



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees

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Portland, Oregon

Winter 2003

President's Message -- Phil Hirl

Hope you had a happy holiday season.

The Participating Agreement with the Forest Service is now signed by the Regional Forester, Station Director and us. Our part is to provide information about Forest Service activities to our members through our Newsletter, website and e-notes, and to use our skills to help with the Forest Service mission. Forest Service will provide information about their activities to us and share in the costs of our activities that benefit them.

I am pretty enthused about this agreement. It recognizes that we already do this and encourages us to do more. We would like to hear more about activities our members do to promote the FS mission.

Last newsletter, Wendall suggested we do something with the old Timberlines for the 2005 Reunion and asked if anyone was interested.

Rolf Anderson replied that he was very interested. He came to Portland and met with Wendall, **Dave Scott** and me. We discussed some ideas and gave him the Club's set of the Timberlines. Rolf was eager to get started. We presented this proposal to the Board, and they heartily support the project. Rolf is off and running. He has made several contacts about how to do this and reviewed Timberline copies. See an article in this news letter for more details.

The spring banquet will be in a new location. **Homer and Deanna Chappell**, with help from **Emil Sabol** who lives at Charbonneau, made arrangements to hold the banquet at the Charbonneau Country Club. Parking will be much more convenient here than at the World Forestry Center and costs will be comparable. (see more on Spring Banquet in this newsletter)..

Dave Kolb is doing a great job as our new archivist. He is much more prompt than I was getting info to our members about our departed coworkers and spouses. Notices appear very quickly in **Vern Clapp's** E-notes, which gives our members an earlier chance to contact family

if they wish. We rely heavily on members for quick information on memorial services.

A message to Area Representatives is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

At Wendall's suggestion, we will devote page 3 of each Newsletter to the 2005 Reunion. Readers will always know where to look for 2005 Reunion news and information.

We usually have a mail-in ballot in the Winter issue to vote on a President-Elect. As of press time, we do not have a candidate, but hope to soon. This is an important election because the electee will be President during the 2005 Reunion. The ballot will be in the Spring newsletter.

Phil Hirl

Tom Brown Makes the News

(The following article is reprinted with permission of the Tigard Times, Dec. 12, 2002 issue. Written by Barbara Sherman. Tom and Carroll Brown have been Lifetime members of the retirees association since January 1962)

Tom Brown and his twin brother, **Carroll**, who were born in Washington, were almost Christmas babies---they turned 95 Sunday (*that would have been Dec. 10*). As newborns, their parents gave them the temporary nicknames of Tom and Tad before settling on the same name--- Tom became Carlos (the Spanish version) and Tad became Carroll (the German version). "My nickname stuck with me," Brown said.

The twins celebrated an early birthday last month, because Carroll lives in Medford, and relatives were worried about the road conditions in December.

Tom Brown (Cont'd. on Page 7, Col. 2)

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Mailing Address Problems

We do our best to maintain current mailing addresses, but we can only deal with the facts we have. And “the facts” must come from you members. As you can see from the Changes page of each newsletter, we are not a bunch of old folks who have settled in for life. So we have a system for keeping up with you even if you don’t let us know that you have moved.

To keep the mailing costs down, 3 of the 4 newsletters each year are sent with no special request to the US Postal Service (USPS) to let us know if they were not able to deliver your newsletter. In those cases, we use the latest address we have for you, and we never know if you receive it or not. Of course if you don’t receive your newsletter, we generally learn about it in an e-mail, phone call or letter.

The Fall Newsletter is sent with special direction to the USPS to let us know if they cannot deliver the newsletter to the given address, AND to let us know if they have a new or different address. But they do not deliver it to the new address---that would cost even more. They do charge us \$0.70 for each of the Fall NLs they cannot deliver because of a non-current address, and let us know if they have a current address.

We use the Fall NL because that gives us any updates of mailing addresses before we go to press with the new directory in the Winter NL in January. Therefore it is very important that you notify us of new addresses as soon as you are aware of an upcoming or just completed move. **The critical date for the Fall NL is the third week in September.** Any address change we receive after that date will not be timely for the Fall NL mailing list.

Some of you have asked the USPS to put your address in a category they title “Temporarily Away”. The USPS treats this just as though you had moved. That is, they throw your newsletter away, and inform us that you are “temporarily away,” AND charge us \$0.70.

Our policy on this address change situation is that we will not mail you an extra NL unless you send us \$2.00 to cover the cost of re-mailing (the \$0.70 charged by USPS, plus the cost of the envelope and the postage.) We do make exceptions when we recognize that the member oversight is a result of poor health, or other unavoidable incident.

How can you help? Be very current with notifying the Association of a change of address. Keep in mind the critical mid-September time as noted above. See if you can make arrangements with USPS for some other category than “Temporarily Away.” Most all of our snowbirders have solved their twice yearly address change by making proper arrangements with the USPS, contract mailers, or having friend or family pick up their mail. For our membership, the maintenance of two addresses is not acceptable. Our mail-list cut-off time for the newsletter are: Winter NL-late December; Spring NL-late March; Summer NL-late June; and Fall NL—see above. *Wendall Jones*

Attention Area Representatives

We would really like to see Area Representatives play a significant role in the business of the PNWFS Association. The Board feels very strongly that this is a Region-wide organization. We often question suggestions that tend to center our activities in the Portland/Vancouver area. The membership in the far corners of the Region and beyond must be equally represented by the Association. The age of e-mail has made it possible to keep in better contact with many members, but still less than 50% of our members have e-mail capabilities.

The best opportunity we have to stay in touch with the other 50-plus percent members is through having active Area Representatives. What is the role of the Area Reps? Here is what our By-Laws say:

“9. **AREA REPRESENTATIVES:** are selected by the membership manager and approved by the executive board. Each representative will: (1) be an active representative, (2) work with their local area to have a process in place that will include access to current membership forms for those retiring, (3) establish and maintain good working relationships with area Forest Service units, and (4) contact eligible prospects for future membership.”

Items 2, 3, and 4 don’t need much explanation, but what does it mean to be an “active representative”? Here are some suggestions: monitor local news for items involving local members, such as obituaries, anniversaries, activities of interest to members outside the local area; provide news of local activities to the Association newsletter; develop interest by local members in participating in the Spring Banquet, Summer Picnic, and the 2005 Reunion; keep in touch with local Forest Service officials to be sure they are aware of the retirees organization, and know the importance of the Association to the current Forest Service and its employees; encourage members to write to the Association about their careers and their retirement activities.

You can send obituary information direct to **Dave Kolb**, Archivist. And you can get guidance on membership applications and procedures from **Cherie Cooper**, our Membership Chair.

This list of tasks is not meant to tie up much time, since most of it is just communicating with others. The Board needs to be informed if any current area representative feels they cannot fulfill their role because of health or physical impairments. Of course the final requirement is to find someone to replace you.

We certainly appreciate all that you Reps have done. We do need some special effort to ensure that the 2005 Reunion is a success.

Exercise Regimen for Senior Citizens

For those getting along in years, here is a little secret for building arm and shoulder muscles. Three days a week works well. Begin by standing outside behind the house, and with a 5 lb. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out to your sides and hold them there as long as you can. After a few weeks, move up to 10 lb. potato sacks, and then 50 lb. potato sacks, and finally get to where you can lift a 100 lb. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight out for more than a full minute. NEXT, start putting a few potatoes in the sacks, but be careful not to overdo.



**CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE
FOREST SERVICE REUNION
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 2005
PORTLAND, OREGON**

Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association

The Reunion Committee is busy. However, before an update, here is a commercial. The Committee needs more volunteer help as it moves from planning to hands on projects. **Doug Porter** is volunteer coordinator. As you read through the update, find an area where you can help out and give Doug a call. You will be joining a fine group, and will be very much appreciated!

Now to what is going on:

Fred and Cherie Cooper have developed a draft schedule for reunion week providing plenty of time for visiting, sight seeing and group events celebrating the fine work Forest Service people have done for the Nation. Since we're expecting well over 1000 people to take part in the week's activities, Fred and Cherie have taken on a sizeable task. They have launched a search for a "world class" keynote speaker to help set the tone for the celebration.

