



OldSmokeys Newsletter

Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Retirees—Summer 2009

President's Message—

We enjoyed the Banquet together in May. It was good to see old friends and make new acquaintances. I enjoyed seeing and visiting with everyone. Thanks again to **Dorine** and **Emil Sabol** for yet another stellar performance bringing it off.

I thank **John Nesbit** for his leadership in the past nearly year-and-a-half. John served the extra time to permit us to return to the former May-to-May term of office. We bid a grateful farewell to **John Poppino** for his three years of service in the presidential series. His unflappable good humor and sound advice have been invaluable for the club. I have learned a great deal from both of them.

On July 30, at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, the “High Desert Ranger Station” sponsored by the OldSmokeys will be dedicated. Please plan to attend if you can. See the article on page 3 for more details.

Please mark your calendars for the Summer Picnic on August 14 at the Wildwood Recreation Area. Complete information and registration form are on page 10 of this issue. Picnic Chair **Rick Larson** has everything in hand.

We continue with the task of recruiting new Board of Directors members in addition to the new ones you met at the Banquet and on the pages of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*. We still have long-serving folks who deserve our thanks and permission to move on. If you are thinking it is now time for you to take that job you know you can do, please let me or another Board member know of your interest. For most of these jobs it is not necessary to live in the Portland metropolitan area. That's just a habit we got into. We have two Central Oregon members.

I leave you with this: Reunion 2009 will be in Missoula on September 7 to 11, 2009. **Jim Wilson** is arranging for a bus from the Portland area. Additional information about this opportunity is on page 5 of this issue.

Bruce Hendrickson

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Remember to Sign Up for the Summer Picnic on August 14! See Page 10!

Forum

Wither Multiple-Use?

I believe in Multiple-Use. We all do. For all of nearly three decades we proudly wore the symbol of the Multiple-Use concept in the form of lapel pin, tie tack, pendant, and bolo. It was an official accessory to the uniform that we wore with personal pride. It adorned official stationery. We called it “The Spaghetti Tree” and we could rapidly spout the words: Wood, Water, Forage, Recreation, and Wildlife.

Levels of implementation, however, came with degrees of funding. Even so, we became extremely creative. Line item monies for timber and range were adequate and usually abundant because of strong industry support. The remaining three resources, in the words of [the late OldSmokey] **Walt Lund**, former R-6 Timber Staff, were partially funded through “sneakage-and-leakage.” Through creativity we could find a way. Timber crews were often asked to check remote campgrounds in their travels. An occasional trail maintenance assignment became a pleasant diversion from normal duties or for fill-in work between routine assignments. Just about every fire patrolman carried a box of toilet paper and a straw broom for recreation cleaning. It was a time when fire, recreation and resource protection were everybody’s business—and when water and wildlife were a part of a forester’s training and a part of every project.

I am currently helping with the editing of a centennial history of the Siuslaw National Forest. And one of my early inputs: Please give us a little more credit for the concept of multiple use management. In my reply, I started to use the term “Timber-Beast” but that is not who we are. The now “buzz-word” is RESTORATION. Can we assume that means to remove all evidence of past management—even Multiple-Use?

Thanks for listening. I feel better just sharing.

-- Loyd Collett



Obama Administration’s U.S. Forest Service Oversight Nominees Show Promise

OldSmokey **John Marker** and other observers of the Washington scene have expressed guarded optimism about the nominations of Homer Lee Wilkes to serve as Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment and Jay Jensen to serve as his deputy (see *Forest Service News* on page 6).

Ray Vaughn, executive director of WildLaw, said it concerns him that Wilkes does not have a forestry background. Although Wilkes may be unfamiliar with the Forest Service, Vaughn said, “People tell me he’s very smart and picks things up quickly.” Vaughn said the Department of Agriculture has other key advocates for forestry concerns. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has raised the profile of the Forest Service in many public remarks, and he named a forestry expert, Jay Jensen, to a key deputy post under Wilkes.

Mike Anderson, a senior analyst at the Wilderness Society, and Tom Partin, president of the American Forest Resource Council, saw promise in Wilkes’ nomination and in Jensen’s naming as his deputy. “I would day that unlike his predecessor [Mark Rey], he’s not coming into this job with a lot of baggage of having worked for the timber industry or having clear political biases about forest policy, so he’s coming in with an open mind and a clean slate, and so we just look forward [to] working with him and improving the policy direction for the national forests,” Anderson said.

Partin said he is “very pleased” and added that Wilkes’ nomination underscores the importance of Jensen, a western forester, as Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment. “I think those two nominees will really compliment each other. I think the secretary is very engaged with the Forest Service and wants to be part of their management strategy, and with Homer to some degree, and with Jay Jensen, I think it will probably be a formidable team.

John Marker, Pacific Northwest Region Director of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees and editor of it’s *The Lookout* newsletter, commented that NAFSR’s relationship with Jensen indicates “this is a good fit. His time with the Western Forest Leadership Council has given him a good perspective on the forest management issues faced by the Forest Service and state forestry agencies in the West. He is also knowledgeable about eastern forestry issues because of his work with the National Association of State Foresters.”

-- Les Joslin

This summary of opinions prepared from multiple sources including John Marker’s e-mail of April 22, 2009, and a summary prepared by Kay Wiand, U.S. Forest Service, Program and Budget Analysis, Washington Office, on May 6, 2009.

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*

OldSmokey News



No, it's not The Three Amigos! It's PNWFSA's newly installed President-Elect Bill Shenk, President Bruce Hendricksen, and Past President John Nesbitt after they assumed their new posts at the annual Spring Banquet.

Photo by Paul Enberg

OldSmokeys Enjoy Spring Banquet at Charbonneau Country Club

Seventy-six OldSmokeys gathered at the Charbonneau Country Club near Wilsonville, Oregon, on Sunday, May 17, for their annual Spring Banquet.

Just enough time was taken from talking, drinking, eating, and enjoying both a silent auction and door prizes to officially install **Bruce Hendrickson** as president and **Bill Shenk** as vice president of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, elevate **John Nesbitt** to the position of past president, and thank **John Poppino** for his three great years in the presidential series of offices.

Hosts **Dorine** and **Emil Sabol** have enjoyed hosting the banquet the last seven years, but have decided to “give someone else a chance.” They are certain **Don** and **Jean Loff** “will do just fine” as banquet co-chairpersons. They thank **Mary** and **Elmer Moyer** for organizing the auction and **Bev Pratt** “for everything she does.”

All these banquet organizers thank everyone who contributed silent auction and raffle items. Monies raised go to a restricted fund used to help keep costs for the Spring Banquet and Summer Picnic lower for members.

OldSmokeys Anticipate Summer Picnic

The next big event on the OldSmokeys social calendar is the annual Summer Picnic in the Woods set for Friday, August 14, 2009, at the Wildwood Recreation Area near Mt. Hood.

Complete information and registration form may be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

OldSmokey Generosity Hatches Donation Policy

OldSmokeys have been very generous during the past ten years, donating a total of \$33,119 in Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) funds raised through various projects including the September 2005 Forest Service Centennial Reunion in Portland, according to Treasurer **Vern Clapp**.

Principal beneficiaries of these donations have included the National Forest Service Museum in Missoula, Montana, to which the PNWFSA has contributed \$14,500, and the High Desert Ranger Station project at the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, which has received \$9,500. Both the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center in Wenatchee, Washington, and the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni fund to erect a CCC statue at the World Forestry Center in Portland have received \$2,000. Smaller amounts have been contributed to several other causes.

Additionally, over the past 10 years, the PNWFSA has contributed \$2,600 to the Beaverton, Oregon, Elks Club where its monthly Board of Directors meetings and membership luncheons are held.

To focus this generosity, the PNWFSA Board of Directors adopted a donation policy at their February 27, 2009, meeting. This policy states:

“Organizations which qualify for donations from the PNWFSA will be ones which further the objectives of the PNWFSA. They will be groups and organizations seeking or displaying natural resource expertise or first person historical information about the management, science, policies and people involved in natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest.

“Grant or gift proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

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

Not all of these questions may be applicable to every proposal we see, but running through the checklist should help us get the most bang for the buck.”

This policy should ensure that OldSmokeys generosity is properly targeted. The two articles that follow describe projects that meet these criteria.

OldSmokeys Support Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum with Donations of Funds and Lookout Cab

Having voted at the February 27, 2009, PNWFSA Board of Directors meeting to contribute \$2,000 to the capital fund of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, OldSmokeys are completing a major construction project at the Government Camp, Oregon, museum this summer and fall.

When the project is completed, a fire lookout cab will cap an elevator shaft being built to make the museum facility more accessible. OldSmokeys previously agreed to donate the lookout. **Ron Walters** is doing the design work, **George Rinehart** is donating the lumber, **Dick Buscher** will prefabricate the structure, and an OldSmokeys crew will assemble the lookout cab in the museum parking lot in September.

The lookout being constructed is a replica of the first Mt. Hood National Forest lookout built by Lige Coalman in 1915 on the summit of Mount Hood. That lookout was needed to house the new Osborne firefinder that had just been invented. It withstood the severe weather and winds atop Mount Hood until the late 1930s when it finally slid off the top. The lookout was never rebuilt, but never forgotten. Everyone who climbed the mountain between 1915 and 1938 posed for a photograph in front of the landmark lookout.

