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After the creation of Glacier and Rocky Mountain National Parks from former Forest Service lands, Chief Forester Graves clearly pronounced that the Forest Service would not stand for the creation of additional national parks at the expense of national forests. Thereafter, the Forest Service “consistently opposed the creation of National Parks out of National Forests except where some exceptional natural or scenic wonder exists, like the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which is of sufficient national importance to justify the special protection and development insured through the creation of a National Park.”

Smith Riley passed this statement on to his district foresters, and it became the policy for District 2 as

well (Chapman 1925: 351). But despite Forest Service opposition, on August 25, 1916, Congress passed the National Park Service Organic Act. Subsequently, Stephen Mather was made the agency’s first director. In creating the National Park Service (NPS), the law outlined the fundamental purpose and powers of the service to manage and control parks, and other areas that Congress designated. However, the legislation remained little more than a piece of paper until appropriations were approved eight months later.

Almost immediately a tension between the Forest Service and NPS developed as people raised the question as to who should manage America’s recreational needs—the Forest Service, or the Park Service.

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The Forest Service felt this pressure immediately as competition developed over control of some of the most spectacular wild lands in the western United States. Some District 2 officials like Assistant District Forester Carl Stahl immediately issued statements that denounced parks in general. The laconic Stahl may have been frustrated at land grab attempts of forest lands in the past for national parks, but he was not anti-recreational.



Visitors brave the snow in 1916.

As early as 1914, when the supervisor of the Sopris National Forest proposed closing an area on each side of the Frying Pan River to grazing for recreation, Stahl replied, "The practice of the public using the forest for recreation is one that should be fostered." He approved the proposal and cautioned that the excluded area to be clearly posted to prevent grazing trespass (Hinton 1986: Chapter 4, 9; Cochrane, Murray and Karamanski 1988: 106, 108). With the introduction of NPS, the dynamics of Forest Service land management changed. Every proposal for a new park area in the country required a determination of its relative value to the public. Was it of outstanding importance as a scenic unit, justifying park status? Did this value to the public

outweigh the commercial loss inherent in the withdrawal of all natural resources from use and development? Or, was it possible to give the public all the recreational use they desired or needed on a particular area without locking up resources, thus "serving the greatest number of people in the greatest number of ways?"

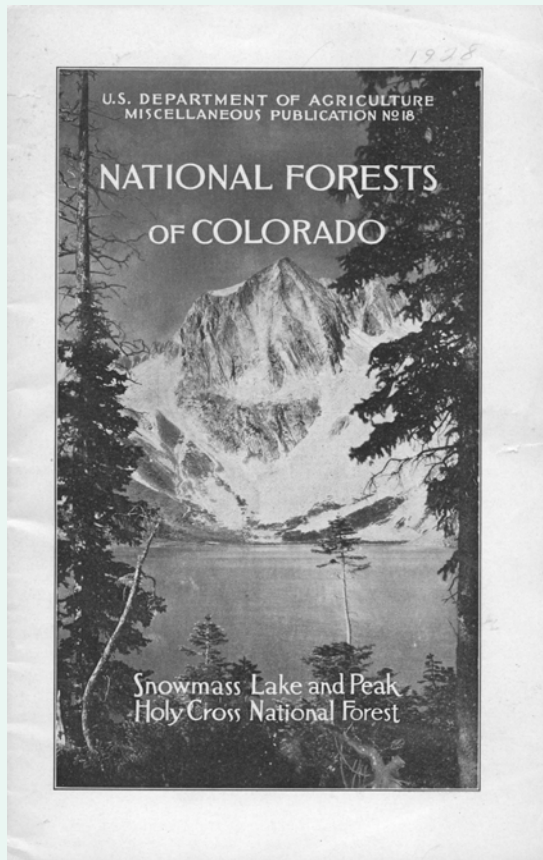
Answering these questions put the Forest Service in a difficult way, especially in the mind of Eastern national park enthusiasts, who were too far removed from the facts to understand the economic relations involved. After 1916, in District 2 and elsewhere, the Forest Service was constantly called upon to explain its opposition to the growing popular movement for more parks. According to one Forest Service supporter, the agency was constantly accused of being the primary obstacle in preventing the public from realizing

a cherished ambition. Time and time again, the Forest Service was accused of being a petty bureaucratic organization, jealously seeking to hold what they had for fear of loss of prestige and authority (Chapman 1925: 351, 378-379).

Recreational management was now a major Forest Service concern, and became part of the Forest Service's multiple-use policy. District 2 advertised recreational use on its forests in folders and maps containing the various scenic features and accommodations (Nelson n.d.: 58-59). The Nebraska National Forest as early as 1912 advertised that though it did not "boast of lofty peaks nor precipitous canyons," the Niobrara Division offered "landscapes which possess much individual charm" (USFSRMR 1912).

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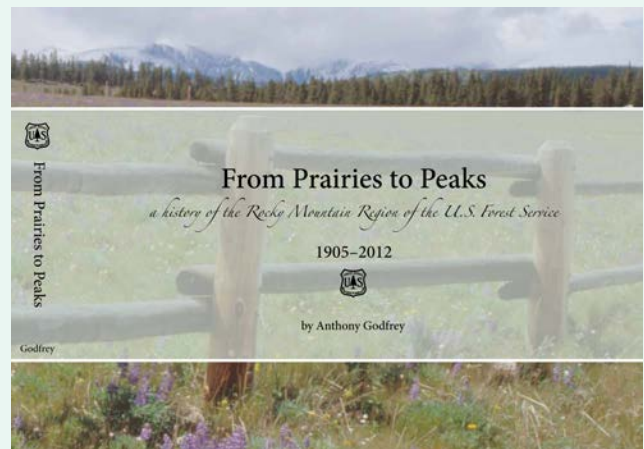


Forest pamphlet dated 1928.

Then, starting in 1917, District 2 began producing pamphlets with titles such as Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming: A Land of Wealth and Wonder, Colorado National Forest, Colorado: A Wonderland of Glaciers, Peaks, Canyons, Lakes and Timber, and Vacation Days in the Routt National Forest, which extolled a national forest's recreational wonders along with information regarding timber production, grazing, irrigation, or mining resources (USFSRMR 1917a; 1917c; 1917d).

At the same time, the subject of recreation use was intensely discussed at the annual forest supervisor's conference in Denver that year. At

the meeting, recreation received a significant push from the Wallace I. Hutchinson, head of Information and Education Branch of the District Office, who gave a major speech calling the supervisors' attention to the developing recreational boom in District 2 and elsewhere in the nation. Hutchinson described the recreation resources of the district as "one of the great assets" and suggested that recreational development would increase the popularity of the Forest Service (Hinton 1986: Chapter 4, 9). At the same meeting, District 2 Fiscal Agent Q.R. Craft noted that in 1905 the rank and file had little grasp of what recreation meant, but was convinced that in 1917, every Forest officer "must advance and keep pace with the development and need of these Forest resources" (Baldwin 1967: 3). Thereafter, District 2 began to keep statistics on recreational use (Cochrane, Murray and Karamanski 1988: 109-110).



Prairies to Peaks - a history of the Rocky Mountain Region 1905-2012 by Anthony Godfrey

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Dan Nolan

I just returned from the 2016 Gathering of the Rocky Mountaineers held at the Crazy Horse Memorial in Custer, SD. Marilyn and I extended our trip with camping in Montana where we visited the Missoula Smokejumper base (site of the future National Museum of Forest Service History) and then in the Bighorn National Forest. A big thank you goes to Frank Cross and his planning committee who did a fabulous job of providing a variety of entertaining and interesting programs and field trips. For me the highlight of these events is always the opportunity to reconnect with friends and

coworkers. Until last week it had been more than 30 years since I last saw Paul Ries when we were young foresters in silviculture training. You can see how much fun we had by checking out our website (<http://rockymountaineers.us/>) where our web guru Bill Disbrow has posted lots of pictures. I hope to see you at next year's Gathering at a time and place to be determined.

