



The Rendezvous

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by Tom Thompson

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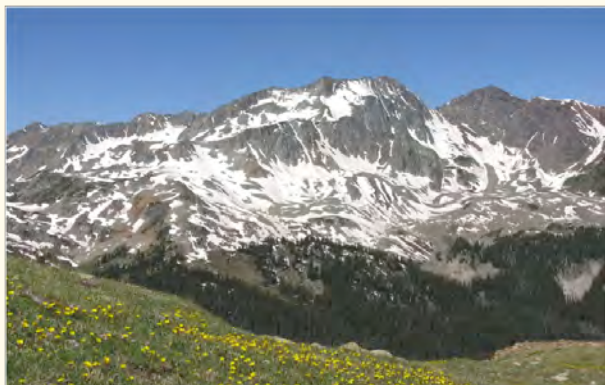
All of us recognize how special our mountains are. They are the very essence of what makes much of the National Forest System so special. They inspire us, provide us with so much of our recreational opportunity, give us much of our nation's water, are the home to unique and special wildlife, provide places for our diverse forests to thrive, provide for our livelihood in many different ways, and provide us with outstanding vistas from near and far.

We know many of them by name. Some we know because of their height, and some we know because of their location, some become iconic, some are spectacular, some are just mountains, and some are special in their own way because of their names. The mountains highlighted below are three mountains that are special because of who they are named for. They were named for forest rangers who died in service to their country a hundred years ago in 1918 during World War I.

On this hundredth anniversary of their sacrifice, we thought it appropriate to share a bit about their mountains and some of their story. All worked at the time in District 2, now known as Region 2. All were young and all left their work for the Forest Service and joined the U. S. Army. There were many others, like them, who served during that War but we only know of two others from Region 2 who died. Those other two, Horace Quivey and Ralph McTavish did not have a mountain named for them. There are many mountains and many names, but we thought we should take time in this edition to highlight these three: **Keefe Peak, Meaden Peak East, and Leveaux Mountain.**

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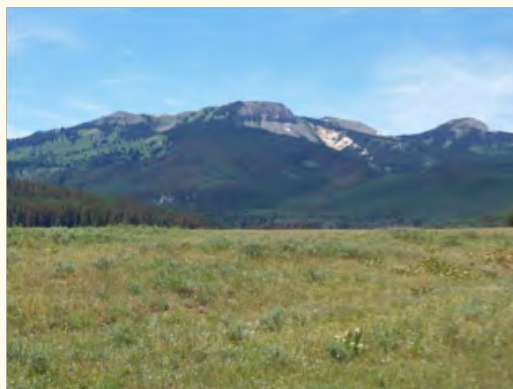
Keefe Peak

Keefe Peak

Keefe Peak rises 13,516 feet above sea level and is located just south of Aspen, CO and not far from the Maroon Bells and is named for **Thomas V. Keefe** who was a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy in Mont Alto and was Assistant Forest Supervisor on the Sopris National Forest in 1918 until he went away to serve his country in World War I. He was a member of the U. S. Army 20th Engineers/Forestry. Lieutenant Keefe died on October 26, 1918 just fifteen days before the Armistice was signed ending the War at 11 am on the 11th day of the November.

Leveaux Mountain

Leveaux Mountain rises 1,625 feet and is located on the Superior National Forest in Cook County. It is named in honor of **Cosmer M. Leveaux** who was killed by shrapnel on August 19, 1918. He was a Corporal in the 119th Field Artillery, 32nd Infantry Division of the U. S. Army. He was an employee of the Superior National Forest when he joined the Army and at that time the Superior National Forest was a part of District 2, which of course is now known as Region 2. Cosmer's brother Emery, died in the sinking of a ship, and his sister Amy, an Army nurse, died from influenza during the war.



Meaden Peak East to left of Sand Mountain

Meaden Peak East

Meaden Peak East is 10,879 feet elevation and is the highest peak in the Elkhead Mountains just west of Steamboat Lake. It is the peak to the far right and next to Sand Mountain in the photo above. Sand Mountain looks taller but is actually forty feet lower than Meaden Peak East. This mountain was named for **Marcy M. Meaden** who was an Assistant Forest Ranger on the Routt N. F. before joining the U. S. Army during World War I. He was a private in Company A, 109th Headquarters Troop and was stationed at Camp Dix in New Jersey when he died of influenza (non-battle) on September 22, 1918. He was twenty five when he died and is buried in Wells, Nevada.