Between its assembly and its installation atop the elevator planned for fall 2010, the lookout cab will be used as an interim interpretive center in the museum's parking lot during construction of the museum's new addition, according to OldSmokey **Lloyd Musser**, museum curator.

The museum's capital campaign for its new addition project, of which the lookout is a component, received a \$150,000 grant from Clackamas County that has to be matched by cash and in-kind donations. The value of the lookout cab project is estimated to be about \$30,000 and is a major in-kind donation. Cash donations to the capital campaign are needed, and the PNWFSA cash donation responds to part of that need.

You can respond to that need, too, by sending a cash contribution to Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, P.O. Box 55, Government Camp, Oregon, 97028. Please include a note indicating the donation is for the Capital Campaign and that it is an OldSmokeys contribution. The museum is an IRS Code 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and all donations are tax-deductible.

OldSmokeys to Participate in July 30 "High Desert Ranger Station" Dedication

Honorary OldSmokey **Bob Boyd**, Western History Curator at the High Desert Museum south of Bend, Oregon, Old-Smokey President **Bruce Hendrickson**, and OldSmokeys **Les Joslin** and **John Marker** will join President Janeanne Upp of the Museum and others at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2009, to dedicate the restored "High Desert Ranger Station" structure there.

Now restored, it's time for this historic U.S. Forest Service ranger station to do its job of telling the story of the roles the Forest Service and the National Forest System have played and

will continue to play in western American lifeways. So far, OldSmokeys **George Chesley**, **Dick Connelly**, and **Stan Kunzman** have joined Les on the volunteer interpretive team.

This project, which brought an historic 1933 Forest Service ranger station office building to the High Desert Museum from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, was sponsored by the OldSmokeys as both an organization and as individuals.

All OldSmokeys are invited to attend this 3:00 p.m., July 30, dedication at the High Desert Museum on U.S. Highway 97 about five miles south of Bend.

RSVP? Yes! Call or e-mail Martha Deuchler, Executive Assistant, High Desert Museum, at 541-382-4754, ext. 225, or <mdeuchler@highdesertmuseum.org> by July 25 to let her know if you plan to attend.

This event will be reported in the Fall 2009 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter*.

OldSmokeys May Register Now for 2009 Forest Service Reunion in Missoula; Registration Fees Announced

Both mail-in and on-line Early Bird Special pre-registration for the September 7-11, 2009, national Forest Service Reunion in Missoula, Montana, opened May 1 and continues through June 30.

The Early Bird Special registration fee is \$180 per participant and \$150 for spouse or companion.

General registration, at \$230 per participant and \$180 for spouse or companion, begins July 1 and continues through August 6.

Registrants must purchase the package price to obtain admission to all meetings, activities, banquets, and program special events. No partial passes or exclusions are available.

Complete mail-in and on-line registration information is available on the Reunion 2009 web site at <www.2009forestservicereunion.net> by clicking on the option you prefer. Both registration options include the opportunity to register for your choices of nine tours that cost between \$33 and \$75 each.

A *registration only* raffle is being held for the Reunion Grand Prize drawing, a beautiful bronze mule—packed in Forest Service fashion—created by western artist Bill Ortman especially for this event. One raffle ticket is included in your registration fee. You may also purchase an unlimited number of additional raffle tickets with your registration application for \$5.00 each or five tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will be available for purchase with on-site registrations until 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 7, from the registration table. You must be present at the Friday morning drawing to win.

See the 2009 Forest Service Reunion web site for complete information about this outstanding opportunity to reunite with Forest Service friends from September 7-11 in Missoula, Montana.

See the article on the next page about the luxury coach trip to the 2009 Forest Service Reunion being planned by OldSmokey Jim Wilson!

OldSmokeys Treasurer Vern Clapp Presents PNWFSA 2008 Financial Report

As reported in the Spring 2009 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* (see “OldSmokey Fiscal Health Reflected in PNWFSA Financial Report for 2008” on page 4), OldSmokey Treasurer **Vern Clapp** submitted a PNWFSA Financial Report for 2008 to the Board of Directors on January 23 that Board member **John Marker** characterized as a “comforting account of our finances.”

The condensed components of this report, a Statement of Revenue and Expenses and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, both as of December 31, 2008, are in the column at right. In his eagerness to inform OldSmokeys of their financial health, your editor in that Spring 2009 article inadvertently pre-empted Vern’s narrative report that usually accompanies this annual statement. So, you can refer to the Spring 2009 issue for the content of that narrative.

“The year 2008 was a fairly uneventful financial year for PNWFSA, with no major income or expense changes,” Vern summarized the bottom line of the financial statement. “We ended up in the black.”

If you have any questions about this financial report, send them to Treasurer Vern at <vclapp@ykw.net>.

OldSmokey Jim Wilson Planning Forest Service Reunion 2009 Bus Trip to Missoula and Back!

OldSmokey **Jim Wilson** has volunteered to schedule a luxury coach to whisk OldSmokeys to the September 7 to 11, 2009, Forest Service Reunion in Missoula. So, if you’d prefer being driven in style to driving yourself, Jim’s coach is for you.

Current plans call for the bus to leave Portland for Missoula early on September 6 and arrive that evening, and to leave Missoula on September 11 after the farewell and return to Portland the same day. Jim plans for a 9.5- to 10-hour trip each way.

A full 55-passenger coach would cost about \$139 per passenger from Portland to Missoula and return. A 48-passenger coach would cost about \$150 per person.

“The coaches are luxury fitted and have a restroom on-board,” Jim says.

Jim will need to know your intention to reserve a seat or seats on the coach as soon as possible—by late June or early July. Call him at 360-887-8416 and leave a message or e-mail <travelthewilsonway@comcast.net> with your plans.

OldSmokeys Sign Book Contract with Oregon State University Press to Publish Jerry Williams’ *Unlocking the Past*

Your PNWFSA has signed a contract with the Oregon State University Press to edit and publish *Unlocking the Past: A History of the U. S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest*

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Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, Inc. Statement of Revenue & Expense January 1 through December 31, 2008 and

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2008

— Vern Clapp, Treasurer

These financial statements are printed in the hardcopy version of the Newsletter and electronic versions can be obtained by request from Vern.



This is a recent photo (6/1/09) of the life-size bronze statue of a CCC worker that stands on the grounds of the Oregon Department of Forestry headquarters in Salem.

Our member, Emil Sabol, was instrumental in getting this statue installed.

See page 9 of this Newsletter for Part Two of the retrospective about the Civilian Conservation Corps written by Emil.

Don

THE C.C.C. WORKER
THIS STATUE IS DEDICATED TO THE YOUNG MEN WHO SERVED IN THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS FROM 1933 TO 1945. THEIR WORK IN THE FORESTS AND PARKS OF OREGON, AND MANY OTHER STATES, REMAINS TODAY FOR ALL TO ENJOY.
DEDICATED - SEPTEMBER, 2008
BY THE OREGON CHAPTER 4 - CCC ALUMNI AND OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

Forest Service News

Obama Administration Announces U.S. Forest Service Oversight Nominees

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has announced nominees to fill key U.S. Department of Agriculture positions with oversight responsibility for the U.S. Forest Service.

Homer Lee Wilkes

President Barack Obama on May 4, 2009, nominated Homer Lee Wilkes, a career U.S. Department of Agriculture Department employee, to fill the political post of Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment. If confirmed by the Senate, Wilkes will oversee the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (the former Soil Conservation Service) which focuses on farmland conservation.

Wilkes, a 28-year veteran of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is currently the Mississippi State Conservationist for that agency. The selection of a career service employee for the job is a shift from the previous two administrations. Jim Lyons, who had worked on forestry issues on Capitol Hill and for the Society of American Foresters, held the post during the Clinton administration. A former timber lobbyist, Mark Rey, held the job in the Bush administration.

The new undersecretary will face a list of tough Forest Service and National Forest System challenges. These will include the growing costs and threat of wildfire in a warming climate, widespread insect infestations killing wide swaths of pine forest, battles over putting millions of acres of roadless areas off-limits to logging, whether biofuels to produce renewable energy should be harvested from national forest lands, whether to keep paying subsidies to rural timber counties, and internal problems of the agency.

Wilkes earned his bachelor's degree, master of business administration degree, and doctorate in urban conservation planning degrees at Jackson State University and lives in Madison, Mississippi, with his wife and three sons. He has served the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Mississippi, Massachusetts, and Texas.

"The front-runner for the job had been a more traditional candidate, Chris Wood, a former senior policy advisor to Clinton administration Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck," Jeff Barnard of the Associated Press reported. "But Wood was dropped after vetters learned he had been registered as a lobbyist by Trout Unlimited, the conservation group for which he works as chief operating officer. With a few notable exceptions, Obama has ruled out appointing lobbyists to administration posts."

Although Wilkes may be unfamiliar with the Forest Service, Secretary Vilsack has nominated a person with forestry expertise to serve under him as deputy undersecretary.

Jay Jensen

Secretary Vilsack announced the nomination of Jay Jensen for the post of Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment on April 22, 2009.

"Jay Jensen brings the combination of on-the-ground and government experience that we need in this role," said Vilsack. "He is a forester and a wildland firefighter with an extensive background in policy, management, and legislation. I'll be looking to Jay's leadership as we address the health of our forests. This is a top priority because it relates to several critical challenges—the intensity of forest fires, climate change, biomass and renewable energy, clean water and revitalizing forest-dependent communities.