The reunion financial objective is to operate in the black, and be able to pass on seed money to the next reunion host. **Tom Nygren** has his green eyeshade firmly in place to make sure the objective is met. Paula Peterson, Mt. Hood NF Budget Officer, will be helping Tom with financial management.

Dave Scott has agreed to help generate reunion income by organizing and managing a "Reunion Store", stocked with anniversary and reunion items.

Registration fees, vendor fees and Reunion Store revenue will finance the reunion. However, there will be "upfront" costs such as insurance, transportation deposits, store merchandise, print and mailing expenses and possibly speaker expenses. The PNWFSA Board has given the reunion committee a line of credit to cover these pre-2005 expenses until income flow begins.

Dick Deleissegues and **Dave Trask** have just about completed the schedule of tour and field trip options to be offered before and during the reunion. The Lewis and Clark pre-reunion trip to Fort Clatsop is definitely on the schedule as a result of the positive response to the survey of retiree interest. During the four day gathering one day will be set aside for tours of special scenic and historic sites. Options will include the Portland-Vancouver metro area, the Columbia River Gorge, Timberline Lodge, Mt. St. Helens and several other significant places to be announced later.

Dick's wife **Becky** has agreed to chair the Hospitality Committee that is tasked with making sure everyone has a great visit.

Murray Johnson has joined **Dave Jay's** Facilities Committee to work with the hotel on facilities, meals and guest services. The first nationwide promotional mailing will be made in mid

2003.

The pre-reunion Lewis and Clark tour of the lower Columbia River is a go! The response from retirees to our survey asking for an expression of interest was very positive to the idea. So Dick Deleissegues and Dave Trask are cranking up their planning effort to make this an outstanding adventure. Details and registration information about the tour will be sent out in 2004, in plenty of time to make your plans.

Soon you'll be seeing logos promoting the reunion. **Ken White** and his son have done a superb job creating these symbols. Advance copies of their art has been displayed at the retiree summer picnic in Missoula, the Old Smokey monthly gathering at the Beaverton Elks and at the Northern California retirees fall meeting.

Retiree newsletters in the other Regions are helping us get the word out about the gathering of the "Forest Rangers" in 2005. We appreciate the help and urge these good editors to stay with us.

One of the pleasant dilemmas facing the reunion committee is selecting a limited number of day tours to be offered during the reunion. There are so many really great places to visit in this part of the world, and so little time. We will probably end up sending out lists of self-guided tours that you can take on your way to Portland-Vancouver and on the way back home. You may have to add on a week or so to you travel just so you can visit some of these great places.

Here are two quick examples of before or after tours: The North Cascade highway in Northern Washington is about 100 miles long from Winthrop, in the east to Sedro Woolley in the west and winds through high snow covered mountain areas of North Cascade National Park, the Okanogan National Forest and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests. It is an awe-inspiring trip you'll not soon forget.

In eastern Oregon and Washington you can take a one day jet boat trip 100 miles into the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area to see outstanding high desert landscapes, wildlife and enjoy some fun white water all in the comfort of a boat built specifically for the Snake River and a Hell's Canyon adventure.

I give both trips a high rating on my, "Been There, Done That" scale. *John Marker*

Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

Since the new Directory is in this Newsletter, we are not listing new address changes here, but are listing just the names of members who have recently changed address, e-mail, or phone. Look in the directory for details of change for the following members:

Anderson, Edward
 Apple, Daina
 Barron, Bruce & Elna
 Benecke, William
 Bennett, Stan & Norma Jean
 Blashill, Richard
 Cable, LaVon
 Conibear, James & Deanne
 Dugan, Bill & Pat
 Elliott, Joe
 Esterholdt, Karen
 Forsgren, Harv & Julie
 Frost, Dale (Jack) & Mary
 Grubb, Jack & JoAnn
 Gump, Ted & LaRea
 Hall, Fred C.
 Hall, Shirley
 Haugen, Gordon
 Hessel, Al & Peggy
 Heyn, Phyllis
 Hogate, Neal E. & Darlene
 Jones, Dennis
 Ketchum, Verna & Lloyd
 Link, Kermit & Kathryn
 Lowery, Bill & Shirley
 Lufkin, Lola

McCormick, Ron & Carol
 McLaughlin, George & Maureen
 Mills, Thomas & Daria
 Moore, Alice
 Muchmore, Frank & Yvonne
 Note, Dave & Bev
 Puleo, Vince
 Reeves, Richard & Sandra
 Rogers, Ronald & Jolene
 Ronayne, William & Connie
 Sayre, Tom & Marsha
 Schallau, Con & Leanh
 Schmidt, Gordon & Marcella
 Schouten, Mervin & Helen
 Sleizer, Margaret E.
 Sprinkel, Darlene
 Stickney, Norma J.
 Stockbridge, Joe & Judy
 Strombom, Bob & Freda
 Sutherland, Jerry W. & Suanne
 Torrence, Jim & Liz
 Tracy, Robert
 Turner, Robert & Bessie
 Warren, Martha

Spring Banquet Moving

The May 4, 2003 Spring Banquet will not be held at the World Forestry Center. We have made arrangements to hold this year's banquet at the Charbonneau Country Club in Wilsonville, OR. Parking problems at the WFC, and rising cost due to reduced attendance have suggested we look elsewhere for our banquet. **Homer** and **Deanna Chappell**, our banquet co-chairs, have spent many hours searching for an alternative location for the last two years. Finally, working with Charbonneau resident **Emil Sabol**, they have come up with what seems to be a very good alternative location. We will use funds raised from the silent auction last spring to defray rental costs for this facility. In this way, we can keep the banquet costs at a very acceptable level, estimated to be \$16.50 per person at this time.

The Spring Newsletter will include reservation form and specific directions to Charbonneau CC, but it is located just off Interstate 5, at Exit 282. This is the exit just south of the Willamette River bridge. This will be a little handier for people coming from the south, but of course will be a little further for those coming from the north. However it will eliminate conflicts with downtown Portland area traffic. And the parking will be very handy to the banquet facility.

Our thanks to **Deanna, Homer, and Emil** for getting this set up for all of us. Plan to attend the Spring Banquet and a change of atmosphere. Dave Dalton will continue to be our caterer as one of a few who are acceptable to Charbonneau.

New Members

Jim & Janet Crates
 William M. Dugas
 Mike & Elaine Edrington
 Linda Goodman
 Dean & Marie Groshong
 Mary Jo Higgins & Bob Kowing
 Arthur G. & Suzy Lyons
 Robert & Mary Novy
 Charles & Anne Sigler
 John & Nancy Steward

Conversion to Lifetime Member
 Charlie & Shirley Mills

Losses

Brown, Evelyn – deceased 12-9-02; LT, surviving spouse
 Gora, Pearl – deceased 9-20-02
 Hanell, Hazel – deceased 10-?-01, LT, no surviving spouse
 Horn, Myrtle – deceased 12-6-02; LT, no surviving spouse
 Jemison, George – deceased 12-8-02; LT, surviving spouse
 Johnson, Larry – deceased 10-5-02; LT, surviving spouse
 Plath, Neomi – deceased 12-2-02; LT, no surviving spouse
 Pugh, Nancy – deceased 12-18-02; LT, surviving spouse
 Wood, Charlotte – deceased 11-15-02; LT, surviving spouse
 Wright, Kenneth – deceased 12-3-02; LT, no surviving spouse

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 ☆ **John Marker** ☆
 ☆ **George Kansky** ☆
 ☆ **Dave Kolb** ☆
 ☆ **Bev Pratt** ☆
 ☆ **Jack Smith** ☆
 ☆ **Dean Cullens** ☆
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John McGuire Award Established

(The following is a letter from Stan Tixier, Chair of Awards Committee for NAFSR)

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR), in cooperation with the Forest Service USDA, is pleased to announce establishment of the John R. McGuire Award, in honor and memory of the distinguished late Chief.