Leveaux Mountain

News from Nebraska



-Connecting with Communities – “This is one of our top three Regional priorities” smiled Pine Ridge District Ranger Tim Buskirk, and “meetings like this are a prime example of how Forest Service leaders can connect, and we hope you will be our ambassadors.” At the March 15 luncheon in Chadron, Buskirk also shared that the Nebraska NF was a top recipient of the Two Chiefs award to reduce hazardous fuel and improve vegetation and road conditions in and around large wildfire areas, an example of the Resilient Landscapes priority. The meeting with retirees wasn’t all business, there was plenty of monkey business, jokes, updates and an all-round good time. Pictured (l-r) Rocky Mountaineers NE-SD rep Craig Bobzien, Weston Burch, Jan Storjohann, Lora O’Rourke, Jan Thomas, John Clark, David Coe, Kim and Ladell Earney, and District Ranger Tim Buskirk.

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Hello from the chair



Sharon Friedman - chair of the Rocky Mountaineers

Reading the results from the recent member survey was a heartwarming experience for me. Folks are very happy with what Mountaineers are doing, and very appreciative of the work that volunteers are putting into it. Work that includes organizing lunches and Annual Gatherings, producing the newsletter, keeping us up to date with what's going on in the Forest Service, selecting recipients for scholarships, working on Memorial Grove, and all the work behind the scenes that keeps the Mountaineers going.

As I was looking over our mission statement, though, I was struck by #5, which reads "helping retirees "give back" to the outfit through education and support to the resources and communities that defined their lives, and to other retirees and F.S. families needing special support."

I wonder how we could help retirees "give back to the outfit." At church, we talk about time, talent and treasure, and retirees often have at least one of those to spare. Many of us are busy and fulfilled with grandchildren, going back to school, starting a business, volunteer work, and fellow retiree [Marisue Hilliard](#) is even running for State Senate in Georgia!

Many of us are still active in public lands issues, volunteering for different organizations, doing contract work and donating to places like the National Museum of Forest Service History and the National Forest Foundation. Still, there are others of us who would like to help the Forest Service, but sometimes it's just not easy to find opportunities that fit our location, inclination and skill set.

Some forests and districts have active Friends groups, and that would be good place to start. But many forests still do not. And many retirees don't live near forests but may be willing to do virtual work.

Managing us as volunteers might not be all unicorns and rainbows. Yet, there are skills and experience that we have and could share. We may be crotchety at times, but can also share the long view, since we remember history that other people only read about in books. And some are absolutely brilliant at managing people, and that rare skill could be used with volunteers. Others may be best in the back room (or in virtual reality) and there are opportunities for us there as well.

Could we be trusted by the outfit to develop relationships with externals? If we could... we could increase their horsepower and capacity tremendously, to help recruit and manage other volunteers, find new partners and new funding sources. Or on the flip side, maybe we could help with their least desirable tasks and help take some of them off their plate.

Thinking about the Mountaineer mission of helping retirees "give back" to the outfit, do you have ideas and experiences to share?

Membership and Finance Report

Membership

As of the end of May, the Rocky Mountaineers membership has grown to 442 members. Our newest members –

Debbie Arnold and Dan Fairbanks – Colorado Springs, CO

Carl and Mary Ann Chambers – Ft. Collins, CO

Lou and Barbara Leibbrand – Littleton, CO

Sandra and David Marquis – Sheridan, WY

Mark and Mindy Martin – Ft. Collins, CO

Maureen and Mike McCormack – Montrose, CO

Florence Navarro – Denver, CO

Mike Ryan and Linda Joyce – Ft. Collins, CO

Judy and Doug Taylor – Lakewood, CO

Chris Thomas and Janette Leno-Thomas – Sheridan, WY

Help us recruit new members. It is easy to join – just go to our website and click on the membership link. It only takes a couple of minutes and your dues are free for 2018.

Finance

Thanks to Skip Underwood for auditing our 2017 financial records. Skip said his overall finding is that the financial records are maintained in a clear, competent manner with good accounting of receipts and disbursements for the RMFSA.

The Board approved the award of two \$1,500 Rocky Mountaineer Scholarships for 2018.

The Board also approved a donation of \$500 to the National Museum of Forest Service History.

Thank you to everyone for your donations to our special funds. So far in 2018 we have raised a total of \$4,674 for the Memorial Grove Fund and \$2,310 for the Scholarship Fund. You may make a donation at any time throughout the year. On the next two pages page is a list of our donors.