Jensen had been Executive Director of the Council of Western State Foresters/Western Forestry Leadership Coalition since May 2005. The Coalition is a federal-state government partnership. He had served earlier as the Coalition's Government Affairs Director. He has also served as Senior Forestry Advisor for the Western Governors' Association, where he was responsible for forest health, wildfire, and biomass energy issues. Before that, as lead forestry advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives' committee on Agriculture, Jensen helped develop programs under the 2002 Farm Bill. He also served as Lead Policy Analyst for the National Association of State Foresters.

Jensen holds a B.S. degree in biology and geography from the University of California at Los Angeles and an M.S. degree in forestry from Colorado State University. He has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1998.

Meryl Raymar Harrell

Secretary Vilsack also announced appointment of Meryl Raymar Harrell as Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment. In this position, she will work with new Deputy Undersecretary Jensen.

Most recently, Harrell served as the State Political Outreach Director for the Obama Campaign for Change in Wisconsin. She previously worked as the Public Lands Associate at The Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C. Harrell is a graduate of Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, where she studied environmental law. She graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. degree in geosciences and environmental studies from Princeton University. She is from Watchung, New Jersey.

Prepared from multiple sources including U.S. Department of Agriculture news releases of April 15 and 22 and May 5, 2009; and an Associated Press article "Obama names nominee to oversee national forests" by Jeff Barnard published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on May 6, 2009.

Omnibus Public Land Management Act Expands Wilderness on Mt. Hood and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests

Almost 127,000 acres of the Mt. Hood National Forest were added to the National Wilderness Preservation System when President Barack Obama signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 into law on March 30, 2009. It also added 13,700 acres of new wilderness adjacent to the existing 17,200-acre Grassy Knob Wilderness on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Nationwide, the Act—a collection of 164 bills bundled together—conferred the highest level of protection available to federally managed lands—congressionally designated wilder-

ness—on more than two million acres in nine states.

And it did more. It created three national parks, more than 1,000 miles of wild and scenic rivers, and three national conservation areas. It also enlarged the size a dozen national parks, addressed water supply problems in California, and extended programs for Oregon fisheries. The list goes on.

The legislative package passed the Senate by a 73-21 vote on January 15 and the House of Representatives vote by a 245-140 vote on March 25.

Prepared from multiple sources including the article “Mount Hood wilderness bill clears final Senate hurdle” by Charles Pope, published in the January 15, 2009, issue of The Oregonian; the article “Wilderness bill expands protections for Oregon, other states” by Matthew Preusch, published in the March 25, 2009, issue of The Oregonian; and the March 30, 2009, article “New law sets aside more than 2 million acres over 9 states as protected wilderness: by Matthew Daly of the Associated Press.

Economic Stimulus Funding Reaching Pacific Northwest National Forests

Initial installments of the \$1.5 billion allocated to the Forest Service by the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17 are reaching Pacific Northwest Region national forests. The purpose of the act is to “jumpstart the Nation’s economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive into the 21st century,” according to a March 9, 2009, U.S. Department of Agriculture press release.

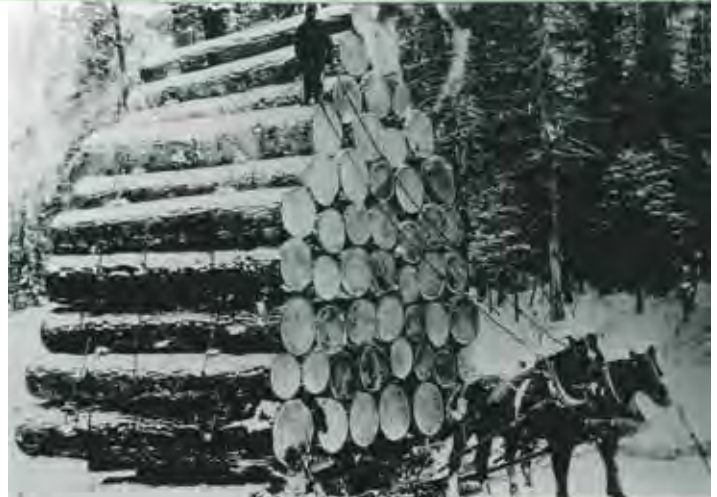
The first \$17 million announced for Region 6, according to a March 13, 2009, project list released by the Forest Service, includes \$6,500,000 split 50-50 between Youth Employment Initiative Wildland Fire Management and Capital Improvement and Maintenance projects in Oregon. Youths would be hired to work in these program areas over a two-year period. Another \$10 million for Wildland Fire Management will create jobs for a variety of labor-intensive tasks such as hazardous fuel reduction and forest health projects on 52,938 acres in six Oregon counties. And \$500,000 will create jobs repairing and refurbishing historic and non-historic Forest Service structures on two Olympic National Forest districts in Washington.

A second installment of \$157 announced on April 24, 2009, will fund 71 projects to reduce fire risks, improve forest health, maintain roads, and improve watersheds in Oregon and Washington. These projects would employ hundreds of contract workers for varying periods of time.

According to a May 6, 2009, article in Bend, Oregon’s, daily newspaper, *The Bulletin*, this list of 71 projects was released without approval by the Secretary of Agriculture. “So staff members with the secretary’s office are reviewing the April list...making sure each project is a good fit with the goals of the economic stimulus act, and rolling out announcements about the stimulus funding over time,” *The Bulletin* reported.

More projects are expected to be announced this summer.

Prepared from multiple sources including U.S. Department of Agriculture press release “Vilsack Announces First Wave of USDA Economic Stimulus Funding” of March 9, 2009; U.S. Forest Service list “Forest Service ARRA Projects by States” dated March 13, 2009; and a Seattle Times article “Goal of projects to improve forests” of April 25, 2009.



Pacific Northwest Lumber and Log Exports Were Up in 2008

The volume of lumber and logs exported from Oregon and Washington was up in 2008, according to a report prepared by OldSmokey **Debra Warren**, an economist at the Pacific Northwest Research Station and author of “Production, Prices, Employment, and Trade in Northwest Forest Industries” since 1985.

A total of 293.0 million board feet of softwood lumber was exported from Oregon and Washington in 2008. This volume was up 26.6 percent from the 2007 total of 231.4 million board feet. The total value of these lumber shipments was \$215.7 million at the ports of exportation, and the average value was \$649.52 per thousand board feet. Douglas-fir averaged \$525.74 per thousand board feet; western hemlock, \$434.52; and other softwoods, \$782.91. Leading customers for these exports were Canada, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Australia, and the Netherlands.

During this same time period, Oregon and Washington imported 1.7 billion board feet of softwood lumber, mostly from Canada. The average value of softwood lumber imported during 2008 was \$466.91 per thousand board feet.

A total of 776.3 million board feet of softwood logs was exported from Washington and Oregon in 2008. This volume was up 15.4 percent from 673.0 million board feet in 2007. The total value of these log shipments was \$518.1 million at the port of exportation, and the average value was \$667.32 per thousand board feet. Douglas-fir averaged \$780.53 per thousand board feet; hemlock \$532.04; and other softwoods, \$392.05. Leading customers for these log exports were Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, and Canada.

The average value of logs imported during 2008 was \$378.60 per thousand board feet.

Deb’s publication can be read online at <http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/30416>.

Prepared from U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station news releases of March 2, 2009. Photograph courtesy of Deschutes County Historical Society.

U.S. Forest Service Morale was Subject of Congressional Hearing

“Restoring the Public Lands Workforce” was the subject of a March 19, 2009, hearing held by the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands chaired by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona). The focus was employee morale which, while also down in the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, seems worst in the U.S. Forest Service.

George Leonard, retired Associate Chief of the Forest Service and President of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, testified about the myriad frustrations faced by Forest Service personnel. “People that work for an organization want to be productive. People in government service want to feel they are accomplishing something that contributes to the public welfare. People in the Forest Service have a long tradition of working to make the National Forests an asset both to the Nation and to the small rural communities that are dependent on them,” he pointed out.

“Unfortunately,” George continued, “it is becoming harder and harder to get things done. Part of the problem is the lack of consensus on just how and for what purpose our National Forests should be managed. We have created a vast body of procedural requirements that must be completed before a project, no matter how simple, can go forward. Many of these processes have merit and, in fact, make for a better result. But, way too often, the cumulative impact of all the requirements becomes overwhelming or so time consuming that nothing gets done. Former Chief Dale Bosworth characterized this as the paralysis of analysis.”

George commented to the Chairman “that the timing of the hearing was fortunate because political appointees were not in place and [the subcommittee] was hearing from career employees who knew what was going on.” He emphasized “that there is a long standing tradition of having a career professional lead the Forest Service [that] had served the agency and the country well.” He “added that it would serve the nation well if all the land management agencies were lead by career professionals.” At the break, the Chairman thanked George for the suggestion and expressed agreement.

Testimony offered by others identified such policies as competitive sourcing, centralization of back office systems and procedures, reduced personnel and funding, and leadership as other significant contributors to poor morale. Ron Thatcher, President of the National Federation of Federal Employees’ Forest Service Council, concluded that “sweeping agency changes based on decisions made in secret without employee input by isolated officials who are not held accountable for their decisions have been disastrous” to morale and have “not served the needs of the agency at all well. A new way is needed.”

