



The Rendezvous

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The History of the Capitol Christmas Tree

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As we move out of holiday season, I wanted to share a special project the Forest Service is involved in every year. Even though this is called the "Capitol Christmas Tree," I know many of you celebrate in different ways. Almost every religion has a special celebration in the month of December, I hope you had a most wonderful holiday season this year and that your celebration was special. In this crazy year, we must always take the celebrations we are able to have and make the most of them.

This past year's Capitol Christmas Tree came from the National Forests in North Carolina. "Ruby" as this year's People's Tree is affectionally called, is a 78 foot red spruce and was harvested from the Pisgah National Forest on Nov 2, 2022. The ceremony was broadcast virtually and included a performance by Woody Platt and Shannon Whitworth. Coche Tiger, who was this year's Youth Tree Lighter is a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and read the Cherokee Legend of the Evergreen Trees.



A forty foot Norway Spruce was the center of the celebration of Washington's "Community Christmas" in 1913.

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The Capitol Christmas Tree aka “The People’s Tree”

Records from the Architect of the Capitol show that a Christmas Tree was purchased for the Capitol as early as 1913. It was not until 1964, that an actual procedure for a Capitol Christmas tree was set and this became the first official tree-lighting ceremony.



AOC workers anchor the 1971 Capitol Christmas Tree, a Black Spruce from New Hampshire’s White Mountain National Forest.

In 1964, the Speaker of the House, John W. McCormack, suggested to the Architect of the Capitol, J. George Stewart, that a Christmas tree should be placed on the grounds of the Capitol. The Architect looked for where the best place to obtain an appropriate tree would be and he ended up visiting and purchasing a tree for \$700 from Buddies Nurseries in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. It was planted in the West front lawn. Each year the tree was decorated and a tree-lighting ceremony was held. Unfortunately, just a few years later in 1967, a huge windstorm damaged the tree and the



Capitol Christmas Tree on display at the Capitol – tree from the Kootenai National Forest, Montana.

root damage was too much for it to survive. The tree was removed in 1968. That same year a new tree was two white pines from Finksburg, Maryland, and then in 1969 a 40 foot white pine tree from Westminster, Maryland was provided. In 1970, the U.S. Forest Service was asked if the agency could provide the tree each year. Since that year, various Forests from across the nation have been selected to provide the tree.

Each summer the Superintendent of the Capitol Grounds visits the forest that will contribute the next Capitol Christmas Tree. Discussions are had with the local Forest Service staff and the hunt for the perfect tree starts. It must be a healthy specimen, have a full canopy, a conical shape with dense foliage and a straight trunk all while being of a certain height. The size is very important, for it will need to fit perfectly on the truck that transports it back to Washington DC. Along with the main tree, a group of ‘companion trees’ are gathered as well. These range from 6-25 feet tall and are placed inside various government buildings to be decorated. The Capitol Christmas Tree is more than just harvesting trees to take back to Washington DC.

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2012 – Community made ornaments, we used “tree cookies” and painted them. The Official Capitol Christmas Tree ornament from that year.

The communities around the Forest are involved as well. In addition to providing the trees, handmade ornaments are made and sent along with the tree. There are community Christmas Tree ornament parties and there are thousands made. In 2017 the tree came from Montana, the Kootenai National Forest. They provided 11,000 ornaments.

I was lucky enough to be involved in 2012 when the White River NF provided the tree. Our Blanco Ranger District took the lead, the tree came from outside Meeker, Colorado. That summer and fall were spent going to schools, community events, etc. and setting up “ornament making” stations. I traveled to the local schools and worked with the art teachers during their class time for children to make ornaments, worked with the Aspen Art museum to set a station up during a community event. It is one of my treasured memories from being on the Forest, not only did I get to do arts and crafts with hundreds of children that summer, I took time in each session to talk about the Forest Service and the forest that surrounds our community and why it is so important to ALL of us.

The tree is typically cut in early November and goes on a true Rock Star tour!! The tree is loaded onto a special tractor trailer and is incased in a glass case, so it is visible as it makes its trip to Washington DC. As the tree stops in communities along the route to Washington, celebrations are held. Many times, there is a banner on the outside of the truck for everyone to sign and send messages of glad tidings and happiness. Santa might visit or other special visitors. Truly taking on the name of the “People’s Tree”.

Once the tree arrives in Washington, DC, the Office of the Capitol Architect accepts and takes over management of the tree. The US Capitol Grounds team ensures the tree is placed on the West lawn and decorated with all the homemade ornaments sent along the trip. Once the tree arrives and the Forest hands it off, the next year’s Forest will start planning for the next year.

Here’s a link to a nice little YouTube video from the Architect of the Capitol about the history of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. - <https://youtu.be/paAs4-hqWUQ>



“Ruby” the 2022 Capitol Christmas Tree – a 78 ft Red Spruce from the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina.

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The List

Year	Tree	Source
1964	Douglas Fir	Buddies Nurseries, PA
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1968	White Pine	Finxburg, MD
1969	White Pine	Westminster, MD
1970	Norway Spruce	Monongahela NF, WV
1971	Black Spruce	White Mountain NF, NH
1972	Balsam Fir	Tennessee NF, PA
1973	White Spruce	Allegheny NF, PA
1974	Fraser Fir	Pisgah NF, NC
1975	Balsam Fir	Ottawa NF, MI
1976	Red Spruce	Monongahela NF, WV
1977	White Spruce	Bemidji State Forest, MN
1978	Norway Spruce	Savage River State Forest, MD
1979	White Spruce	Nicolet NF, WI
1980	White Spruce	Green Mountain NF, VT
1981	White Spruce	Hiawatha NF, MI
1982	Balsam Fir	Riley Bostwick Wildlife Management Area, VT
1983	White Spruce	Chequamegon NF, WI
1984	White Spruce	Superior NF, MN
1985	White Spruce	Ottawa NF, MI
1986	Shasta Red Fir	Klamath NF, CA
1987	Norway Spruce	Wayne-Hoosier NF, OH
1988	Balsam Fir	Manistee NF, MI
1989	Engelmann Spruce	Kootenai NF, MT
1990	Engelmann Spruce	Routt NF, CO
1991	Blue Spruce (live)	Carson NF, NM
1992	White Spruce	Chippewa NF, MN
1993	White Fir	San Bernardino NF, CA

Year	Tree	Source
1994	Balsam Fir	Green Mountain NF, VT
1995	Douglas Fir	Plumas NF, CA
1996	Engelmann Spruce	Manti-LaSal NF, UT
1997	Black Hills Spruce	Black Hills NF, SD
1998	Fraser Fir	Pisgah NF, NC
1999	White Spruce	Nicolet NF, WI
2000	Colorado Blue Spruce	Pike NF, CO
2001	White Spruce	Ottawa NF, MI
2002	Douglas Fir	Umpqua NF, OR
2003	Engelmann Spruce	Boise NF, ID
2004	Red Spruce	Washington & Jefferson NF, VA
2005	Engelmann Spruce	Santa Fe National Forest, NM
2006	Pacific Silver Fir	Olympic NF, WA
2007	Balsam Fir	Green Mountain NF, VT
2008	Subalpine Fir	Bitterroot NF, MT
2009	Blue Spruce	Apache-Sitgreaves NF, AZ
2010	Engelmann Spruce	Bridger-Teton NF, WY
2011	Sierra White Fir	Stanislaus NF, CA
2012	Engelmann Spruce	White River NF, CO
2013	Engelmann Spruce	Colville NF, WA
2014	White Spruce	Chippewa NF, MN
2015	Lutz Spruce	Chugach NF, AK
2016	Engelmann Spruce	Payette NF, ID
2017	Engelmann Spruce	Kootenai NF, MT
2018	Noble Fir	Willamette NF, OR
2019	Blue Spruce	Carson NF, NM
2020	Engelmann Spruce	Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NFs, CO
2021	White Fir	Six Rivers NF, CA
2022	Red Spruce	Pisgah NF, NFs of NC

Hey Look at This!

The Rendezvous has changed fonts from Hoefler text to [Arial](#). And astute readers are probably wondering why.

There are more than 32 million Americans experiencing vision loss, and this number includes Americans who experience trouble seeing even when wearing corrective lenses or contacts. And that number continues to swell as the American population grows older and experiences more age and disease-related issues with their vision.

It's not just people with visual disabilities who struggle to read certain fonts. People with learning

difficulties like dyslexia can also be sensitive to certain typefaces.

We are also premiering a new look for our **The Rendezvous** as it approaches the ten year mark this year in September. We've freshened up the look, and added a new feature or two and tried to continue to give you, our readers something to enjoy every four months or so.

We would love to hear from you - with praise or criticism - as we continue to try to make this YOUR newsletter and serve your needs as Rocky Mountaineers.

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A message from the Chair



Sharon Kyhl, Rocky Mountaineers Chairperson hard at work at her wine press in her vineyard. Cheers!

Happy New Year! Congratulations to Dan Nolan who will serve as Chair Elect and once again serve as Chair next year. Many thanks to Brent Botts, Past Chair, and all those who serve on the board and continue to work together to coordinate the Scholarship Committee, Memorial Grove, the Grant fund, Website, Newsletter, Membership, Annual Gathering, Travel, and more. All the volunteers help us in our Mission: to enrich and add value to the lives of Forest Service retirees who care greatly about the agency and the Rocky Mountain Region.

I'm going through my Christmas cards, celebrating the joy and sharing the heartaches as I hear from so many of my Forest Service family of friends. I am especially saddened at the recent loss of both Roger Tarum and Jack Weissling. Jack was instrumental in getting many young foresters in the USFS and I was one of them for which I am grateful. Take some time to reach out to each other and touch base with those you haven't seen in a while. You will all be richly rewarded sharing memories.

The Rocky Mountaineers provide many occasions to stay connected – locally, at our annual gathering, the Memorial Grove clean-up day and Service, and through many international travel opportunities! I was fortunate

to reconnect with many on the trip this past summer to Finland and Norway (without losing my luggage!). I encourage you all to take advantage of these chances to get together. Craig Bobzien and Bob Sprentall are putting together the Annual Gathering this Fall - October 10th - 12th in Rapid City, SD. Please plan on attending. Those traveling with the Mountaineers to the Dalmatian Coast and Greece will be throwing their own gathering.

Contributions to the Memorial Grove, Scholarship Fund, and the General Fund are always welcome. It's our way to give back and share the fruits of our labor to some great causes within the region. Please make sure you are providing soon to be high school graduates with information on the Scholarship Fund particularly students interested in Natural Resources, though any major can apply.

Encourage your friends and retirees to join the Rocky Mountaineers. There are great opportunities to volunteer and reconnect on a social level. Research suggests that strong social connections can improve your health and increase your longevity even more than exercise or what you eat. I look forward to serving you in the year ahead and hope to reconnect with many of you in my travels this year.

Membership and Finance

The Rocky Mountaineers have reached our highest membership level ever with 468 members. This includes 157 Lifetime Memberships.

We are always looking for new members, so help us recruit. Membership in the Rocky Mountaineers is open to both retirees and current Forest Service employees.