NAFSR takes great pride in accomplishments of the Forest Service in managing the National Forest System in providing the technical and scientific knowledge for management of the nation's forest resources, and for implementing programs in support of state and private forestry. The Forest Service has enjoyed a well-founded reputation as an effective "can do" outfit. In recent years escalating regulatory requirements, changing public attitudes, appeals, and lawsuits have frustrated efforts to complete many essential activities.

Retirees are aware that there continues to be strong commitment to sound resource management within the agency. Dedicated individuals and groups are finding ways through the complex processes, mobilizing public support, and accomplishing needed resource management activities. NAFSR wants to provide recognition to outstanding examples of such accomplishments.

Individual Forest Service employees, groups of employees, and organizational units that have outstanding accomplishments in implementing the mission of the Forest Service are eligible for consideration for this award.

Forest Service employees and members of NAFSR may nominate candidates for the John R. McGuire Award. Nominations must identify the responsible Forest Service employee(s) or organizational unit. Nominations should describe the nature of the accomplishment, how it relates to the Forest Service mission, and why it should be recognized as outstanding. Nominations should be submitted to regional representatives of NAFSR. A list is attached. There is no deadline for nominations. Outstanding accomplishments should be nominated as recognized. Nominations are welcome and encouraged.

TOWN GOSSIP

Martha, the town gossip and self-appointed supervisor of the town's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several local residents were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. However, she made a mistake when she accused George, a local man, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked outside the town's only bar one Afternoon.

George, a dedicated Christian and man of few words, stared at her for a moment, then just walked away without saying a word. Later that evening, he parked his pickup truck in front of her house and left it there all night.

Region 6 History Document Planned for 2005 Reunion

The Association Board met in November with **Rolf Anderson**, a member from Junction City, OR, to discuss the idea of putting together a document which would pull together selected articles from old issues of Timberlines, plus more stories provided by members, to be published and sold at the 2005 Reunion. Plans are just in the discussion stage right now, but we are interested in suggestions, stories of your Forest Service life, and services you might offer in helping put this idea together.

Right now we plan to focus our attention on experiences in Region 6, but might also accept stories of PNWFSA members whose careers took them to other places. We think that a decadal separation of information might be warranted to give us a spread of history for the last one-hundred years. We also plan to work with the Forest Service for skills, for information collecting, oral histories, and whatever assistance we can get in publication and printing. We do however believe this should be a document of the retirees organization, not a USFS publication.

Rolf Anderson brings a great deal of enthusiasm and some experience in gathering and writing history, and has contacts with experience in publication. History seems to be his hobby. We welcome someone outside the Portland area willingly taking on a major task for the Association. Rolf will be looking for help, all the way from keyboarding in or otherwise organizing all of the information, to taking on major roles in the area of publication, printing, advertising, etc.

The Board approved moving ahead with this project at the November Board meeting. If you wish to volunteer your stories and/or expertise, contact Rolf Anderson. His phone number, e-mail address, and PO address are in your new directory in this issue.

We are not ready to accept a deluge of stories at this time. We want to get organized to handle them in an efficient manner. What you can do in the meantime is pore over your story or tale, and do a good job of editing out repetition and improving on organization. That way you will be ready when we ring the bell. We are thinking that a 3 or 4 page document might be the maximum, but we want to reserve the option to consider longer episodes.

Rolf can be reached at his home e-mail, or USPS address. Is it a worthwhile venture? Will you be willing to help and how?? Would you buy such a document?

Our goals are pretty lofty. We think we can produce a classy document and at the same time make a worthy addition to USFS history. We also want to make some money on the venture to help defray Reunion expenses.

Something to Contemplate

Do you suppose that Bob Williams and the Reunion Committee will be offering any "senior rates" at the Reunion? Probably not, but he might make us all feel better if he charged ten percent more to those under 65.

R6 Updates

From the R6 employee electronic newsletter
Kathy Bowman, Editor

Oct. 3, 2002

R-6 well represented in National Rural Community Assistance Awards

R-6 recipients of National Rural Community Awards in the action category are *Chesaw Water Association* - Chesaw, WA; *Bank Savers* - Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Arlington, WA; and *Tri-County Economic Development District* - Marty Wold for Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Orielle Counties, WA.

The R-6 award recipient in the spirit category is *Entiat Watershed Planning Unit*, Entiat, WA.

The R-6 award recipient in the leadership category is *Jeff Oveson*, Executive Director, Grande Ronde Watershed Program, Union and Wallowa Counties, OR.

The R-6 recipient of the special category award for community-based conservation education is *Black Mountain Forestry Center Volunteers*, Mt. Baker Ranger District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Whatcom County, WA.

Oct. 10, 2002

Rededication of Government Mineral Springs GS Gifford Pinchot NF staff rededicated the Government Mineral Springs guard station recently for a crowd of over 50 people, ranging from Eleanor Roosevelt (*Mrs. Roosevelt was portrayed by Margie Wilson who works at Columbia River Mental Health*) to the 93 year old forest guard. **Alfred Albert** who worked for the Forest Service from 1928 to 1939, and with his family was the first resident at the site.

Rick McClure, Forest archaeologist, introduced **Claire Lavendel**, Forest Supervisor, who spoke about the history of the Civilian Conservatin Corps (CCCs) in the area and building of the guard station and the Government Mineral Springs area. She then introduced "Eleanor Roosevelt" who "returned for the rededication, as she was out in the 36-37 era for dedication of Bonneville dam and Timberline Lodge." She spoke highly of her husband's programs to put the country back to work and especially the CCC program.

Other speakers included **Gail Throop**, RO developed, dispersed recreation guru and Regional historian told about the architectural history of the CCC designs, and **Greg Cox**, Mt. Adams District Ranger, who talked about the process of getting the cabin restored and thanked all of those who helped. It was a PIT project as well as many other volunteers helping out, he noted. Cox credits archaeologists **Rick McClure** and **Cheryl Mack** with restoring the guard station to a usable facility. He also recognized volunteers at the ceremony by giving them certificates for one free night's lodging at the guard station, which has been in the cabin rental program since last June. It is already booked week-ends through February '03. (*several PNWFS Association members were volunteers on this project*) - Linda M. Turner

(More on Govt Mineral Springs next column)

More R6 Updates

About Alfred Albert, Rick McClure writes, "He occupied a small shack in the campground while serving as guard there in 1936." He adds that a brief article in the Sept. 1936 *Six-Twenty-Six* - forerunner of the *Greensheet* [and fore-forerunner of *R6 Update*], entitled "*Appreciating Albert*," includes a letter that reads in part, "we wish to commend the Forest Service for the selection and employment of a citizen the caliber of Mr. Albert, whom we found pleasing, alert, and always conscientious of everything that shall add to the pleasure and convenience of the ... Government Mineral Springs visitors."

Oct. 24, 2002

PR in Central Oregon

A series of 12 monthly natural resource columns of each month authored by **new Ochoco NF Supervisor Larry Timchak** and **Prineville BLM District Manager Barron Bail** will appear in the Central Oregonian newspaper The Bulletin. Incoming CO Editor, Vance Tong has offered the opportunity as part of column space for Prineville community leaders to share their perspectives on current topics/issues of interest. (**Courtesy of Virginia Gibbons**)

Deschutes National Forest employees have created an innovative web page to provide a colorful and interesting way for people to learn more about the Metolius Basin Forest Management Project, a large-fire risk reduction effort planned for the Camp Sherman area near Sisters. The project, led by **Kris Martinson**, examines options for reducing the risk of high-severity fires and improving forest health on about 17,000 acres in the Metolius Basin.

It is one of the first project-specific web pages created by the Forest, and features colorful photos, interactive maps, animations of forest changes, and links to other sites that focus on fire ecology and reducing fire risk to forest homes. See this stellar effort at www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/index-metolius.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was to go public in Dec. 2002.

Oct. 31, 2002

Scanning historic and engineering documents into electronic format

There are thousands of historic drawings and maps in files that should be preserved by scanning into an electronic file format. About 500 drawings can be put on 1 CD-ROM for distribution. RO engineering has been scanning engineering drawings up to 36" wide x 48" long into electronic file formats. This procedure costs about \$1.25 to \$1.50 per drawing. RO engineering also has software to convert these files into editable AutoCAD drawings for modifications. This conversion takes about 1 minute per drawing.