Prepared from multiple sources including George Leonard’s March 19 e-mail about and statement before the subcommittee, copies of the testimony of Ron Thatcher of the National Federation of Federal Employees’ Forest Service Council and of Kevin Simpson of the Partnership for Public Service, and the March 20, 2009, Federal News Radio article “Interior, Forest Service face uphill climb to boost employee morale” by Jason Miller.

House and Senate Members Reintroduce Proposed FLAME Act

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate joined on March 10, 2009, to reintroduce bipartisan legislation that would establish a new federal fund to cover the growing costs of fighting catastrophic wildfires.

Such legislation introduced in the last session of Congress was passed by the House but not by the Senate, leaving funding for non-fire federal land management programs and services vulnerable to “fire transfer” in 2009.

This year’s proposed Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act, the so-called FLAME Act, is considered to have a much better chance of becoming law because President Obama and more members of Congress favor its principles. In anticipation of passage, President Obama has included FLAME Act of 2009 in his Fiscal year 2010 budget request.

The proposed FLAME Act of 2009 would create a federal fund designated solely for catastrophic, emergency wildland fires—as declared by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior, based on the size, severity, and threat of the individual wildland fire incident.

The proposed FLAME Act of 2009 would require both secretaries to submit a long-overdue report to Congress containing a cohesive wildland fire management strategy to improve fire prevention efforts on public lands. Both the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Inspector General (IG) have found that the Forest Service and the Department of Interior agencies lack sufficient systems and strategies to plan for and prevent wildland fires.

Meanwhile, a \$200 million boost to the Forest Service fire-fighting budget tucked into a war spending bill passed the Senate on May 21. While the House and Senate still have to resolve differences between their versions of the bill, no lawmakers have publicly opposed the extra fire funds that could raise the Forest Service fire budget to \$1.3 billion and reduce dipping into funds for other programs this year.

Prepared from multiple sources including a U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources press release “House and Senate Members Join to Introduce FLAME Act” dated March 10, 2009, and a Wilderness Society press release “Bill Addressing Wildfire Funding Crisis Introduced in U.S. House, Senate” dated March 10, 2009.

“True Cost of Wildfire” Report Released

A new report by the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) demonstrates that the true costs to society from large wildland fires are much greater than simply the costs of suppressing the fires and that actions to reduce the impacts of wildfires are not only good for the environment, but good for the economy.

The True Cost of Wildfire in the Western U.S. examined data from six large wildfires in the West to explore beyond the costs of suppression to give a more accurate account of the cost to communities and the environment. The report reveals that the true cost to society is anywhere from two to 30 times higher than the commonly reported suppression costs.

“The cost of a wildland fire simply starts with suppression—



Feature

The Civilian Conservation Corps: A Retrospective (Part Two)

By Emil Sabol, President, Chapter 4,
National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni

Part One of Emil's CCC Retrospective appeared in the Spring 2009 OldSmokeys Newsletter.

Besides the material gains in the conservation of natural resources that the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) provided, there was an equally important contribution to the development of young men who were growing up during the Great Depression. To illustrate this, here is an excerpt from a message to members of the CCC on 17 April 1936 from the President of the United States:

“...to the million and a half young men who have enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps I extend greetings on this third anniversary of the first CCC camp. Idle through no fault of your own you were enrolled from city and rural homes and offered an opportunity to engage in healthful outdoor work on forest, park and soil conservation projects of definite practical value to the people of the nation. The promptness with which you seized the opportunity to engage in honest work, the willingness with which you performed your daily tasks and the fine spirit you have shown in winning the respect of the communities in which your camps have been located merits the admiration of the entire country. You and the men who have guided and supervised your efforts have cause to be proud of the record the CCC has made in the development of sturdy manhood and the initiation and prosecution of the conservation programs of unprecedented proportions. Since the Corps began some 1,150,000 of you have been graduated; self-disciplined, alert and eager for the opportunity to make good in any kind of honest employment. Our records show that the results achieved in the protection and improvement of our timber domain, in the arrest of soil wastage, in the development of needed recreation areas, in wildlife conservation and in flood control, have been as impressive as the results achieved in the rehabilitation of youth. Through your spirit and industry, it has been demonstrated that young men can be put to work in our forests, parks and fields on projects which benefit both the youth and conservation generally.”

but it doesn't end there,” said Pete Anderson, Co-chair of the WFLC and Nevada State Forester. “True costs” are long-term and complex costs, including impacts to watersheds, property damage, business and individual financial losses, flooding, erosion, diminished water and air quality, healthcare costs, injuries and fatalities, lost tax revenue, and a host of ecosystem service costs that extend well into the distant future.

“When we look at all the impacts that a large wildfire can have, it is obvious to see why a wise investment in preventing devastating wildfires makes sense in every way,” said Old-

These young men later proved to be an excellent source of manpower during World War II as civilian national defense workers as well as active members of the armed forces.

After World War II, many of these young men pursued careers in forestry in both the public and private sectors, having been inspired to do so by their experiences in the CCC. Others went on to successful careers in other public and private employment for many of the same reasons.

There were 50 CCC camps in Oregon during the life of the program. The state's Chapter 4 of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) has as its primary mission the placement of commemorative signs and plaques at former CCC camp sites and work projects. Chapter 4 has been working with the U.S. Forest Service and the State of Oregon to accomplish this goal. To date there have been 13 plaques or signs placed in the national forests and state parks in Oregon.

The most successful achievement of Chapter 4 is the life-size bronze statue of a CCC worker that stands on the grounds of the Oregon Department of Forestry headquarters in Salem. This project was financed by donations from Oregon's timber industry and many individual contributions.

As a legacy of the CCC, there are Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) programs throughout the country administered by the individual states. These young people participate in conservation projects, many of which are similar to those of the CCC. The YCC has worked with Chapter 4 and the Forest Service in the placement of several signs and plaques. This has added a nice touch to the relationship between the two generations.

There are active chapters of the NACCCA throughout the United States that have been providing commemorative signs and live-size bronze statues just as Chapter 4 has been doing. It is hoped that these efforts will perpetuate the spirit of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Smokey **Bov Eav**, Director of the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, whose staff conducts extensive research on the impacts of wildland fire.

See <<http://www.wflcweb.org/infomaterials/reports.php>> for a copy of the report.

Source: Western Forestry Leadership Coalition press release “Coalition Report Reveals the True costs of Wildland Fire to Communities and Economies” of April 23, 2009.

Forest Service News continues on page 16 with analysis of the congressional debate over national forest biofuels.



Opportunities

OldSmokeys Summer Picnic in the Woods 2009 is Set for Friday, August 14

OldSmokeys will gather for their annual summer picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009, at the BLM Wildwood Recreation Area on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag, Oregon, according to Picnic Chair **Rick Larson**.

So, just like always, use the form below to sign up now to be sure you don't miss it!

Socializing will begin—officially, at least—at 11:30 a.m., and barbeque buffet service will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The menu is barbeque chicken and hot carved beef brisket with tasty sauces, a great choice of salads and dressings, vegetables, fresh baked biscuits with honey and jams, fresh homemade baked beans, fruits, drinks (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade, beer, wine, coffee)—all topped off by an ice cream sundae!

As usual, you'll enjoy a good lunch catered by Dave Dalton along with great OldSmokey companionship. You may well see folks you haven't seen in many years, and you should meet many new members.

So, mark your calendars and make your plans and reservations soon! Use the form below to reserve your picnic place or places by July 31, 2009. The cost per person is **\$25.00** a plate.

Wildwood, as most OldSmokeys know well, is about 40 miles east of Portland on U.S. Highway 26 between Brightwood and Zigzag. Watch for the BLM sign on the south side of the highway, and follow the signs to the area reserved for the picnic.

Anyone who needs a ride should contact **Elmer Moyer** or **Phil Hirl** to locate transportation for you. Carpooling will save on parking fees, gasoline, and limited parking space. There's a \$5.00 per vehicle fee that helps BLM maintain this area as the special place it is. The America the Beautiful-National parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass is either the \$10 lifetime senior version, for which most OldSmokeys qualify, the \$80 annual version, the free lifetime version for citizens with permanent disabilities, the free annual volunteer pass, or other valid existing passes such as the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passports will do the parking fee trick. If you use one of these, please either display your pass or write your pass number on the payment envelope and place it on the dashboard of your car.

If you have any questions, call **Rick Larson** or e-mail him.

Send in this reservation form (or a copy of it) now! Reservations are due not later than July 31!

Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association
SUMMER PICNIC—AUGUST 14, 2009
BLM Wildwood Recreation Area

RESERVATION FORM

Socializing at 11:30—Lunch at 12:30

*Mail this reservation form and a check for \$25.00 per person (payable to PNWFSA) to:
PNWFSA, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, Oregon 97228-5583*

Please reserve _____ picnic lunches at \$25.00 each for (names exactly as they will appear on name tags):

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

Please send your reservation form in to be received no later than July 31, 2009!