Our Newest Members

Linda Austin – Grand Lake, CO

James and Cindy Hubbard – Ft. Collins, CO

Carole Huey – New Castle, CO

William and Raenette Johnson – Eagle, CO

Marsha and Randy Kearney – Albuquerque, NM

Suzanne and Rob Layne – Stow, ME

Sue McHenry – Silverthorne, CO

Michele Schaal – Delta, CO

Our Newest Lifetime Members

Sue McHenry – Silverthorne, CO

Laurie Walters-Clark and John Clark - Dayton, WY

Thanks to all of you that have paid your 2023 dues and/or made a donation. We really appreciate your support.

If you have not gotten around to making a payment in 2023, now is the time. Annual dues remain \$20/year per household. A Lifetime Membership is still a bargain at \$250 per household.

You can drop a check in the mail to –

Rocky Mountaineers
Box 270462
Ft. Collins, CO 80527

You can pay by credit card by going to our website and click on “Membership” and then “Dues and Donations Payment”. Our credit card payments are processed by PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account).

We have established categories for donations to our Memorial Grove, Scholarship and General Funds. These categories are –

Friend – Less than \$50

Patron - \$50 to \$199

Sponsor - \$200 and above

We will recognize donors by each category in the Spring Edition of The Rendezvous.

We always appreciate donations to support our funds for Memorial Grove, Rocky Mountaineer Scholarships, and our General Fund. You can donate at any time during the year.

Memorial Grove

The Memorial Grove fund is used to support the Memorial Grove site in Monument, CO and our ceremony in May of each year.

Scholarship

The Scholarship fund is used to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors for their first year of college. We plan to award four \$1,500 scholarships in 2023. Two of these scholarships are earmarked for natural resource majors.

General Fund

The General Fund is used to cover our operating expenses and our new Grant Program which is to fund projects on National Forests in Region 2. This will be our second year to award grants.

New Board Member



Martha Moran

Our newest board member of the Rocky Mountaineers is Martha Moran. She started with the Forest Service in 1977 and retired in September of 2016.

She worked on the Ochoco NF as a student trainee for a few year in the late 1970's. She had another stint in R-6 on the Willamette National Forest as a special areas manager in the late 1980's.

She worked for the Colorado State Parks as the first River Ranger and worked throughout the site of Colorado on rivers run commercially by outfitters.

She worked for a short time on the Pike National Forest as a Recreation Technician, then spent ten years on the Arapaho Roosevelt NFs in a variety of jobs - she was the Boulder Recreation Staff, Canyon Lakes Recreation Planner, the Cache la Poudre Wild and Scenic Manager and the Estes Poudre Recreation Planner.

She spent her last fourteen years with the Forest Service on the White River National Forest doing a variety of duties. She worked on the Aspen Ranger District and the Sopris Ranger district as Recreation Manager, a Biological Scientist and worked on the Maroon Bells, recreation planning, wilderness, trails, roads, developed and dispersed recreation was the safety officer and lots of other duties as assigned.

She's been working as a volunteer with the Roaring Fork Conservancy team that was part of the Thompson River monitoring program and a volunteer at CASA of the ninth Judicial District.

She lives in Carbondale with her husband Jim Kirschvink, and is enjoying retirement to the fullest including continuing to ski my age!

Martha believes in the mission of enhancing the connectivity of the association and intends to encourage the local western chapter to stay connected and assist in the connectivity to the memorial grove and scholarship programs.

Chair Elect



Dan Nolan

Dan Nolan was unanimously voted in by vote of all members (84-0) as our next Chair Elect and will serve in that capacity until Sharon Kyhl steps down.

Dan began his Forest Service career in the summer of 1966 as Forest Worker (\$2.05/hr) on the Lolo National Forest in St. Regis, Montana. Following nearly four years as a Peace Corps Volunteer forester in Paraguay he continued with the Forest Service in Kentucky, Vermont, Arkansas, Puerto Rico and three locations in Colorado.

He retired in 2006 as Deputy Director for Renewable Resources in the Regional Office of the Rocky Mountain Region.

He currently lives with his wife Marilyn Hunter at 7,700' in Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado where they both are involved in community activities, including running the annual Hot Sulphur Days parade.



Tales from the Trail with Gudy

By Johnny Hodges



Johnny Hodges

The 471-mile **Colorado Trail** (CT) stretches from Denver to Durango. It passes through 7 national forests, 6 wilderness areas and crosses 5 major river systems. The trail was built and is now maintained mostly by volunteers.

The origin of the Colorado Trail started back in the early 1970's and there were lots of people involved trying to get this project off the ground, but the driving force to complete the trail was Gudy Gaskill. She was known as the "Mother of the CT" and the trail would never have been completed without her. She spent the last half of her life working on the trail.

In 1990 I was the South Park district ranger and one day Gudy came to my office in Fairplay to visit. We discussed the CT for a while and then she invited me to hike with her. Although there are about 25 miles of the CT on the South Park Ranger District, she wanted to hike a stretch on the Dillon Ranger District.

I met her a few days later at the Gold Hill trailhead which is located on Highway 9 between Breckenridge and Frisco. We planned to spend the day hiking to Copper Mountain. She was a 63-year-old long-legged hiker in great shape. I was 39 and I had to hustle to keep up with her.

I later discovered she had climbed all 54 14'ers in Colorado and other peaks around the world. During World War II, while she was working at a lodge near Rocky Mountain National Park, she climbed Longs Peak 31 times.

I didn't have a CT guidebook and didn't really know what we were about to attempt. As it turned out, it was 13.1 miles to Copper Mountain with an elevation gain of 3,680 feet up and over the Ten Mile Range. Yikes! I had climbed 14'ers with less mileage and less elevation gain.

The Ten Mile Range is oriented north/south with Peak 1 at the north end and Peak 10 at the south end. The Breckenridge ski area is on the east side of the range below Peaks 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The first 2 miles of the trail passed through recent clearcuts with plenty of slash piles waiting to be

burned. Gudy began to complain about the slash piles and why didn't I do something about them? I kept reminding her that this wasn't my district, but she wasn't interested in my excuses.

After reaching timberline, the trail turns south and traverses along the ridgeline at 12,400 feet from Peak 3 to Peak 7 before turning west and dropping steeply down to Copper. Most of the trail above timberline had no tread and was more of a route marked with rock cairns. Of course, the views were spectacular.

Hiking with Gudy was exhausting and by the time we reached Copper Mountain, my legs were shaky, but I was still standing.

I didn't realize it at the time, but Gudy inspired me to complete the entire CT. She was a determined woman and there were no challenges she couldn't overcome. I doubt that she ever took "no" for an answer.

It was another 16 years before I finished backpacking the trail in 2006.

The CT crosses the South Platte River on the "Gudy Gaskill Bridge" and "Gudy's Rest" is a log bench a few miles from the other end of the trail near Durango. I have walked across her bridge and sat on her bench.

Looking back to that time, it was an honor to hike with Gudy, and I will always remember her when I'm out on the trail. She passed away in 2016 at the age of 89.



Gudy Gaskill

Imitation is the Fondest Form of Flattery

All of the signs were found on the web with a simple search for Forest Service Signs. Is it okay that folks are allowed to do this, or should the Forest Service follow up and enforce as improper or illegal?



The Gathering 2022

Glenwood Springs



Back in October, 2022 at the Gathering for R-2, it was a large group of Rocky Mountaineers who headed up to Sweetwater Lake for a tour of the area.



White River Forest Supervisor, Scott Fitzwilliams, addressed the retirees.



Beautiful fall weather was perfect for cocktails on decks.



And of course there was lots of delicious food.



Beautiful Maroon Bells were in peak condition.

The Gathering 2023

Rapid City, South Dakota ~ October 10-12



Come and enjoy the early autumn in the Northern Great Plains and Black Hills.

Mark your Calendars now.



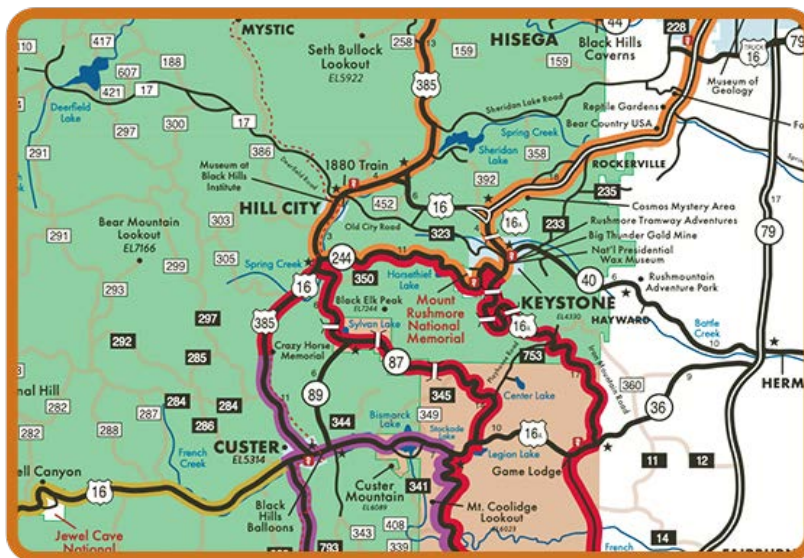
Great Faces - Great Places!

The 2023 Rocky Mountaineers annual gathering will be centered at the historic Alex Johnson Hotel in downtown Rapid City, SD. Come a little early to enjoy an afternoon of golf or time exploring the Black Hills. The Icebreaker will begin at 5pm on October 10 at the Alex Johnson Hotel.

On October 11, we plan to travel about one hour by bus to the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands for a short tour followed by a general membership meeting and late lunch in Wall, SD.

We will wrap up on Thursday with discussions and a short morning tour with Rocky Mountain Research Station, Black Hills NF, and Job Corps.

Watch our website updates for early Registration at discount rates from the Alex Johnson Hotel and other event details. Should be a great autumn together!