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of Tim ClarkMae Davies – In Memory of
Dave Davies

Denver Retirees Group

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May 5, 2018Dennis and Sharon Beasley – In
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Rocky Mountaineer Scholarship Winners

2018 Results

The Rocky Mountaineers are proud to announce the winners of the 2018 Memorial Scholarship! We received 14 outstanding applications from talented, accomplished, and energetic high school seniors from across the Rocky Mountain Region. The Scholarship Committee carefully reviewed all the applications and made the recommendation to award two \$1500 scholarships to Sadie Hogan and Zachary Barry.



Sadie Hogan

We want to thank all the applicants and their Rocky Mountaineer sponsors for their interest and participation. And, again, many thanks to all of you who have generously donated to the Scholarship Fund. All of you make this important program possible.

Sadie Hogan – Sadie is a high school senior from Powell, Wyoming. Sadie will be attending Casper College's Paramedic program this fall. She has very specific goals which include advanced schooling and medical service in third world countries, specifically Kenya. She had an ambitious high school career. She is accomplished in academics, sports and very active in her community. She founded a project that supplies essentials to the homeless, volunteers for programs at the Powell Nursing Home and revived and now coordinates the community's annual blood drive. Sadie appreciates the complexity of public land

management and the balance of managing highly functioning ecosystems and well as providing for multiple uses.

To quote Sadie, "This scholarship is going to enable me to achieve my career goals.... and focus on my studies. I am committed to education and am so thankful for this opportunity". Our very best wishes to Sadie!

Zachary Barry – Zachary recently graduated from Coal Ridge High School in Silt, Colorado. Zachary established himself as a leader in student government, academic and high technology high school organizations and is also employed at the Glenwood Tramway. His future plans take him to Colorado School of Mines where he will major in Chemical and Biological Engineering, with an emphasis on medical applications. He recognizes the value of long term resource management and cited Gifford Pinchot's foresight in his application.

Zachary says, "This scholarship will help me pursue my dreams of higher education...so that I can make a meaningful impact in my community, just as Colorado's forest(s) have impacted me...". Our congratulations to Zachary!



Zachary Barry

And the Survey says...

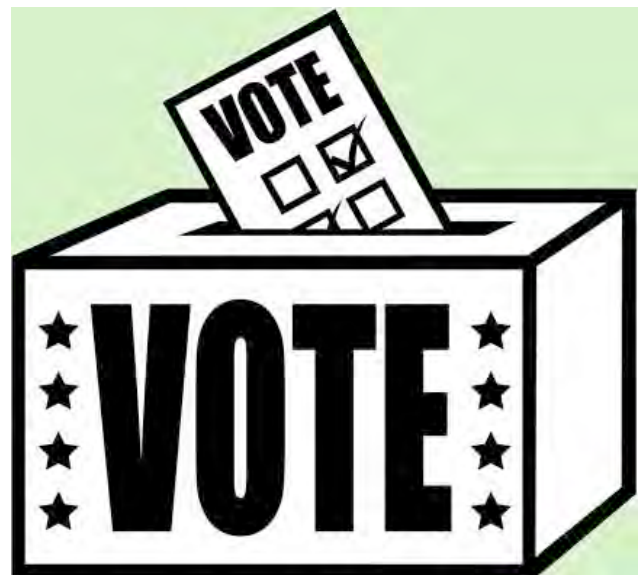


Entering our fifth year, the Rocky Mountaineers, with strong member response, recently completed a survey to “check the course”. The participation rate was impressive: 55% of our members responded. The survey was intentionally short – it focused on communications, activities, and ways and means to connect and be relevant to you as members. You responded at a brisk pace, clocking an average time of 2:47 minutes. Your participation and thoughtful comments are appreciated. It provides valuable insight on our current service and course for the future. Thank you Rocky Mountaineers! Read the full results at.....

<http://rockymountaineers.us/survey>

Elections are coming up

Right now, you can't miss those election signs in your neighborhood, unless of course, you are living deep in the woods or upon vast prairies. So, we are asking you to think, just a little, and to nominate an awesome candidate for the 2019 Chair-Elect of the Rocky Mountaineers. It's a fun job, pays nothing, but a simple way to give back, and lead a great group with a great mission. Act on your impulse and send a quick email with your nomination by July 1 to Craig Bobzien bobzien@gwtc.net Thank you!



Hubbard nominated to lead USDA Forest Service

Jim Hubbard brings previous experience with Forest Service and Interior Department to undersecretary position at USDA



Jim Hubbard, former Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture could soon have another important undersecretary on staff with the announcement recently that President Donald Trump had selected James Hubbard to serve as undersecretary for natural resources and environment.