Changes compiled by Bev Pratt, Secretary, and Vern Clapp, Treasurer and Data Base Manager

Amann, Jim – Change e-mail:
Chesley, George & Joy – Change e-mail:
Cullens, Dean – Change address: Lexington, KY (see also Viva Dean Worthington below)
Graham, Ed -- Change address and e-mail: Keizer, OR
Grubb, Jack E. & Jo Ann – Change e-mail:
Ivey, Carol Ann – Change address and e-mail: Woodburn, OR
Kingsley, Duane – Deceased March 12, 2009.
Owston, Peyton W. “Pete” & Connie – New members: Neskowin, OR
Richmond, Ilo W. – Change address: Portland, OR
Robertson, Robbie & Ginny – Change address, telephone, e-mail: Portland, OR
Schlapfer, Beth – Deceased April 10, 2009; Ted survives
Torrence, Dan & Kim – New members: Bend, OR
Trotter, Marilen – Change e-mail:
Watson, Bruce W. & Connie – Change e-mail:
Whipple, Greg J. – New member: Canyon City, OR
Wolfe, Michael W. & Mary – Change e-mail:
Worthington, Viva Dean – Change address: Lexington, KY

Editor’s Note: Accuracy and timeliness are watchwords of this effort — along with OldSmokey E-Notes—to help you update your annual Membership Directory. But we know we’re not perfect. Additions and corrections are appreciated and requested.

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

The actual membership changes are included in the updated Membership Directory.

An electronic PDF version of the updated Directory can be emailed to you by Vern upon request. ([Click the Membership tab](#))

New Members Compiled by Secretary Bev Pratt

Welcome to these new OldSmokeys who have joined since the Spring 2009 issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Peyton W. “Pete” & Connie Owston of Neskowin, Oregon. Pete retired from the U.S. Forest Service on January 2, 1998, after 38 years in the Forest Service, 29 of which were served with the Pacific Northwest Research Station. Pete, who earned a Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan in 1966, was a reforestation scientist and project leader in California and Oregon. During the last 10 years of his career, he was heavily

involved in international forestry in places such as Poland, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Russia. Pete enjoys travel, photography, canoeing, and collecting antiquarian books.

Dan & Kim Torrence of Bend, Oregon. Dan is Manager, Redmond Air Center.

Greg J. Whipple of Canyon City, Oregon, retired from the U.S. Forest Service on March 3, 2005, after 20 years service on the Malheur National Forest and in the RO in Portland. His 30 years of federal service also included seven years with the Bureau of Land Management.

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authored by OldSmokey **Jerry Williams** under a participating agreement with the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service.

As publisher, OSU Press will pay for publication of and will distribute the book. That means that, unlike the case of PNWFSA’s last book, *We Had an Objective in Mind*, that PNWFSA published itself, the OldSmokeys don’t have to pay for manufacture of this book and don’t have to pound the pavement to peddle it themselves. PNWFSA will receive 100 free copies of the book to make available as it sees fit.

Unlocking the Past will be reviewed in the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* just as soon as it is published. It’s hoped this book will be on the market for the 2009 Christmas season so it will

become a best-seller as OldSmokeys buy it as gifts for their family and friends.

The title *Unlocking the Past* is the PNWFSA’s and Jerry’s working title. Should OSU decide to publish the book under a different title, the book will be reviewed under that new title.

OldSmokeys Invited to June 20 Celebration of Dick Marlega’s Life

A celebration of the life of OldSmokey **Dick Marlega**, who died November 7, 2008 (*see “Memories” on page 12*), will be held from noon until 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2009, at the Steamboat Ball Field near Steamboat Inn on the North Umpqua River west of Glide, Oregon. **Janet Marlega** is inviting all who were

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Memories compiled by Ray Steiger, Archivist

Harry Bjarne Gladsjo died April 4, 2009, at age 66. Harry was born November 4, 1942, in Tacoma, Washington. He graduated from Darrington High School in Darrington, Washington, and served a U.S. Forest Service career in fire management on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. He retired in Darrington. Survivors include his sons Steven and Gary and two grandchildren.

Roderick Duane Kingsley died March 12, 2009, at age 82. He was a PNWFSA member. Duane was born October 31, 1926, in Portland, Oregon, and spent his toddler years at remote logging camps near Foss and Seneca, Oregon. While he was four to 10 years old, his family lived on Grandpa Luce's 350 logged acres—their “stump ranch”—south of Scappoose, Oregon, without benefit of electricity or running water and almost a mile from the nearest neighbor. From 10 to 18, the family lived in Portland and then settled in the woods northwest of Beaverton, Oregon. Duane joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, attended radar and radio schools, and served in USS *Bremerton* in the Pacific theater. Discharged in the fall of 1946, he worked as a U.S. Forest Service fire lookout on the Mt. Hood National Forest while attending Oregon State College where he earned a B.S. degree in forestry. Duane served in the Forest Service on national forests in Oregon and Washington before retiring in Medford, Oregon, after 12 years as forest silviculturist on the Rogue River National Forest. While living in Bellingham, Washington, Duane met and married librarian Dorothy Musterer in 1961. In 1965, in Cave Junction, Oregon, they adopted a son, David. After a move to Olympia, Washington, they had one more son, Gary, in 1967. A final reassignment led them back to southern Oregon, this time to Medford, where they lived the rest of their lives. Dorothy died on December 9, 2008 (see “*Memories*” in *Spring 2009 OldSmokeys Newsletter*). Survivors include sons David and Gary and five grandchildren.

Richard R. “Dick” Marlega died November 7, 2008, at age 75. He was a PNWFSA member. Dick was born November 25, 1932, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he grew up before going to college at Marquette University and Michigan State University. After working the summer of 1954 on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and completing his education, he began his U.S. Forest Service career on that national forest in April 1956. He subsequently served on the Umatilla, Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Rogue River national forests, and was district ranger on the Umpqua's South Umpqua Ranger District from 1966-68 and Steamboat Ranger District from 1968-71 before transferring to be district Ranger on the Rogue's Applegate Ranger district where he retired in December 1988. Dick and his first wife, Shirley, had six children: Scott, Patti, Janice, Jackie, Jill, and Steve. His second wife, Barbara, preceded him in death. Survivors include his children, his wife Janet, three brothers, a sister, and numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Editor's Note: Dick's death was reported in the Winter 2009 newsletter; this is the more complete memorial promised by

that report.

Robert Raymond Rock died April 27, 2009, at age 87. Robert was born in Whitefish, Montana, on May 13, 1921, and was an accountant and auditor for the U.S. Forest Service. Survivors include his wife Barbara, sons Robert R. Jr. and Mark, daughter Cindy Ostrander, stepdaughter Linda Coberly, and stepson Mike Babb.

Timothy C. “Tim” Rutter died February 26, 2009, at age 56. Tim was born December 23, 1952, in Baker City, Oregon, where he grew up, went to school, and worked for the *Baker City Herald* as circulation manager. He married Dana D. Christy on September 20, 1975, and took on the role of father to her two-year old son, Sean. Soon after their marriage, Tim went to work for the U.S. Forest Service on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, first as a temporary employee and then full time in the print shop. He also did a summer stint with the Redmond Hotshots fire crew. After several years in the print shop, Tim became a communications technician, served as such on an incident management team, and eventually became telecommunications supervisor for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur national forests. He continued fire work on overhead teams and as a single resource communications coordinator on large fire complexes. He also worked at least a couple weeks each summer at Boise Interagency Fire Center (BIFC), and served as part of a training cadre. Tim loved this work and continued the communications coordinator work even after his retirement from the Forest Service in February 2008. Survivors include Dana, son Sean, and daughter Sarah Meyer.

Beth Schlapfer died April 11, 2009, at age 83. She was a PNWFSA member and wife of former Regional Forester Ted Schlapfer. Beth Harper was born August 12, 1925, in West Hartford, Connecticut. She grew up in New England and attended Beaver College. Beth married Ted Schlapfer on November 23, 1946, and together embarked for the West Coast in a 1935 Ford to begin a long relationship with the U.S. Forest Service. They served in several states including California, Alaska, South Dakota, Virginia, Georgia and, at last, Oregon. Her interests in biology and the outdoors fit perfectly with Ted's career. Beth and Ted settled in Cornelius, Oregon, in 1972, where they owned a homestead that included a small organic apple orchard they called Sunshower Orchards. Survivors include Ted; their children Todd, Joanna, Jeff, and Jake; and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Richard “Dick” Schimel died April 12, 2009, at age 80. Dick was born February 12, 1929, in Camas, Washington, where he grew up and graduated from Camas High School in 1948. After high school, he attended Portland University and Western College of Education. Inducted into the U.S. Army in 1951, Dick trained as a radio operator and served in Germany. After his discharge from the Army, he earned a degree in forestry from the University of Washington in 1956 and went to work as a forester for Crown-Zellerbach Corporation in Vernonia, where he met Margaret whom he married in 1958. Dick soon joined the U.S. Forest Service in Portland and served for 28 years in timber management on the Gifford Pinchot and Umatilla na-

tional forests until he retired in 1985. Survivors include Margaret, son Brian, daughters Susan Bakeman and Lorie Keightley, and four grandchildren.

Everett Haven Stanaway died March 12, 2009, at age 88. Haven was born May 18, 1920, in the Entiat Valley of Washington where he grew up and went to school. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and logging for a short time, he began his 38-year career in the U.S. Forest Service on the Entiat Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest. Haven married Musie Smart and together they raised Scott, Kay, and Patty. His career took him and the family to the Fremont and Umatilla national forests in Oregon before he retired in 1977 and he and Musie returned to their Entiat Valley home. Survivors include Musie, daughter Kay Bowie, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert Vernon “Bob” Vestal died April 19, 2009, at age 77. Bob was born January 25, 1932, in Ashland, Oregon, where he lived his entire life. A computer programmer on the Rogue

River National Forest, he served more than 25 years in the U.S. Forest Service.