Candidate for 2017

The Board of the Rocky Mountain Forest Service Association has nominated Sharon Friedman to be elected as a chair-elect for 2017. Sharon worked for the Forest Service from 1979-2012 in R-6, R-5, the WO and R-2 in silviculture, research, planning and NEPA, She was active in SAF, and started a blog "A New Century of Forest Planning" which is still going strong. She's currently working slowly toward a degree in theology at Iliff in Denver.



Sharon Friedman

Further nominations for this Board position may be made by current members of the Association by email to rmountaineers@gmail.com or mailed to Rocky Mountaineers, Post Office Box 270462, Fort Collins, CO 80527. Nominations must be received by October 17, 2016. After October 17, a ballot will be sent to current members of the Rocky Mountaineers for election of this position. The Chair-elect for 2017 will serve in that capacity as a board member, and will become Chair in 2018 as will serve as Past Chair in 2019.

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Ferebee Returns as R-2 RF



Regional Forester Brian Ferebee.

I am pleased to announce Brian Ferebee has accepted the offer to serve as Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, based in Lakewood, Colorado. He replaces Dan Jiron who accepted the position of Associate Chief in July. Brian begins his permanent assignment October 29, 2016. Brian has amassed more than 27 years of exceptional skills and experiences in natural resources conservation leadership and public service. In his new role as Regional Forester he will oversee a workforce of more than 1,700 employees and 22 million acres of public land in Colorado, Eastern Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

Prior to this assignment, Brian served as Associate Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Washington Office. In that capacity, he provided oversight for policy development and direction for natural resource programs on the 193 million acres of National Forests and Grasslands. His work helped to ensure accountability and efficient delivery of natural resource programs and services that provide multiple benefits to the citizens of this Nation. His career experiences also include Deputy

Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Supervisor on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache, Forest Supervisor on the Uinta, and Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Pike San Isabel National Forest.

Brian earned a bachelor's degree in natural resource management at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. He also maintains strong relationships and participates in a number of natural resources conservation and service organizations. He is an avid hunter, skier and angler; he also enjoys camping and woodworking.

Please join me in congratulating Brian on his new assignment. We are grateful for his service.

Tom Tidwell

Jiron heads East



Chief Tom Tidwell and his new Associate Chief Dan Jiron.

Dear Colleagues in Region 2:

By now, you know that I have been appointed as your Associate Chief. I am honored to be asked by Chief Tidwell to continue my service to you and the Forest Service in this position. I will work as hard as I can to assist and support our Chief, the agency, and you as we work together to carry out our mission.

A simple note like this cannot express the profound gratitude I have for the work you do and the great honor it has been to serve as your Regional Forester. As I reflect on our time together, several things we have done stand out for me as transforming our relationships with people and forests. First, I am proud of our focus on safety and our shared commitment to bring everyone home each day.

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In addition, we have made significant progress on restoring healthy, resilient forests. And we have increased our focus on recreation and serving people, which has made us stronger by helping us better connect with others. Our work on diversity and inclusion has played a role in expanding our circles of colleagues and partners, and continues to challenge us to grow and innovate.

The challenges we faced also come to mind – the incredible fire seasons of 2012 and 2013 sprang to the top of that list. Thinking of that time reminds me of how we came together and supported one another as we worked on recovery, along with other complex issues that arose during my time as your Regional Forester. Through our work together - and those great conversations we had during our Town Halls – I am grateful to have had the chance to get to know many of you. I have seen the magic of your dedication and creativity; you inspire me to be my best.

I am happy to tell you that there are many dedicated employees here in the DC Headquarters Office serving the agency's mission and working hard in public service, just as you do. I am enthusiastic about joining them in working to fully support you. Do not think of me or our employees here as far away: we are very much an interdependent system that are all critical to carrying out our mission.

Know that I will miss being your Regional Forester in the Rocky Mountain Region. I will come to visit – after all, the Rocky Mountain Region will always be my home region. I have loved my time there, and am so proud of your work and accomplishments. I know that we have many challenges ahead as an agency, and I know that with your continued hard work we can meet those challenges and continue to be conservation leaders in our work and communities.

Dan Jiron

New Mountaineer Reps

Say hi to our new Rocky Mountaineer representatives for the region. **Bob Sprentall** has taken over for Lee Carr as the area representative for western Colorado. Lee was one of the original representatives on the board and did a great job with the Colorado west slope folks and was a valuable proof reader and editor for this publication.

And say hello to **Jackie Parks**, who is the new northern Front Range of Colorado area representative. She is a very busy lady and we are lucky to have her on the board.

If you live in either of those areas, give 'em a call or drop them a note to get information or to get involved.

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Rocky Mountaineers Gather in Custer, South Dakota

About 75 Rocky Mountaineers and their spouses attended the latest gathering (2016) in Custer, South Dakota from August 29th to August 31st. The event kicked off with golfers playing a round at the Rocky Knolls Golf Course on Monday. That evening a "Meet and Greet" was held at the Crazy Horse Memorial about 4 miles north of Custer. The food and drink was as good as the hospitality as we enjoyed an evening of visiting with friends,



At Seth Bullock's grave (he was the first forest supervisor on the Black Hills) in Deadwood - Linda Ries, Lee Schmunk, Ed Fischer, Paul Ries, Johnny and Ellen Hodges, Bill Ott, Dave Thom, Barb Ott

old and new. If you have not been to the Crazy Horse Memorial, put it on your bucket list ... definitely worthwhile.

On Tuesday the retirees were welcomed by Dan Nolan, President of the Rocky Mountaineers, who presided over the morning session, including a short obligatory all-member annual meeting. The morning included a welcome from Mark Van Every, the new

Forest Supervisor of the Black Hills, and Don Gifford, Crazy Horse Administrator and FS retiree. Paul Horsted, noted historian, gave an excellent talk on "The Black Hills: Yesterday and Today." Wanda Wheeler lead us in a fun "Fact or Crap" game combining a version of Bingo and interesting facts about the Black Hills Forest.

Tom Thompson gave us an update of the Memorial Grove

and the status of the proposed FS museum. Jerry Krueger, Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Black Hills, gave us an overview of the forest, then and now.

One of the highlights of the morning was a skit written by Craig Bobzien, recently retired Black Hills Forest Supervisor. The cast included 9 members of the "not ready for prime time players" reading from a script that outlined the history of the Black Hills area, with music and all! There was even some political inflections in the skit; imagine that.

In the afternoon folks had free time and could take a bus tour of Crazy Horse, join a group riding bikes to Hill City for the more adventurous, or just take a nap.

In the evening the retirees were back at the Rocky Knolls Golf Course clubhouse where they enjoyed entertainment, visiting, and an excellent dinner consisting of pork barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, beans, and cookies for dessert. The weather was great and the music filled the clubhouse with western country flair.



We celebrated Dan Nolan's 70th birthday at the "Meet and Greet" on Monday night.



Biking the Mickelson Trail - Frank and Sue Cross, Steve Johnson, Jackie and Mike Parks, Susan Gray, Nancy Warren, Johnny Hodges, Barb and Bill Ott, Ellen Hodges



On Wednesday, the group had a few choices to occupy the day. They could go on a historic tour of the Black Hills and stop for lunch at the Boxelder Job Corps. The other option was to volunteer at Harney Peak where attendees were encouraged to bring water, lunch, and gloves. Lynn Kolund was the leader for this event. If neither of these options were taken retirees could just visit the many local historical sites and enjoy the weather. So much to see and do in the Custer area!

Many thanks to Frank Cross, Chair of the Planning Committee, and to the excellent committee members who put together an outstanding event. See you next year!



Musicians Kerry Burns and Ed Fischer entertained the gathering with some fancy picking.

Membership Update – September 2016

For the first time in the short history of the Rocky Mountaineers our membership has passed the 400 mark. We reached 402 members in August on about the 3rd anniversary of our establishment. We are already one of the largest regional associations in the country. Thank you all for your support and continue to help us recruit new members.

We have a new membership form on our website www.rockymountaineers.us that makes it very simple to become a member in about 2 minutes. New members do not have to pay any dues for the first year.

Another big change is that you can now use your credit card or PayPal account to pay your dues or make donations. Go to the “donations” tab on the home page of our website to access the form. Once you fill out the form, you are sent to PayPal’s secure

website to enter your credit card number or PayPal account information. The process is very safe and easy.

