Mountain Ranger District, Modoc National Forest.

Debra D. Warren of Portland, Oregon. Debra has served 39 years in the Forest Service with the Pacific Northwest Research Station. Joined in July.

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funding to maintain the Wilderness they have right now, and this plan would be a real problem for employees" and that "this plan could [prove] an economic disservice to the public and communities around the mountain."

George expects Hood River County would "face challenges if the bill [were] approved. He said having the newly expanded Wilderness about a section of the county's managed forest near Post Canyon creates the potential for more wildfires. He said insect-riddled and diseased trees are more at risk during lightning strikes" and "while infested trees can be treated within the national forest, they must be left alone within the Wilderness. 'If I had land that was immediately adjacent to an area classified as Wilderness I'd be pretty concerned,' said Leonard. 'I would expect to have my ability to suppress problems significantly reduced.'"

Others support Linda and George. OldSmokey and Pacific Northwest NAFSR Representative **John Marker**, now "an upper valley orchardist, believes expanding Wilderness will threaten the most valuable resource on the mountain—its water supply." John supports "development of a customized management plan for the 'urban' mountain that was called for in a 2008 bill co-sponsored by Blumenauer and U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore. That plan would have established stringent rules for protecting resources, recreation and other uses," Ricarte reported.

"Marker, Goodman and Leonard agree that adding more Wilderness to Mount Hood could end up threatening not only resources but recreation opportunities."

Prepared from Raelyn Ricarte, "Forest Service Retirees Question Mt. Hood Wilderness Expansion Plan," in August 27, 2008, Hood River News.

"What Every Forest Officer Should Know" (Part IV)

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fire could do when Old Man Weather goes haywire. That year, old timers who thought they knew the fire game from A to Zed were run ragged from June to October by more and bigger fires than they had ever dreamed of. But did they quit? They did not!

Their "goats" may have strayed a bit, but they herded them back and went to it again with their chests all filled up with a second wind. When the season ended they were stronger than ever, and today no kind of bad luck can shake their faith in their ability to conquer the Red Demon.

When you're fagged out and down in the dumps, that's the time you need a little old fashioned word of comfort like our grandmas and grandpas used to get out of the family Bible. Now those same messages are still in the Good Book for you to read if you feel like it, but maybe your Station is a long way off and what you want is cheer and inspiration right on the spot.

Then step off by yourself, climb a hill and take a look over the forest that the people of your country have placed in your trust. Stop a moment and, rest and think—and just as sure as you wear a U.S. pine tree badge you'll go back to your job with a new hope in your chest and your HEAD UP.

Editor's Note: That's it, the wisdom of S.B. Show in four quarterly installments. Leadership and guidance such as his helped make The Outfit the outfit it was and should be.

PNWFSA Positions Available

The following PNWFSA Board of Directors and Program Manager positions must be filled in 2009:

Treasurer — The PNWFSA treasurer pays bills, reconciles accounts, and manages the PNWFSA finances.

Picnic Chair — The PNWFSA Picnic Chair coordinates the scheduling, location, catering and other details of the PNWFSA annual picnic held in August. This position must be filled soon to ensure coordination of the 2009 picnic.

The following positions must be filled as soon as possible and not later than early 2010: Secretary, Data Base Manager, E-Mail Editor, NAFSR Representative. Volunteering now as an understudy in one of these position can ensure a smooth transition into the job.

Many other positions will need to be filled within the next couple years. See "OldSmokeys Board of Directors Seeks New Blood to Fill Key Positions" on pages 3 and 4 of this issue.

Contact President John Nesbitt or President-elect Bruce Hendrickson as soon as possible to offer your services!

Memories

Ethel Mary Anderson died February 7, 2005, at age 93. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of Bernard A. Anderson. No other information is available.

Editor's Note: The PNWFSA learned of Mary's death in Monterey, California, 2.5 years ago only recently.

Carroll E. Brown died August 8, 2008, at age 100. He was a PNWFSA member. Carroll, the last of 11 children born to Arthur H. and Martha Brown, was born December 8, 1907, in Vancouver, Washington. He graduated from Vancouver High School, attended Washington State College for one year, and graduated from Oregon State College in 1933 with a B.S. degree in forest management. Carroll joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1934 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where he served as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) foreman. He married Rita Marie Correa of Echo, Oregon, who he met at OSC, in 1935, and served as a CCC camp superintendent for two years before he transferred to the Pacific Northwest Region in 1938. After various assignments on several national forests, Carroll moved to Medford, Oregon, in 1957 as forest supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest, and served in that capacity until he retired in December 1967. During those ten years, the air tanker base at Medford and the Mt. Ashland Ski Area were established, the Klamath Ranger District was transferred to the new Winema National Forest and preliminary studies for establishment of the J. Herbert Stone Forest Nursery were begun. Carroll wrote a two-volume *History of the Rogue River National Forest* that spanned the 1893-1932 and 1933-1969 periods. After retirement, Carroll worked for the Multnomah County Education District as camp director of its outdoor school program. Rita, with whom he had a daughter and a son, died in 1982, and he later married Pearl E. Ward of Medford, who had five daughters. Survivors include Pearl; his daughter Barbara Gyll and his son Lawrence; Pearl's daughters Carol Plowman, Doris Anderson, Virginia Lindahl, Patricia Hildebrand, and Janet Moore, and many nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Joyce Cochran died September 4, 2008, at age 70. She was a PNWFSA member. Joyce was born May 10, 1938, in Carbondale, Illinois, and named Nellye Joyce to honor a grandmother she never got to know. She married Kenneth E. Cochran on April 29, 1957. Joyce worked on the Willamette and Gifford Pinchot national forests. She and Ken lived in Murphysboro, Illinois. Survivors include her husband, daughters Annette Marie Cochran and Kerry Evan Cochran, and two grandsons.