Frank Curry Williams died March 25, 2009, at age 69. Frank was born August 28, 1939, at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and as an infant moved with his family to western Oregon. Following his father’s work as a log truck driver, Frank’s family lived in Sweet Home, Roseburg, and Glide before settling in Rogue Valley. He graduated from Medford High School in 1957, was married in 1959 and divorced in 1974, and married Norene Couser in Medford in 1975. Frank began his U.S. Forest Service career on the Rogue River National Forest, then worked on the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, Montana, for nine years, and the Umatilla National Forest in Ukiah, Oregon, for two years, before retiring from the Forest Service on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests in St. Maries, Idaho, in 1994, and returning to Medford. Survivors include Norene, daughters Julie Skov and Janet Ruane, sons Curt and Kevin, several grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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part of his Forest Service family and life—many of whom are OldSmokeys—to this celebration her husband’s life.

“We are having a barbeque and providing hot dogs and hamburgers,” Janet wrote. “We are asking anyone attending to bring their favorite dish and provide their own beverage. Table service will be provided. We are also planning a baseball game where Dick’s grandson, Alec Marlega, will throw out the first ball.”

At 1:00 p.m., before the barbeque and ball game, there will be a dedication of the ball field. A bronze plaque recognizing Dick and the men who “created the field of dreams” in the forest will be unveiled.

To get to Steamboat Ball Park, drive east from Roseburg on the Diamond Lake Highway (Oregon Highway 138). Pass through Glide and by Steamboat Inn. The well-signed ball field, about one-half mile beyond the inn, is reached by “crossing the Mott Bridge and wandering up the mountain.” The drive from Roseburg to the ball field takes from 45 minutes to an hour.

Janet asks that all planning to attend let her know by sending her a short e-mail at <jlmarlega@charter.net> or calling her. This will help plan for food and ensure that Forest Service attendees are recognized.

Editor’s Note: This is short notice, I know. This invitation was also the subject of a more-timely OldSmokeys e-Note.

OldSmokey Stan Kunzman is Honored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for Volunteer Conservation Work

On March 8, 2009, at its annual convention in Texas, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation surprised OldSmokey **Stan Kunzman** with one of four Chairman’s Awards presented by the organization this year.

Stan didn’t know he was to be honored, and hadn’t planned to attend the convention. But his wife **Karen Kunzman**, who was in on the secret, insisted they go. Stan’s surprise was complete.

The award recognized Stan’s 18 years of volunteer work with the wildlife habitat preservation organization. “Despite its name,” Patrick Cliff wrote in his March 14 report of Stan’s award in Bend, Oregon’s, daily newspaper, *The Bulletin*, the Missoula-based Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation “works in areas far beyond the Rocky Mountains, and with all wildlife, not just elk. In Oregon, the foundation’s work includes forest restoration and water projects. The foundation has also restored elk populations in states from North Carolina to Wisconsin.”

Stan was the only nominee from Oregon, according to Bob Bastian, the senior regional director for the foundation’s Western division, who nominated him for the award. According to Bastian, Stan helps the foundation with fund-raising and field work. Stan, who has chaired the foundation’s Central Oregon Chapter, is always there when the foundation needs him. “He’s just outstanding. He’s unbelievable,” the report in *The Bulletin* quoted Bastian.

Stan retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1994, after more than 30 years service, as fire staff officer on the Deschutes National Forest. He’s lived in Bend since 1985.

Stan is now looking forward to the foundation’s forthcoming project to restore quaking aspen stands on the Ochoco National Forest.

In time he has left over, Stan will serve as a volunteer interpreter at the “High Desert Ranger Station” exhibit at the High Desert Museum south of Bend this summer.

Prepared from Patrick Cliff’s March 14, 2009, article “Conservation group honors Bend man’s volunteer work” in The Bulletin and the editor’s communications with Stan.

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Rich Reeves writes about his dad, *OldSmokey Sparky Reeves*. My Dad, Ralph A. “Sparky” Reeves, turned 99 on April 25. He enjoys hearing from other OldSmokeys. The address is: Royale Gardens, 2975 Highland, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Another thing. Thanks to all the folks who are trying to save the National Forests from obscurity. It is a shame that all the natural resources have to be locked up. What ever happened to the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act?

Dave Jay remembers *Harry Gladsjo*

So sad about Harry. He was the assistant FMO on the Wind River Ranger District, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, when I was district ranger there from 1968 to 1972. When I arrived, Clay Beal had been unable to get his slash burning caught up due to heavy rains over the past two years. We had over 140 units. Harry was instrumental in guiding the district’s effort to get it done. We used the large fire organization. He was just an excellent employee. So dedicated.

Fred Walk remembers *Harry Gladsjo*

I remember Harry from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest days. He was a great guy and a lot of fun to be around. He was Harry “Who” to us.

Ken White remembers *Harry Gladsjo*

I was in the RDMA staff for several years with Harry, a good friend and co-worker. I was managing recreation with little money (so, what is new?) and he always helped me by giving me fire dollars. We hired “fire” wilderness rangers. Wrong to use fire dollars to help out recreation? Ya, right, like that has never happened before!

Dick Chase remembers *Dick Schimel*

Dick was the Timber Management Assistant on the Packwood Ranger District [of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest] while I was the District Ranger there. Generally serious (but not always, for he had a quiet sense of humor), Dick’s technical and administrative competence in handling a complex timber program earned him the respect of everyone he worked with, both in the Forest Service and industry. It was my privilege to have him as an associate, for he sure made my job a whole lot easier.

Lee Boeckstiegel remembers *Haven Stanaway*

I was [transferred to the Entiat Ranger District, Wenatchee National Forest, in 1957 to be Project Leader for the Wenatchee Timber Inventory, and began] my association with Haven Stanaway. He was a big strong person who was through and through “Forest Service” and a fine person. He and his wife Musie took my wife and [nine-month-old] daughter under their

wing. ... Haven had a small ranch up river from the ranger station where he had some horses. ... Haven loved fire and prided himself in his knowledge of fire and continued to study fire as long as I knew him. ... I am sure those persons who took the time to listen and work along with Haven learned much from him.

John Hargrove remembers *Haven Stanaway*

I watched Haven almost die in a helicopter crash on the No. 2 Canyon fire west of Wenatchee years ago. My crew was on the upper face of the main canyon ridge trying to beat down the advancing front of the fire when I saw Haven and another man standing on a small bench off a basalt outcrop of the ridge while a wind-driven trailing fire raced up the canyon wall behind us and toward them. Almost at the same time, I saw a small two-place chopper swoop over an set down on that same tiny bench and haven and the other man climb in.

For a few seconds, I heard the pilot try to speed his rotor up, then he cranked up a couple of feet off the ground and slipped steeply down the face of the ridge. The chopper never developed enough lift to move away from the ridge and crashed into the ground about 1,500 feet or so from its liftoff spot, sending a small puff of dust into the air. I saw a few men race toward the chopper crash site, then had to turn and deal with my own problems. I learned later Haven suffered broken ribs, a sliced forehead and concussion. I remember he had a scar afterward to remember the No. 2 Canyon Fire by.

Rachel Sines remembers *Haven Stanaway*

Haven was my brother and worked on the Wenatchee, Fremont, and Umatilla national forests.

Editor’s Note: Rachel also mentioned that her husband, OldSmokey Roy Sines “is going down faster now with his Alzheimers. So sad to watch.”

John Wilson writes about *PNWFSA election*

When I received the Winter 2009 *OldSmokeys Newsletter* I found a ballot for the election of a President-Elect and approval of a revised Constitution.

The President-Elect I know personally and know who I’m voting for. That’s fine! I vote for Bill!

The next item was a (circle one) approve-disapprove (?) the revisions of the Constitution! There was a short note in the article above it that said the document was available on the web site. I don’t have web site availability and I don’t want to vote in the dark. You are disenfranchising those of us without computers. There could at the very least have been a summary of the changes. This was a poor job of informing the membership!

Vicki Keeney donates to *OldSmokeys Newsletter*

Although Rob paid a life membership many years ago, I want to donate toward the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar! Some exciting events are coming up before you receive your next newsletter.

- **July 30, 2009** — “High Desert Ranger Station” Dedication at High Desert Museum south of Bend!
- **August 14, 2009** — OldSmokeys Summer Picnic at Wildwood Recreation Area near Mt. Hood!
- **September 7-11, 2009** — U.S. Forest Service Reunion 2009 in Missoula, Montana!

OldSmokey News

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OldSmokey Dave Zalunardo Receives National Wild Turkey Federation Award

Recently retired new OldSmokey **Dave Zalunardo** was one of three Deschutes and Ochoco national forest personnel to receive the Making Tracks National Award from the National Wild Turkey Federation on February 20, 2009.

The award was presented in the Habitat Management Programs category to Dave and the other recipients participation “In Recognition of Many Years of Program Accomplishment That Improve or Enhance Wild Turkey Habitat on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest.” Anne Roberts and Monty Gregg were the other Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest Stewardship Group award recipients.