We collect donations for three different accounts – 1) Scholarship Fund 2) Memorial Grove Fund and 3) General Fund. We awarded two \$1,500 scholarships this year and provided support to the Memorial Grove ceremony last May honoring those R-2 employees that passed away last year.

The Rocky Mountaineers are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

You can help us recruit new members (we always have room for more). Send us an email or go to our website to find a membership application.

New Grant for Horseshoe Ranger Station



The Society of American Foresters (SAF) recently announced the award of a \$1,200 Forester’s Fund grant to their Northwest Colorado Chapter to support the Grand County Historical Association’s

(GCHA) project to restore the Horseshoe Ranger Station ranger’s residence and develop interpretive exhibits. This structure was constructed in 1915 as the residence of the Forest Service ranger on the Williams Fork District of the Arapaho National Forest in Grand County. In 2009, the building was rescued from planned destruction and moved from its original site in the Williams Fork valley to GCHA’s Heritage Park museum complex in Kremmling. Since then GCHA volunteers have been working to restore the building and develop interpretive exhibits to tell the story of the early rangers and management of the national forests in Grand County. The grant will be used to purchase materials for the development of additional interpretive exhibits. SAF is the national organization of forestry professionals dedicated to advancing the sustainable management of forest resources through science, education and technology.

There's a National Forest in Nebraska?

by Mary Peterson

This was a question I often heard when I told people I was the Nebraska National Forest Supervisor (from 1992-2001). The stereotype of Nebraska, which includes vast treeless prairies and the sod houses of Willa Cather stories, just doesn't conjure up a picture of National Forests! Some people may have thought I was pulling their leg when I told them, "Yes, actually, there are **two** National Forests in Nebraska—the Nebraska NF and the Samuel R. McKelvie NF."

The Nebraska NF was proclaimed a National Forest in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Samuel R. McKelvie NF was proclaimed a National Forest in 1971 by President Nixon. The proclaimed "Nebraska National Forest" is located in two distinct units—one in NW Nebraska that forms the Pine Ridge unit and the Bessey unit in the central Sandhills region. The Oglala National Grassland is located in the NW corner of Nebraska.

Five men were instrumental in Nebraska NF history: J. Sterling Morton, Bernard Fernow, Dr. Charles E. Bessey, Charles A. Scott, and President Theodore Roosevelt.



J. Sterling Morton

J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, came to Nebraska City in 1854. He was a newspaper editor, Nebraska Secretary of State, and a pioneer in agriculture. He promoted agriculture while serving on the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture from 1867-82. He was a

member of the Nebraska Horticultural Society. In 1872 the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture adopted Morton's resolution to create Arbor Day—a day set aside to plant trees. Over one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day in 1872. Morton served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to President Grover Cleveland from 1893-1897. As Secretary of Agriculture he focused on the mission of service to farmers and in setting up the forest reserves.



Bernard Fernow

Dr. Bernard Fernow became Chief of the USDA Division of Forestry in 1886. He came to America from Prussia in 1851, having been educated at the University of Königsberg's Prussian Forest Academy. Fernow's personal mission was the establishment of a national forest system and the introduction of scientific forest

management in the United States. Among his major contributions to American forestry were the Forest Reserve Act of 1891 and the Organic Act of 1897. After his work for USDA, he became a professor at Cornell University where the *Journal of Forestry* was born in 1902.

The idea of growing trees in the Nebraska Sandhills originated with **Dr. Charles E. Bessey**, professor of Botany in the University of Nebraska. Dr. Bessey served as professor, researcher, Dean of Botany, and Chancellor at the University of Nebraska beginning in 1884. His first proposal for foresting Nebraska grasslands was to the Nebraska Horticultural Society.

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Dr. Charles Edwin Bessey

The Horticultural Society accepted his suggestions and supported him in his efforts with the state and federal government in the feasibility of growing trees in the Nebraska Sandhills for commercial purposes. For years Dr. Bessey talked about foresting the Sandhills

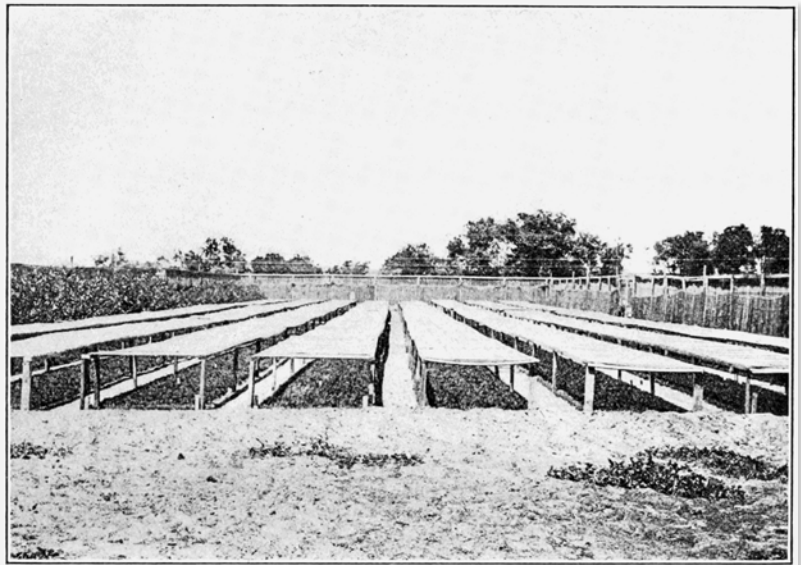
with anyone he could, including Chief Fernow.

In 1890, Dr. Bessey joined forces with Dr. Fernow who believed the project to be entirely feasible. Fernow provided planting stock for a demonstration planting. Dr. Bessey arranged with private landowners for an experimental planting of jack pine, Scotch pine, Austrian pine, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, and arborvitae. The experiment showed the highest survival rate was in jack, Scotch, and ponderosa pines. Dr. Bessey took the results to the Division of Forestry. In the spring of 1901, a party was organized by the Division of Forestry to make a reconnaissance survey of the Sandhills region and make recommendation for implementation of a forestation project.

Charles A. Scott was a student at Kansas State College working on his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1901 when he was hired as a Forest Student Assistant in the renamed Bureau of Forestry and was assigned to the Nebraska Sand Hill Reconnaissance Survey Party, to serve as a teamster and cook for the party assigned to survey the forest resources of Nebraska. Scott was instrumental in the establishment of the Nebraska forest reserves and the Halsey Tree Nursery. Upon completion of the season's work on the reconnaissance team, he briefly worked in the Washington Office.

Upon receiving a recommendation after the Nebraska reconnaissance survey, President Theodore Roosevelt created two forest reserves in Nebraska in 1902—the Dismal River and the North Platte Forest Reserves in 1906. The forest reserves in Nebraska were established to provide timber to homesteaders under both the Homestead Act of 1862 and the Kincaid Act of 1904 and to provide timber for the railroads. Roosevelt's E.O. 908 in 1908 changed the name of these three forest reserves to the Nebraska National Forest.

In 1902, Scott surveyed the boundary of the Dismal River Forest Reserve, and was tasked to find a suitable site for a forest nursery.



Western yellow pine at the Halsey government nursery

When a suitable site for the nursery was found, he was assigned to proceed with the development of the first Federal tree nursery in the U.S.—the Halsey Nursery. After spending two years developing the nursery, Scott attended the Yale School of Forestry. He returned to Halsey, NE as Forest Assistant to manage the nursery and tree planting operations and to administer the three forest reserves.

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In 1906, Scott was appointed Forest Supervisor of Nebraska's Forest Reserves. At that time, he was the youngest Forest Supervisor (aged 31) in the U.S. He remained Forest Supervisor until the end of 1907 when he resigned to become Professor of Forestry at Iowa State College. He ultimately became Kansas State Forester and Professor of Forestry at Kansas State Agricultural College. Scott later became a commercial nursery manager in Kansas, Florida, and Texas.

In 1915, the name of the Halsey Nursery was changed to the Charles E. Bessey Nursery in honor of the late Dr. Charles E. Bessey.