Walter George "Walt" Dahms died July 17, 2008, at age 95. He was a PNWFSA member. Walt was born February 13, 1913, in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from Everett High School in Everett, Washington, in June 1931. After earning a B.S. degree in forestry at Washington State College in Pullman, Washington, in June 1937, he joined the U.S. Forest

Service and worked on the Prairie States Forestry Project, better known as the shelterbelt project, in Oklahoma and South Dakota. Walt served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific, first with the Seabees and then as a communications officer. During the war, on November 23, 1943, he married Lorna Mae Hemen in San Francisco. Walt returned to the Forest Service in 1946 to work for the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station on the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest within the Deschutes National Forest, and was based in Bend, Oregon. Except for brief training sojourns and a year of graduate study in the College of Forestry, State University of New York, Syracuse, where he earned a master of forestry degree in June 1951, Walt served his entire Forest Service career on the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest and at the Bend Silviculture Laboratory where he was project leader from 1967 until he retired in 1976, and remained in Bend for the rest of his life. During those years he authored over dozen publications on his studies of ponderosa and lodgepole pine. Walt specialized in lodgepole pine silviculture, and his post-retirement production of LIPSIM, a simulator of growth and yield of lodgepole pine stands used by silviculturists throughout central and eastern Oregon and Washington made possible by the availability of the microcomputer, was honored in 1985 by Chief Max Peterson. Also in 1985, Walt received the Milton M. Mosher Outstanding Alumnus Award from Washington State University. Survivors include Lorna Mae, their son Bill, and daughter-in-law Molly.

Ruth H. Dennis died June 18, 2008, at age 92. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of the late Paul W. Dennis. No other information is available.

Dorothy Wallace Files died July 25, 2008, at age 90. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Roscoe T. "Ross" Files. Dorothy Wallace was born August 5, 1917, in Hawaii, and moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1928. She attended Commerce High School and two years at Northwestern College of Law. Dorothy's early career as a professional model led to Hollywood movie rolls by 1944. After returning to Portland from California, she worked at several occupations including secretary to a state legislator, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, union organizer, and real-estate agent. A 1953 term as a Republican state representative for Multnomah County allowed her to champion legislation for the welfare of children, the aged, and the mentally ill. Before she retired, she owned the personnel agency of Wallace & Associates for over 15 years. She and Ross, whose Forest Service career included service as district ranger on the Glacier Ranger District of the Mt. Baker National Forest and assignments in the RO, married about 20 years ago. They traveled extensively and enjoyed dancing. Survivors include Ross, daughter Sheila Wyttenberg Cowden, stepson Todd R. Files, stepdaughter Linda Gross, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mildred E. Gillmor died April 7, 2008. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of the late Lloyd Gillmor. No other information is available.

William Eugene “Bill” Hopkins died September 3, 2008, at age 66. He was a PNWFSA member. Bill was born January 2, 1942, in Eldorado, Illinois, where he graduated from Eldorado High School. He earned a B.S. degree and in 1968 an M.S. degree in botany at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where he met and on June 6, 1968, married Christine Ott from Addy, Washington. Three college summers working in Oregon, one on a logging crew in Little River and two as a fire control aid on the Umpqua National Forest, convinced Bill he'd work in the Pacific Northwest. After he earned a Ph.D. degree in botany at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1971, he supervised tree planters on the Mt. Adams Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, then pursued post-doctoral work in biomath at North Carolina State University until he returned to the Forest Service in July 1972 as an ecologist on the Winema National Forest. His and Christine's two sons were born in Klamath Falls. In July 1973, Bill became Region 6's first area ecologist. He moved to Lakeview, Oregon, in 1976, and to Bend in 1977 where his Deschutes National Forest-based Area IV Ecology Team for the Deschutes, Fremont, Ochoco, and Winema national forests was based at the Bend Silviculture Laboratory. Bill's small team concentrated on initial classifications and descriptions of natural forest, grassland, and alpine ecosystems reflected in a series of plant association handbooks for the managers of those national forests. Bill also led the project in the late 1970s and early 1980s that added additional acreage to the Research Natural Area System on these four national forests. Bill retired from the Forest Service as Area IV ecologist on January 1, 2003, and continued to work as a private consultant. Although Bill and Christine divorced in 1995, and Bill was married to the former Billie McNeil from 1996 until her death in 2007, they had remained friends and stayed close to their sons and grandchildren. Survivors include Christine, sons Karl and Bret, three grandchildren, brother Tom, and sister Eva Lee Delancy.