From the Thursday R6 Update of March 5, 2009

OldSmokey Jeff LaLande Participates in Oregon Forest History Roundtable

OldSmokey **Jeff LaLande**, retired archaeologist-historian on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, spoke on “Only Yesterday: A Social and Technical History of the ‘Great Cut-over’ of Southwestern Oregon’s Federal Forests, 1945-1995” at the first annual Oregon Forest History Roundtable held Friday, May 15, at the Tillamook Forest Center near Tillamook, Oregon.

Jeff is one of seven distinguished forest historians who gathered to share their knowledge about a variety of subjects related to forests, fire, and evolving forest policy. Each was scheduled to make a 30-minute presentation on his or her topic that would be followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

The event, put on by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, was part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Oregon’s statehood, and was open to anyone with an interest in forests and Oregon’s history.

Prepared from an announcement in the Spring 2009 issue of Forests for Oregon published by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

OldSmokey Dallas Emch Retires as Supervisor of Willamette National Forest

OldSmokey **Dallas Emch** celebrated his retirement from the U.S. Forest Service at a June 5 dinner party attended by family and friends at the Boulevard Grill in Eugene, Oregon. Dallas had been Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest, since August 2002.

A 1976 graduate of West Virginia University, to which he returned to earn an M.S. degree in 1984, Dallas’ more than 30 years in the Forest Service spanned four regions and eight national forests as well as RO and WO assignments. He joined the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association about six months ago.

Good luck, Dallas and Cheryl! We hope to see you around!

OldSmokey Tom Mafera’s Heppner Ranger District Spearheads Community Firewood Project

Braving windy 4-degree weather, 12 Heppner Ranger District personnel and about 20 other community members delivered eight cords of firewood to needy families in the north central Oregon communities of Heppner and Lexington this winter.

This is the third year the Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest has led the community firewood project, coordinated through the local Neighborhood Center. To make it happen, Forest Service employees along with retirees and seasonal employees split wood donated by Dodge Logging Co. Donald Moody of La Grande donated his time and equipment to unload the wood. Community volunteers helped deliver 10 pickup truck loads and one trailer load of wood in three hours.

“I could be sitting at home in front of a warm fire, but the thought of someone else not having a fire to stay warm was overwhelming,” one volunteer expressed the motive for the project.

OldSmokey **Tom Maferra** is Heppner district ranger.

Prepared from an article by Marcia Kemp and Joani Bosworth in the January 29, 2009, R6 Update.

OldSmokey Hank Hays Was Witness to History—From a Great Distance

By Hank Hays

I noticed in the winter issue of the *OldSmokeys Newsletter* a review by John Nesbitt of a book about the Mann Gulch Fire of 1949.

At that time I was on Thunderbolt Lookout on the Boulder Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest, under District Ranger Russ Lockhart. I saw the smoke column only after it was several hundred feet or more high when, shortly before, no smoke was visible. That was how rapidly the smoke column arose.

When I called in the fire to the Boulder office, sometime later the forest supervisor of the [Helena National Forest] with the fire called me by phone. He wanted to know how I could have seen it, being that it was 60 miles away from my tower. That is how large the smoke column was, of course.

OldSmokeys Invited to Harvest Ball 2009 at Timberline Lodge on November 6

The Mt. Hood National Forest personnel who are proud to host an annual grand evening of dinner, dance, and camaraderie at majestic Timberline Lodge encourage OldSmokeys to enjoy Harvest Ball 2009 with them on November 6.

It kicks off with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and dancing at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person for dinner, \$15 for dancing. Details are available on the Harvest Ball website at <http://www.harvestball.net> or from Peg Watry at 503-668-1628.

The annual Harvest Ball is not an official Forest Service function. It was begun in 1972 by Mt. Hood National Forest personnel as a pre-winter celebration and to support (then) struggling Timberline Lodge.

News Analysis

Congress Remains Intent on Not Using National Forest Biomass to Produce Biofuels and Other Benefits

By Les Joslin

Despite promising bipartisan efforts—perhaps most notably reflected in Representative Greg Walden (R-Oregon) confronting former Vice President Al Gore during an April 24 House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing and championing an amendment narrowly defeated by that committee on May 20—Congress appeared intent on excluding national forest biomass as a n energy source in the 2009 energy bill as this issue of your *OldSmokeys Newsletter* went to press.

Indeed, by the time you read this, this bill may have been passed and these efforts defeated.

Several bipartisan efforts in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives have been seeking to prevent the flawed definition of “reusable biomass” in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 that excluded most materials from federal forests from use in for production of biofuels—as reported in the Spring 2008 *OldSmokeys Newsletter*—from recurring in 2009 legislation. But a mostly partisan vote of the House committee on May 20 defeated Walden’s amendment that would have revised the definition to allow biomass from federal forests to count as a renewable fuel and receive the same incentives from the federal government as wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources.

Passage of the bill that would be the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 without this amendment would deal—and by the time you read this, may have dealt—a devastating blow to the biomass industry in the Pacific Northwest, which offers the potential for jobs in the forests and reduction of catastrophic wildfires and global warming.

The 2007 Story

The restrictive definition of “renewable biomass” appears a result of backroom redrafting of the 2007 energy bill after that bill was reported out of the cognizant House committee and before it was passed by the House and sent on to the Senate. “I think it fell victim to groups whose aim it is to limit, in any way possible, forest management on public lands,” said Aaron Everett, a spokesman for the Black Hills Forest Resource Association.

“Their stated goal is to stop all logging, of whatever kind, on all public lands, even if it means allowing the land to burn,” commented OldSmokey **John Marker**, Pacific Northwest Director of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees and editor of NAFSR’s *The Lookout* newsletter, of the group or groups that engineered the backroom redrafting. “They care little about the forests’ well-being.”

The backroom redrafting was discovered too late in the process to change by the time the bill arrived in the Senate, according to Brendon Plack, a legislative aid to Senator John Thune (R-South Dakota). Plack said much of the language of the 1,100-page bill apparently was written behind closed doors

during final negotiations.

The definition essentially puts off limits over 1.3 billion dry tons per year of biomass potential identified by a 2005 U.S. Forest Service-U.S. Department of Energy report commonly called the “Billion Ton Report.” That’s enough to produce biofuels sufficient to meet more than one-third of the nation’s demand for transportation fuels by 2030 while improving forest health, reducing catastrophic wildfire risk, and providing employment for forest-dependent communities.

The 2009 Story

The same restrictive definition of “renewable biomass” plagues the energy bill being pushed through Congress this spring. Those energy sources defined as “renewable” will get a major economic boost. In late April hearings, Walden asked panelists including former Vice President Gore why biomass from federal forests is specifically omitted from the bill.

“This legislation on page eight says woody biomass is not renewable if it comes off federal ground, period.” Walden told Gore. “On the Fremont-Winema National Forests, we have more than 200,000 acres of bug infested federal lands. When that material comes out, why the devil do we say it’s not renewable and can’t be turned into energy to reduce carbon emissions from coal?” Neither Gore nor any other panelist was able to answer Walden’s basic question: “What’s the science behind this decision to say biomass from federal lands is not a renewable energy source?”

During a mid-May meeting with the bill’s proponents, Representative Peter DeFazio (D-Oregon) urged Representative Henry Waxman (D-California) to accept the definition called for in Walden’s amendment. Pointing out that woody biomass produced by wildfire fuel-reduction projects in federal forests is now just piled and burned, DeFazio asked Waxman if it wouldn’t be better to burn that biomass to generate power. Waxman, who had introduced the bill, didn’t want to hear that.

Promising alternatives to Waxman’s bill are represented by the proposed Renewable Biomass Facilitation Act of 2009, introduced in the House as H.R. 1190 by Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-South Dakota)—supported by both Walden and DeFazio as well as other Northwest congresspersons—and in the Senate as S. 636 by Senator Thune, and the Renewable Fuel Standard Improvement Act introduced as H.R. 2409 in the House by Representative Collin Peterson (D-Minnesota). But they needed more support than they seemed to be getting as this article went to press.

The Definition Dichotomy

Two major pieces of 2009 legislation—the energy bill addressed in this article and the farm bill—define renewable biomass. In contrast to the energy bill, the farm bill *does* count wood waste from federal forests as “renewable biomass.”

The farm bill has passed both the House and the Senate, and a conference committee is scheduled to meet this month to iron out the differences between the two bills.

Time will tell—or, by the time you read this, may already have told—if politics will once again trump science.

Prepared from multiple sources—so many I can’t begin to list them—in collaboration with John Marker.

Books

OldSmokey Bob Schramek Probes Politicization of the U.S. Forest Service in Just Published *Conflict in Our National Forests: The War Between Science and Politics*

By Les Joslin

The subtitle of Robert W. Schramek's book—*The War Between Science and Politics*—states the thesis Bob develops throughout *Conflict in Our National Forests*: politics has trumped science to dominate the U.S. Forest Service policy process. And this, as he states in the preface, “is the major source of what went wrong with the service” and changed the public's view of it during the past 50 years.

Just how and why this has happened, and what it means for the Forest Service and the National Forest System, is the stuff of Bob's timely book that, in 17 wide-ranging chapters, explores diverse aspects of national forest management more at risk now than ever before to irrational solutions—solutions based on politics instead of science.

Bob's many examples point out how political considerations affect resource managers at every level as well as the resources they manage and the citizen-owners for whom they manage those resources. “Political considerations have become the major factor in land management policy making, and this has been to the detriment of the taxpayer.”