The RO Facilities Engineering group has a document that describes these process and costs at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/database/acad/scan/tifscanning.doc>. (**Steve Sichau EE RO Facilities**) **R6 Updates** (*Cont'd. on page 7*)

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia." Charles Schultz

More R6 Updates

Dec. 7, 2002

Reuniting with an old friend. It took 22 years, but Terry Warhol's friend finally stopped by Pendleton. Terry's old friend just happened to be on its way to Washington D.C. to represent the State of Oregon as the National Capitol Christmas Tree. Terry, now employed at the Umatilla NF, worked at the Toketee RD, Umpqua NF, and lived in the Toketee Compound from 1976-1987. During their stay on the compound, Terry and his wife planted gardens, and planted trees in their back yard. When their gardens were not doing as well as they wanted, Terry and his wife decided to plant more trees. Trees had begun sprouting along the roadside leading to the housing area of the compound, so Terry decided to use some of these trees to plant on the compound for landscaping and possibly use as family Christmas trees when the trees reached the proper size. This particular tree did not make it as a Warhol family Christmas tree, but instead grew to be approximately 70 feet tall and was used as the National Capitol Christmas tree.

(Adam Morgan, intern, RO public and legislative affairs)

Dec. 12, 2002

Aircraft Grounded

The Forest Service and BLM will no longer contract for C-130A or PB4-Y aircraft as airtankers. The agencies will be consulting with the FAA to develop a rigorous inspection and maintenance program for other heavy airtankers to provide greater safety. Aircraft that pass the inspection and follow the maintenance program will continue to be used. In addition the Forest Service is suspending fire mission operations for 19 government owned P-58 Barons that are used as Lead Planes for Airtankers and four Sherpa (Shorts 330) smokejumper aircraft pending evaluation of safety issues identified in the panel's report. The statements and the final report are available on the NIFC website at www.nifc.gov.

Jan. 2, 2003

Umpqua NF restoration efforts

During the 2002 fire season, over 88,000 acres burned in **Umpqua NF**. That's nearly 2 ½ times more acres burned in one year than the total of 37,593 acres burned between the years 1939 and 2001. Even before the Apple and Tiller Complex Fires were declared controlled in early October, much had already been accomplished in fire suppression rehabilitation and burned area emergency rehabilitation (BAER) work.

Debbie Anderson leads a team of **North Umpqua RD** employees involved in site-specific work within the **Apple Fire** area. To date, the team has completed cultural surveys, down wood/snag inventories, stream crossing inventories, fuel inventories, soil recon and mapping work, and a visual/scenic management of possible salvage areas.

The **Tiller RD** team is led by **Alan Baumann**. It is conducting site-specific work within the Tiller Complex. Activities include down wood/snag inventories, reforestation/silvicultural prescription development, noxious weed assessment, and assessment of defensible space/fuel loads in the urban interface of the **Tiller Complex**.

Tom Brown (Cont'd. from Page 1)

"Everything---Christmas and birthday presents---was brought to us in pairs," Brown said. "One year, we got roller skates and spent the whole day roller skating in the house. " We didn't have a lot of money. My brother and I had a game board, and we would hold it on our laps and play in the evenings. We entertained each other."

Brown remembers when the family got electricity around 1920. "Before that, I had to clean the lamp chimneys," he said. "Electricity was quite an improvement. I can remember turning on the switch. We didn't have a radio for a long time." The twins, who were raised in a family of 10 children, always dressed alike. "Even at our high school graduation, we had identical suits," Tom said. The twins graduated in 1933 from what is now Oregon State University and had almost identical careers in forestry. Brown retired at 67 after 36 years of service.

He and his first wife, who died in 1989, moved to King City in 1967. "I later married a girl 13 years younger," said Brown, who has three sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Tom, Carroll, and one sister are now the only siblings left. "I asked my doctor if I would see my 96th birthday, and he said, "You have a positive attitude," Brown said. "People wonder if they will make it to 100, but I'm taking it one year at a time."

Range Magazine

Range Magazine, a quarterly devoted to people living on the land in the Great Basin, has a special 40 page section in its fall 2002 issue about the Endangered Species Act(ESA) and its use and abuse over the past several decades. If you have an interest in this piece of legislation, its history or the impact of the Act you'll find this supplement of particular interest.

I would offer the opinion that Range's discussion of the ESA is pretty darn accurate, and the case studies are of the impact on real people, several I know. The discussion of the Spotted Owl episode brought back memories of a very frustrating period for many of us caught up in the process.

When I finished the supplement I had the feeling that some of those using the Act were more interested in control of public and private land than saving species.

Range, the magazine, is also a really good read. While important land use and financial issues are discussed there are also a lot of interesting human interest stories about people living in the West's outback plus top quality color photography of the West and its people.

I am making a gentle pitch for you to take a look at the magazine because it is a good publication, and because the editor cares about the future of the National Forests and says so.

Range is available on the magazine rack in many communities between Denver and the Cascades. Hit the western stores and places carrying more saddles than lawn chairs. If you can't find it try the magazine website: www.rangemagazine.com. *John*

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Members Corner

Letters & Notes

Notes with dues payments:

Congratulations on an outstanding newsletter. We appreciate all the information it contains. **David & Elva Jay**

I retire on 12/31/02 (yippee!). I'm sending dues for two years. If I starve to death, just keep the \$\$ as a donation.

Mary Jo Higgins (new member)

It does bring joy to our "Golden Years" when we receive the Newsletter and can read about the Old Smokeys. **Al & Erma Lee Oard**

Thanks for all your good work on the Newsletter. Had a gathering last summer of about 40 W-W retirees and spouses who served in the mid '70's and '80's. It was fun to swap war stories and recall just how enjoyable it was in the good old days. **Roger Stamy**

After being "back East" for over 40 years, I still miss R6 country and people. **Ray Schoener** (from Ironton, OH)

Enjoy reading your newsletter. Well done. **Larry & Patricia Smith**

Reference to Chuck Hill's letter and the mention of "Fingers." That moniker was laid on Frank Ferrarelli probably by Sky Chamard when they were on the Siuslaw. Is that right, Frank? Maybe you can elucidate! We now have our forest acres certified under the Oregon Tree Farm System. **Stan & Norma Jean Bennett**

Marie and I celebrated our 60th Anniversary May 30th, 2002. We have lived here in Pendleton since Dec. 30, 1954, in the same house. Keep up the good work.

Jay & Marie Hughes

We are lifetime members. The contribution is in memory of our dear friend Adeline Baker. We have known Gail and Adeline since the early '40s when Don worked with Gail at the Eagle Creek RS on the Mt. Hood NF. **Don & Ollie Peters**

Doug Porter told me to shape up and pay my dues. He used his incident commander voice, so I guess I had better do it. Enclosed is \$40 that should pay me up for a while. **Fred Dutli**

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More Letters

LaVone Cable

I believe you have already received obit data on Pearl Gora, who died Sept. 20, 2002. I first met Pearl in April 1955, when she transferred to Portland from Albuquerque, NM. She soon invited a car-full of clerks from the Regional Office and Experiment Station to join her in traveling the Northwest. Eventually, we became best of friends. To know Pearl was to learn the real meaning of the word "friendship". By example, she taught me much throughout all the years I've known her. Especially on Tuesdays. After retirement, Tuesday was our day to go out to lunch and solve all the problems of the world. We share tons of laughs and even a few tears on rare occasions. She enjoyed teasing people she liked, and being teased in return. Her capacity to forgive was boundless, a characteristic I am still struggling to emulate. Through the years, Pearl told me many tales of her childhood, growing up in a large, loving, close family. coming from a small family myself, I was fascinated by her stories and sometimes asked to hear them again, especially the funny ones. I feel an odd sadness for those who have never had a "Pearl" in their lives. She added so much to mine. I miss her immeasurably and will always cherish her memory.

Jack Frost

(This note via e-mail along with address change – see Changes)

Harriman, UT is an old Mormon town established 1848, and it is now a suburb of Salt Lake City. We find that moving is now a real chore considering our advancing age and the fact we had not done it for 25 years! In our youth with the FS, we changed address about every 4 years, and I don't remember it being painful!