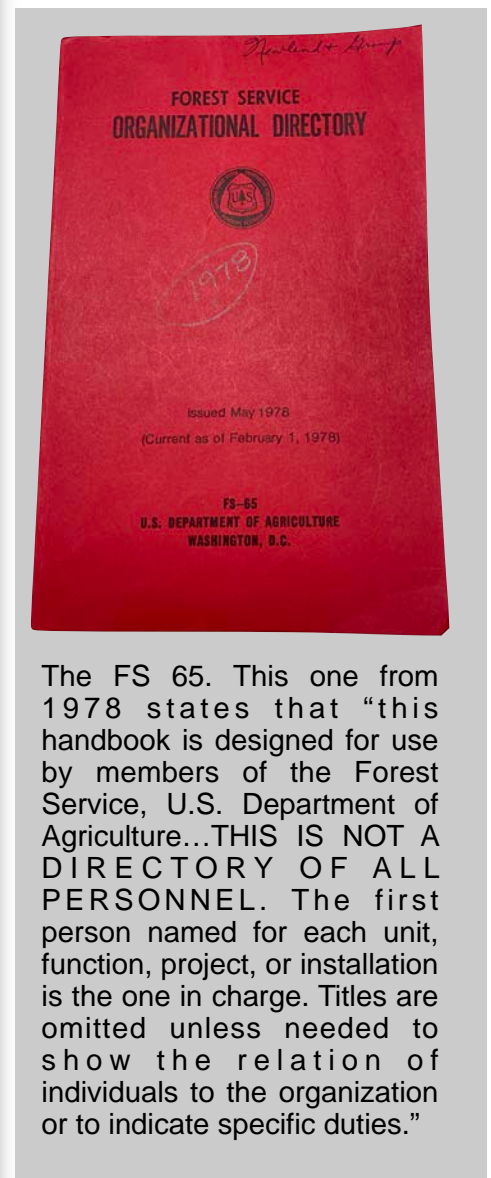
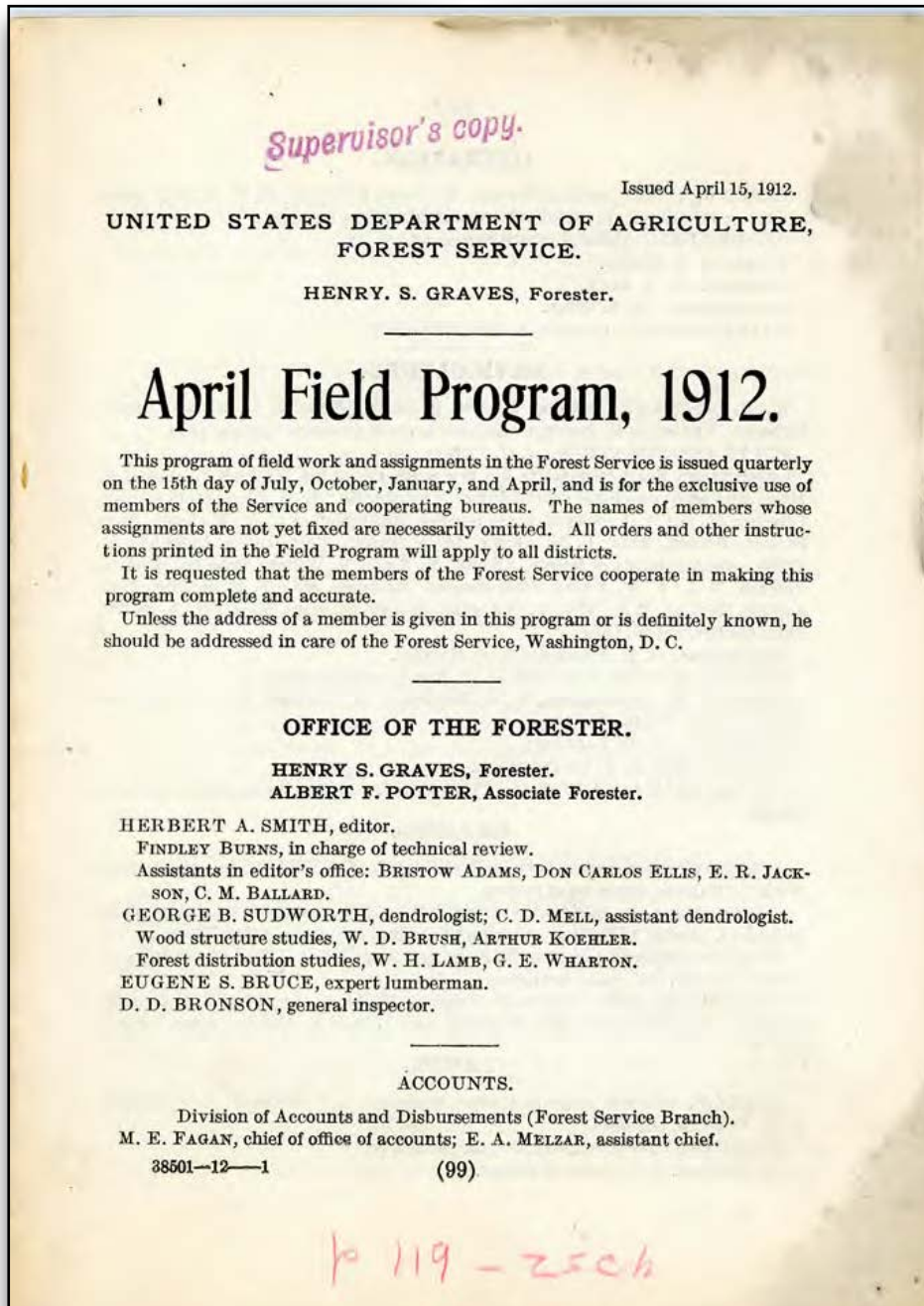
Stay in the historic Alex Johnson Hotel.



We'll visit the beautiful Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

One Hundred and Ten Years Ago

Sometime between 1918 and 1921 the field program was changed to be called the Service Directory which later evolved into the Forest Service Organizational Directory, or the FS 65 was the official publication number.





The Majestic Building, 209 16th Street in Downtown Denver.

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Cochetopa.—EUGENE WILLIAMS, forest supervisor, Saguache (WU-G); Charles P. Bliss, forest assistant.

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- Colorado.**—H. A. E. MARSHALL, forest supervisor, Fort Collins (WU-WF); Harold C. Clark, forest assistant.
- Durango.**—ERNEST W. SHAW, forest supervisor, Durango (WU-G); E. S. Keithley, forest assistant.
- Gunnison.**—WILLIAM R. KREUTZER, forest supervisor, Gunnison (WU-WF, G); E. C. Berky, deputy forest supervisor; W. H. Mast, forest assistant.
- Hayden.**—See Wyoming.
- Holy Cross.**—HARRY H. FRENCH, forest supervisor, Glenwood Springs (WU-WF, G); Albert H. Miller, deputy forest supervisor; George R. Morrison, forest assistant.
- La Sal.**—See Utah, District 4.
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- Rio Grande.**—A. L. SWEITZER, forest supervisor, Monte Vista (WU-G); Walter F. Bowers, deputy supervisor; Jay Higgins, forest assistant.
- Routt.**—J. H. RATLIFF, forest supervisor, Steamboat Springs (WU-Ad); Ray Peck, deputy forest supervisor; P. J. Paxton, forest assistant.
- San Isabel.**—J. N. LANGWORTHY, forest supervisor, Westcliffe (WU-G); M. B. Willey, deputy forest supervisor; Albin G. Hamel, forest assistant.
- San Juan.**—G. P. BARD, forest supervisor, Pagosa Springs (WU-G); A. F. C. Hoffman, forest assistant.
- Sopris.**—JOHN McLAREN, forest supervisor, Aspen (WU-WF, G); W. G. Baxter, forest assistant.
- Uncompahgre.**—HOWARD S. BUSHNELL, forest supervisor, Delta (WU-G); L. E. Cooper, deputy forest supervisor; J. H. Ramskill, forest assistant.
- White River.**—JAMES A. BLAIR, forest supervisor, Meeker (WU-WF, G); Crosby A. Hoar, forest assistant.

KANSAS.

- Kansas.**—B. R. H. D'ALLEMAND, forest supervisor, Garden City (WU, P-WF); Garden City Nursery.

NEBRASKA.

- Nebraska.**—R. G. PIERCE, acting forest supervisor, Halsey (WU-Ad); Fred R. Johnson, forest assistant; Halsey Nursery.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

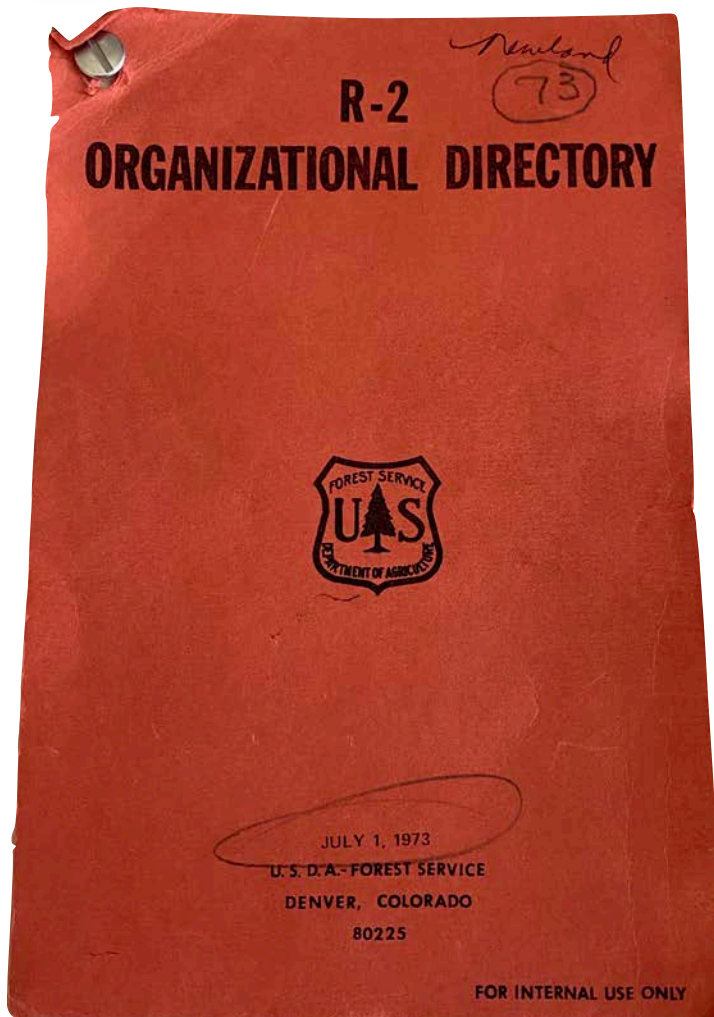
- Black Hills.**—PAUL D. KELLETER, forest supervisor, Deadwood (WU-Ad, Am); William Wiehe, deputy forest supervisor; Percy T. Smith, forest assistant.
- Harney.**—R. P. IMES, forest supervisor, Custer (WU-Ad); Stephen V. Klem, forest assistant.

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WYOMING.

Bighorn.—E. N. KAVANAGH, forest supervisor, Sheridan (WU-Ad); Andrew G. Stockwell, deputy forest supervisor; Earl S. Pierce, forest assistant.
Bonneville.—H. EARL FRENCH, forest supervisor, Dubois (WU-Am).
Bridger.—H. C. HALL, forest supervisor, Pinedale (WU-Am).
Hayden.—JAMES BLACKHALL, forest supervisor, Encampment (WU, P-Am); Roy S. Wheeler, forest assistant.
Medicine Bow.—C. M. GRANGER, forest supervisor, Laramie (WU, P-Am); R. A. Stretch, deputy forest supervisor; D. S. Jeffers, forest assistant.
Shoshone.—R. W. ALLEN, forest supervisor, Cody (WU-Ad); Fred B. Agee, deputy forest supervisor; Myron W. Thompson, forest assistant.
Sundance.—LOUIS KNOWLES, forest supervisor, Sundance (WU-Ad, Am).
Washakie.—C. G. POOLE, forest supervisor, Lander (WU-Am).