Under the proposed USDA reorganization plan, the Natural Resources & Environment area comprises only the Forest Service; the Natural Resources Conservation Service is under the Farm Production & Conservation mission area overseen by undersecretary Bill Northey.

Hubbard worked for the Colorado Forest Service for 35 years, serving as the state's chief forester for the last 20. During his two decades as state forester, he served on multiple National Association of State Foresters (NASF) committees, most notably as chair of the legislative committee.

Hubbard has worked as director of the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination for the U.S. Department of the Interior and deputy chief for state and private forestry at the USDA Forest

Service. In 2011, he received the NASF Lifetime Achievement Award. Hubbard received his bachelor's in forest management with honors from the College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University.

James Hubbard served as Colorado's top forester from 1984 to 2004. He then accepted a position as director of the Department of Interior's Office of Wildland Fire Coordination, according to a news release from the

National Association of State Foresters. Two years later, he was named the Forest Service's Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, a position he held until his retirement in January 2017.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue applauded the appointment, saying, "I am very excited by the selection of Jim Hubbard for this leadership role at USDA. Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, meaningful reforms and forest management tools that will help us better maintain our national forests. Under Jim Hubbard's leadership, we will put these tools to use, restore our forests to health and get them back to work for the taxpayers. Jim's service with the Forest Service and the Department of Interior makes him exceptionally qualified for this post, and I am eager to have Jim join the team."

World Wood Day 2018

*by Steve Ambrose on assignment in
Siem Reap, Cambodia*

My wife Julia and I were invited to attend the 2018 World Wood Day (WWD) in March in Cambodia. I have been volunteering for the International Wood Culture Society since retirement in 2009 and it has kept me busy and engaged in natural resources. Previous WWD's were held in China, Africa, Turkey, Nepal and in 2017 Long Beach, California. We left Denver March 18th (26 degrees F) for a 26 hour trip stopping in San Francisco,



Definition of a "truck" in Cambodia

Seoul, Phnom Penh and finally Siem Reap. (95 degrees F). United Airlines was the carrier of choice (cheapest) and the flight seemed endless.

The 6th annual WWD themed "Life" demonstrated the importance of wood and forest products in supporting daily living and connecting representatives of wood-related professionals from all around the world. The 2018 WWD was a special occasion for everyone to gain insights into wood, and the key to achieving a better and greener future.

The main celebration of 2018 WWD took place at Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia. The actual



Music Concert with Instruments from all over the world

event was celebrated from March 20th to March 25th, and it included a Symposium, Woodcrafts, Folk Art Workshops, Music Festival, Wood Design Projects, Children's Event, and Tree Planting. I facilitated the Professional Symposium for two days. During the event we had over 500 participants from 106 different countries. Everyone leaves their politics at the door and focus on the common theme...wood.

The Wood Carving Show was a highlight of WWD and where most of the attendees participated. The 2018 event gathered 110 carvers from 75 different countries and regions. All woodcarvers were then assigned to teams of 3 or 4 to work together on creating sculptural designs on a slab of wood. Over an intense four days, 32 groups of woodcarvers came together in a joint effort to work on a wood slab. Each piece was a combination of each individual's artistic creativity and culture to interpret the theme "Life."

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Working on the wood panels

New friendships were formed through collaboration and active participation and sometimes these friendships last a lifetime. One of the interesting points is that most of the time the carvers didn't speak a common language but had to communicate in other ways. Interesting to watch.

It was the first time that Julia or I had visited Southeast Asia and we were both impressed with the culture. Motorcycles are the major mode of transportation, sometimes 3 or 4 family members riding on the same motorcycle. And Siem Reap is full of Tuk Tuk's which are small carriages attached to a motorcycle and can carry up to 4 passengers. We rented a Tuk Tuk one afternoon and for \$12 got a nice tour of the surrounding areas. We visited the town market (one square city block)...a blast of sensory overload with bright colors, loud chatter and pungent smells. Fresh? Fish....(enough said), expensive jewelry, kid's toys, shoes, luggage and about anything you would want in a hardware store was available at the market. Not too much damage was done to our wallet.....we couldn't carry too much back with us to the US.

We were pleasantly surprised to see that Siem Reap is clean, with wide streets (relatively), and not as crowded as we expected. However it was not the tourist season which starts in the summer with about 5 million people visiting per year (2 million from China). In fact the International airport terminal is 3 times larger than the national terminal.



High School kids from all across the globe work on building furniture

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Temple Just Outside Siem Reap

We also took a day to visit Angkor Wat a tourist destination near Siem Reap. The temple complex was built in the 12th century and is the world's largest religious structure, covering some 400 acres.