Ron McCormick

We moved across town (Grants Pass, OR) in July. We wanted to get freed up from caring for our acres, and hope to travel a bit more while our health is sound. So we now have a nice home on a tiny lot overlooking the Rogue River. Guess this is phase 2 of retirement.

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More Letters

Dick Smith

I see that Russ Niblock has passed away. During the '60's and '70's, Russ and I both worked in Engineering in the RO. Russ was real interesting to talk to. Before working for the USFS, he was involved in several mining operations. In the late '60's I got a library book on "Lost Mines and Treasures". One day I told Russ about the book and in particular about a chapter of it about the Lost Spaniards Mine. The book said the mine was behind a water fall somewhere between Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams. Sometimes the miner would come out by way of the White Salmon River, other times the Toutle River or the Lewis River valley. The miner took great care to cover the tracks of his mules to keep the location of his mine secret. At this point in our conversation, Russ said, "I've been there!" Back in the 1930's, when Russ was a teenager, he and a cousin and uncle decided to find the mine. They first drove to Yakima to talk to an old Indian. Then they came in from the Lewis River side. They climbed the cliff beside the waterfall, and walked upstream a mile or two and set up camp. Each day they looked for the mine. After a couple of weeks, Russ was fishing in the evening. He looked up on the hillside and saw something black. At first he thought it was a bear. But it didn't move. He climbed up the hillside and found the entrance to a horizontal mine shaft. They investigated it, and Russ' opinion of it was that there was probably more gold in the gravel in the creek than in the tunnel. Someone had gone to a lot of work making the tunnel.

Before Russ retired, he told me that he took out a claim on the mine. He did enough exploring and work on the mine to keep his claim valid. But the main reason he put in the claim was to celebrate originally finding the mine back in the 1930's.

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The golden years are really metallic years—gold in the tooth, silver in your hair, and most of all, lead in the pants.

Letters (cont'd. from pg. 8)**Connie Franz** (11-21-02)

I wish to thank all of you for your continued support through calls, e-mail, and especially the wonderful beautiful cards. It has been a very long Journey and only now do I feel like a real human being. I am able to now read a little, carry on a half-way intelligent conversation (who said I ever did, ha!), cook a little, do some crafting/sewing. Jerry, my husband of nearly 38 years, (he robbed the cradle) has been marvelous and takes me to one hospital or another 2-3 times a week. I still require my wheelchair at OHSU or other long walks. I love seeing people, though I appreciate a call first to assure we are at home. Arnie Masoner, Val Hirst, and his wife Sherry came for dinner this past week. Val's living in AZ and we hope to visit there and participate in my one weakness (slot machines). Well June 21st when I got my new liver will be a day we celebrate yearly. I've had a few problems since, including an over-dose of prescribed medicines that took me to a toxic level; Jerry got me to the hospital just in time. The Doctors/Nurses have been good on the most part, this was just an over-sight for 3-months. Well again, thank you very, very much for your thoughtfulness. (More on 12-31-02)

On Dec 19th the doctors removed the stint going into my intestine. It was supposed to have been done a couple of months earlier. Operation was only 2 1/2 hrs. Yesterday, I had to go to my personal physician because I have had such bad back pain. Through x-rays they found that joint tissues have/are deteriorating. Muscle relaxers and pain pills are my only relief. Sleeping on the floor also helps at times. Enough of that! My Liver is doing great!! I have been able to reduce a couple of medicines. Only one shot a week and only one blood draw at the hospital per week. I do not have to go back to the OHSU Liver Transplant Doctors until April. As soon as Jerry's mother has recuperated from her knee removal/replacement and is able to be on her own again, we hope to take a trip to Reno or Vegas and begin to enjoy retirement.

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More Letters
Warren Davies

The "Fingers" mentioned in Chuck Hill's letter is Frank Ferrarelli. I think he retired as Forest Supervisor on the Toyabi NF. He was an engineer on the Siuslaw with Chuck, Sky Chamard, and myself.

Mary Jane Dumont

I continue to travel around when the weather is good. Have breakfast with some of the retirees from the North Umpqua RD, and the "Motley Crew." If you are ever in Glide, OR, third Wednesday of the month, stop by. We will be hanging around Munchies in Glide for early breakfast. (Mary Jane signs her nickname, "Mama Honker")

Jack Price

Enclosed are my dues for 2003 and dues to make Jim Crates a member of PNWFSA. Jim started his career at Glide, OR, years ago. He retired as Forest Supervisor of the Sequoia NF, R5. Jim and Janet have now moved back to Oregon. The former Glide Ranger District (*now a part of the North Umpqua super-district*) can no longer be considered an asbestos district, since the Apple Fire. Sure a shame that present restrictions prevent prompt removal of dead trees. It appears that build up of fuels on steep ground will put future fires on a sustained basis, not a sustained yield of timber. Sure hate to see waste of natural resources. Wonder if the old saying, "that future generations will give us blame for what we didn't do, rather than what we did do" applies here. Hope I am wrong.

The Golden Years

Replacement windows: Last year I replaced several windows in my house. They were the expensive double-insulated energy efficient windows. This week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that the work has been done for a year and I had failed to pay for them. Boy, oh boy, did we go round and round. I told him no one pulls a fast one on this old lady. Even though I am a senior citizen and used to be a blonde, doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid! I proceeded to tell him just what his salesman told me last year: "In one year the windows will pay for themselves!"

Memories of Friends

By Dave Kolb

Evelyn C. Brown

Evelyn Brown died December 9, 2002 at age 76. She worked in the R6-RO Information Office and edited The Green Sheet and other publications for many years. Evelyn Claire Thorsen was born in Portland, OR, October 26, 1926. She graduated from Clinton Kelly High School of Commerce and Lewis and Clark College. She worked as a writer-editor for over 20 years for the USFS and retired in 1988. She married Charles M. Brown in 1950. Evelyn was a PNWFSA member.

Survivors include her husband; daughters Donna Brown and Linda Osterhoudt; son Gary; mother Mabel Thorsen; brother Tom Thorsen; and two grandchildren.

Mason B. Bruce

Mason B. Bruce died in Puyallup, WA, October 18, 2002, at age 93. He was a long time employee of the USFS, with assignments in different areas of the country. He attended the New York State Ranger School in 1926 and worked for the International Paper Company in Eastern Canada. In 1933 he received a degree in Forest Management from Syracuse University. Mason started with the USFS during the CCC era, moving on to various Ranger District Assignments on the White Mountain, Green Mountain and Monongahela NFs. He participated in the Timber Production War Project as well as other special assignments. He was Supervisor of the Olympic NF, and Assistant Regional Forester of the Alaska Region, where he chaired the Alaska Society of American Foresters. He concluded his forestry career as Assistant Chief of the Division of Timber Management, in Washington DC. He was a golden member of the Society of American Foresters. After retirement Mason and Catherine lived in Fort Myers, FL, for 30 years. Three and a half years ago he moved to Washington to be close to his daughter and her family.

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(Mason Bruce, cont'd.)

Mason was preceded in death by his wife Catherine. Mason is survived by two children, David of Juneau, AK and Betsy Olson of Bonney Lake, WA; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; brother George of Honesdale, PA, and sister Margery of Holliston, ME. He was buried in Brattleboro, VT.

Harry L. Cody

Harry Cody, age 53, lost his life in a boating accident over the weekend of November 22-23, 2002. He was duck hunting alone on the Columbia River near Wallula, WA. His partially submerged boat was found by other hunters. Harry served 15 years as District Ranger in Randle, WA, for the Gifford Pinchot NF. Prior to moving to Randle, he worked on the Winema, Willamette, Rogue River, Siskiyou and Siuslaw NFs in Oregon. Harry was an avid outdoorsman with a love for the land. He was well known and active in his profession and his community.

Survivors include his wife, Linda, and two grown daughters.