James “Jim” Hunt died July 28, 2008, at age 65. Jim was born February 15, 1943, in Iowa City, Iowa, served his 1961-1999 Forest Service career on the Tiller Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. He worked in forest recreation and fuel and fire management. His dedication to the stewardship and preservation of the geologically unique and historically rich area in which he lived was evidenced in the key role he played in the designation of the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness in 1984 and the dedication of shelters and trailheads for early Forest Service folks and community members with roots in the area. In 2000 the Whiskey Camp Guard Station, where he started his career and later met his wife Angela, was dedicated to him. After retirement, Jim began a “second career” as full-time supporter of the Days Creek High School athletic program. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, sons Richard and James, and daughter Danielle.

Prepared from an Roseburg News Review website obituary.

George William Kansky died September 14, 2008, at age 93. He was a PNWFSA member. George was born December 6, 1914, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and earned bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees at Iowa State College. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific and the Aleutians. He married Helen Lotz in 1943; she died in 2001. After the war, George served as a district ranger and recreation and lands staff officer in the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years, transferring to the RO in Portland in 1957. He moved to Langley, Washington, in 2006. Survivors include his son Brian G., brother Leo, and two grandchildren.

Morton Johannes “Mort” Lauridsen, Jr. died August 7, 2008, at age 98. He was a PNWFSA member. Mort was born April 30, 1910, in Seattle, Washington, where he graduated from Queen Anne High School and earned a B.S. degree in forest management at the College of Forestry at the University of Washington. During his college years, he worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and Washington. After graduation, he worked on timber resource research with the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station. He transferred to the Internal Revenue Service as a Portland-based timber valuation engineer late in 1941. Mort served as a U.S. Navy intelligence officer during World War II. He married Evelyn Brookhart of Colfax, Washington, in 1942. After the war, Mort returned to the IRS in Portland where he managed a group of foresters and engineers. In 1973, he transferred to the IRS Seattle District Office where he was responsible for engineering and valuations audits in the five Northwestern states including Alaska. Mort retired from the IRS in 1975 and was engaged in consulting until 1988. Mort and Evelyn, who died in 1996, raised two distinguished sons. Morton J. Lauridsen III is Distinguished Professor of Composition at the University of Southern California School of Music in Los Angeles and recipient in a 2007 White House ceremony of the National Medal of Arts. Neal A. Lauridsen, who died in 2002, was vice president of Nike. Survivors include son Morton III and five grandchildren.

Earl Edwin “Nick” Nichols died August 4, 2008, at age 83. He was a PNWFSA member. Earl was born April 29, 1925, in Los Angeles, California, and raised in southern California where he became intrigued with the outdoors and developed a passion for forestry. Earl graduated from Oregon State College with a B.S. degree in forest management and served a 30-year U.S. Forest Service career. He married Phyllis Grover in 1948. His expertise in fire control and management was nationally recognized when he was selected to serve as an instructor at the prestigious National Fire School. Earl served as forest supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, from 1969 until he retired. As forest supervisor, he spearheaded development of the Lava Lands Visitor Center and the Head of the Metolius Scenic Area and played significant roles in the development of Sunriver and the High Desert Museum and completion of the Cascade Lakes Highway. Earl enjoyed an equally successful second career as a Bend, Oregon, businessman, and was active in the Lutheran church and as a steward of Central Oregon's lands. Survivors include Phyllis; sons Dane, Craig, and Scot; two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Margaret E. Nutt died August 29, 2008, at age 74. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Earl F. Nutt. Margaret Serres was born March 7, 1934, in Oregon City, Oregon, and graduated from Oregon City High School in 1952. While in high school she met Earl; they married on May 12, 1953, the third anniversary of their first date. Shortly after their marriage, Margaret and Earl moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where they resided for 55 years except for a brief period in Hebo, Oregon. Once their five children were well established in school, Margaret's passion for gardening brought work at a greenhouse. She began her U.S. Forest Service career in 1975 at the Beaver Creek Seed Orchard. When that operation shut down, she moved to the Siuslaw National Forest SO in Corvallis where she retired in 1995 after a 20-year career. During this time Margaret was honored with the "1,000 Points of Light" award for outstanding service by then-President George H.W. Bush. A member of the Benton County Election Board for 42 years, Margaret was active in civic affairs as well as a devoted mother and avid Beaver fan who attended most Oregon State University football and baseball games and gymnastics and wrestling matches. Survivors include Earl; daughters Linda Johnson, Colleen Summers, and Susan VanderPlatt; sons Randall and Jim; nine grandchildren; and two sisters and two brothers.

Robert Wilson "Bob" Phillips died September 7, 2008, at age 78. He was a PNWFSA member. Bob was born March 19, 1930, in Centralia, Kansas, and raised in Independence, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon State University where he also earned a master's degree in fisheries. He married Sharon Ackley in 1958 and served as a fishery biologist in the U.S. Forest Service. Survivors include his wife, daughters Carol Baker and Susan Phillips, and three grandchildren.