All of the original religious towers were derived from Hinduism, (Buddhism is the national religion

of Cambodia today) and the temple was dedicated to Hindu gods. The five central towers of Angkor Wat symbolize the peaks of Mount Meru, which according to Hindu mythology is the dwelling place of the gods.



Wood is Good celebration with new glasses

The mountain is said to be surrounded by an ocean, and the complex's enormous moat suggests the oceans at the edge of the world. A 617-foot bridge allows access to the site. The temple is reached by passing through three galleries, each separated by a paved walkway. The temple walls are covered with bas-relief sculptures of very high quality. Both Julia and I struggled with the heat, but this field trip was well worth it.

It was time to head back to Fort Collins, via Phnom Penh, Seoul, San Francisco, and finally Denver (30 hours in duration). We had a great time and again realized that wood is a common denominator for most people in the world and it was such an exciting time to see everyone discussing their passion...wood.



Ta Prohm Roots and Temples

Bonjour de France

by Cindy Dean and Jim Thinnies

The Rocky Mountaineers traveled on Grand Circle's small ship, the MS Provence up the Rhône and Saône Rivers from the Côte d'Azur through the regions of Provence and Burgundy, France this spring.

Most French are pleasant and able to speak English. A bonjour or bonsoir greeting certainly helps.

One-third of the adult population smoke cigarettes. They don't allow smoking inside

butter and spices could be pretty tasty. We weren't big fans of foie gras but the croissants were to die for. And, we learned how to prepare and flip Crêpes Suzette. Bon appétit!

We saw numerous birds along the rivers, including swans, herons and egrets, and drove through the Camargue region (the Rhône River's delta) where we saw flamingos and storks.

We visited a large bull ranch in the Camargue region. In a Camargue bullfight, the goal of the matador or raseteur, is to pluck ribbons from between the bull's horns. The bulls are bred for their aggressiveness and often jump out of the arena while charging after a raseteur. The raseteurs must constantly leap into the bleachers to escape the charging bull. The bulls aren't killed in the contests, so a good Camargue bull can fight for a decade and are treated like thoroughbreds.



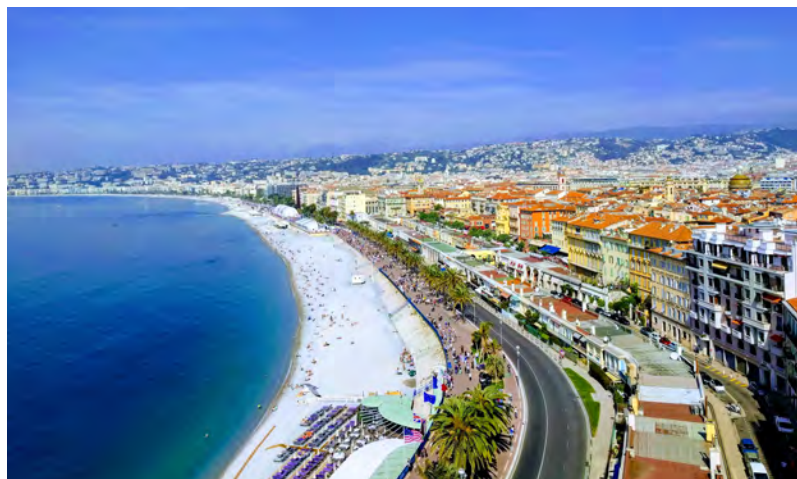
We started the trip in Nice and finished in Paris the second week of May. Our group of 24 travelers had a great time enjoying the Mediterranean coast, including seeing antique sports cars and fast sailboats; bicycling around Nice and along the Rhône River; feasting on great food and wine; visiting historic buildings and looking at medieval architecture; seeing works of art by Europe's great masters; and gaining an understanding of France's historic and current events that have shaped this nation of 65 million people.

Most of our group had never traveled to France before this trip. Many of us had heard the stereotypical things about the French, but what were our learning and discovery moments?

the restaurants but they like to light up in the outside seating of the cafés.

We didn't see very many overweight people, and noticed that dressing fashionably is important to the French people.

Most of us tried the escargot and decided snails baked in



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We learned the vineyards for the appellation contrôlée wines reflect the unique qualities the soil and climate impart onto the grapes. These vineyards are typically not irrigated (they have strict rules to follow if they irrigate). The key ingredients to good wine are the soil, climate, grapes, and the wine maker.