The selection of the Bessey Nursery site proved to be a good one. The nursery site has produced tree seedlings to not only establish the largest hand-planted national forest in the U.S., but also since 1926, to provide seedlings to Rocky Mountain Region National Forests, to the states of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Kansas, and to the BLM and BIA. Today, at 114 years old, the Bessey Nursery remains the oldest federal tree nursery in the U.S. It is capable of producing 4.5 million bareroot seedlings and 380,000 container seedlings each year. Its current production is about 2.5 million bareroot and 380,000 container seedlings annually producing 14 conifer species, 21 hardwood species, and 24 shrub species. The Bessey

Nursery is also the Region 2 Seedbank. It extracts, cleans and stores seed for these national forests and other state and federal customers.



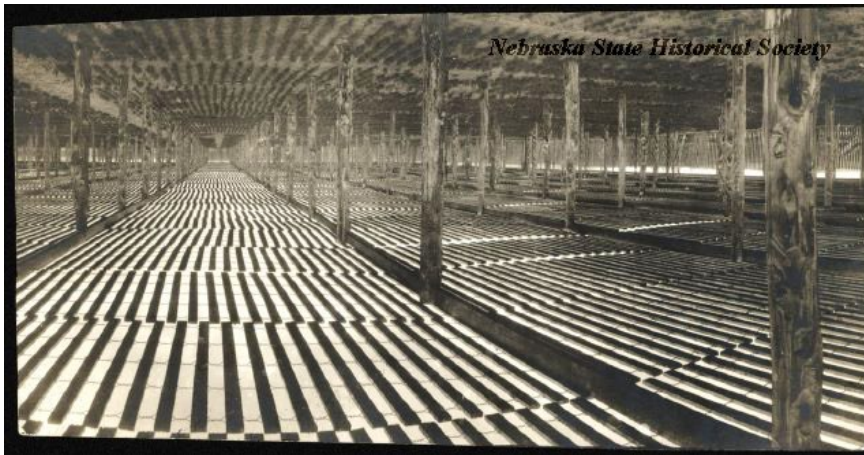
Scott Lookout Tower, built in the 1940s, is the only working fire tower in Nebraska. Seventy steps to the top, the main observation deck looms over the canopy allowing rangers to observe the 90,000 acres of the Bessey Ranger District.

The Bessey Unit of the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, is unique. It contains the hand-planted ponderosa pine, jack pine, and red cedar forest planted over several decades between 1903-1950. Most of the off-site jack pine has died. A recreational oasis in the Nebraska Sandhills, the Bessey Unit provides three campgrounds, horse trails, 23 miles of OHV trails, two OHV areas, a fishing pond, river floating opportunities, and the historic Scott Lookout Tower (built in 1944 and named after Charles Scott). The Bessey Ranger District is also home to the Nebraska State 4-H Camp. Birding and hunting are also popular activities. Grazing is a major use of the productive grasslands of the district.

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In 1954, Charles Scott sent USFS Chief McArdle his account of the development of the tree planting project in the Nebraska Sandhills. His story was never published by the Forest Service, but the accounts of his work both in the reconnaissance survey of Nebraska's forest reserves and his survey and establishment work of the Bessey Nursery contain a great story. The unpublished article is on file at the Nebraska State Historical Society.



The seed beds, filled with young trees for the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, NE. circa 1905

The stories told by those early Forest Service pioneers tell us a lot about the challenges and the romance of our agency's early history. While historical facts are important, the stories behind them are always more interesting as shown by these excerpts below from **"My Story of the Development of the Tree Planting Project in the Nebraska Sand Hills"** by Charles A. Scott.

"As a senior year student in the Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas, I agreed to accept an appointment as a Student Assistant in the Division of Forestry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, effective July 1, 1901, as tendered me by Mr. Wm. L. Hall, then Chief of the Section of Tree Planting.

I was instructed to report for duty at Kearney, Nebraska, ... to serve as cook and teamster for a reconnaissance survey party, whose duty it would be to make a thorough survey of

the Sand Hill region of Nebraska to determine if it would be practical to plant trees in the Sand Hills, and if there was any assurance they would grow to a size to be of any practical value.

The salary paid Forest Student Assistants at that time was \$300 per annum, but in as much as I was to serve as cook and teamster, I was allowed \$15 per month additional pay.

The personnel of the party included: Royal S. Kellogg, Chief of Party, Fay, KS; Louis C. Miller, 2nd in charge, Stillwater, OK; Frank G. Miller, Red Oak, IA; Hugh P. Baker, St. Croix Falls, WI; John H. Hatton, Groton, SD; E.P. Bailey, Hinsdale, NH; Charles A. Scott, Westmoreland, KS.

We spent five days buying and assembling our equipment, which consisted of a team of frisky young mules, wagon and harness, six old, well broken dependable saddle horses, saddles and bridles. Picket ropes and pins and nose bags for all the animals. Two tents and poles, eight cots, a sheet iron cook stove and the necessary kettles and pans, enough tin plates, cups and cheap knives, forks and spoons to serve eight. We anticipated some callers about meal time, and we wanted to

be prepared to extend an invitation to have a meal with us. We were not disappointed. We had numerous guests."

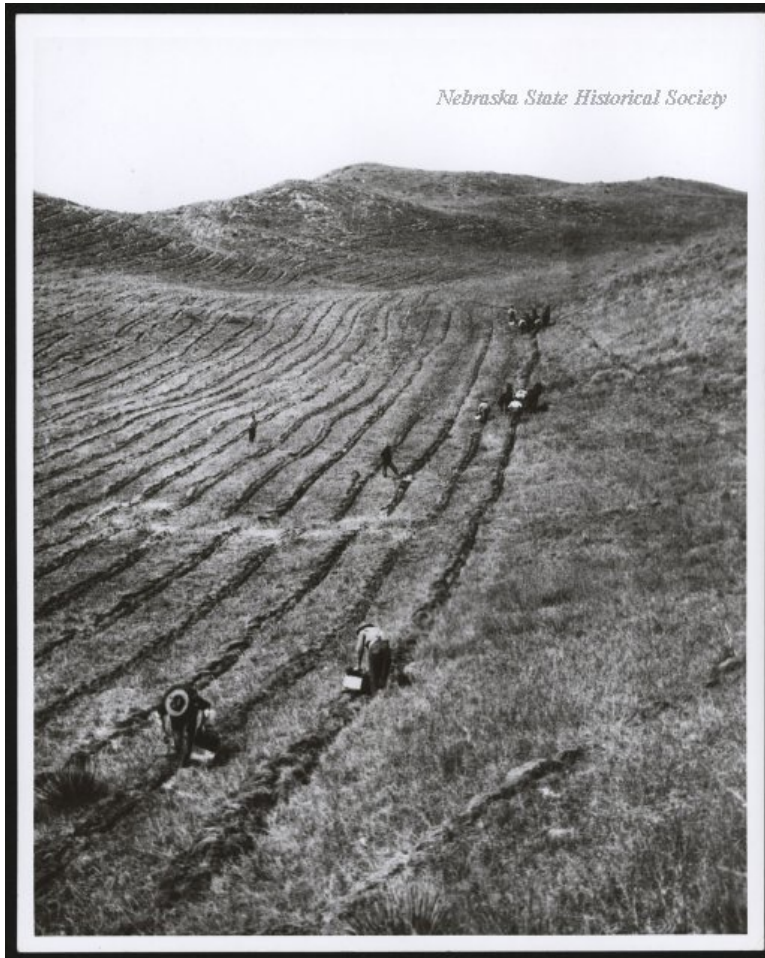
Other items purchased for the trip included a food box, coal-oil lanterns, grain for the horses and mules, a stock of provisions, a cross cut saw and axes.

Their route took them from Kearney, NE, up the Platte River to North Platte, up the North Platte River to the Wyoming State line, and northerly to Harrison. Then they followed the White River to Crawford, then easterly to Rushville, and southerly to Lakeside. Then they turned eastward and followed the railroad to Broken Bow.

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"During our summer's work we frequently deviated from our direct route spending several days at a time making growth studies of trees, especially in the vicinities of Scotts Bluff and the Pine Ridge Region.



A small number of men planting trees in furrows made by horse drawn plows at the Nebraska National Forest. Circa 1931.