H. Alice Rappe Culp

Alice Culp, age 86, died November 21, 2002 in Omak, WA. She was born November 17, 1916, in Mississippi shortly before her parents moved to the Okanogan area. She graduated from Okanogan High School in 1934 where she played basketball. Alice married Howard Culp in 1936. They lived in Spokane and Seattle and worked summers on fire lookouts. Later, Howard was offered a permanent position on the Okanogan NF. They lived in Twisp, Okanogan, and Omak, WA, where both were active in their communities. Alice was particularly active with young people - Job Corp, Youth Conservation, Retarded Citizens, churches and local schools. Survivors include her 5 children; Brent, Trygve, Barbara, Christopher, and Nicholas; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

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More Memories
Vyolette "Joy" Field

Vyolette Field died October 9, 2002, at age 82. Vyolette Drake was born October 10, 1919, in Pony, MT. She moved to Portland in 1927 and graduated from Commerce High School. Vyolette was a long-time employee in the R6 Regional Office of USFS, where she was Chief Clerk for State and Private Forestry for many years. She married Robert Field in 1940; he died in 1957.

Survivors include her daughters Rebecca Field and Patricia Beasley; brother Edwin Drake; and three grandchildren.

Pearl F. Gora

Pearl F. Gora died September 20, 2002, at age 88. At her request only a family service was held with her ashes later scattered over the Pacific Ocean. She was a PNWFSA member. Pearl Whitely was born in Virginia, MN, in 1914. She worked 37 years for the USFS starting at Cass Lake, MN, in 1933. Later she moved to R-9 Regional Office in Fiscal, where she first knew Reed Jensen. She married Tony Gora in 1940. He died in August 1952. That fall Pearl moved to Albuquerque, NM, where she worked in R-3 Fiscal. In April 1955 she moved to Portland, where she again worked for Reed Jensen in R-6 Fiscal. She retired in January 1972 as Chief Clerk for R-6 Fiscal.

Survivors include niece Barbara Engstrom and husband Dick of Olympia, WA; grandnieces Laurie Lloyd of Portland, OR, and Kathleen Miles; and nephew David Whitely of Wisconsin.

Erwin N. "Hof" Hafenstein

Erwin Hafenstein died October 15, 2002, in Klamath Falls at age 72. "Hof" was born July 23, 1930, in Des Moines, Iowa. He received his B.S. in Forestry from Iowa State University and started his Forest Service Career on the Wallowa-Whitman NF at Enterprise, Oregon, in 1958. He later transferred to Klamath Falls where he was the Winema NF Silviculturist. He retired in 1988 after more than 30 years of Federal service.

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More Memories
Myrtle E. Horn

Myrtle Horn died at home in Baker City, OR, on December 6, 2002. Her husband, Gil, retired Fleet Manager for the Wallowa-Whitman NF, died just six months earlier on June 17, 2002. Myrtle and Gil were members of PNWFSA. Myrtle was born February 7, 1924, in LaGrande, OR. She attended schools in Carus, Coos Bay and Oregon City. She received nurses training in Portland and worked in hospitals in Enterprise and Baker City. She loved working with people and was a volunteer for many years in Service organizations including; 4-H, Garden and Knitting Clubs, American Legion and hospital Auxiliaries.

Survivors include her daughters, Gayle Delpero and Carol Vonderheit; sister, Kaye Lenox; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

George M. Jemison

George Jemison died in Medford, OR, on December 8, 2002, at age 94. He retired from the USFS in 1969 as Deputy Chief of Research in the WO, then was a Professor at Oregon State University, College of Forestry until 1975. He was a PNWFSA member. George was well known in the Forest Profession in this country and Internationally. He was a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters and the first American President of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. During his career he received numerous Awards and Honorary Degrees from National and International Forestry Groups, the USDA, and Universities.

George is survived by his wife, Emily of Medford; two daughters, Carol Reynolds and Meridith Jemison, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some the roads weren't paved.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Memories (cont'd. from pg. 10)**Floyd A. Johnson**

Floyd Johnson died October 6, 2002, at age 91. He was born in Clinton, IA, August 21, 1911. Floyd earned a master's degree from Iowa State College and was the first Station Statistician for the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Research Station. He served in this position from the late 1940's until his retirement in 1975. In 1942 he married Jeanne Miller. Survivors included his wife; and a nephew, Paul Johnson.

Lawrence Johnson

Larry Johnson died October 5, 2002, at age 68. He was born in Calgary, Alta, Canada, January 2, 1934. After graduating from Washington State University, he served in the U.S. Army and worked 26 years for the USFS as a Pilot. He was skilled at flying helicopters as well as fixed wing planes. He was a PNWFSA member.

Survivors include his wife Shirley; son Robert; daughter Heidi; 4 stepchildren; 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

James E. Lawless

James E. Lawless died December 8, 2002, at age 46. He was born December 25, 1955, in Philadelphia, PA. He moved to Portland about 1982 and started working in the Regional Office in 1986. Jim supervised the use of electronic mail for the R6-RO, and was COR for the contract that handles the sorting and distribution of paper mail in the RO. He was best known for his role as "Smokey Bear". He thoroughly enjoyed that task, whatever the occasion, but particularly when children were involved.

Survivors include his mother Donna; sister Donna Larson; and brothers Michael and Patrick.

Phillip David McColley

Phil McColley died September 30, 2002, at age 69. He was born in Glen Cove, WA, June 22, 1933. After service in the U.S. Army, he finished his education as a Soil Scientist at Washington State University. He started his career with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and worked

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in several locations in Washington and Wisconsin. Later he transferred to a Soils position on the Wenatchee NF, where he was active in both his professional society and the community. He retired in 1990. Survivors include his wife, Marianne; daughters, Devon McColley-Hopkins, Brit McColley-Ward; brother Roy; and sister Doris.

Neomi Plath

Neomi Plath, wife of Bruce Plath, RO Engineering, died December 2, 2002, at age 82. Neomi Nelson was born June 6, 1920, in Moorhead, MN. She graduated from Moorhead State Teachers College and married Bruce B. Plath in 1942. He died in 1994. Neomi and Bruce lived in Montana, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. before moving to Portland in 1946. Bruce retired in R-6 as Assistant Regional Engineer.

Survivors include two daughters, Anne Noall and Nancy Friedman; son Mark; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Nancy L. Pugh

Nancy Pugh died December 18, 2002, at age 76. She was the wife of Merle Pugh, retired from R-6 Information Office and a PNWFSA member. Nancy Noble was born February 26, 1926, in Madera, CA. She attended Mills College in Oakland, CA, and Notre Dame College in Belmont, CA. She married Merle in 1978.

Survivors include her husband, Merle; son, Dr. Richard Harkins; daughter Carol Fleming; sister Joan Egan; step-children Eric Pugh of Clackamas, OR, Deborah Bach of Monmouth, OR, and Gail Downing of Boise, ID.

Barbara Rich

Barbara Rich died November 7, 2002, at age 45. She was a Computer Specialist for the USFS and the wife of Tim Rich, Regional Fuels Specialist. Barbara Depue was born April 7, 1957, in Washington, D.C. She married Timothy A. Rich in 1989.

Survivors include her husband; sister, Kathy O'Shea; and father, Robert Dupue.

Memories (cont'd.)**Clarence Williams**

Clarence "Clancy" Williams died October 11, 2002, at age 61. He was born November 9, 1940, in Emma, IL, and was raised in Hood River, OR. He was a Civil Engineer for the USFS for 35 years, living in Hood River, Heppner and Sandy. He married Cameron Nichols in 1968.

Survivors include his wife; daughter Chantelle Beason; sons, Scott and Sam; 3 sisters; 4 brothers; and 12 grandchildren.

Charlotte Wood

Charlotte Wood, wife of Jack Wood, retired R6-RO Director of Information, died November 15, 2002, at age 89. She was a PNWFSA member. Charlotte Dale was born November 5, 1913, in Seattle, WA. She married Jack H. Wood in 1934. Their first Forest Service assignment was on the Colville NF. Later they lived in Wind River, WA, on the Gifford Pinchot NF; John Day, OR, on the Malheur NF; Medford, OR where Jack was Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River NF; and finally in Portland, OR. Charlotte enjoyed playing bridge and was active with her Bridge Club and the Forest Service Wives Club.

Survivors include her husband; son David J.; daughter Charlotte A. Duncan; and four grandchildren.