Napoleon liked the London planetree for the shade it provided his troops. He had the trees planted throughout France. Today, London planetrees line many of the streets and are severely pruned to maximize shade. Before Napoleon, Louis XIV (a.k.a. the Sun King) desired order in nature. His vision resulted in the French formal garden, which is

epitomized with the Gardens of Versailles.

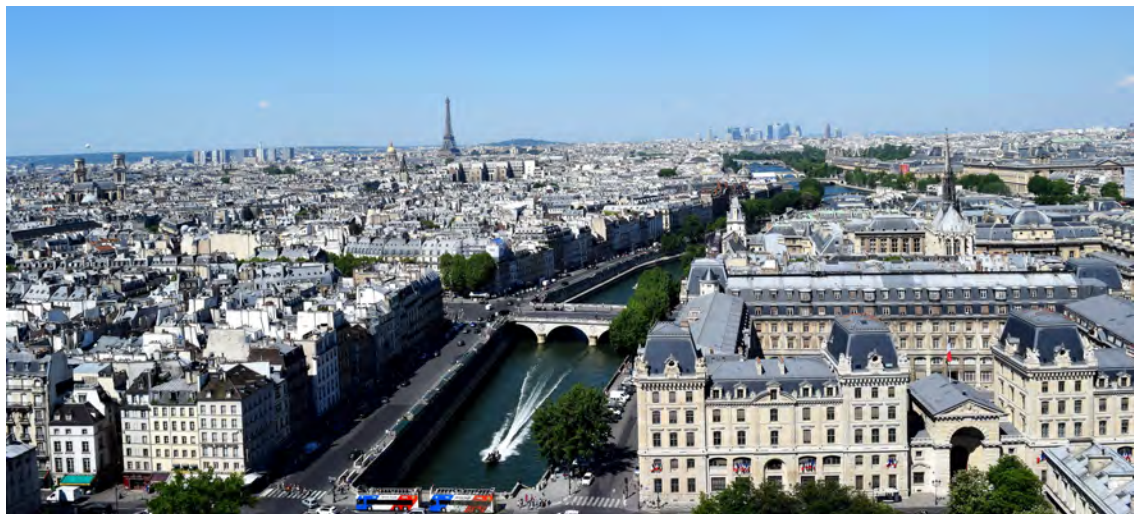
Our ship's 15-person crew did a wonderful job servicing the 47 passengers. They worked exceptionally hard to meet our every need. The ship made an unscheduled stop to transfer us for a night's stay in the town of Valence – let's just say there was a plumbing issue to fix that night. They comp'd us free beverages the rest of the trip.

Sunny skies and warm temperatures made for a great vacation, particularly in Paris, where the weather is often cloudy and rainy. We really lucked out.

We visited art museums and galleries to see the works of famous French artists including Monet, Delacroix, Manet, Renoir, Gericault, Seurat, Cézanne, Rodin, Gauguin, and Pissarro.

Everyone had a great experience and many of us extended our trip by spending time in the Italian Riviera before the trip and staying in Paris or other parts of France at the end. We continue to savor the sights, sounds, and flavors of France even now after our journey has ended.

Bons Voyages!



Come to the 2018 Reunion



We are less than four months away from gathering in Asheville and over 400 have registered for the reunion. This does not include any of the Forest Service WO management, Southern Region employees, or the NLC, which we expect to be at some of the events. Our initial goal was 500. With this being the first reunion held in the eastern U. S. we hope to exceed that mark. The Crowne Plaza is not full, but the rooms are going fast. (We have an overflow facility nearby.) The registration form and other information is on the web site:

<http://2018.fsreunions.org>

The Program – The Southern Region Retirees Association has developed an exciting program that highlights the uniqueness of southern National Forests. The program features field trips to the Cradle of Forestry (first forestry school in America) and the Biltmore Estate where the art and science of modern day forestry was created and practiced by Gifford Pinchot. In addition you can roam through the spectacular Biltmore mansion (America's largest privately owned home). As always, our agenda includes ample free time and social arrangements to **reconnect with our past coworkers and friends.**

The Attractions - Asheville in September is glorious, with moderate temperatures, clear blue

skies and spectacular views of the mountains! The city has worked hard to create a destination that offers a diverse food scene complimented by a booming brewing industry. A day trip could include driving the Blue Ridge Parkway to visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cherokee Indian Reservation. The Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests offer numerous natural attractions that highlight the varied environments of the southern Appalachians. Mount Mitchell (highest peak in mainland eastern North America), Grandfather Mountain, Sliding Rock, and Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, are just a few of the magnificent places you can visit from Asheville. Our advice is to come early and stay late to see all of the beauty and history that this area has to offer.