From these studies we compiled some valuable data. We found that the Ponderosa pine and red cedar, native species of the region, made a normal rate of growth, equal to that for the same species in other forested regions. The largest trees of these species had been cut by early settlers years before and used in the construction of their homes and ranch buildings. Many of the stumps of these trees were well over two feet in diameter.

We found Ponderosa pine trees that by count of annual growth rings were over 300 years of age. All of this was

proof that the trees will grow and live to attain merchantable sizes.

After assembling in the Washington Office, a report of our summer's work was prepared and presented to President Theodore Roosevelt, with recommendations that a considerable area of the public lands in the Sand Hill region be withdrawn from homestead entry and be set aside as Forest Reserves."

Besides describing the territory covered and work performed in the reconnaissance survey, Scott told a few stories of what life was like when they weren't working.

"Sundays were our worst days to live through, and we adopted a practice of joining in a song service to enliven our spirits. Baker, Hatton, and F.G. Miller had very good voices. Baker had sung in choirs and Glee clubs for a number of years. The rest of us could carry tunes after a fashion. We usually started out by singing college songs and southern melodies with which we were all familiar, and ended up by singing all the Gospel hymns any one could suggest. After a few rehearsals we would not have taken a back seat for any Barber Shop Quartet.

Hatton proved to be the tender hearted one of the group. When we happened to tune up on the right, or perhaps I should say the wrong, love song, Hatton would withdraw to his tent and have a good cry. He never objected to the rest of us singing anything we cared to, but the stress we put into sentimental songs was more than he could bear, and he always felt relieved after a good cry.

I think all of us were corresponding with favorite girls, but Baker and Hatton were the outstanding cases. Baker wrote a letter to his lady friend every day, regardless of wind, weather, or the work at hand. Usually he wrote after the rest of us had gone to bed. Hatton did not write so often, but if he did not receive a letter from his lady friend the day he was expecting it he would go to bed sobbing that night."

Property documentation red tape was as real in the early USFS days as it was when I worked for the agency as revealed in this story of early Bureau of Forestry property paperwork in Scott's recollections:

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"At the time our party was disbanded at Broken Bow, it was decided that one of our old saddle horses was not worth what her winter's feed bill would amount to. She was given to a local boy who promised to take good care of her. Some two years later, in a check-up in the Washington Office, the roan mare was found to be missing on our property lists, and I was called upon to give an accounting for her. The records of the property list had to be cleared. Condemnation blanks were sent to me. I was required to appoint an appraisal committee to appraise the value of the animal, and then advertise her to the highest bidder, for case in hand. All of which I did without getting out of my office chair. This performance was repeated at least three or four years, before the matter was disposed of. I never succeeded in getting a bid for her."

It was interesting to me to see what happened to these seven men after the reconnaissance survey. Most went on to further forestry in the U.S.

Charles Scott (1875-1961) spent his entire career involved with forestation of the Great Plains as a professor and nursery manager. He produced many bulletins relating to tree planting in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado.

John Hatton (1871-1942) had a hand in the development of many National Forests and National Forest policies. He served 40 years with the Forest Service in the W.O. and San Francisco and Denver regional offices before returning to the WO as Assistant Chief of Wildlife Management. In the early days of the Forest Service, Hatton was a member of the famous "Baked Apple Club", a group of young foresters who met in Gifford Pinchot's home. The Club grew into the nation-wide professional organization, the Society of American Foresters.

Edward Bailey (1872-1939) served one year in the Bureau of Forestry and resigned to his chosen profession—teaching science—which he did for 35 years before retiring.

Francis Miller (1866-1934) worked for the Bureau for a couple years. He graduated from Yale School of Forestry in 1903. In 1907 he accepted an appointment at the University of Washington where he organized the College of Forestry and was its

Dean until 1912. He went on to become a manager of the Columbia Fruit Company of Wenatchee, Washington. Then he moved back into academia where he became head of the Dept. of Forestry in Pullman, WA and Dean of the School of Forestry University of Idaho.

Hugh Baker (1878-1950) worked for the Bureau for two years and attended Yale School of Forestry. For 48 years, Baker served as Professor of Forestry in the Iowa State College and at Pennsylvania State College, executive secretary of the American Paper and Pulp Association, Dean and Professor of Silviculture at Syracuse University College of Forestry, and President of the Massachusetts State College.

Louis Miller (1873-1950) worked as a Forest Assistant for the Bureau, attended Yale School of Forestry, and returned to the Forest Service for duty. He specialized in Forest Extension work and was recognized as an expert in tree planting problems. When the Nebraska NF districts were organized, he served as Chief of Tree Planting until his death.



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Cheeseburgers in Paradise



DURANGO – USFS retirees Mike Curran, Pat LaMay (front row), Ted LaMay, Carol Foth, Jan Newlin, Mike Johnson (second row), Don Foth, Liz Haden, Bob Newlin, and Mark Tucker (back row) joined USFS and BLM employees at the San Juan National Forest's annual Cheeseburgers in Paradise cookout in May.

CEFF is Coming

The Colorado Environmental Film Festival is right around the corner. On February 23-25, 2017 come to the American Mountaineering Center in Golden to see the very best of environmental films from around the world. CEFF is an exciting, inspiring, and energizing event that includes world class environmental films with representatives from local and national organizations. The fest will screen features, shorts, movies by foreign, local and young filmmakers with topics for everyone.

Go to their website for more information. www.ceff.net



The Executive Board of Dave Jolly, Liz Agpaoa, and Sid Haggard decided that Dave Jolly would serve as the Committee Chair, Liz Agpaoa as Deputy Chair / CFO, and Sid Haggard as Deputy Chair.

The Reunion Committee has guaranteed 830 room nights and the Crown Plaza Resort is holding 200 rooms for Tuesday – Thursday nights, 185 for Monday night, and a few for Sunday and Friday nights. The rate is \$119.00. We have the option for an additional 30 rooms on those nights at this rate, if they are available. An overflow venue will be secured, if needed.

The Crown Plaza Resort is the home to many events throughout the year including an Annual Bluegrass Festival for the last 20 years, tennis tournaments, etc. They are one mile from downtown Asheville and the shuttle van will be available at no charge throughout the week.

A 2018 Reunion Web Page has been developed and is the source

for continual updates. We are current enhancing it and adding more information about the Reunion and Asheville. www.2018.FSReunions.org.

The target date for opening Reunion Registrations is March 2017. Watch the web page for this information. Hotel reservations will not be officially open until September 2017 but we are working with the hotel to develop a prioritized list for those planning to stay at the Crown Plaza, which we hope will be everybody.

- Venue, Facilities, Food, & Contracts (Mac Gramley)
- Communications and Publicity (Sid Haggard)
- CFO, Registration, & Finance (Liz Agpaoa)
- Program (Executive Committee)
- Field Trips & Transportation (Linda Brett)
- Sponsors, Exhibits, Donors (Dave Jolly)

- Auctions & Store (Bob James)
- Hospitality, Volunteers, North Carolina Committee (Sid Haggard)
- Ambiance & Entertainment (Keith Lawrence)

We already have a few names of retirees who volunteered and I am hoping this announcement will encourage many more to enlist. We would particularly like to get a good representation from North Carolina. We all know that personal circumstances can change for any of us between now and 2018. However, with a good volunteer inventory we can remain flexible and make role changes as necessary.

Plan now to join us for the Reunion At The Cradle, September 24-28, 2018.

European Vacation



Swiss Cow

The Rocky Mountaineers completed our second international trip last month spending most of our time in the European Alps visiting northern Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

We had 37 members on this trip including 26 new travelers that didn't go with us to Ireland last year.

We stayed multiple nights in three small villages, making day trips to various sights each day. We traveled by plane, bus, ferry, funicular, gondola, fast train, cog

railroad train, steam engine train, plus walking and hiking.

Most of the group also took the pre-trip, spending a few days on Lake Como in Italy, cruising by George Clooney's villa (he wasn't home) and visiting the beautiful village of Bellagio. We had great weather most of the time except in Switzerland where the high peaks played peek-a-boo in the clouds. We took the train to Zermatt on a rainy day hoping for a view of the Matterhorn, but that didn't happen.

When the Alps did come out of hiding, they were spectacular and our perfect weather in Austria provided outstanding views.