“The most recent [and, one gets the impression, most egregious] example of politics masquerading as policy based on fact and scientific management,” Bob writes in Chapter 15, “was the Clinton Administration's withdrawal of an additional 54 million acres of roadless National Forest from all future management options, in the belief that this will leave a ‘lasting legacy’ of environmental wisdom for future generations. Catering to a carefully cultured popular myth of the scarcity of forests, and the belief that old growth forests, once cut are gone forever, this

preservation of the un-preservable is a farce of unprecedented magnitude.”

Bob's book is right up to date. The current debate over whether biomass from federal forests is “renewable” or not, resulting from controversial language in the Energy Independence Act of 2007, reflects still another such farce.

Bob pulls no punches. He says what he thinks. He owns his opinions. And he recognizes his bias as “the normal bias of any person who has spent his working life in pursuit of the truths of his chosen profession. The statements...are my own opinions, based on my personal observations during my thirty three years in forest management.” Those were the years 1953 to 1985 during which he worked for the Forest Service in jobs ranging from timber management to wilderness management that informed his perspective.

Bob wrote *Conflict in Our National Forests* to share that perspective on “how we can bring our National Forests back to intelligent pro-active management instead of the current under-management and over-regulated condition that now exists.”

Bob Schramek's informed and insightful *Conflict in Our National Forests* is available for \$19.99 in paperback or \$29.99 in hardback from Xlibris Corporation at 1-888-795-4274 or online at Xlibris Bookstore. This reviewer found the easiest way to order Bob's book is to Google “Conflict in Our National Forests by Robert W. Schramek.” That takes you directly to the Xlibris Bookstore. Bob's book is also available online from Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

Entertainment

“Centennial Green” Finds a New Home on Public Television

“Centennial Green: The Over and Understory of the U.S. Forest Service in Song” is a historical musical developed and written by Warren Nelson of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service. Through a partnership with the Forest Service, Nelson was supplied with historical materials, photos, songs, and films that, along with a road trip through many national forests, provided the inspiration to tell the story.

Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV) expressed an interest in recording the show to broadcast in their 11-county viewing area. Forest Service videographers Dave Steinke and Steve Dunsy teamed with MPTV to produce the movie “Centennial Green” and provide project direction.

OldSmokeys and other viewers interested in watching this show should check local PBS station broadcast schedules for dates and times. For additional information please visit Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua online at <www.bigtop.org>.

Editor's Note: Nope, your OldSmokeys Newsletter isn't about to ape the The Washington Post with a regular “Entertainment” section. Your editor is just passing this along from the March 13, 2009, weekly “People, Places, and Things” from the Chief's office. Until the Riders in the Dirt finally record their beautiful Forest Service ballad “The Green and the Gold” or somebody makes a good record of “Smokey the Bear” again, you're not likely to see this section again. And yep, your editor knows it's “Smokey Bear,” but when Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote the song back in 1952, they added a “the” between “Smokey” and “Bear” to maintain the correct rhythm. Before long, he became known as “Smokey the Bear.” But OldSmokeys know his name is Smokey Bear.

Uncle Sam's Cabins

Clackamas Lake Ranger Station

Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon

Story and photographs by Les Joslin

The first Clackamas Lake Ranger Station structures, a log cabin and a barn built by pioneer ranger Joe Graham in 1906, are long gone. But ten of their dozen successors, wood-frame buildings beautifully crafted on the same site during the Great Depression, remain as Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station—a U.S. Forest Service heritage site many OldSmokeys know well.

Clackamas Lake Ranger Station, named for Clackamas Lake near the headwaters of the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River, has served as a Forest Service administrative site since 1906. Nestled in a Douglas-fir forest at an elevation of 3,500 feet where six-foot snows are not uncommon, it was the summer headquarters of the Clackamas Lake Ranger District—first on the old Oregon National Forest and then on the Mt. Hood National Forest—until 1952. Today, although sometimes used as a summer guard station and work center, its office is now a visitor center and its ranger residence a recreation rental.

By the time Ranger Graham finished his 24-year tour as district ranger at Clackamas Lake in 1930, forest use and management required a larger administrative complex. His successor, Ranger O.J. Johnson, moved on that requirement. A twelve-building ranger station compound design was completed in 1932. Establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933 and availability of New Deal funds allowed rapid completion during the next two years. And, since the idea was to employ out-of-work men, the original conservative plans were modified to include labor-intensive items that kept the men employed longer. While skilled carpenters working for the Forest Service did most of the actual building construction, the CCC did most of the rock work and landscaping. The result was one of the Pacific Northwest Region's more beautiful Depression-era ranger stations.

With one unfortunate exception, Clackamas Lake Ranger Station looks about as it did in the 1930s. That exception is the result of a May 26, 2001, fire that destroyed the protective assistant's residence, also known as the "Honeymoon Cabin" because Protective Assistant Alton Everest and his bride, Elva, spent the first year of their marriage in the small cabin. Although the historic station's access road was paved in 1962, no modern buildings have intruded on the site.

A group called Friends of Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station helps the Forest Service preserve and interpret this National Register of Historic Places site.

Editor's Note: Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station, about 75 miles southeast of Portland, is staffed by volunteers who operate the station's office building as a visitor center during the summer. To get there, take U.S. Highway 26, to its junction with Skyline Road (Forest Road 42) about 11 miles east of Government Camp and 5 miles west of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation-Mt. Hood National Forest boundary. Turn south onto Skyline Road and follow this paved road for 11 miles past its intersection with Forest Road 57 and the Clackamas Lake Historic Area sign. The historic Clackamas Lake Ranger Station office—which serves as the visitor center—is on the left, ¼ mile past the junction. The ranger's residence is on the east side of the road across from the office.



This painting of Ranger Graham's original Clackamas Lake Ranger Station cabin hangs in the visitor center in the historic ranger station office .



Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station office and now burned protective assistant cabin or "Honeymoon Cabin" visible behind it in this photograph.



Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station ranger's residence is now a recreation rental.

Do you have a favorite Pacific Northwest Region historic ranger station you would like to see featured in this section? If so, send the story and photographs to Les Joslin, 2356 N.W. Great Place, Bend, Oregon, or to lesjoslin@aol.com.

Out of the Past

“When you go out in the woods today, you’re sure of a big surprise...”

Two Girls and a Bear Visit a Fire Lookout in Late August 1928

By Les Joslin

It was the end of August 1928, and Ferdinand “Ferd” Strauss, a resident of Mosier, Wasco County, Oregon, and a student at the California Institute of Technology, was near the end of his first summer manning the Deschutes National Forest fire lookout atop Bachelor Butte, now known as Mount Bachelor. It had been a routine summer of spotting and reporting smokes and few surprises.

That is, until the end of the fire season.

“Moonlight was plentiful but cold at 1:30 [on the morning of August 29] when two girl mountain climbers checked in at the lookout house on the summit of Bachelor butte,” *The Bend Bulletin* reported to its readers later that day. Strauss had reported his pleasant surprise to the forest dispatcher who had passed the word on to the newspaper.

“Miss Mary Conn and Miss Mary Ellen Foley were back at work in *The Bulletin* office this morning with no ill effects from their midnight climb,” the newspaper assured its readers. “So far as is known this is the first time it has been scaled by moonlight.”

“Miss Conn and Miss Foley had hoped to be the first to scale Bachelor this year, but weather conditions prevented and climbing after it had been scaled this year was ‘too tame.’ So the moonlight trip was planned.”

“They left Bend after Miss Foley finished work at *The Bulletin* office about 6 o’clock last night. They had car trouble along the way and did not start climbing until 11 o’clock. They reached the lookout station at 1:30 a.m.”

“Strauss served hot coffee and the girls began the trip down the mountain side, reaching the car about 4 o’clock. They slept an hour and drove to Bend at 7 o’clock this morning ready for work again.”

“‘I heard voices and wondered if it might be angels,’ is the way Strauss referred to his awakening early this morning when the girls arrived on the summit outside the lookout station.”

Strauss’s surprise the next night wasn’t so pleasant.

As *The Bend Bulletin* reported on the front page of its August 30 issue, “Strauss sent out a frantic SOS last night over the telephone when a black bear started the long climb to the summit and reached a point well up...before deciding the prospects for a meal at the top weren’t good enough to justify the climb.”

“Strauss, who was unarmed, put in several phone calls while the bear was apparently determined to reach the lookout station. Strauss called for volunteers, well armed, to argue with the bear and it was only after bruin gave up the trip that peace settled down over the phone line system of the Deschutes national forest, Leslie Colvill, central platting agent, reported this morning.”

“Strauss described the bear as ‘a big, black one’ and was very earnest in his pleas for aid,” Colvill said. Assurances that the black bear is friendly by nature and inclined to be playful rather than hostile had little effect until the animal had headed back down the slope.”

Editor’s Note: Thanks to the Deschutes County Historical Society for access to its collection of Bend’s newspaper. The change in capitalization of Deschutes National Forest in the next to last paragraph, a direct quotation, reflects newspaper capitalization style at the time, not an error.



Wendy Joslin, your editor’s daughter, on the fire line as a Redmond Interagency Hotshot Crew member in 2007.

Photo by Shane Rountree

On the Fire Line

By Dan Casamajor

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

Old Smokey Says...

PREVENT WILDFIRES!



Editor’s Note: This is the chorus of a song by Dan Casamajor published by permission in its entirety in the Winter 2007 issue of the OldSmokeys Newsletter.



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