William Robert "Bill" Schreck died June 27, 2008, at age 88. Bill was born July 23, 1919, in New Haven, Connecticut, served in the U.S. Navy, and served in the U.S. Forest Service, mostly in timber management, for more than 30 years before he retired in 1979. His assignments included service as TMA on the Naches Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest, the McKenzie Ranger District of the Willamette, and the Ashland Ranger District on the Rogue River National Forest where he retired in 1979. After retirement, he was an active and generous volunteer: a master gardener who donated much of his produce to the Medford Seasonal Worker Program, a Jackson County Search and Rescue volunteer, a Meals on Wheels deliverer, and a teacher of computer skills to seniors at the Medford Public Library. Bill married the former Atha May Carter in Vancouver, Washington, in 1949, and they had two sons. Survivors include sons Michael and David, brother Ray, and a grandson.

Daniel J. "Dan" Terry died August 13, 2008, at age 60. Dan was born October 17, 1947, in Ilwaco, Washington. He graduated from Southern Oregon College and was an accountant for the U.S. Forest Service. Dan married Sandra Algeo in 1970; they divorced. He moved to the Portland area in 1976 to

work at the RO and lived in Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Gresham. Survivors include his daughter Jolisa Cecchini, son Jason, and six grandchildren.

Diane Tuininga died September 3, 2006, at age 62. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of Earl Tuininga. Diane Clymer was born and grew up in California. She was married to Earl for 45 years, and together they raised their daughter Joyce in Oregon. As a foster mother for the Short Stay Foster Institute of Oregon, Diane had a positive effect on the lives of many children. Especially important to her was being a parent to her daughter's best friend, Dawn, during their senior year in high school. While living in Grants Pass, Diane was a volunteer nursing assistant at Rogue Community Medical Center. She had a special gift for comforting patients and was a selfless and devoted wife and mother. Survivors include Earl, daughter Joyce and son-in-law Alan, and brothers Denny and Wayne.

Editor's Note: The PNWFSA learned of Diane's 2006 death two years late on September 25, 2008.

Asa D. "Bud" Twombly died June 21, 2008, at age 81. Bud was born August 3, 1926, in Toledo, Oregon, grew up on the Oregon Coast, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and graduated from Oregon State College with a B.S. degree in forestry. Bud married Eline Gambee and they raised a large family as he pursued his U.S. Forest Service career. That career included assignments as district ranger on the Klamath Ranger District of the Winema National Forest and at Union Creek on the Rogue River National Forest as well as timber management assignments on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and in the RO. According to friend and OldSmokey **Walt Knapp**, "Bud was in the forefront of silviculture [and] worked with landscape architects and others to develop a dynamic landscape—a sustainable approach that typified his philosophy. Bud was a strong supporter of continuing education" who ensured that the silviculturist certification program thrived. Survivors include Eline; sons Eric, Roger, Evan, Max, Alan, and David; daughters Lynne Langrell, Mary Hostager, and Ann Loftin; 28 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

*Editor's Note: Bud was remembered in the Summer 2008 **Memories** section; this is a more complete entry.*

Prepared from an obituary in the June 23, 2008, edition of The Oregonian and an e-mails from Walt Knapp, Dave Kolb, and Bev Pratt.

Charlotte Elaine Warman died July 6, 2008, at age 84. She was a PNWFSA member and widow of Donald A. Warman who died in 2006. Charlotte Elaine Mallory was born August 20, 1923, in Tres Piedras, New Mexico, and married Donald A. Warman in 1952. Don was a Forest Service forester for 32 years on the Willamette, Olympic, and Mt. Hood national forests and in the RO in Portland, and Charlotte was a mother and homemaker. She and Don lived in Eugene until 1962, then in Hoodspport, and then in the mid-1960s they moved to Gresham where they lived the rest of their lives. Survivors include daughters Alice Bechtold and Lois Allen, sons Carl and David, and seven grandchildren.

Letters

Kent Mays *remembers Carroll Brown*

Carroll Brown was my boss on my first ranger district, the Applegate Ranger District on the Rogue River National Forest. He was a great mentor and a wonderful boss.

Betsy and I visited Carroll and Pearl in Medford last February. We had a fun conversation. I recalled the time at a Forest party when Carroll, standing at the podium without notes, introduced all 100+ employees and spouses seated at the tables. He did not miss a name! Pearl commented, “He is still like that.”

Then, in the mid 1960s when they were starting to develop GS-12 ranger districts, Jim Overbay was the ranger at Butte Falls. The Ashland District was between the Butte Falls and Applegate districts and straddled I-5. Jim and I, partly in jest, suggested that since Glendon K. Jeffries, the Ashland ranger, was approaching retirement, Carroll could eliminate the Ashland District. I would manage everything west of I-5, and Jim would take care of everything east of I-5, and Carroll would have two GS-12 districts. In June 1967, Jim and I were transferred on the same date to the adjoining Waldport and Alsea ranger districts on the Siuslaw National Forest. Carroll sent Tenny Moore a condolence card. “Jeff” as he was affectionately called, later retired as ranger at Ashland.