Kenneth H. Wright

Ken Wright died December 3, 2002, at age 81. Ken retired as Assistant Director of The Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station. He was an active member of the PNWFSA. He was born April 21, 1921, in Michigan, ND. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's and recently led a group of his peers to establish a memorial in Salem to commemorate the CCC enrollees. During WWII he served in the Navy. He graduated from the University of Washington and received a masters degree in Forestry from Duke University. He married Bernadine Gresham in 1948. They moved to Portland in 1950. His wife died in 1998.

Survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth Ann Toms and Sandra Lee Wright; son Steven F.; sisters Ruth Reiten and Carole Rottle; and two grandchildren.

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A Letter from the Chief

To all employees from Chief Bosworth dated 12-6-02

From time to time, I hear about concerns or see media stories that seem to require a response. This message on the proposed planning rule is the first of what will be periodic messages to all employees to give you "my take" on the issue. I haven't completely decided yet on the right format, and I may try various approaches. I might even try some ways to be interactive without getting drowned in a flood of e-mail responses. For now, I will keep it to a simple message. -Dale

It's Not About Logging

We released our revised proposed planning rule last Wednesday, and I'm sure you saw some of the media coverage, with headlines like "Wildlife Protections Lost in New Forest Rules"; "Bush Plan Gives More Discretion to Forest Managers on Logging"; and my personal favorite, "Logging Rules May Be Eased." Let's be clear about one thing: These are not "logging rules." That kind of thinking is stuck in the past. Our proposed planning rule is not about "getting out the cut." Instead, it is about everything we do in managing the national forests and grasslands.

In drafting our proposed planning rule, we got help from lots of planners in the field who supported the basic principles of the 2000 rule. Meaningful public involvement, sustainability, use of science, and monitoring and evaluation are the key components of the proposed rule as well. But the 2000 rule had some practical problems with "implementability." Our new proposed rule resolves some of those problems by providing more flexibility and reducing the time and cost of planning.

As a former planner at both the national forest and regional level, I know firsthand how complex, cumbersome, time-consuming, and costly the forest planning process has been. Indications are that this proposed rule would save about \$300 million in the next decade from what the 2000 rule would have cost. With that extra money, we can get more work done on the ground, where it counts.

One criticism of the proposed rule is that the public will have less opportunity to be involved. I think it's just the opposite. This proposed rule would make public involvement more effective. The planning process we have now is so complex, with time-frames so long, that almost the only people who can afford to engage in substantive ways are people who work for organizations with paid staff. The proposed rule will be simpler to understand, with fewer time commitments. That means more people can get involved in a meaningful way, so our plans will more truly represent broad public values.

Another criticism is that we would reduce the use of science under the proposed rule. Again, I think it's just the opposite. We will actually get better use of science. The proposed rule clearly requires that planning decisions be based on the best available

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science. But under the 2000 rule, relies on just one way of doing that, and Forest Service scientists have told us that in different situations you need to use different ways of getting the best available science. Our proposed rule incorporates that insight, giving us more of the flexibility we need to base our decisions on the best available science.

Some people have said that our proposed rule would weaken protections for wildlife. Once again, I think it is just the opposite. We will continue to protect wildlife, and we are searching for better ways to do that drawing on our experience over the past two decades with the current rule and on the best thinking of our scientists. This issue is so important to us that the proposed rule actually includes two different possible approaches for protecting wildlife. We intend to actively engage with the public to get their views on these two approaches and other ways of protecting wildlife in the rule. We plan a February workshop to engage in vigorous discussion on this critical topic.

In some of my speeches lately, I have been talking about people being stuck in the past. I think some of the reactions we are seeing to our proposed planning rule are coming from some of those people. Today, the issue is no longer logging vs. wildlife or wildlife vs. jobs. These simplistic tradeoffs simply do not reflect what is happening on the national forests and grasslands, with our focus on sustainability and long-term ecosystem health.

The battles of the past are over. It's a new day and a new time. Our management today is nothing like it was 40 years ago. We as an agency have moved beyond the arguments of the past. We demonstrate that every day through our actions on the ground. I think it's time that we as a nation did the same. We can no longer afford to do otherwise if we truly wish to leave healthy, resilient national forests and grasslands to future generations.

At least, that's my take on it. - Dale

NAFSR Challenges Environmental Folklore about Forests

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) released a major report in late October 2002 challenging statements made by several national environmental organizations concerning forest management and protection. **Forest Health and Fire, An overview and evaluation**, addresses misconceptions, examines the independent variables influencing forest well being and offers conclusion and recommendations. Its purpose is to provide policy makers and the public with factual information about forests and forestry.

Dick Pfilf, NAFSR Executive Officer, was the lead author aided by NAFSR members and other professionals in forest management, research and related disciplines. The idea for the report developed from the increasing frustration of NAFSR members

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with the statements about forests and fires made by several prominent environmental group spokespersons to the media and political leaders. The “sound bite” science of simple solutions to complex management and protection challenges reached a point of mythology that could no longer go unchallenged.

Forest Health and Fire explains the reality of forest ecosystem dynamics; the reality of prescribed fire as a tool to reduce fire hazards; discusses the problems of arbitrary diameter limits on thinning; counters statements that big trees don't burn; discusses the weakness of the idea to just protect communities and let the forests burn; discusses the impact of climate and weather patterns on fire severity and a number of other myths about forest stewardship including the always basic issue of paying the bill.

Over a 1,000 copies of the document have been distributed to key political leaders, including the White House staff (they asked for additional copies), media representatives, conservation leaders, Forest Service leadership, forestry schools, state foresters and others interested in the future of the Nation's forests. It is also available for downloading at:

www.fsx.org/NAFSRforesthealth.pdf.

Reaction to the report has been positive. The most common comment has been: “Its about time someone spoke out.”

Until NAFSR can rebuild its treasury to be able to print more copies, the report will be available only as a download.

Want to help? Join NAFSR. For only \$25 a year you can help make a difference. Contact www.fsx.org/NAFSR, write to NAFSR, P.O. Box 220155, Chantilly, VA. 20153 or contact me.

John F. Marker, NAFSR Director

Don Peters Provides Glimpses of His USFS Career

Don Peters, a PNWFS member from Bend, has done an excellent job of documenting his career. This is the type of history we are looking for to put in the historic document we are going to produce as a part of the Forest Service Reunion and Forest Service 100th Anniversary in 2005 (See Article on page 5). Here is a glimpse of Don Peters career in a very interesting year, 1945.

1945: Promoted to DR, Silver Lake RD, Fremont NF. At that time I received another grade raise, the second of my professional career. Shopping facilities for staple food and clothing were available eighty miles to the North in Bend or one hundred miles to the South in Lakeview. A second son arrived in June, born in St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

We were at war with the Japanese. Much of the staple food and all gasoline was rationed until sometime after the Japanese Emperor surrendered on August 15, VJ Day. Rationing caused an additional problem for Ollie to supply meals to S.O. and R.O. personnel who traveled to and from Portland to Bend and Lakeview.

At Silver Lake R.S. we had a wood range with coils. It provided heat for a water tank and warmth in the kitchen on cold days. Supplemental heat was supplied by a circulating oil heater and a log-eating fireplace. Neither commercial electricity nor commercial

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telephone service was available; however, we had a “limping” war surplus diesel generator that had replaced a worn out gas driven generator. When not down for repairs it supplied sufficient power for the Ranger Station office, home lighting, a water system and a washing machine.

Our source of water was a well approximately 120 feet deep. A problem occurred about every two to three weeks. During those times our entire water supply had been drained. We were without water and we could not use the kitchen range for fear of burning out the coils. A trap door had been built in the pump house roof several years before, permitting removal of six lengths of galvanized pipe, twenty foot in length and one-half inch in diameter. The well had been drilled through a layer of lava rock and then into a pumice deposit. When we were out of water it was necessary to remove one pipe length at a time by the aid of a rope block and tackle, meanwhile maintaining a non-slip grip on the section below to prevent the remaining pipe sections from slipping back into the well. After removing the pipe we removed the flapper valve attached to the lowest section, cleaned out the accumulated pumice that kept the pipe partially open thereby permitting the water in our supply to drain.

