

CONSTITUTION OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(A not for profit, public benefit corporation)

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To provide opportunities for retirees and persons near retirement to share their accumulated knowledge and wisdom of natural resource management with people living in the Pacific Northwest. To provide a contact point for public groups and organizations, particularly youth groups and schools, seeking natural resource expertise or first person historic information about the management, science, policies, and people involved in natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest.
2. To provide a link between land management agencies and retirees through an Association newsletter and other forms of communication, emphasizing the importance of the history of events, people, equipment, etc., as they affect natural resource management through time, promoting relationships beneficial to the conservation of the Northwest's natural resources.
3. To encourage retiring Forest Service persons and their associates to maintain and nurture their professional and personal heritage.

II. NAME

The name of this association shall be the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, Inc., informally known as the PNWFSA or OldSmokeys. This organization was previously known as the Pacific Northwest Forest Service 30 Year Club.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in PNWFSA is open to:
 - a. Any current employee of the Forest Service with at least twenty (20) years of government service (including military service,) who works in or has worked in the Pacific Northwest.
 - b. Any retiree of the U.S. Forest Service.
 - c. Any retiree who has worked for U. S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest.
2. Special Membership. The Board may also grant membership to special individuals.

IV. BOARD

The Board shall consist of a President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and other persons appointed by the Board.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will be held annually as provided for in the bylaws.

VI. DUES

Dues will be established or changed by recommendations of the board and put before a vote of the membership. A majority of the votes cast by the membership is required for passage.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT

A financial report and review or audit will be prepared annually and published in the Association's newsletter.

VIII. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

Proposed changes to the constitution will be initiated by the Board and must receive a majority of the votes cast by the membership to become effective. The Board can make bylaw changes.

IX. DISSOLUTION

In the event this Association is dissolved, all assets shall be transferred to another non-profit organization as designated by the Board.

Constitution Amended, 2009

JOHN NESBITT, President

BEV PRATT Secretary