Tom Harlan *remembers Carroll Brown*

When I was on the Rogue River National Forest in the early ‘60s, Carroll knew I was interested in public information. He arranged with Rex Wakefield, who had just created a vacancy, to put me in that beginning position on the Siuslaw National Forest.

He was a remarkable man, interested in his employees, and a true gentleman in every sense of the word.

Ann Leuthauser *remembers Carroll Brown*

I want to [express] not only my personal respect [for Carroll Brown] but to say that my husband Al Leuthauser thought him a great supervisor to work for on the Rogue River National Forest.

Al left a great supervisor, John Rogers, when he left Pine Ranger District in Halfway, Oregon, to go to Star Ranger Station on the Applegate Ranger District, and had Carroll Brown as a great administrator to work with at that time. And, after reading Kent Mays’ remembrances, I will add that the Applegate District was made a GS-12 district when Al moved there.

It is the moving on of another of the “Grand Old School” to another mission.

Ron Ketchum *remembers Carroll Brown*

Carroll was a real gentleman, and was active even though he would have been 101 this December. He stopped by the office to chat many times when I was deputy forest supervisor on the Rogue River National Forest, usually to get information for a trip he was running for other retirees at various locations on the Forest. He continued to be a good representative for us for many years after his retirement.

Zane Smith *remembers Carroll Brown*

When Betty and I arrived at Union Creek on the Rogue River National Forest in June 1955, Carroll Brown was the forest supervisor. He and his AO, Janie Smith, were most welcoming to this recent University of Montana graduate. It was in the tradition of the ‘old days’ that there was immediate mentoring and caring for the entire family. Even to a GS-5 JF Carroll represented himself as a friend who knew us well. Very sad to see such a fine colleague pass.

Bob McQuown *remembers Carroll Brown*

The others have said it well. Carroll Brown was the perfect gentleman and a man who really cared about people and the resources they managed.

I first met Carroll Brown when I was a JF in 1957 and he was the forest supervisor. We crossed paths again following my two-year Army ‘career’ when I went to Klamath Falls as TMA in 1960, and once again when I was appointed district ranger at Union Creek in 1966. Carroll treated everyone on the Forest as if he had known them all his life, and I don’t believe that he ever forgot a name.

I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to work in his presence on three different occasions.

Ted Yarosh *remembers Bill Hopkins*

Bill Hopkins came to us on the Winema National Forest staff in 1973 when Alan Dunkrack was forest supervisor. His two sons Karl and Bret were born in Klamath Falls. Although Bill and Christine separated, Lil and I have been fast friends to both of them to this day. Bill and Lil have the same birthday and they would call each other every year.

Bill was a tremendous asset to the Forest Service. His knowledge of flora was outstanding and his interpretations for management were unequalled.

The Klamath Ranger District is in the early stage of developing a vegetation management plan for the Lake of the Woods area that is heavily covered with overmature white fir. These stands present a host of “danger” trees to the many recreation residences, organization camps, and campgrounds around the lake. I asked Bill for the Forest Service and for the Boy Scout camp, Camp McLoughlin, if he would come down to help us with management input for these stands. The scout camp would be a pilot project. Always the professional, Bill agreed that he would be pleased to do so.

Bill will be missed.

Pat Joslin *remembers Bill Hopkins*

Not every person we meet will make a big difference in our lives, but Bill Hopkins was one of few who made a difference to mine.

I first met Bill in 1989 when I started working as a physical science technician at the Bend Silviculture Laboratory. Bill had an office in the Lab where he carried out his work as Area IV Ecologist in Region 6. When the Endangered Species Act was passed, the Forest Service had to find people who could identify and survey for threatened, endangered, and sensitive plants. Bill learned that I had taken many botany courses in college. He asked to see my college transcripts. I took them to him and he

checked everything and then announced that if I took one more botany course I could qualify as a Forest Service GS-5 botanist. “Oh, by the way, my wife is teaching a plant taxonomy course this summer.” So began my career in botany. Ever since then I have worked for the Forest Service as a botanist. Had Bill not intervened, I probably would have lost my job when the Silviculture Lab closed in 1996. Instead, thanks to Bill, I have spent every summer since 1992 in the woods amongst the flora.

Zane Smith *remembers George Kansky*

In June of 1955 Betty and I arrived at Union Creek Ranger Station on the Rogue River National Forest when George was district ranger. He had arrived on this gigantic timber district after serving on the east side in range. He came with a dog named Ag Spick in honor of the grass.

Helen and George were very kind to us when we moved into the unfurnished apartment above the warehouse and next to the light plant. The previous occupant was Bob Levengood, and Norma had painted all sorts of Scandinavian designs on the cupboard doors. The Kanskys provided us beds, chairs, and lots of welcoming encouragement.

George looked the model forest ranger and, although not a timber man, had the good fortune of having Dick Worthington as TMA. It is sad to see these pioneers leave the scene. Betty and I have so many fond memories of George and Helen.