On our way to Austria we stopped by the tiny nation of Liechtenstein to get our passports stamped and have lunch at a distillery and also do a little "tasting" which made for a

sleepy bus ride the rest of the afternoon.

Our trip ended in Munich, Germany while Oktoberfest was in full swing. Many of us went to



A morning view of The Eiger from Interlaken, Switzerland

check it out. It was a combination of the State Fair and the biggest keg party you've ever seen.

We have discovered that traveling with other Forest Service retirees and exploring new countries together is a fun and shared adventure.



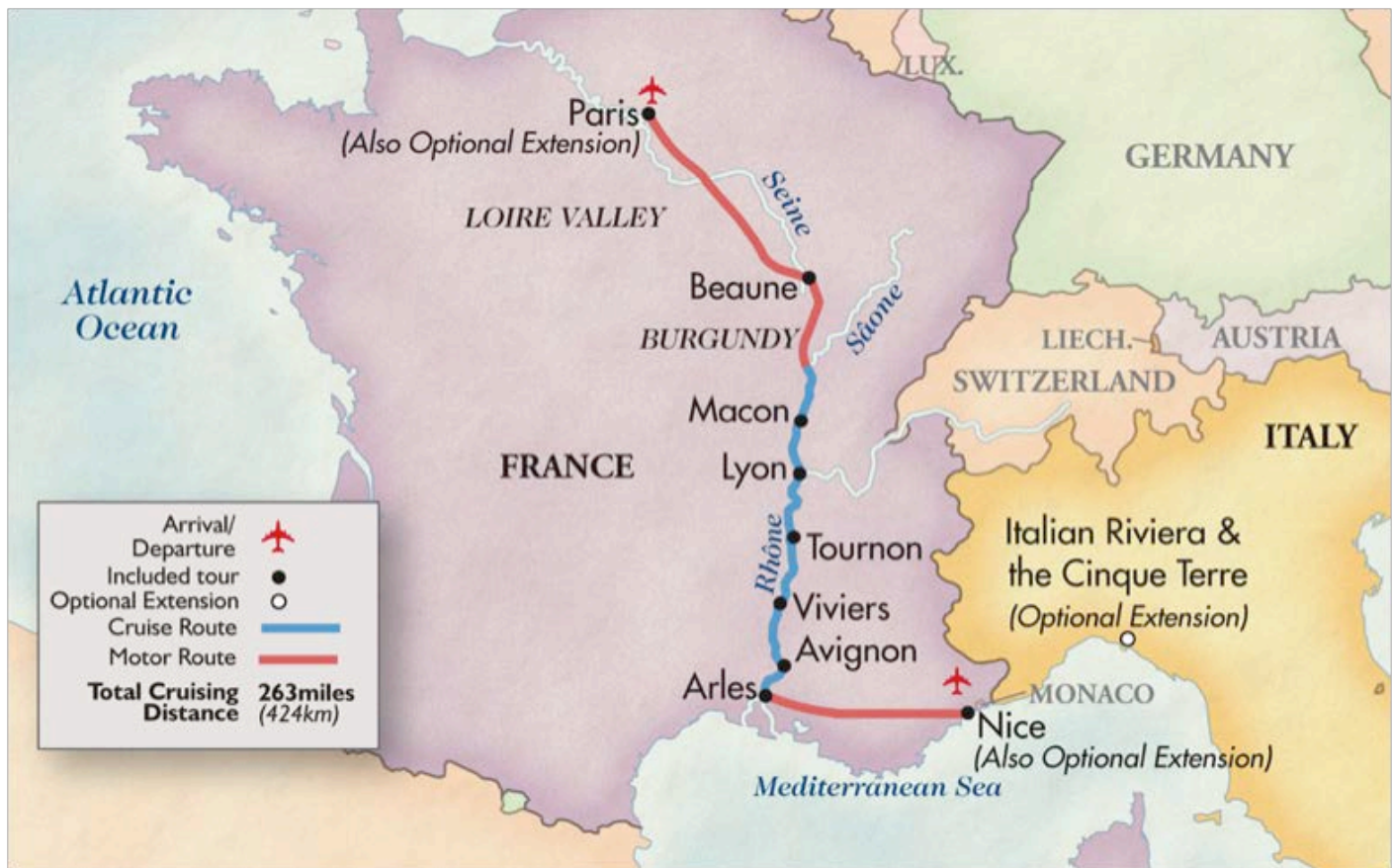
L to R - Virginia Schmunk, Andy and Debbie Mason, Jim Thinnies, Mac Provar, Cindy Dean, Craig Kjar, Dick Dieckman, Cammie and Tommy John, Kitty and Tom Thompson, Carol Kjar, Becky Aus, Jan Thom, Johnny and Ellen Hodges, Dave Thom, Janie and Gary Roper, Pam Skeels, Mary and Bob Sieger, John and Diane Almy, Jan Bergman, Kelly Liston, Bob Huthman, Vicki Baer, Mae and Ed Schultz, Jon Skeels, Lee Schmunk, Dyce Gayton, Vic Baer, Karen and Skip Underwood.

Cruise France with the Rocky Mountaineers in 2018

Up next is a river cruise from the French Riviera to Paris in April 2018. This will be an exclusive trip for members of the Rocky Mountaineers, families, and friends through Grand Circle Travel. The trip includes 2 nights in Nice; a week cruising the Rhone River on the 46-passenger M/S Provence with stops in Avignon, Viviers, Tournon, Lyon, and Macon; and 2 nights in Paris. We hope to fill all 46 slots exclusively with our group.

Optional extensions include a 4-night pre-trip in the Italian Riviera & the Cinque Terre and a 3-night

post-trip in Paris. Some of the details for 2018 are not yet available but the trip is expected to be nearly the same as their 2017 trip <https://www.gct.com/trips/river-cruises/europe/cruising-burgundy-and-provence-to-the-cote-d-azur/2017>. The anticipated price is about \$4,600 per person, including airfare from Denver before any discounts.



What's Funny?

Here's the Real Story Behind That Awesome U.S. Forest Service Cocktail Chart

How exactly did a cocktail chart for the U.S. Forest Service make its way into the National Archives? Esquire Magazine tracked down the story behind the boozy blueprints.

[U.S. Forest Service cocktail chart](#)

“Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt



"That's the Way I Remember it"

Each newsletter we will be featuring a short interview with retirees from R-2



Judy Dexter

Mail Center Director

Retiree Class of 2013 – 40 Years of Service

The Rendezvous: Where were you born and raised?

Judy Dexter: I was born in Rushville, Nebraska, which is a little town not too far from Chadron. I was raised in Hay Springs and grew up on a farm. My family raised chickens and cattle and sheep and hogs. We also had corn and wheat and hay. I had a dog by the name of Lady and another named Drummer - he was long like a dachshund and had very short legs and every time he would scratch with his back leg it sounded like a drummer. I also had a horse named Sugar.



Judy in Hay Springs with her dog Lady.

TR: Where did you go to school and what was your favorite subject?

JD: I attended a one-room schoolhouse from first through sixth grade outside of Hay

Springs. Then we moved to Beatrice, Nebraska and then to Wenatchee, Washington to be closer to family. And our last move in Washington was to Renton. I think my favorite subject in school had to be history.

TR: How did you get interested in a job with the U.S. Forest Service and what were some of your first duties?

JD: I attended a job training school in Wenatchee, and while I was in school, I heard about a printing job with the U.S. Forest Service in east Wenatchee – this was around 1972 or 1973 - so I applied for it and got it...I started as a GS-2 – copying/machine operator.

TR: How did you end up in the Denver area?

JD: My Dad needed to move back to Nebraska to take care of family, but I had a chance to move to Colorado and stay with my older sister Ilene. I thought that was going to be the best deal for me. There was a job opening in 1974 for a copier operator at Building 86 with the U.S. Forest Service and my Mom and sister came with me. I applied for the job and they asked when I could start. I told them that right away would be fine. I hired on as a GS-3 and started work in the Administrative branch of the Regional Office.

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TR: Tell us about your career and the different jobs you held, and how long you worked for the Forest Service.