Region 2 often produced their own directory like this one in 1973 - marked FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.

This one was 32 pages long and noted R-2 Clerk-Dictating Machine Transcriber (trainee) - Mrs. Karen K. Pierson was in Regional Forester Bill Lucas' office.

Forest Supervisors were: John Minow on the GMUG, Allen Duncrack on the Medicine Bow, Merle Prince was on the Nebraska, Bob Ridings ran the Pike and San Isabel, Jim Mathers was on the Rio Grande NF, Walt Metcalf was on the Routt. Pete Wingle supervised the San Juan, Ted Russell was on the Shoshone, and Tom Evans ran the White River.

Tom Borden was the Colorado State Forester, Harold Gallaher was in Kanas, E.H. Benson in Nebraska, Millard Braden in South Dakota and Carl Johnson was in Wyoming.

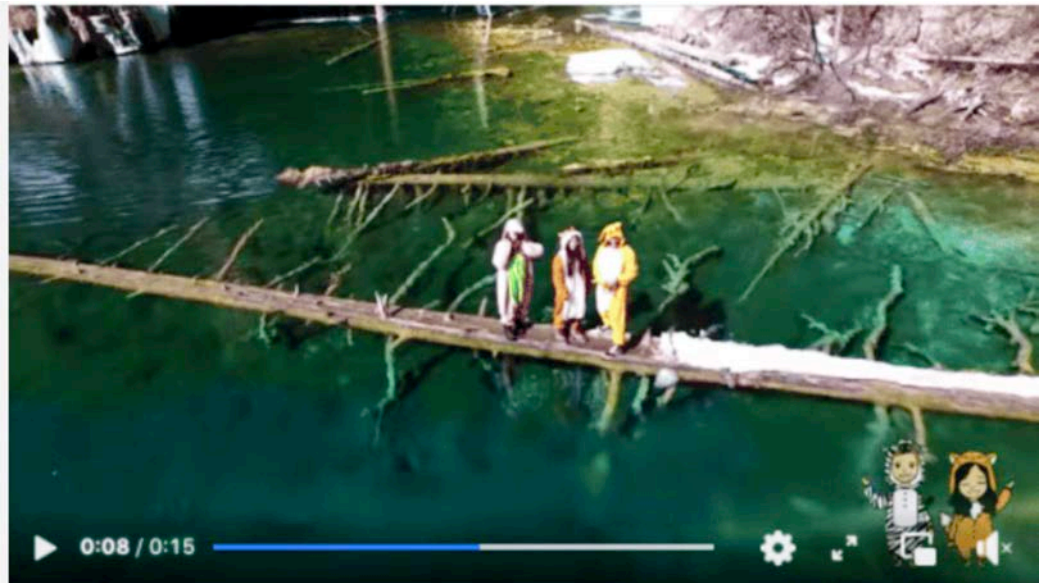
This handy guide had a regional map, a personnel alpha-index and a listing of all the Rangers District headquarters broken out by Forest.

Thanks to Lloyd Newland for hanging on to his copy and sharing with us!

Pikachu in Big Trouble



Pikachu NOT at Hanging Lake.



A freeze frame from the Kigurumi web site that sells “onesies” and costumes.

A video of three people dressed in “onesie” suits walking across a long log that stretches across Hanging Lake is currently being investigated by the U.S. Forest Service, an official confirmed. The video, posted to Facebook on Oct. 27, is being used as promotional content for the online company Kigurumi.com. The Canada-based entity offers “onesie” costumes depicting anything from animals to Pokemon characters.

A U.S. Forest Service spokesperson told the Post Independent that the video, which was actually recorded in 2017, is under investigation by authorities. In the video, three people dressed in onesie costumes are seen walking across the log, which violates the National Natural Landmarks program designated by the Secretary of Interior. Straightforward rules include not standing on the log, walking off the trail and short-cutting switchbacks as well as not swimming and fishing in the lake.

“It’s a very delicate ecosystem,” the Forest Service said of Hanging Lake. “There were a lot of people who were upset by (the video).” No mention on whether a citation will be issued to Kigurumi.com.

“I feel like they’re getting a lot of free publicity they don’t deserve,” a spokesperson said. The Post Independent reached out to Kigurumi for this story but has not heard back.

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Memorial Grove Ceremony

May 6 at Monument, Colorado



At least 25 people who worked in the Rocky Mountain Region will be honored in a ceremony on May 6, 2023, at the Region's Memorial Grove near the Monument Fire Center on the Pikes Peak Ranger District. Twenty of those people being honored passed away in 2022 and five in years previous. The ceremony will begin at 10 am on May 6th and families and friends of those who are being honored are being invited to arrive well before the ceremony to have adequate time to get parked and visit the grove. Rocky Mountaineer members and Forest Service people who are attending are encouraged to bring easy-to-serve desserts or snack type dishes to go along with the sandwiches and chips that will be provided for lunch after the ceremony.



The Memorial Grove Committee recently met with the new ranger at Pikes Peak, Carl Bauer, and his staff to plan and prepare for the ceremony. Carl is excited to be involved with the Memorial Grove and looks forward to doing all he can with the district to continue to support this regional tradition. We have scheduled a work-day on Wednesday, April 26, to do maintenance and final preparation of the site. If you plan to attend this years

ceremony, we ask that you let Tom L. Thompson know by April 14 via email to thom46pson@gmail.com so adequate arrangements can be made for lunches and seating.

The following is a list of those people who we intend to honor at this year's ceremony. If you know of any others who should be added to this list, please let Tom know very soon and provide remembrance details and photo so that information can be included in final preparation for the event. If you have questions about whether a person might already have been honored you can find a complete listing of all who have previously been honored on the Rocky Mountaineers website, listing by year deceased and name. The criteria for inclusion at the memorial are also found at that website location.



2022 Memorial Grove Honorees

Gaines Wright Bearden	Personnel Director R-2 and R-3
Richard P. (Dick) Cook	Shoshone, San Juan, Black Hills and GMUG N.F.s
Adrian Dargan	PSICC, R. O., R-1
Robert William (Bob) Deitrick	Arapaho-Roosevelt, also R-6 Mt. Baker
Susan Flitcraft Dillie	Shoshone, GMUG, Regional Office
Jerry Freeouf	Regional Office Soils, R-8, R-9
Phyllis Gene Guenin	Black Hills N.F.
Angie Hinker	Great Plains Dispatch, S & PF
Dan Kaufenberg	San Juan N. F., BLM, and R-1
Rodney Darrell Lewis	Bighorn, Pike, San Isabel N.F.s
Claude Kendall (Ken) Lister	Regional Office
Frederic Blair (Ted) Mullen	Regional Office
John Walter Mumma	San Juan, GMUG, Shoshone N.F.s, and R.O., R-1
John William Oien	GMUG N.F.s
Paul F. Senteney	GMUG, San Juan N.F. s, R-3
Tracy Lynn Serres	Bighorn N.F.
James (Jim) Lynn Simonson	GMUG, White River N.F.s
Roger Dale Tarum	Arapaho-Roosevelt, White River N.F.s
Donald Eligio (Don) Velasquez	Regional Office
Jack A. Weissling	PSICC, Routt N.F.s, R. O., R-9, JCCC

Not Forgotten

Waneta M. Kyte	Black Hills N.F.	2021
Richard Carl (Rich) Miller	Shoshone N.F.	2018
Kathleen Ward (Kat) Oropeza	Bighorn N.F.	2018
Lois Elaine Warfel	Black Hills N.F.	2018
John Clark Windsor, Jr.	AR, SJ, Bl. Hills N. F.s	2021

The Wood Chip Pile

A nice little smattering of media from around the world that will make you a little smarter

The USDA National Agricultural Library - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT THE LIBRARY

The Library houses rare books, manuscript collections, nursery and seed trade catalogs, photographs, posters, and more related to the history of agriculture. Including USDA History, a Smokey Bear Collection and the Screwworm Eradication Program records.

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/collections/special-collections/>



Anyone remember this? Spotted on Vail Pass - on the trail to Julia's Deck, which affords views of the Mount of the Holy Cross on the White River NF.



I'll bet it's been awhile since your last trip to the Maroon Bells Wilderness. Check this out!

https://youtu.be/3rRv_EWVHC0

The Climate Change Resource Center

Everything you need to know about science and modeling and change that is affecting forests and grasslands. From the nice folks at the USDA Forest Service.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/ccrc/>

Does wilderness matter in the Anthropocene? Resolving a fundamental dilemma about the role of wilderness in 21st century conservation.

Should wilderness be understood as primarily untrammelled or primarily natural? Let's discuss.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/65410>

NAFSR Report

By Sharon Friedman



NAFSR is having its first post-Covid in-person Board Meeting in Denver February 7th and 8th.

The Board had a Zoom meeting in January

with the Forest Service Budget Director Mark Lichtenstein. He described the current budget process and some of the obstacles that the Forest Service is running into with regard to spending the money Congress allocated. He also explained the new budget structure and how it is being used in the field. The discussion was very helpful in terms of giving NAFSR some ideas of how we can influence and help the Forest Service.

The 2022 Accomplishment Report for NAFSR is posted on the website here:

<https://nafsr.org/>

NAFSR gained 50 new members in 2022.

Here are a few advocacy-related accomplishments:

- Joint NAFSR/PLF/SAF statement in response to President Biden's Executive Order 14072, on managing mature and old-growth forests.

- Contributed to the Forest Climate Working Group and SAF response to USDA climate change proposals listed in the Federal Register.
- Joint NAFSR/PLF comments in response to a request for information to inform the Interagency Working Group on Mining Regulations, Laws, and Permitting as requested through the Federal Register.
- Letter to Chief Moore, along with our NAFSR position paper titled, Managing Wildland Fire, including the Concept of "Managed Fire".
- Letter to Undersecretary Wilkes congratulating him on being confirmed as USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.
- Nomination letter recommending Patty Grantham to be appointed to the new Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission.

As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns about NAFSR and we are and/or should be doing! Here's my email: terraveritas@gmail.com



Good Golly! Who's the coolest bear in the world?



October 2023 goals.

National Museum's History Corner

Sharing the rich history and stories of America's conservation legacy



The Museum continues to move ahead with increasing support and still plans to begin construction later this year. They continue to work to finish off their capital campaign and are at over 80% of the \$14+million goal that they set out to achieve for the building and exhibition. Included in the contributions are in-kind donations from the forest products industry of virtually all the wood needed for the Mass Timber Conservation Legacy Center building. A few weeks ago, the National Endowment for the Humanities helped the cause with the following announcement of a \$400,000 grant offered to the Museum.

The NEH today announced \$28.1 million in grants for 204 humanities projects across the country. Sixteen new NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants were awarded. These grants leverage federal funding to stimulate private investment in capital improvement projects at historical and cultural institutions across the country. The National Museum of Forest Service History is among the sixteen Challenge Grant recipients

The project, entitled **The Greatest Good: Our Country's Conservation Legacy**, will be featured

as the premier interactive exhibit in the new National Conservation Legacy Center which will be built on the Museum's 31-acre campus located one mile west of the Missoula Airport on Highway 10 West.