Ron Lewis *remembers Earl Nichols*

Earl Nichols was my ranger at both Prospect and Fort Rock. He was a very kind and gentle man and loved the Forest Service and his horses. He will be missed.

Walt Parker *remembers Earl Nichols*

I met Earl Nichols back in 1985 when I retired from the Willamette National Forest and moved back to Bend. Nick was retired from his forest supervisor job at that time but real active in forestry consulting work. Nick was a real go-getter. He never really retired. I was privileged to help him in some of his consulting work.

In addition to that consulting work, Nick headed up the relocation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bend and development of plans for the future Lutheran retirees home adjacent to the new church. I really enjoyed our once-a-week small group Bible study at Nick’s house. Wayne Holland, retired Deschutes National Forest contracting officer, and I still reminisce about it. Nick will be missed.

Ed Whitmore *remembers Bob Phillips*

It was sad to hear of Bob Phillips’ passing. When I was timber staff on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Bob and I spent many, many hours together working up a solution on snag retention to meet the regional and forest goals, as well as the state’s OSHA requirement. We’re talking cable logging on steep ground here. Bob understood the problem, and worked very hard to develop a solution we could all endorse and be proud of while maintaining safety. Bob could have taken the stance of reiterating the requirements to us, but he felt this problem was just as much a wildlife problem as it was a timber problem. The Forest Service could have used more Bob Phil-

lips. I always enjoyed it when he came across the river. I knew he was there to help.

John Poppino *remembers Bob Phillips*

Bob worked for the Oregon Game Commission (later ODF&W) as well as the Forest Service. The first time I met him was over 40 years ago when he was testifying at an Oregon Water Resources Board meeting on a river basin that I was working on. Later our paths crossed with him wearing a Forest Service uniform. At one time he had a co-op type assignment with ODF&W. I got confused about who he worked for, but I *never* got confused about what he stood for!

Bob was also a board member of Forests Forever, Inc., the owners of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. There he was instrumental in placing wildlife food sources around the tree farm. He retired from Forests Forever and we miss him.

Dave Kolb *remembers Bob Phillips*

Bob worked in the RO in the Fish and Wildlife group in the early 1980s. I was still in the RO at that time and Administrative Management and Fish and Wildlife shared adjacent space. I recall Bob as a quiet and efficient fisheries scientist always ready and willing to help others where his skills were needed.

Sue Triplett *remembers Dan Terry*

Dan Terry was a “Rock of Gibraltar” in the Budget & Finance Staff at the RO, and provided me with some “down to earth” mentoring.

Zane Smith *praises Paul Enberg’s photographs*

What a wonderful set of pictures capturing the OldSmokeys Picnic! Thanks for sharing them in Vern’s e-note. [Paul Enberg’s photographs] certainly bring up fond memories of times, friends, and colleagues past. As soon as I get retired from three or four commitments about to expire, Betty and I will make the annual picnic a high priority!

Raising the Flag at Elk Lake Guard Station

By Jeff Nelson

Nine a.m. sharp. Raise the flag.

On the tall pole outside the cabin.
To some now the flag or national anthem
seem passé but not to me.

I’m older, I guess, and come from a time when
flag, anthem, country carried a special meaning—
a pride that for many now does not
seem to exist.

A simple thing—raising and lowering.

A couple of minutes at the beginning and
end of the day.

An act of honor, though, with special
meaning for me.

*Jeff Nelson and his wife Carol have served as
Passport in Time volunteers at Historic Elk Lake
Guard Station for the past six summers.*

Books

Back When Real Men Wrote Poetry, John D. Guthrie Published *The Forest Ranger and Other Verse* and *Forest Fire and Other Verse*

By Les Joslin

Two books of poems penned by early U.S. Forest Service officers help preserve the heritage of the outfit OldSmokeys love.

In the pages of *The Forest Ranger and Other Verse* published in 1919 and *Forest Fire and Other Verse* published in 1929, pioneer Forest Service forester and poet John D. Guthrie offers the poetic perspectives of such colleagues as North Pacific District Forester E.T. Allen, Colorado ranger Jim Cayton; Carson National Forest and old Santiam National Forest supervisor C.C. Hall; Deschutes National Forest fire lookout Shasta Leila Hoover; Carson National Forest supervisor and Southwestern District operations chief Aldo Leopold; Chief Dick McArdle; Umpqua National Forest supervisor Vondis Miller; Carson, Deschutes, and Fremont national forests timber manager Walt Perry; Fred G. Plummer, chief geographer of the Forest Service and conservation movement leader before he died in 1913; and myriad others you'll be surprised to learn wrote poetry. You'll also be surprised that no less a literary light than Mary Austin herself penned a poem entitled "The Forest Ranger" that appears on page 276 of the 1929 volume.