We then reinstalled the pipe one section at a time. The operation took a crew of three or four men almost a half-day to accomplish. During the late fall and winter months only one employee in addition to myself was on duty. Donated help was obtained from neighboring ranchers. FS funds were never available until after one cold morning when hand cranking the diesel engine I fractured a disk in my lower spine.

On April 10, the Bald Mountain lookout called on his single line telephone and stated the word “paper”, the code word for a sighted or downed Japanese balloon. He then gave me his azimuth reading and estimated distance from his station and said “tree”, which meant that the balloon had landed in a tree. I confirmed his data without further conversation and then reported the incident to my Forest Supervisor.

The following day a group of Air Force personnel arrived in vehicles to deactivate either anti-personnel or incendiary bombs and to gather and haul back to military headquarters any remaining parts of the balloon that were not destroyed upon landing. The group consisted of a Captain, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant and several non-coms.

I lead them to the downed balloon area via vehicle and foot travel over snow. By using back sight and foresight readings on my compass, we found the balloon hanging in a small pine tree with its life-endangering envelope dropping device on the ground. The Captain and the Lieutenant examined it from a safe distance with binoculars and determined that it had one unexploded incendiary anti-personnel bomb, but did not have an anti-personnel bomb that may have been released while in flight. There was still danger for reason that if the incendiary bomb exploded it would create intense heat sufficient to kill anyone near it.

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The Lieutenant told me that his training and experience would enable him to defuse and dismantle it without danger and asked me to hold pieces of the mechanism as he worked.

I agreed to assist him. After the bomb was disabled the non-coms removed the thirty-foot diameter balloon from the tree in which it was entangled and then loaded it into one of the small trucks.

When we returned to the Ranger station the Lieutenant told Ollie of my experience, she became angry with me for taking chances that, if gone sour would have left our sons without a father and her without a husband. I admit that I had taken the word of the Lieutenant without thought of danger. What a fool I was!

Ollie had supper almost prepared and a few minutes later announced, "supper is ready". The non-coms left the dining room and went into the kitchen. She followed them and again told them to come to the table. A whispered reply from one of them informed her that they were not permitted to eat with the officers. She then stepped into the dining room and addressed the Captain saying, "I don't care what rules you have. In my house I am boss and I want all of you to eat together." Immediately the captain nodded his head to the non-coms in approval. After having breakfast with us the following morning the group departed.

The Association thanks you, Don and Ollie, for sharing your experiences with us. We hope to see more of your stories in the PNWFS Association publication. . We hope this might spur others into writing about their interesting USFS careers.

Jack Smith Tells of Historic Plane Crash

Here is another great story from another of our elder statesmen,, Jack Smith,, who tells of the fatal plane crash which killed then Governor Earl Snell in October of 1947.

. This crash occurred on October 28, 1947, some 25 miles southwest of Lakeview, Oregon on the Drew's Valley District. I was District Ranger on the Drew's Valley District and headed up a search party. Merle S. Lowden was Forest Supervisor.

Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., President of the Senate Marshall E. Cornett, and their pilot Cliff Hogue left Klamath Falls late in the evening of Tuesday, October 27, 1947. They were headed for Warner Valley and the Kittredge Ranch where they planned to land on a dry lake bed. The Kittredge's were hosting a goose hunt for these Oregon officials. The airplane left Klamath Falls about 10 PM (or later) and did not arrive at the Kittredge Ranch. The Kittredge family thought the plane had not left Klamath Falls, so the plane was not reported missing until Wednesday morning. There had been a small weather front over Lakeview during the night. The airplane was a Beachcraft Bonanza. The pilot probably planned to follow the highway from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, a distance of about 100 miles, and then fly over the Warner Mountain range another 30 or

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40 miles to the Kittredge Ranch, which was located in South Warner. The airstrip at Kittredge ranch would be lighted by automobile headlights so the pilot could see enough to land. Lakeview, Oregon is a mile high in elevation, and the route is all mountainous country.

Although the weather was bad, a small search plane flown by Bob Adams got a fleeting glimpse of the crashed airplane Wednesday afternoon. The Forest Service, however, was not informed that the Governor's plane was missing until 2 PM on Wednesday. When I got word that the crashed plane had been sighted on the Drew's Valley Ranger district, southwest of Dog Lake, I ordered a 50 man fire cache, except for tools, and proceeded to set up a base camp some ¾ mile southwest of Dog Lake on the Yokum Valley road. This was the nearest road to the area where the crash had been sighted. A hard surface road extended to Dog Lake, some 20 miles southwest of Lakeview. The ¾ mile stretch on the Yokum Valley road had light gravel surface. After a few trips with 4-wheel drive vehicles, the road became almost impassible for even 4-wheel drive vehicles. We did have telephone and radio communication at the base camp.

We had a cook, so food and hot coffee was readily available. We provided for sanitation and could handle the 50 or 60 men who showed up to help with the search. Mostly they were Forest Service employees and local citizens. However, there were a couple of state police officers, many members of the press, and others.

Although some searching was done late Wednesday, searchers were hampered by cold rain, pitch darkness, and the rugged terrain. These searches were somewhat disorganized and ineffective.

The plane crash was at about the 6000 ft level, and was heavily timbered with mature Ponderosa Pine timber. It is moderately rough country with peaks, rock escarpments, and deep ravines.

At daylight Thursday morning, we were well organized and ready to go. There were about 50 or 60 searchers in the group. I briefed the group on what we would do. We lined up about 50 feet apart in a generally north-south direction. We followed a compass course westerly and told people to stay close enough together to have contact with the person on each side of them. The two state police officers were at the each end of the search line. We did not want people to get lost and wander around in the wet, cold weather. As a signal, one of the state police officers was to fire his pistol three times when the plane was found.

After traveling ½ to ¾ mile cross-country, we walked into the crashed airplane. The plane had hit several tall Ponderosa pine trees, crashed in a small opening, and slid under the pine trees. One of the passengers was thrown out a door that came open, the other three were in the fuselage which was badly damaged. There were no survivors, they were killed on impact. The plane had not burned upon crashing. The operation went well and the search successful. There was excellent cooperation among lots of people. Many news people were there. But then

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This is your last notice for paying 2003 dues, if you are among those who have not yet paid. Check your mailing label on the reverse side of this coupon to see if you need to pay (another Marvin Hoover suggestion). If it says '02' or '2002' that means you are not paid for 2003. So get out your checkbook now to pay your dues. Failure to pay now may result in not getting a Spring Newsletter. The annual dues payments are due by January 1 each year. Use the "Marvin Hoover" coupon below to send with your check for \$10. There is room on the coupon to send along any updates of your address, e-mail or otherwise, and phone number....AND a short note to let us know what and how you are doing.

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the real work started as we had to carry the bodies back to base camp where they could be loaded on 4-wheel drive vehicles and moved to Lakeview. We had carried litters and sheets with us, so we got started moving the bodies immediately.

As is often the case, the carrying was done by a limited number of people. It was a real struggle moving the bodies across the rugged terrain to camp, but we got the job done. We cleaned up the area and closed up the campsite. We also said thanks to many people, both Forest Service employees and others who helped. *(Cont'd next column)*

Governor Snell, Marshall Cornett, and Bob Farrell were very popular politicians. Earl Snell has been eulogized as one of Oregon's top Governors with great facility to attract good people around him and to delegate and supervise them in excellent fashion. Marshall Cornett and Bob Farrell were also very popular politicians in leadership positions in Oregon. Each of them was potential Oregon Governor in the future if they had lived.

The Association thanks Jack Smith for sharing this story with all of us. Jack has more stories, and you probably have some good ones, also. See article on Page 5 about our planned historic document.



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Food for Thought

Last issue there was a suggestion in this block that is now a project underway. Do you have an idea that you would like to have printed in this spot? Maybe your idea could become a reality, too.

Ideas in relation to the 2005 Reunion are particularly welcome.

How are you preparing for having a great time in September 2005?

If your address, phone, or e-mail have changed recently or you plan to change, PLEASE notify us immediately. This will insure that you receive your newsletter and E-notes.

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