JD: Bill was my first Supervisor and then John Strick took over as my supervisor...Bob Clements and Tony Lopez also worked in the mail center. I worked about six years or so, and then moved to the Regional Office on Quail street for about 15 years and then made the move over to 740 Simms Street.

TR: Who were your early bosses that gave you good advice in your career?

JD: Some did and some didn't. Marlette Lacey was very nice and a lot of help to me. Later in my working life, Bunny Maceo was also a great help to me.



Judy relaxing at a friend's cabin near Red Feather Lakes in late 1990.

TR: What were the best and worst parts of your career?

JD: Some of the best parts were getting to know everyone. Some of the worst parts were some of the bosses that I had that weren't so good. They probably shouldn't have been put in that position of being a supervisor in the first place.

TR: What was the most rewarding part of your career?

JD: I think the most rewarding part was the people that I got to know, and getting to know the ins and outs about all the work that the Forest Service had to offer. And I think the mission of the Forest Service was very enjoyable. I really liked to meet all the people who came in from the Forest and to hear about what they were doing and where they were from.

TR: Do you have a funny story from your career you can share with us?

JD: It was when Rick Cables and Tony Dixon and Jackie Parks were working in the Regional Forester's Office and they were working on a videotape for the Regional Forester's Honor Awards one year. They did all kinds of crazy stuff to Rick and then Jackie and Tony tied Rick to some imaginary railroad tracks on the 3rd floor and I was supposed to run him over with my mail cart. It was really fun and I got a chance to play a "starring" role. Lisa Street and Sarah Kuiken (RF secretaries at the time) jumped in front of Rick and stopped me just in time and saved the day for the Region.

TR: You were involved with a Regional Office move - what was that like and do you have any advice for the RO before they move?

JD: Actually I was involved in two moves. My advice would be don't get too stressed out and try to let other people help you out and get things ready to go. I know it's a hard thing to do, but try to relax. It takes a while, but hang in there and the move will happen, and once you are moved in, it gets better.

TR: How many Regional Foresters did you work for and who was your favorite?

JD: Well, I started out with Bill Lucas over in Building 85 and then Craig Rupp and then Jim Torrance. Gary Cargill was next and then Elizabeth Estill and Lyle Laverty, Rick Cables and Dan Jiron. I especially liked Craig Rupp, Jim Torrance and Rick Cables. And also Tom Thompson who wasn't a Regional Forester, but was always very nice to me.

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TR: We understand you won a lot of money with one of our very first scratch tickets. What was that like?

JD: Well, just when the lottery started out in Colorado, I bought one at King Soopers over on Quail and Colfax. When I rubbed it and took a look, I said “Whoa” and it was real and I couldn’t believe it. When I woke up and went to work the next day and found out that it was real, I couldn’t believe I had won \$10,000! I cashed it in and put it in the bank.



Judy Dexter at home in front of her Lakewood condominium.

TR: How do you think the current Forest Service is doing? Any thoughts?

JD: Well right now I think they are doing pretty good – I think we could improve in forest fires and just hope people would pay more attention to what they are doing – I just hate to see all the forests burning up and destroyed. The range and the wildlife

seems to be doing pretty good, and hopefully more wildlife won’t become more endangered.

TR: What advice would you have for a young person looking to start a career with the U.S. Forest Service?

JD: I would tell them that it’s a family oriented place and there are lots of people there who will help you improve and move on in your career. It’s a great place to work. For the longest time I watched the Lassie show on TV. Toward the end of all the shows they had a Forest Ranger on it. I think it’s great that I actually got a chance to work for the Forest Service – the same as Lassie and Timmy and Ranger Corey Stuart.

TR: What do you fill your free time with in retirement?

JD: I’ve been doing some straightening up a little and sorting through some of my stuff. I’m trying to downsize a little....I enjoy taking walks and have fun playing with my 4 cats (Smokey, Peaches, Alfie, and Precious Star). I’ve travelled a little up to Washington to see some family and attended a family reunion up near Chadron at Chadron State Park. I think we had over fifty people there.

TR: Any final words of wisdom?

JD: I’m hoping to take a trip and fly down to Texas to visit my other sister, Jan. I still like to attend the Forest Service luncheons when I can, and catch up with friends and co-workers. And I may be moving next year into an independent living area. I’m just getting tired of shoveling walks and all the issues with having a townhouse (I’ve been here over 12 years now) and all those things.



National Museum of Forest Service History

The NMFSH board welcomed our new executive director, Lisa Tate, into her new job at our Annual Meeting in Welches, OR on August 12, 2016. The



Lisa Tate

meeting was held in conjunction with the R-6 Old Smokey's Summer Picnic. Lisa comes to the Museum with lots of energy, ideas, and passion. She has extensive experience in management of non-profit organizations and she is a great fit to be in this position for

us. Lisa is a native of Missoula, MT but has worked in California, Idaho, and most recently North Dakota.

We continue to work on our fund raising campaign and are hopeful that the next year will help us move even closer to construction of our National Conservation Legacy and Education Center. We are working at revising our strategic plan and assessing how we can be more successful in increasing membership, improving our communication, reaching out to folks who are not aware of our work, and building our support base. Lisa, in particular, is focused on building energy and enthusiasm for our mission and vision, as well as celebrating our successes and accomplishments. We have received a grant from the Library of Congress that will support a workshop for teachers next spring. They will have a chance to learn how to effectively use Forest Service

history in education programs. We have also received a significant three year grant from the Ohrstrom Foundation to help support our work.

We are dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of the U. S. Forest Service. We now maintain a collection of nearly 50,000 artifacts and items of historical interest and most of these are catalogued in a searchable database. We are always looking for donations of additional items that have interest and connection with the history of the "outfit". If you have something that you think might be a valuable addition to our collection, please let us know. If you are not a member yet, we encourage you to think hard about how your membership could help support what we are trying to do in a very positive way. We invite you to visit our website at "www.forestservicemuseum.org/" and also consider how you might help support our efforts through a donation of your time, talent, or resources. The Museum is our collective effort to protect the history that you and I helped shape. We need your help to share the heritage and stewardship of our National Forests and Grasslands.





NAFSR REPORT

Fall 2016 Update



Jim Caswell

former Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest, has assumed the NAFSR President position. He replaces Jim Golden, who served in that role for seven years. Jim brings great experience and a calm, thoughtful leadership to the organization.

The primary focus of the next meeting will be to revise and shape our priorities and focus for the

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) will hold our Annual Board Meeting after the first of the year. Jim Caswell, former National Director of the BLM, administrator of the State of Idaho's Office of Species Conservation, and

coming year. We continue to work with other organizations to attempt to shape a long term solution to the fire funding issue that is having huge adverse impacts on the Forest Service, its programs, and its people. We anticipate working along as best we can in the transition to a new administration in hopes that reasonable solutions can be found to some of the perplexing funding and management situations being faced today.

NAFSR is an advocacy/policy association and we attempt to represent and reflect the concerns of our members throughout the country on agency-wide issues. If you care to support this involvement and want to help strengthen our reach, we welcome you to learn more at our newly revised website that can be found at www.fsx.org or you can send an email to nafsr2000@gmail.com. If you have questions or concerns, contact Tom L. Thompson, who serves as the Rocky Mountain Region NAFSR representative.

Remembrances



William (Bill) Daly Hurst

William (Bill) Daly Hurst passed away on September 29, 2016 just six days shy of his 101st birthday in Utah. Bill, a third generation forester and graduate of Utah State University, had a 39 year career

in Utah, Washington, D.C. and Albuquerque, NM. Like so many at that time, his Forest Service career was interrupted by World War II, where he served in the U. S. Army. He retired in May 1976 as the Regional Forester of the Southwest Region and after

retirement he stayed active on conservation issues, including leadership on an effort to preserve the Kaibab squirrel.

He was the recipient of many awards, including the Boy Scout's Silver Beaver, Utah State's Jim Bridger and Lifetime Achievement Award and the Frederic G. Renner Award from the Range Society. He traveled much after retirement, but he was happiest riding his horse or mule through the wilderness areas of New Mexico and Utah. He was a great leader, genuine and humble. He is survived by his 5 children and their spouses, 19 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances



Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf

Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf passed away on September 29th. Walt retired from the Regional Office in about 1981 where he was Assistant Director of Recreation and Lands. He was Forest Supervisor on Routt National

Forest, worked in Lands in the Washington Office in the mid-sixties, and worked in Region 3 on Carson National Forest and on the Black Hills early in his career.