The Greatest Good: Our Country's Conservation Legacy will trace the evolution of our country's desire to implement a radical new idea, public lands. Born from the Progressive Era of President Theodore Roosevelt and given life through early-day visionaries, public lands were to be owned and utilized by the American public.

Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service that was created in 1905, declared that "all land is to be devoted to its most productive use for the permanent good of the whole people, and not for the temporary benefit of individuals or companies." Pinchot's philosophy has guided the vision for the U.S. Forest Service and challenged its leaders, collaborators, and detractors for more than one hundred years. If a conflict arose over the intended use or benefit of our natural resources, Pinchot's declared that "the question shall always be answered from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run."



What Did We Get Ourselves Into?

A new episode is available from the Oral History Program at the National Museum of Forest Service History



A fun and educational look back at the wives of the early Forest Service. Their stories of being unpaid employees of the U.S. Forest Service and the adventure of "going along for the ride" on a lifetime in the middle part of the 1900s.

www.forestservicemuseum.org/oral-history-program/podcasts

Travel Reflections

By Jim Thinnies



2011 Serengeti Tanzania

My friends know I like to travel. I've been to all seven continents, 60-something countries, the 50 states, 48 national parks, and I still have a lot more to experience. I'm often asked what my favorite trip was. I tell them it was my first safari in Tanzania – it made me feel like I was in a National Geographic documentary. My second safari was equally impressive, but my first-time experience among the African megafauna made Tanzania special. Safaris aren't for everyone, but they're hard to beat if you enjoy wildlife. I recommend Italy and France if you love culture and great food. The Middle East, London, Rome, and Athens can provide insight into western civilization. Trekking in Nepal or rafting in the Grand Canyon are highly recommended for the adventurous types. And kayaking with the penguins and icebergs in Antarctica is a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

Deciding where to go with limited time and/or money can be daunting. I start by making a list of the places I most want to go - my bucket list changes over time. You may want to include national parks, cities, countries, events, activities, or whatever captures your interest. Include as much as you hope to achieve – plus a little. My next task is checking items on my list for proximity (both spatial and temporal) to create potential trips. Typically, I consider weeklong time horizons for domestic trips and 2-3 weeks for international trips. Next is ranking the trips in order based on my wife's and my interest. I usually have about 10 potential trips on my bucket list. Then, I look for deals, opportunities, travel companions, etc.

Short trips to locations nearby may be as simple as packing a bag and jumping in the car. Most trips require some planning and may require internet

searches, reviewing travel books (I like Rick Steves' guidebooks for Europe and the Hawaii Revealed books for the islands), talking with friends, checking traveler reviews, making reservations, etc. Don't forget to consider the season of travel. Outdoor activities are usually best during nice weather so try to avoid rainy seasons or extreme temperatures.

How you want to travel is just as important as deciding where and when to go. Independent travel maximizes flexibility but requires planning and can be stressful. Guided tours reduce language and cultural barriers and are convenient, but usually have less flexibility. Self-guided tours are in between, where a tour company arranges accommodations and some logistics without the support of a hired guide. I often use a hybrid for international travel with a guided trip as my foundation and then adding independent travel before or afterward.



2022 Antarctica

Traveling with the Rocky Mountaineers is an easy option. Our trips vary from year to year and strive to be interesting and offer good value. Limited space is still available for our Dalmatian Coast & Greece trip in October 2023 (two cabins remaining) and for our Japan trip in March/April 2024 (just two remaining spots). More information on the Rocky Mountaineers' upcoming trips is available at [DalmatianCoastGreece2023RockyMountaineersBrochure.pdf](#) and

[Japan2024RockyMountaineersBrochure.pdf](#).

Feel free to contact me at jimthinnies2@gmail.com if you have any questions about the upcoming Rocky Mountaineer trips or travel in general.

Bon Voyage!

Mountaineers Making a Difference

Is there a high school senior in your life? There's great news for them!

By Frank Roth

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Rocky Mountaineer Scholarship. Deadline is March 31st, 2023. Four scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded, with two being specifically earmarked for natural resource majors. Applicants must have a Rocky Mountaineer member as a sponsor. If you have questions call Frank Roth, scholarship committee chairman at 307 754-7063.

In a change from previous years, we are no longer contacting all local high schools and are only reaching out to seniors who are closely connected to Rocky Mountaineer members and children of Forest Service employees.

Check out all the application details on website at www.rockymountaineers@us.com.

Please help spread the word!



Reece White, Rocky Mountaineers Scholarship winner.

I had received a \$1,500 scholarship from The Rocky Mountaineers for the school year of 2021-2022. I had been accepted to and completed a semester at Fort Lewis College the fall of 2021 as a biochemistry major with hopes of pursuing a veterinary career. However, I was accepted to and completed prerequisites at Colorado Mountain College the spring semester of 2022 to be able to apply to the Associates Degree of Nursing program at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

I am now in my second semester of nursing school at CMC and have one more year left before I receive my RN license. I was fortunate enough to have the financial support from my scholarships, as well as support from family and friends to make this transition. I have had time to recognize that my dream is to heal and help people; the pandemic and need for nurses was the extra push for me to narrow down my career goal in the healthcare field.

My plan for after nursing school is to practice in hospitals and possibly be a travel nurse since the demand is so high nationwide. I am very appreciative for the opportunity I was given last year from The Rocky Mountaineers, and encourage anyone with a passion for making the world a better place, to apply.

Thank you again,

Reece White
2021 scholarship recipient

Magic Lantern Slides



Tourist Party - circa 1938 - Sequoia National Forest. Many of the slides in this collection were created from U.S. Forest Service negatives. Most of the slides are hand-colored and tinted, some are matted/mounted.

From the Forest Service Museum in Missoula, MT.

These magic lantern slides were created in the 1930s and were likely used by Forest Service personnel who often traveled with photographs, slides, and motion pictures for public education and to help build support for forest conservation. Once they became obsolete, the slides were put in storage

Magic Lantern slides could be considered the forerunner of the Power Point programs that are commonly used today. They owe their origin to the mid-17th century. Originally they consisted of paintings on glass that were projected by an optical device using a light source. By the mid 1850's photographic images were being put on glass slides and were commercially sold by the millions.

Magic Lantern slides and projectors were popular from 1890 until around 1940 when they were made obsolete by 35 mm slides developed by the Kodak Company.

Retirees Gather Around The Region



The Denver Rocky Mountaineers gathered at the Homestead Country Club in November. It was hosted by Tom and Kitty Thompson and included a yummy lunch and fabulous door prizes for the thirty three folks who braved some snowy weather to attend.



The PSICC retirees have many strong connections as supervisors and employees! They share a work history that makes getting together especially memorable.

This December, the PSICC Retiree Group was joined by Tammy Robinson. She is serving as an SO Staff Officer completing her long-term detail from South Carolina.

Back Row: Karl Tamler, Mark Gardunio, Emmet Foster, Richard Roth, Dave and Carol Crumley,

Center Row: Darlene Mattson, Gail Tamler, Debbie Gardunio, Lori Haug, Neil Weierbach, Linda Casteel, Ron and Jan Myers, Barb Timock and John Brown

Seated: Lance Tyler

Not Pictured: Claire Brown and Tammy Robinson (photographer)

The Lumber Jills in World War II

The British Women's Timber Corps took on the crucial role of felling trees

Dressed in overalls and carrying axes, these are the women who helped the Allied forces on their way to victory during the Second World War.

The women, nicknamed the 'Lumberjills' were members of the Women's Timber Corps (WTC), whose job it was to fell trees, work in sawmills and carry out other heavy land duties.

They were recruited by the Forestry Commission and replaced the men, who had left their jobs in order to join the armed forces.

Around 15,000 women aged mostly between 17 and 24, who became known as 'lumberjills', left home for the first time to be trucked off to Britain's forests and learn their vital new skills.

The wood that they felled was used in an array of industries, including aircraft and gun manufacture, ship building and mining.

But despite their efforts, the women faced hostility and prejudice from some men who resented women taking on what they considered to be male jobs.

The Government had even initially refused to employ women to fell trees, but because there were thousands of members of the Women's Land Army insisting on doing their bit, the official position



Wearing boots and overalls and wielding an axe each, they were the women who helped Britain's war effort in the fight against Nazi Germany - and defeated gender stereotypes in the process. Above: Members of the Women's Timber Corps at Culford forestry camp, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, in 1942.

became untenable.

Ultimately, women proved that they were capable of wielding 14 lb axes, carrying logs, working in dangerous sawmills, driving timber trucks and calculating the reliable production figures that the Government depended on.

However, after the war had been won, the Women's Timber Corps received little recognition and were not allowed to keep their uniforms or even be part of organized Remembrance Day parades.



Women's Timber Corps member Marjory Stark is seen felling a tree with an axe at Bowmont, Northumberland.

For More: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2830574/How-Lumberjills-helped-win-war-Little-known-story-Women-s-Timber-Corps-helped-Allied-forces-supplied->



Members of the Women's Timber Corps are seen processing wood at a forestry camp during the Second World War.

Bovee Fire, October 2, 2022



*Scott Lookout Tower
Before*



*Scott Lookout Tower
During*



*Scott Lookout Tower
After*

The blaze, which was reported at 1:38 p.m. CDT Oct. 2 just southwest of Halsey, burned 18,930 acres, about 70% of which was private land. It also destroyed 5,130 Nebraska National Forest acres. That came after the 201 East Fire, which happened in May in an area just south of the Bovee blaze, burned 4,120 acres of forest land.

The property loss, which included almost all the structures at the Nebraska State 4-H Campground as well as the Scott Lookout Tower, doesn't tell the entire story, however.

There are other numbers to consider from the inferno, which was ruled accidental and was started by an all-terrain vehicle that caught fire.

Mike Moody, the 59-year-old assistant chief of the Purdum Fire Department, died after suffering a medical emergency while he was aiding firefighting efforts on the day the blaze broke out. He was one of more than 220 members of fire departments, law enforcement and first responder agencies that responded to the fire during the first week of October.



Courtesy the North Platte Telegraph

Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument



President Joe Biden designates Camp Hale, on the White River National Forest a World War II training ground, as a new national monument on Oct. 12, 2022.

President Biden used his authority under the Antiquities Act to establish the 53,804-acre Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument on National Forest System lands in the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, preserving the area's important historic, prehistoric, natural, and recreational values.

The national monument designation builds on years of efforts from the descendants of the 10th Mountain Division, Colorado veterans, federal, state and local elected officials, many surrounding communities, conservation and outdoor recreation advocates, and local business owners, to recognize and preserve this area.