We hope you will join us in Asheville this September.

Thanks to your enthusiastic response to our field trips for September 26th. We have about 50 people signed up for the Cradle and Culture Tour, and the Biltmore Behind the Gates Tour is SOLD OUT. Due to the special staffing and shuttle transportation requirements for the Biltmore Tour, we will be unable to expand that tour or add another special Biltmore Tour to accommodate more people. For those of you who didn't get your Biltmore tickets yet, we do have some good news. The Biltmore has been gracious enough to provide us with group discount passes for the regular self-guided Biltmore House and Garden Tour. These passes will allow any of our Forest Service Reunion Guests to purchase regular tickets at the discounted price of \$44.00 (the regular price would be \$65) any day from September 22 through September 29, 2018.

Questions? Web site is: <http://2018.fsreunions.org/> or call Sid Haggard at 678-644-7240.

It's all Yours



We are excited to see the US Forest Service's latest efforts to celebrate mixed use outdoor lifestyles and showcase why our public lands are so vital to us all. Huge props to USFS for including all types of recreation, both motorized and human-powered. This is what it's all about!

We love how they told this story of 193 million acres that belong to each and every one of us. The videos appear to capture the beautiful experience of getting outside with friends and family, for each season of the year. They spark us to get off our electronic devices, and to get up and "Go. Play." Bravo!! Check it out at: <http://itsallyours.us/>

Courtesy Backcountry United

Launched in February of 2015, the "It's All Yours" campaign is aimed at building awareness about recreation opportunities on National Forests and Grasslands and encouraging responsible recreation and stewardship of National Forests. In partnership with Vail Resorts, the U.S. Forest Service and NFF debuted the campaign at the 2015 FIS Alpine Ski Championships in Beaver Creek Colorado on the White River National Forest.

National Forest Foundation



<https://itsallyours.us/>



NAFSR Report

by Tom L. Thompson, Rocky Mountain Region NAFSR representative

The NAFSR Board held their annual in person Directors meeting in Phoenix February 6-7, 2018. Sam Foster has

decided to step down as Executive Director. The Board decided to not fill that position at the present time and to work to develop a different operational model based on use of workgroups and increased reliance on board leadership. Much of the meeting was focused on reviewing our operations and evaluating what we can do better and more effectively. We spent considerable time discussing 2017 accomplishments and planning the upcoming year's work, strategies and assignments for working on several specific issues including:

1. Keeping public lands public – Jack Troyer,
2. Fire funding – Bill Timko,
3. Forestry policy/processes – Rich Stem,
4. Transition of Undersecretary – Larry Payne,
5. Restoring Forest Service capacity – develop position paper – Lee Nightingale with help from Tom Thompson and Rich Stem,
6. Farm Bill – Larry Payne, Rich Guldin, Ranotta McNair,
7. Emerging issues – Jim Caswell and Larry Payne.

On March 23, 2018, the FY2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (2018 Omnibus) included a provision called the Wildfire and Disaster Funding Adjustment (Division O, Title I – page 1787). This provision does two things, by amending the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: 1) adjusts the overall disaster cap to keep up with the growing cost of all natural disasters and 2) creates a disaster cap adjustment within the larger disaster cap for suppression activities. This legislation action finally provides some positive action toward fixing the fire funding issue.

In response to several communications, Secretary of Agriculture “Sonny” Perdue and Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky invited the NAFSR Board of Directors to meet with them on April 30th in Washington, D.C. Board members attending the meeting were Jim Caswell, Ranotta McNair, former Chief Max Peterson, Secretary Perdue, Former Chief Dale Robertson, Rich Guldin, and Bill Timko.

Secretary Perdue briefly described his appreciation for the role that privately-owned forests play in rural economies, based on his experience as Georgia’s governor, and the importance of those forests being well-managed because of the many benefits they provide. The discussion then turned to ways of improving the management of the national forests, with NAFSR representatives sharing their experiences in a wide-ranging discussion with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

The Secretary asked NAFSR to suggest some ways that project planning and decision-making could be streamlined and shortened so that on-the-ground management activities can be accelerated on national forests to reduce the risks of wildfire losses and restore healthy conditions. NAFSR is working to respond to the Secretary’s request for suggestions and ideas and hopes to be able to help strengthen the agency’s ability to better manage resources and serve the public.

NAFSR will host an evening social at the Forest Service Reunion in Asheville this September. The Board also has quarterly conference calls and continues to work on priority issues where we believe we can help the agency and make a difference. If you have suggestions or input, please let Tom L. Thompson know as he is the Region 2 NAFSR Representative.