Walter was born in Lincoln, Nebraska December 3, 1925. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 where he served on USS Union in Guam, Marianas Islands, Tokyo Bay Yokohama Japan, Tsingtao and Haiphong China and Manila. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. Walt was blessed when he met Shirley Ann Ballhorn. As they built their life together Walter earned a BS in Forestry from the

University of Missouri in 1949. They were married in Sheboygan, in July of 1950 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Early in their marriage Walt was confirmed at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Sundance, Wyoming in February 1958.

He and Shirley attended church at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church. They also enjoyed square and round dancing. They were also fortunate to travel to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Canada and all of the USA.

On September 29, 2016 Walt passed away at the age of 90, only 20 days after his wife. He will be missed by his sons, David, Paul (Susan) and Mark (Joan); his four grandchildren, five great grandchildren; as well as those who had the privilege of calling him a friend. His funeral will be Thursday, October 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Avenue. He will be inurned at Ft Logan National Cemetery.



Shirley Metcalf

Shirley Metcalf was born on July 11, 1930 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Milton and Hildegard (Hasenstein) Bullhorn. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran in 1930 and confirmed in 1944 and was a life-long Lutheran.

She married Walt Metcalf on July 2, 1950 after he graduated as a young forester from the University of Missouri. Their marriage of 65 years was blessed with three children - David, Mark (Joan) and Paul

(Susan). She is survived by two brothers, John and Bill of Wisconsin, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Shirley sang in the choir, served with Alter Guild LWML and various boards at Wheat Ridge Lutheran.

Shirley received an Associate Degree from Stevens College and was a homemaker. She and Walt enjoyed round dance and square dance and enjoyed traveling to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Canada and around the USA.

Remembrances



Ronald Fred (Ron) Greenwald

Ronald F. (Ron) Greenwald passed away September 6, 2016. Ron retired as the National Deputy Director of the Job Corps Program. Ron was born August 10, 1937 in Greeley, Colorado, to Fred

Greenwald and Signe Catherine Swanson Greenwald of Windsor.

Along with his younger sister Margie, he grew up on the family farm and dairy, and graduated in 1955 from Windsor High. An all-state basketball player, he would practice shooting baskets between setting the milkers on the cows, much to his father's chagrin. Ron milked up to 60 cows twice a day until his senior year at CSU, when he moved to the TKE fraternity house close to campus. Graduating in 1959 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture, Ron taught until drafted into the Army, serving two years at Fort Leonard Wood MO as a veterinary specialist.

Returning to Colorado in 1962, he resumed teaching at Lookout Mountain Correctional School for Boys, and managed the school's farm and dairy. On his

birthday in 1963 Ron married his college sweetheart, Lynn Renee Heath at First Presbyterian church in Fort Collins.

In 1965, the Job Corps program began and Ron was hired by the US Forest Service as a teacher at Pine Ridge Center, which was one of the very first rural centers near Chadron Nebraska. With his big personality and imposing stature as well as his background working with youth, Ron was a good fit in the program. By 1969 he became the youngest center director while at Boxelder Job Corps Center at Nemo, So Dakota. In 1970 he was the National Environmental Officer in Washington DC. In 1976 he returned to the Job Corps program in Portland OR. Ron retired in 1997 as National Deputy Director of the Job Corps Programs within the U S Forest Service.

Ron leaves behind Lynn, his wife of 53 years; three children; Heath Greenwald, Kari (Todd) Sprague, and Laurie (Jason) Kolb. His 7 grandchildren, listed in no particular order as each was his favorite: Cruz Kolb, Nora Sprague, Hudson Greenwald, Nigel Sprague, Ace Kolb, Nev Sprague, and Ivy Lynn Kolb.

Betty Harden

Betty Harden passed on Monday morning June 20th after suffering a massive heart attack Sunday afternoon June 19th.

Betty worked as the Computer Specialist in the Rocky Mountain Region on the White River National Forest in the 1990's - 2005.

Prior to being in R2, she worked in R1 - Missoula, Montana, and in R3.

Before retiring, Betty was stationed as a virtual employee from the Asheville, North Carolina Forest Service office where she provided support for the

Main Frame Servers for R2 and other Regions across the Agency.

Betty loved the Forest Service and dedicated much of her life to the Agency.

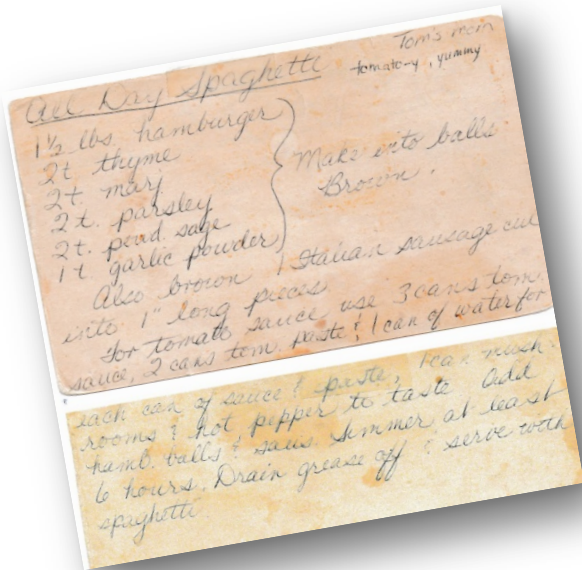
Her husband, Ted Harden retired from the Forest Service as well and served as a Telecommunications Specialist in R1, R2 and R8 - Asheville NC.

Cards and letters may be sent to Ted Harden; 167 Lower Christ School Rd, Arden NC 28704.

The Last Word

Passing the recipe down

by Tom L. Thompson



Summer has slipped away, but we had some special times to gather for picnics, reunions, block parties, and different sorts of get-togethers. These always seem to be built around tables of everyone's favorite appetizers, salads, main dishes, and desserts. As part of the pot luck or bring a dish rituals, it is not uncommon to hear one or more "Oh goodness, could you send me that recipe?" At one of our family gatherings this past July "Uncle Laurie's Almond Crescents" were on the table in his honor and memory. We quite often use recipes from my Mom, and when we do I remember the special things about her and her love for cooking. At elk camp every year we have some special dishes and one of them is known only as "Ken's Goop". I didn't know Ken, a friend of mine did, but I do know his recipe for a very, very good breakfast dish and think of my friend and our good times together each time I make it.

We share our special recipes, our secrets so to speak, and we are proud that others want to experience what we have enjoyed. As I think about the act of passing down a worthy recipe, it reminds me so much of what is important in life, family, careers, and retirement. It is about passing down

the best we can to others. We all try to pass down our best secrets of to our children, our nieces and nephews, the neighborhood kids, or our grandchildren. We did it when we worked for the Forest Service. We tried to pass down all we could to those who came behind us: the science, the administration, and the management. We did it through our leadership, through our teaching, through our mentoring, through our notes and records, and through our relationships. We sought to share what we had learned in the field, in the office, and on the fire line and this was framed in not only our successes but our failings.

While thumbing through the wooden box of recipes in the kitchen, many a recipe reminds me of a person and circumstance or event. Likewise much of what I learned through my years and can pass on to others also brings back memories of a person behind an experience. Sharing what we have learned gives us satisfaction and pride.

As retirees, we continue to try to do it, but are often reminded that things have changed and our secrets to success aren't necessarily as relevant today, just as our parents and grandparents probably learned as well. The world keeps changing. Now I find myself trying to learn the secrets of success from my grandchildren. It might be how to program the TV to record a program or to do some "app" on the iPhone or how to friend someone on Facebook. We went through it with the VCR and not too long ago I had to ask a friendly "kid" at the grocery store how to get a movie out of the "Red Box." We still learn.

I wish I could pass down the secret of golf, but I haven't found it yet. Even so, I still take time to tell stories and share experiences and even on occasion share a shortcut for tying a leader with a fly to the line. That is indeed what "it" is all about: "Passing the recipe down."