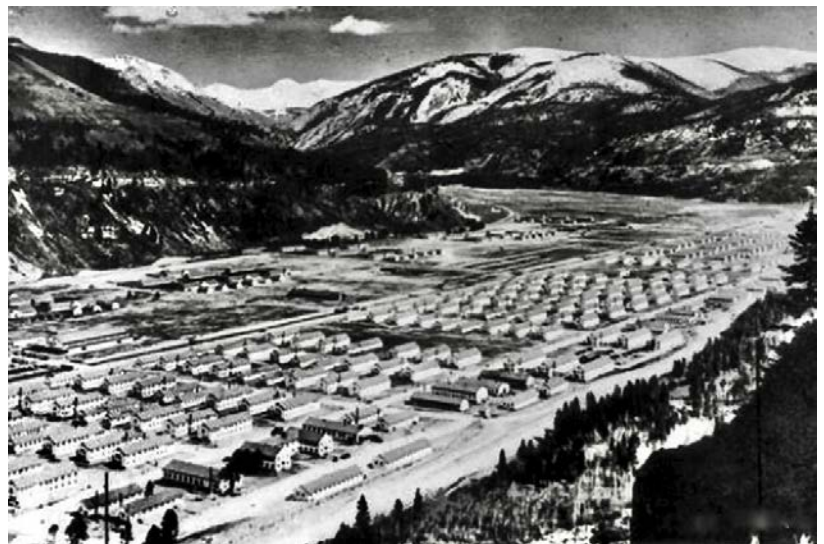
U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division

The peaks and valleys within this monument forged the elite soldiers of the famed 10th Mountain Division—the Army's first and only mountain infantry division. The 10th Mountain Division helped free Europe from the grip of Nazi control in World War II.

At its height, Camp Hale sprawled across nearly 1,500 acres and contained 1,000 buildings, including 245 barracks that could house more than 15,000 soldiers as well as parade grounds, recreation areas, gunnery ranges, a combat range, ski hills, stockade, motor pool, rail yards, and an extensive road and bridge network.

The 10th Mountain Division soldiers trained in mountain warfare techniques including mountain climbing, alpine and Nordic skiing, cold-weather survival as well as various weapons and ordnance deployment. The 10th Mountain Division deployed three army regiments during World War II, including to the Battle of Riva Ridge in the northern Italian Apennine Mountains which involved a daring assault that required soldiers to scale a 1,500-foot cliff, during the dark of night, and defeat five elite German divisions in the final months of the war.

Camp Hale and its surroundings in the Tenmile Range were used to train the 10th Mountain Division, the 38th Regimental Combat Team, the 99th Infantry Battalion and others in mountain and winter warfare. In the late 1950s, the Central Intelligence Agency trained various special mission teams at Camp Hale, including nearly 170 Tibetans for operations in China against the communist government.



Barracks at Camp Hale, home of the 10th Mountain Division, circa 1942-1945.

For more:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/camp-hale-continental-divide-national-monument>

My Memories of Adrian Dargan

By Melanie Woolever

Adrian Dargan was a deeply principled, proud man that possessed a quiet dignity. He wasn't someone that would boast or even talk much about himself, so I suspect few knew how deeply passionate he was about the great outdoors. He believed there was a spiritual calling to his work, bringing him closer to God when surrounded by natural beauty. Consequently, Adrian was compelled to protect National Forests for the enjoyment of future generations. His tenacity and dogged determination to follow that mission are evidenced by his pursuit of a forestry degree in the 1950's, the only African American in the program, against the advice of many. I often marveled how he had withstood what must have been tremendous difficulties of being stationed in Coeur d'Alene, ID in 1967, as the first professional African American forester in the Forest Service. Throughout his career, Adrian took great pride in his work and perpetually upheld the values and mission of the U.S. Forest Service: To sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Adrian, or AD as I often referred to him, was also my dear friend for over 38 years. A group of us originally connected by the Forest Service, traveled all over the country together for years, spending hours driving in pursuit of our dreams, having fun in beautiful places, and developing life-long bonds. It was during those many trips that I developed a profound respect and affection for Adrian. I learned that he tended to be a quiet observer, never missing a thing. Although he generally didn't say much, if you paid attention, you could clearly tell from his body language what his opinions on things were. Still waters do indeed run deep. I can picture him tossing a hand in the air with a flourish of disdain saying, "it don't matter" about something he was less than pleased about. I got glimpses/insights of the likely origins of that quiet dignity and inner strength when traveling with Adrian and Brunell, being at places like a gas station in the middle of Kansas at night when everyone stopped pumping gas to stare when the 3 of us got out of the car. AD and Bru didn't seem to notice but I was vocally indignant, at which point Bru told me to get in the car before I got us killed. Adrian just shook his head, like

always saying nothing but quietly moving forward. There are so many memories I'll cherish about Adrian. He loved fur coats as much or more than any of my women friends. We spent joy-filled hours at my aunt's fur shop looking until he found just the right coat for Bru and one for himself.

I'll never see a Belgian cross mule without thinking of him. He coordinated and managed the specialty pack string for the Rocky Mountain Region, consisting of twelve mules, three saddle horses, one bell mare, and two animal packers. Though the mules were often cantankerous, Adrian loved working with the pack string and traveled with them for various events. Over 100,000 people viewed demonstrations at fairs, parades, rodeos, work projects, and workshops at the pack string facility in Shawnee. He loved those 12 perfectly matched mules named for plants, always referring to them as "his girls."

I'll never see an Easter production that I don't think about the imposing, and just flat scary, Roman soldier that AD made! I wish I had a picture of him in his Roman regalia to share with you that is as frightening as the image is in my mind!

AD had such a big laugh when amused by things. He was asked all kinds of crazy questions when he drove the Inverness Hotel shuttle after retiring from the FS. He was astounded how many questions defied common sense. He'd just shake his head in the retelling. There was one that particularly amused him that he'd remember when we'd get together, particularly when he was ill. Some tourists had asked him, "how high in the mountains must you go for the deer to turn into elk?" At that point in the story, he'd ask the wildlife biologist, me, if I knew. Before I could think of a witty response, he'd be belly laughing, shaking his head at the thought!

I was blessed to know and love Adrian Dargan, to consider him family. He was a wonderful man in all senses of the word, the kind that are so rare in all our lives, the kind of spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent, and friend we all admire and aspire to be. I will miss him terribly.





Remembrances



Richard P. (Dick) Cook

Dick Cook of Norwood, Colorado, passed away Sept. 9, 2022, in Spring, Texas. Dick was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on December 21, 1939, to Kraft and Dorothy Cook of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dick graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS degree in forestry. After

graduation, Dick joined the Forest Service and worked in Dubois, Wyoming, as assistant ranger. He was later transferred to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and spent six years there.

He married Carol Cook in 1968 and moved to Lead, South Dakota, as a forest ranger. He spent the next few years living in the Black Hills towns of Lead, Deadwood, Belle Fourche, and Spearfish. While in Spearfish, he was promoted to district ranger. He was then transferred to Norwood, Colorado, in 1976. For the next 23 years, he was district ranger for the Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre National Forests.

While in Norwood, he was instrumental in getting the Forest Service to approve the expansion of the Telluride Ski Area. His duties also included forest management and working with local ranchers and timber companies to administer various Forest Service permits. During his years with the Forest Service, he spent many fire seasons fighting forest fires in the western U.S., most notably being the 1988 Yellowstone Fires in which he served as one of the five fire bosses for those fires. He retired from the Forest Service after 35 years.

He was a longtime member of the Elks Club and a lifetime member of The Rocky Mountaineers. He loved construction work and built four homes over the years. He enjoyed farming, camping, fishing, hunting with pack mules, and generally just being outdoors. Dick enjoyed traveling and exploring much of the U.S. and Canada.

He leaves behind his wife Carol of 53 years; daughter Debbie Cook Harbin of Spring, Texas; son Mike Cook of Lake Jackson, Texas; three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Don Cook of Kansas.



Adrian Dargan

Adrian Dargan, passed away on November 4, 2022. He was born November 27, 1938, to Theodore and Opal Dargan and blessed with a sister, Dr. Olita Dargan Harris. Adrian was an adventurous youngster who loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his father and many family vacations to National

Parks across the country. Early on Adrian chose to pursue a career that would feed his passion for the outdoors. Many of his friends and classmates questioned his field of study, but he was not deterred. With steadfast determination, he enrolled

at Oklahoma State University where he fulfilled his dream by earning a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, School of Forestry, breaking barriers for young African American men and women who share the same passion for conserving our national resources. While in college, he met his one and only, Brunell Manning, a student at a nearby college, Langston University. They were married on December 30, 1961. From this union, three amazing children were born, Monique, Adrian Jr., and Theodore Dargan. The family tree later grew to include five grandchildren, Aram, Jordan, and Matthew Field, Jade and Isaiah Dargan, and a great-granddaughter, Ellyia Storm.

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Remembrances

(Adrian Dargan continued)

Adrian served our nation as a Specialist 5th Class in the United States Army and Army Reserve before being honorably discharged in 1967. While awaiting a permanent position with the U.S. Forest Service, Adrian worked as an Expeditor at North Star Aviation, an aerospace manufacturing corporation. There he ordered and delivered components that were used by engineers working on the lunar landing module for the Apollo Space Craft.

During the summer of 1967, the dream of becoming a forester became reality for Adrian. He was to report to the Fernan Ranger District on the Coeur d'Alene National Forest in Idaho...making him what we believe to be the first African American professionally educated forester to be hired by the U.S. Forest Service.

In over 30 years as a forester, Adrian planted many a tree, though he would jokingly insist it was closer to an entire forest of trees. Other duties included supervising logging and timber activities, administering forest management plans, building and maintaining roads, bridges, hiking trails, and campgrounds. He also supervised Special Use Permits, recreation, and wildlife initiatives, and fought forest fires each summer across the United States. The family thought of dad's work as "tending God's Garden" (Genesis 2:15). Adrian worked on three national forests in Idaho and Montana before transferring to the Pike and San Isabel National Forest in Colorado. He retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1993.

Adrian was not only committed to his family and career, he was also committed to giving back to the community. He was involved in civic activities and chaired many fundraising projects as a member of the Choteau, Montana Chapter of the Jaycees, a

leadership training, service and civic organization. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Award for his successful efforts in fundraising to build a new library and for organizing outdoor art shows. "Art on the Green" became an annual event drawing many well-known artists from across the region to display and sell art in the town square.

Adrian embraced a private and personal faith in God. He also sang in community and church choirs and was involved in the ministry. He personified integrity and dependability and was a wonderful provider for his family.

Adrian loved jazz and old westerns on television and often listened to jazz while watching westerns. He was an avid Grill Master with a reputation for mouthwatering smoked ribs and brisket...the "Bar-B-Q-tioner" was his nickname. He also possessed a keen interest in the history of Black people and American Indians and their intersection in the western United States, especially the Buffalo Soldiers and the true stories about the settling of the West. His love for storytelling about his adventures with the U.S. Forest Service often evoked much laughter.

Adrian was an inspiration to all who knew him and left behind a proud legacy of a life well lived. Those left to cherish his memory include, but are not limited to the following, Brunell Dargan - Spouse of 61 years, Dr. Olita Dargan Harris - Sister (Solomon, husband), Monique Dargan - Daughter, Adrian Dargan Jr. - Son, Theodore Dargan - Son, and five grandsons: Aram Field, Jordan Field, Matthew Field, Isaiah Dargan, and granddaughter Jade Dargan.