Guthrie, who contributed poems to as well as edited both volumes, graduated from Union College in Maine in 1902 and

Ned and Carl Pence Publish *Lost In The Forest* about Change in the U.S. Forest Service

Ned and Carl Pence have recently authored and published *Lost In The Forest* about the dramatic changes that occurred in the U.S. Forest Service from 1960 to 2000. In addition to interesting photographs that illustrate many of the changes about which they write, this 146-page book includes a brief Forest Service history that sets up their review of the effects of politics on resource management, resulting changes in the Forest Service, and how these changes mirrored societal changes. The book describes specific internal changes and their effects on personnel and resource management and, as Carl put it, "speculates on what the future may bring given a couple scenarios."

"We think parts of it will prove offensive to some, educational to all, and will be a bit controversial," Carl wrote of the book. "We can just imagine how some college professor with a differing world view than ours may use it. We hope it will

Good Books Make Great Gifts...

Almost nothing beats curling up in an easy chair beside the fire on a snowy afternoon with a good book. So, this year, why not treat yourself and those on your Christmas gift list to books reviewed in the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* this year. Just thumb through past issues to find just the right books for you and those on your list and order them now. And remember, books are really easy to wrap!

served as a Department of the Interior ranger and then as a Forest Service ranger and supervisor in the Southwestern District, as a U.S. Army officer in the 10th Engineers during World War I and the 310th Engineers in the Russian War Expedition, as information chief and then Assistant District/Regional Forester of the North Pacific District/Pacific Northwest Region, and as Forest Service liaison to the Depression-era Emergency Conservation Work Program later called the Civilian Conservation Corps before he retired in 1942. A visionary as well as a poet, forester, and army officer, Guthrie wrote in a February 1920 *Journal of Forestry* article "Women as Forest Guards" that "we may have some time not only female forest guards but female forest rangers and even supervisors."

Major Guthrie's two volumes of Forest Service poetry endure as records of the past. The really good news is that the very rare 1919 volume, *The Forest Ranger and Other Verse*, was reprinted in 2007 by Kessinger Publishing and is available from <www.kessinger.net> as well as from Amazon.com for \$17.95 plus postage and from Powell's Books in Portland for \$22.95. The 1929 volume, *Forest Fire and Other Verse*, is harder to get. Several copies are usually available via such internet services as <abebooks.com> at a wide range of prices.

stimulate thought and discussion on the important topic of how our public lands ought to be managed. It was fun to write, we hope it will be fun to read."

Ned and Carl followed somewhat different Forest Service career paths. Ned earned a forestry degree, Carl a range management degree. Ned followed a more traditional forester career, Carl branched off into range, wildlife, recreation and planning. Both became district rangers, and Carl served as a forest supervisor. Their combined knowledge and experience provide a "pretty complete" perspective on the Forest Service "at the ground level during this focus period," as Carl put it.

Lost In The Forest can be purchased for \$15.00 plus shipping by letting Ned at <anpence@cpcinternet.com> or Carl at <pencavi@msn.com> know you want a copy and providing your mailing address and how you wish to pay for the book. Carl's snail mail address is: F. Carl Pence, 6715 East Lewis Lane, Nampa, Idaho 83686, and his telephone number is 208-468-9318.

— Les Joslin



“High Desert Ranger Station” now being restored at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon.



Bridgeport Ranger Station office building, Toiyabe National Forest, four miles northwest of Bridgeport, California, on U.S. Highway 395, 1933-1962.

Uncle Sam’s Cabins

High Desert Ranger Station High Desert Museum, Bend, Oregon

Story and photographs by Les Joslin

For the first and probably only time this series focuses not on an historic U.S. Forest Service ranger station at its original national forest location, but on an historic ranger station structure removed from its two previous national forest locations to the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, where it’s being restored to interpret the roles of the Forest Service and the National Forest System in western American lifeways.

At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008, the 75-year-old district ranger office building that had been the nerve center of the Bridgeport Ranger Station in eastern California from 1933 to 1962 and the Reese River Ranger Station in central Nevada from 1962 until no longer needed rolled onto the grounds of the High Desert Museum to start a new life at that world-class natural and cultural history institution south of Bend, Oregon.

This arrival marked the end of an almost four-year project—begun by honorary OldSmokey **Bob Boyd**, Western History Curator at the Museum, and financed by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, as both an organization and as individuals—to acquire the building for preservation and education.

This arrival also marked the transition of a ranger station office building—that began service on Region 5’s old Mono National Forest, continued service in the same location on Region 4’s Toiyabe National Forest after the Mono was split between the two regions in 1945, and ended service 250 miles away on another Toiyabe ranger district—to a new form of service in Region 6.

The one-room, 15 by 22-foot office structure built in 1933 at the Bridgeport Ranger Station served as the district ranger’s office there for 29 years. This writer, who’d expected a brown ranger station, was surprised by the cluster of half a dozen



Reese River Ranger Station office building, Toiyabe National Forest, 40 miles south of Austin, Nevada, 1962-2008. Bob Boyd of the High Desert Museum on front porch in March 2008.

green-roofed white frame buildings that was the Bridgeport Ranger Station when he first saw it in June 1962. He soon appreciated the fictitious Ponderosa National Forest supervisor’s remark to one of his district rangers in George R. Stewart’s 1948 novel, *Fire*, that he appreciated a ranger station “in white and green occasionally instead of all that tobacco-brown we go in for so much,” and has often noted this color scheme’s use at Forest Service stations in Regions 1, 4, and 5.

