

Rocky Mountaineers Membership Invitation

The Rocky Mountain Forest Service Association (Rocky Mountaineers) invites you to become a member. Membership dues are complimentary the first year following retirement. After that, dues are \$20 per year per household or \$250 for a lifetime membership.

The overall mission of this Association is to enrich and add value to the lives of Forest Service retirees, current and former employees, and others who care greatly about the agency and the Rocky Mountain Region. The Association will enhance connectivity between members while providing important information and encouraging participation in local activities. Importantly, the Association will actively provide assistance to Forest Service families in need, champion volunteer efforts and maintain the Memorial Grove tradition.

Among the benefits that members receive are the following:

- ✓ The Rendezvous Newsletter is sent to all members electronically (or printed version if needed). The Rendezvous provides current information of interest; updates on member activities; stories of both historical and general interest of the Rocky Mountain Region; information on planned meetings and events; updates of Rocky Mountaineer projects and organization updates; ballot measures; updates of addresses and member information; and remembrances of departed members.
- ✓ The Membership Directory showing contact information of all current members who want to be included is provided electronically at least once per year.
- ✓ The Rocky Mountaineer Website provides organizational background, current board members, current calendar of activities planned, proposed and ongoing projects, Memorial Grove updates, scholarship information, historical information, current and past editions of Rendezvous newsletters, and important links to information important to retirees, including benefits and services.
- ✓ Mountaineer Messages are routinely sent by e-mail to keep members updated on items or information of immediate interest (i.e. Obituaries, meeting details, retirement notices, important announcements, etc.)
- ✓ The Annual Meeting is held in late summer or early fall in a different location each year that allows members throughout the region to be able to attend the business meeting, a special program, and social event.
- ✓ Schedules of monthly or quarterly meetings that are held locally throughout the region are posted on the website and provided in the newsletter. These meetings are intended to provide members the opportunity to periodically keep in touch with friends and associates who live in the same general locale.

- ✓ Special events, volunteer projects, or trips are held on occasion and provide members with an opportunity for Rocky Mountaineer fellowship throughout the region.
- ✓ The Rocky Mountaineers stand ready to help fellow members in need and provide assistance to the broader Forest Service family when crisis and hardship arises.
- ✓ The Rocky Mountaineers ensure that all eligible Rocky Mountain Region retirees and employees are appropriately honored at the Memorial Grove on an annual basis and that honoree families are timely notified of the ceremony. Your membership helps support this effort by helping to pay for the brass plates and other expenses associated with the ceremony.

Membership is available to any individual who wishes to join the Association, participate in activities, support Rocky Mountaineer programs, and who meets one of the requirements listed below:

1. Any retired employee of the Forest Service and his/her spouse or significant other, or surviving spouse or significant other.
2. Any current Forest Service employee, especially those within five years of retirement.
3. Any other former employee of the Forest Service or other individual who has shown special interest in the Forest Service and seeks membership and is accepted for membership by two-thirds of the Board.

The membership application form can be found on our website. To become a member send your application to:

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Ft. Collins, CO 80527

Our website can be found at: www.rockymountaineers.us and our email is: rmountaineers@gmail.com