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Robert William (Bob) Deitrick

Bob Deitrick died on January 16, 2022, in Fort Collins, CO. He was born in Caldwell, Idaho on November 8, 1941. He went to Pepperdine University and graduated with a degree in biology and did post-grad work in education and became a teacher. In the summers he worked as a seasonal firefighter on the Shasta-Trinity N. F. He enjoyed hiking and the outdoors and became tired of grading papers and took a job

as an engineering technician on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N. F.s at Sedro-Woolley, Washington in 1983. He moved to the Arapaho-Roosevelt N. F. in the 1985 and worked in engineering as a project manager and worked in engineering and surveying.

He married Lucy Ellen Hollins in California, and they had three children: Zachary, Russell, and Dawn. Lucy passed away in 2000 in Fort Collins. Robert is survived by his three children and their families, including eight grandchildren.

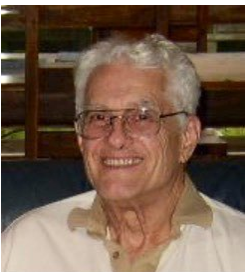


John R. Kirkpatrick

John Kirkpatrick passed away on January 24, 2023. John was born in Washington on April 18, 1942, to Dahl and Charletta Kirkpatrick. John's father was a forester for the Forest Service, so John's youth was spent in the many locations where his father was stationed in the Pacific Northwest and New Mexico. He married Carolyn, who also worked for the outfit, and they had two sons Jason and John. John worked in many locations, including being ranger on the Tonto Basin District - Tonto N.F. (1974-75), ranger at Flagstaff-Coconino N.F.

(1976-81), Staff officer on Pike-San Isabel NF & Cimarron-Comanche NG (1982-1983), Forest Supervisor San Juan N.F. (1984-87), RPA Staff Washington Office (1988-92), Aviation-Fire Director Region 3 (1993-94), and Deputy Regional Forester Region 3 (1995-2000). John retired in 2001 and he and Carolyn made their home in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

John was a joy to work with and always brought people together with his positive attitude, his sense of humor, and his love of life. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, sons Jason and John and their families.



Rodney Darrell Lewis

Rodney Lewis, 89 of Pueblo, CO passed away Oct. 2, 2022. Rodney is survived by his loving wife Neola whom he was married to for sixty-seven years, and children Cathy (John) Witt, Ellen (Mike) Cornett, Ralph (Elizabeth) Lewis, David (Julie) Lewis, Eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Rodney was born in The Dalles, Oregon on April 9, 1933, to Robert O. Lewis and Esther Lewis (Leder). Rodney graduated from Glenwood Springs High School in 1951 and Colorado A&M in 1955 with a degree in forestry. Rodney spent two years in the Army at Aberdeen, MD and Burlington, IA before starting a thirty-year

career with the U.S. Forest Service where he served on the Bighorn, and Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Rodney was the Ranger on the Lake George District from 1964-1972, then moved with his family to Pueblo where he worked at the Pike San Isabel District Office. In 1981 he moved to the Salida District Office where among other duties, he helped with the planning and construction of the Colorado Trail. Rodney later retired in 1988. Rodney was an avid Broncos and Rockies fan, a self-taught artist, enjoyed fishing on his boat, Sunday drives, and loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. A small family memorial service is planned.

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Frederic Blair (Ted) Mullin

Ted Mullin died on August 18, 2022. He was born on January 24, 1935, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the first of four sons of Frances L. (Bartley) and George B.P. Mullin. He thrived on challenges and variety. He filled his life with adventures

in multiple places and with a wide range of activities, always living it to the fullest.

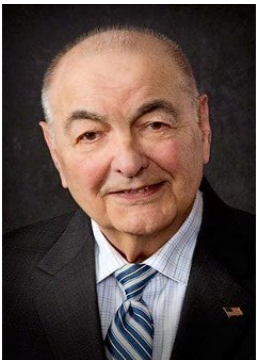
Ted's education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, generally known as Virginia Tech, was interrupted by four years of service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he supervised the reconstruction of military runways in South Korea. He completed his education in 1957 and graduated with a degree in Geological Engineering.

For thirty-seven years Ted worked as a geologist for the U.S. government, primarily with the Forest Service although he also spent some time with the Bureau of Land Management. In addition, he also

spent several weeks in Washington D.C. where he assisted in the development and preparation of the regulations to implement the 1970 Minerals and Mining Law. He retired from the Forest Service as a Regional Geologist in January of 1997.

Ted was active in several professional organizations. These included the Geological Society of America (GSA); The Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME); and the American Institute of Professional Geologists, which recognized him as Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) on January 31, 1968. Ted spent many of his retirement days in his beloved Colorado mountains indulging both his warm weather passion of fly fishing and his winter passion of snow skiing.

Ted is survived by Carol, his wife of 29 years; his son Arthur; his step-daughter Abigail Dawson and step-son William Jackson (Andrea) and their respective children; his brother Sandy (Courtney); his brother Bruce (Jackie); and numerous nieces and nephews.



Richard Carl "Rich" Miller

Rich Miller of Cody, WY died on Dec. 17, 2018. He was born on his grandfather's farm 7 miles north of Culbertson, Neb., on Feb. 15, 1933. He was the first of eight children born to Carl Frank and Augusta (Andrijeski) Miller. He grew up on the family farms in Hitchcock and Frontier counties, Nebraska.

He attended one-room country schools in Hitchcock, Red Willow and Frontier counties through the eighth grade. He graduated from McCook High School with the class of 1950.

Richard was proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict, serving three years in the European Theater stationed at Kirknewton, Scotland, Tripoli, Libya and Ankara, Turkey. He attended the University of Nebraska on the GI bill, graduating with a civil engineering degree in 1961. He was employed by the U.S.

Forest Service in Colorado and Wyoming until his retirement in 1993.

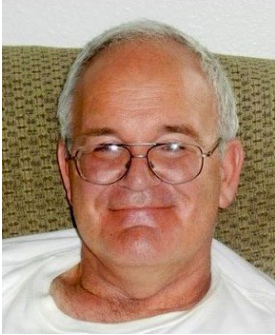
On Nov. 4, 1961, he was united in marriage to Retha Marie Uerling at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb. To this union were born four boys and one girl. Richard was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Retha of Cody; son Michael (Cindy) of Dallas, Texas, son Jeffrey (Marcie) of Laramie, son Paul (Betsy) of Morgantown, W.V., son Matthew (Laura) of Yaounde, Cameroon, daughter Joan (Travis) Graham of Cody; brothers Laverne (Bernadette) of Norfolk, Neb., Kenneth (Sandra Jean) of Longmont, Colo., and Melvin (Jerry) of McCook, Neb.; sisters Charlene Weskamp of Norton, Kansas, Carla (Dewey) Teel of Neligh, Neb., and Carol (Randy) Lashley of McCook, Neb., and 19 grandchildren.

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Gerald John (Jerry) Ryszka

Jerry Ryszka passed away on Thursday evening, January 5th, 2023. He was 69 years of age. He and his wife, Davina lived up Cokedale Road for the last 10 years on the family ranch, near Livingston, Montana. Jerry was on the ranch working outdoors

when his heart gave out suddenly and without warning.

Gerald John Ryszka was born April 13, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan to wonderful parents, Regina and Walter Ryszka. They had 4 children, 3 boys and a girl, Leonard, Jerry, Carol and Tom. Jerry's parents were hard working, loving, and dedicated parents. Jerry grew up learning from them the value of hard work, being responsible and practical in life, and to have good principles such as honesty and high moral character. He excelled in school and enjoyed being a part of various sports, such as football, basketball, wrestling, and hockey. He was a part of a boy scout troop, accomplishing a good number of goals and awards.

After high school Jerry went to college at Michigan Tech, located in the upper peninsula of northern Michigan. He majored in Forestry/Timber Management and earned his bachelor's degree. He cherished the friendships he made while attending there.

One of his first positions he took after graduating was a seasonal position with the Forest Service in Gardiner, Montana on the Gallatin National Forest. His next couple of positions put him right in Livingston. This is when he met Davina Gray. They began dating and soon had a wonderful relationship. Their courtship was put on hold when Jerry took a position in Oregon working for Weyerhaeuser. While he was there, he investigated the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was baptized into the Church on Oct. 14, 1978. He enjoyed the work in Oregon for a time, but the promise of a Timber Management position did not materialize, so he returned to Montana. He then was able to marry his best friend and love of his life, Davina, on May 19, 1979. Their marriage was performed by a dear friend and Bishop, Tom Melin, at the ranch near Livingston, Montana.

Shortly after they were married, Jerry adopted Wendy, Davina's little daughter from a previous marriage, when she was 4 years old. They moved from Livingston to Pierce, Idaho where Jerry worked as a scaler for the Forest Service. This is where their second daughter, Jennifer, was born. Shortly thereafter, the family moved back to the Gray ranch for two years during which time their son John was born. They then moved to Custer, South Dakota where Jerry worked for the Forest Service in the Black Hills. Jerry had an opportunity to further his education at Oregon State University and earned a master's degree in Forest Measurements. During their time in South Dakota two more children were born, their son Robert and daughter Gerri.

In 1995 the family moved to Delta, Colorado where Jerry worked as a traveling Regional Timber Measurement Specialist. They lived in Colorado for 16 years, where they finished raising their four children. After a rewarding career, Jerry was able to retire in 2011. His time with the Forest Service allowed him to teach and mentor many aspiring foresters and developed lasting friendships with colleagues.

After his retirement, Jerry and Davina moved back to Livingston to be near Davina's parents. During the last 11 years, Jerry and Davina worked to make improvements on the ranch and had many great outdoor experiences. In 2019, Jerry and Davina celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with many family and friends.

Jerry was a very devoted husband and father, always putting family first. Jerry had a fun sense of humor, and an easy-going disposition.

He loved gardening, music, woodworking, hunting, cooking, preserving garden produce, spending time outdoors, being with family, and watching a good show on TV with Davina in the evenings.

Jerry is survived by his wife Davina Ryszka, who loves him with all her heart; his children Wendy Bournazian (Mike), Jennifer Alexander, John Ryszka (Kim), Robert Ryszka (Cheryl), Gerri Ryszka (Jarrod), His siblings, Leonard Ryszka, Carol Ross, Tom Ryszka (Bonnie), 14 grandchildren, and other extended family.

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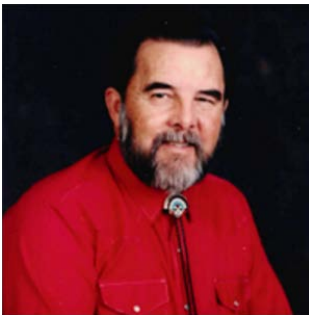
Roger Dale Tarum

Roger Tarum died at the age of 73 at his home in Ft. Collins from what is believed to be a cardiac issue. He was born in 1949 in Watertown, SD, the oldest son of Dale and Lillian Tarum. He moved to Colorado in 1959 with his

family. Roger attended Bear Creek High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees with

emphasis in hydrology at Colorado State University. He worked for the Forest Service for 40 years starting with fighting fires during summer breaks in 1968 until his retirement in 2008. He worked on the White River and Arapahoe Roosevelt N.F.s as the Recreation-Planning Group Leader.