When a new Bridgeport Ranger Station office was completed in the fall of 1962, the old office was moved 250 miles to the Reese River Ranger Station, then on the old Fallon Ranger District, where District Ranger Sam Warren needed a summer headquarters. District consolidation eventually made this ranger station redundant.

Several years ago, Bob Boyd and this writer discovered their mutual interest in this building, and in 2004 began working with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Region 4 to

move it to the High Desert Museum to serve as the centerpiece of a planned outdoor exhibit on the roles the Forest Service and the National Forest System have played and continue to play in western communities.

True to objectives set forth in its bylaws, the PNWFSA contributed \$9,500 to the effort. Individual OldSmokeys contributed many thousands of dollars more. By early 2008, with the assistance of key Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest players and approval of the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office,

Out of the Past

Why the High Desert Museum's Historic Ranger Station Project Means So Much to Me

By Les Joslin

I first served in the U.S. Forest Service at the Bridgeport Ranger Station on the Toiyabe National Forest in 1962. Although a fire guard, I spent quite a bit of time that summer in the 1933 one-room office building from which District Ranger Bob Hoag ran his half-million-acre district. There, as much as anywhere, I learned about what it means to be in the Forest Service and developed an enduring fondness for the little building moved just this June 550 miles from its second location 40 miles south of Austin, Nevada, to its third at the High Desert Museum just south of Bend, Oregon. As I wrote some years ago of my first summer in the Forest Service...

One morning...Ranger [Bob] Hoag assembled the crew in the yard to line us out for the next several days. Mrs. Hoag [who'd been the district clerk] had her hands full with their new baby, and could no longer be the district clerk. "Can any of you guys type?" he asked.

"I can," I responded before I realized what I was doing.

"Good. You are now the district clerk." And that was that. In addition to my fire crew duties, I would staff the office from time to time.

I particularly enjoyed the public contact aspect of my part-time district clerk work. Most ranger station visitors genuinely appreciated my assistance. Sometimes that assistance involved more than information, directions, and permits.

Thank You to Dick Woodcock for a Treasure Trove of OldSmokeys History!

The *Out of the Past* and *The Way We Were* sections of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* that share this page should benefit immensely from a package of about 100 *30 Year Club Quarterly Newsletters* from the 1970s, '80s, and '90s and more recent *OldSmokeys Newsletters* and eight copies of *Timber-Lines* from the 1970s and '80s that OldSmokey **Dick Woodcock** sent to me in August.

transfer of the structure to the High Desert Museum was approved. A 10-day moving project brought the structure to the Museum where restoration is under way.

Editor's Note: The High Desert Museum, about five miles south of Bend on U.S. Highway 97, is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Coming in the Winter 2009 Issue: Gold Beach Ranger Station

Late in the morning on one of my office days, a worried looking visitor drove in and asked if I could help him with his dog.

"What's wrong with your dog?" I asked.

"Porcupine quills," the man responded as he produced a whimpering half-grown beagle with a face full. "Got 'em at the campground a little while ago."

Fortunately for me, I wasn't alone at the station that day. Marion Hysell [the forestry technician/fire control officer who was my supervisor] was getting ready to shoe Old Blue.

"Let me get some help," I said, not committing myself further as I walked toward the barn. "I'll be right back."

I knew Marion would know what to do, and he did. We must have made quite a picture, sitting there on the front porch of the little office. As the beagle's master looked on, wringing his hands, Marion skillfully extracted each quill as I held the squirming puppy.

"Thanks a lot!" the man exclaimed as he climbed into his car with the dog. "I knew I'd come to the right place."

The right place. That squared with my idea of what a Forest Service ranger station should be—and should always strive to be—the right place to go for help and get it.

Now being restored as the "High Desert Ranger Station" at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, I plan for this old ranger's office to be "the right place" for the public to learn more about its priceless National Forest System heritage. Who better to share this story than OldSmokeys? I plan to be on that same front porch telling that story a lot. OldSmokey **Dick Connelly** has expressed interest in the project, which will be announced in the Winter 2009 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. How about you?

This article contains excerpts from Les Joslin, Toiyabe Patrol: Five U.S. Forest Service Summers East of the High Sierra in the 1960s, revised edition published in 2006 by Wilderness Associates, P.O. Box 5822, Bend, Oregon 97708.

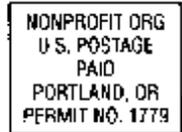
Dick is "downsizing" as he prepares to move from Leavenworth to Burlington, Washington, and I jumped at the chance to glean Region 6 history from these documents and then, I hope, pass them on to appropriate archives where they will receive the attention they deserve.

The stories! Many about and by Ranger Harold E. Smith of the early Deschutes National Forest, a research interest of mine! And there's a picture of OldSmokey **Jack Smith** up a tree repairing a telephone line! And so much more! *Thanks, Dick!*

— Les Joslin



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