Roger is survived by three brothers and one sister.



Donald Eligio Velasquez Sr.

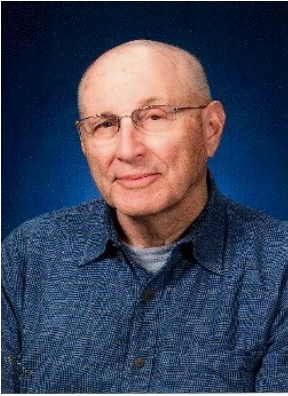
Don Velasquez, 89, of Bailey, Colorado, passed away on September 20, 2022, in his home.

Donald was born in Burley, Idaho to Jose Elijo and Phyllis Pearl Velasquez on September 11, 1933. He went to high school at Gooding High School and left in 1950. He then volunteered for the U.S. Navy and served for 4 years during the Korean War. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from The University of Idaho. He married Margaret Lipinsky in 1961 and after her passing, he married Grace Cisneros in 1997. He worked for The CIA (10 years), the U.S. Forest Service (10 years), the Department of Energy (9 years), and then the Colorado School of Mines (10 years). After that he was a world traveler and he enjoyed driving to visit his children and grandchildren. His hobbies were hiking, camping, fishing, and watching baseball. He has received so

many awards and recognition it is hard to list them all. The one he was most proud of was his honorary doctorate as founder of the Minority Engineering Program at Colorado School of Mines. He was involved in Boy Scouts of America, Soccer coach to his kids, Knights of Columbus. He actively assisted his wife Grace in her ministry in Mexico. He was also very involved with St Mary's of the Rockies Catholic Church.

Donald is survived by his wife, Grace; Children: Donald Jr, Daniel, Pepe, Marina, Regina (Cisneros), John, Katrina (Olson), and Paul; Grandchildren: Shawn, Bryan, Gabriel, Zachary, Noah, Roka, Erika, Marlin, Lucetta, Serena, and Dionicio; Great-grandchildren: Mason; Siblings: Phyllis (Taylor), Geneva (Irwin), Theressa (Henscheid), Sister Mary Esther (Kathryn), and Deborah Anne Velasquez Mackley. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret and his brother, Philemon (Joe).

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Jack A. Weissling

Jack Weissling, 93, of Oshkosh, WI passed peacefully at Gabriel's Villa on December 24, 2022. He was born November 28, 1929, to the late John and Helen Baker Weissling. On July 2, 1954, he married Delores DeJarlais. She preceded him in death on September 21, 2006.

Jack was a Veteran of the US Air Force, proudly serving during the Korean War in Okinawa, Japan. Upon leaving the service, Jack attended the University of Minnesota, studying forestry. It is in Minnesota that he met his loving and devoted wife, Delores.

In 1957, Jack began his 37-year career in the US Forest Service, moving multiple times throughout the years. He retired in Pueblo, Colorado, as Forest Supervisor of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands in 1995. His name can be found on the America the Beautiful monument atop Pikes Peak.

Family and friends were important to Jack. It's in the US Forest Service that he formed many lifelong

friendships, several of whom became like family. Many will fondly remember his beautiful penmanship and witty quips in cards and letters he sent throughout the years.

He was at home outdoors, in the woods and in his yard. He was a talented woodworker and an avid reader, continually learning up until his passing. His grandchildren loved hearing his stories, and the knowledge and wisdom he was always willing to share. He never met a stranger.

Though he tried to "avoid it," Jack adopted his friend Logan's cat in his later years. Diego became his best companion – always willing to curl up in his lap for a cuddle or for a tripod-assisted self portrait. He also cared deeply for the birds and other critters he fed religiously in his back yard.

Jack is survived by his children; Patti Weissling, Gary (Connie) Weissling, and Thomas (Kristy) Weissling. Grandchildren; Hallie (Chris), Kelly (Kyle), Jacob, Joshua (Jackie), Justin, and Emily. Great-grandchildren; Mya, Zoey, Lucas, Joelle, and Amaya. And many special friends including Logan, Marsha, and Randy.

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John Clark Windsor Jr.

John Windsor of Windsor, CO passed away November 22, 2021, in Greeley. He was born on January 11, 1931, in Jackson, Michigan and welcomed into the family by Clark and Julia (Griffin) Windsor as the favored son. John grew up in Denver, CO and graduated from East

High School in 1949. After he served in the US Air Force from 1951-1952 in Korea, he graduated from Colorado A&M with a BS in forestry in 1956. As a young man, John was always up for an adventure, be it a hike from Bear Lake to Grand Lake to see his fiancé or a boat trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. On June 9, 1956, he married the love of his life Janice Priebe in Denver, CO.

He had a successful, and enjoyable 30- year career working for public land management agencies (BLM and USFS) with duty stations in Durango, CO; Lakewood, CO; Custer, SD; Sundance, WY and Fort Collins, CO. His love for growing trees never stopped. Before he retired, he started planting Christmas trees. After retirement he and Janice and the family spent 30 years helping many families make memories coming to their farm and cutting Christmas trees. John loved the outdoors and shared this love with his family through numerous hiking and camping trips they took over the years.

He could be found on a daily basis outside working on a project of some kind, whether it be building something, repairing some piece of equipment or tending to and caring for the trees on the tree farm. John and Janice were very involved at St. Albans Episcopal Church in Windsor. If there was ever an event going on, the Windsor's could be counted on to be there. One of his favorite events was cooking pancakes for their Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

For Christmas he loved supplying a tree, garland, boughs, and wreaths for the church every year. John was involved in a number of organizations. He started Boy Scouts at age 10 and moved through the ranks to become one of 20+ scouts that made up the ETO, Eagles of Troop One in Denver.

In college he was pledged to the fraternity SAE. He was a lifelong member of The Society of American Foresters, and he served on the board for the Windsor Habitat for Humanity.

He is survived by his wife Janice of Windsor; children, Jerry Windsor and wife Peggy of Windsor, Andy Windsor and wife Paula Martin of Paonia, CO, Paul Windsor and wife Lori of Harrison, NE, and Anne Windsor and husband Jon Baker of Mukilteo, WA; grandchildren, Josh Windsor, Sarah Windsor, Zach Windsor, Mary Douglas, Cynthia Douglas, Audrey Patchett, Arvid Carlson, Amanda Forst, and 9 great-grandchildren.

The Last Word

By Tom Thompson

Respecting the land and the people who came before us...

"It is acknowledged that indigenous peoples and nations, including the Fremont, Anasazi, Navajo, Ute, Crow, Arapaho, Kiowa, Shoshone, Comanche, Apache, Cheyenne, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Sioux, Pawnee, Omaha, Oto, Kansas, and likely other Native American peoples inhabited, stewarded, or used lands through generations within what is now the Rocky Mountain Region of the Forest Service. We honor and respect the enduring relationship that continues to exist between many of these peoples and nations and this land."

As our awareness and sensitivity to recognizing Native American people is seemingly and rightfully increasing in today's world. Indigenous recognition statements, like the one written above, frame context of the lands that we live and walk on across the country. More and more, we are reminded of the history of the land and the native people who have lived on this land in the years and centuries before most of our kind came to be here. These indigenous recognition statements are quite often seen in buildings, parks, and public facilities; being used to provide context and appreciation at meetings and conferences; and even used in identification of businesses and organizations. There are numerous ways these recognition statements are developed and there are even guidelines and recommendations offered by universities and scholars as to how to prepare such statements appropriately.

Though not in the form an indigenous recognition statement, the naming of a national forest or grassland in honor or reminder of the ancestral connection that was done many years ago has in a sense been perhaps some of the strongest and most enduring recognition statements. As shown in the listing below, over a third of all the national forests and grasslands are named for tribes or associated with Native American heritage. For forests, many of these names have been in place for over a century and similarly sixty years for grasslands. These names were without question given to acknowledge and recognize the ancestral occupancy of the lands.

There are always different interpretations and understanding of names, but it is apparent that those who first chose the names were trying to make an indigenous recognition statement in its purest sense. It was not because of societal expectation, but rather it was simply to acknowledge the culture and ancestral heritage of

these lands. Forests like the Shoshone now acknowledge that it was "named after the Shoshoni people who have called this area of northwestern Wyoming home for thousands of years...."

Over a hundred years ago the ancestral connections to these lands were much more apparent than today where time has worked to blur the memory. Early Forest Service people, like Shep Husted, who was the first supervisor of the Colorado N. F. from 1907-1911, understood and likely sought to learn more about the ancestral connections of the lands he had been charged to care for.



1914--Shep Husted on far left with two prominent members of Arapaho tribe from Wind River Reservation, Gun Griswold (age 73), Sherman Sage (age 63), Tom Crispin (age 38, interpreter), Oliver Toll (recorder), David Hawkins in front, Princeton student.

Photo from the Estes Park Museum

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In 1914, after he had left the outfit and was principally a guide in the Estes Park area, Shep led a two-week field expedition or tour with Arapaho tribal leaders to learn more about the names of features on the forest and within the area which was soon to become the Rocky Mountain National Park in 1915. Shep probably was not unlike many others of that time who had a deep appreciation for this history and intent on learning more from those who knew it including tribal leaders.

So many of us throughout our careers with the Forest Service, like Shep, have likewise been in locations where we have come to learn and be associated with these Native American people whose ancestors once lived on most all the lands that are now national forest, grasslands, parks, and

refuges. Most of us had experiences in our time with the Forest Service that related to these ancestral connections both from a historical and a contemporary sense. We are fortunate to have had these associations and opportunities to understand the rich history and stories of the land and people who came before us and worked to ensure their interests and contributions were valued.

In today's world of increased recognition of these indigenous peoples, the Forest Service should be proud that the tribal names given to Forests and Grasslands have continued to remind the public of these ancestral connections and I believe these names are truly long standing "indigenous recognition statements."

There are close to four dozen forests and grasslands named specifically or indirectly in recognition of tribes or tribal subgroups:

Region 1

Coeur d'Alene
Flathead
Kootenai
Dakota
Sheyenne

Region 3

Apache
Coconino
Tonto
Kiowa

Region 6

Okanagan
Siuslaw
Snoqualmie
Umatilla
Wenatchee

Region 9

Chippewa
Huron
Manistee
Monongahela
Ottawa
Shawnee

Region 2

Arapaho
Shoshone
Uncompahgre
Comanche
Oglala
Pawnee

Region 4

Nezperce
Unita
Teton

Region 5

Klamath
Modoc
Shasta
Tahoe

Region 8

Apalachicola
Caddo
Chattahoochee
Cherokee
Homochitto
Kisatchie
Oconee
Uwharrie

Region 10

Chugach
Tongass