National Museum of Forest Service History



The National Museum of Forest Service History campus is growing and so are our programs! Last year the Museum hosted several events and one thing became very evident- people are responding to our mission. Thanks to our supporters and members we were able to raise the necessary funds to open the Museum campus to the public for the first time in Summer 2017.



Children enjoy reading about the history of the U.S. Forest Service

This year, we have the opportunity to add another phase to the Museum site: a stage and small amphitheater, to host lectures, oral histories and stories, cater to field trips, and serve as a community resource for other Museum cultural events.

The design of this stage will also provide an opportunity to exhibit the skills and experience of the timber framers, by employing the art of historic joinery that exemplifies the highest use of these timber products.

A generous donor has made a \$30,000 gift to start this project, and has challenged us to match it. We hope to start construction in late summer 2018.

The Museum's collection continues to grow and so is our work with other Museums and researchers- sharing our exhibits and expertise. We currently have an exhibition at the Nevada State Museum and will be featuring two exhibits in Asheville in September. One exhibit, our traveling Mining and Minerals Exhibit will be on display at the Cradle of Forestry and an exhibit on Southern USFS Research History will be on display at the USFS Southern Research Station. In July, our longtime partner, the [Filson Company](#),

will feature the Museum and pieces from our collection at their flagship store in Seattle.

Our education program is ongoing and also growing. As a result of our teachers training workshop (funded by the Library of Congress) we are able to offer several high caliber lesson plans for teachers free of charge. They are available on our website so please share with any K-12 teachers you may know! We also invite field trips for local schools and recently had one hundred eighty sixth graders come to the Museum to learn about many aspects of USFS history.

The Museum Visitor Center and Forest Discovery Trail in Missoula is open this summer Memorial Day to Labor Day 10am to 4pm, 7 days a week. We hope you will come and visit us...and bring your friends!

Pack String Headed North

The Pike San Isabel Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands (PSICC) commissioned a team to evaluate the Pack String and identify sustainable options. The team evaluated and developed alternatives for presentation to the R2 Forest Supervisor/Regional Forester Team. On Monday, March 12th, that team made the decision to move the Pack String to the Shoshone National Forest. The details and timing of the move are to be determined, but the move will take place within the year. The team decided this option keeps the structure and heritage intact and is sustainable for the future. Because the String had work scheduled this coming field season, the PSICC will coordinate with individual stakeholders on implications and options.

The decision created a way ahead that preserves the long history of this asset. The return to the Shoshone (the Pack String's original home) is another step on this long and proud journey. Please share this information within your organizations and with partners as necessary.

Rocky Mountain Region Specialty Pack String

The South Platte Ranger District was home to the Rocky Mountain Region Specialty Pack String (RMRSPS) based at the AG Ranch in Shawnee, Colorado. Horses and mules based out of this station still ply trails and aid their packers in teaching lessons on horsemanship, packing and low

impact techniques for backcountry use. The packers of the RMRSPS provide specialty packing and educational outreach throughout the Rocky Mountain Region.



The Rocky Mountain Region Specialty Pack String

RMRSPS consists of eleven highly trained pack mules and two saddle horses along with their equipment and tack. Working as two mule strings, the pack string uses special packing equipment such as gravel bags, lumber racks and swivel bunks to carry loads into work sites. Able to be utilized anywhere within the United States, the RMRSPS uses two semi-tractors with 27 foot trailers to haul the mule teams.

The pack string supports a wide variety of projects on the national forests, including hauling materials and gear to support Forest Service and volunteer trail crews, assisting in building bridges and other structures, packing sand or gravel for trail maintenance and reconstruction, loading timbers, hauling junk out of backcountry areas and hauling fish to stock remote streams and lakes. The pack string has two packers – a lead packer and an assistant – to accompany the string, to shoe, pack, lead and care for the livestock. In addition to scheduling work to support on-ground projects, the packers also conduct a variety of classes such as packing and “leave no trace” training, as well as providing educational outreach presentations to the public about the pack string, its history, capabilities and uses. Finally, the packers and their mules support a variety of community events, such as parades, rodeos and fairs.



Packing up the string

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Packing a mule string ... some history & background

Pack strings are valuable tools in managing the 191 million acres which make up the national forests, America's Great Outdoors. These lands were set aside over 100 years ago to provide for the needs of the American people in ways that also protect the environment.

"Early Rangers furnished the packstock required to move their provisions and supplies. But as the Forest Service grew, so did the job of packing. Soon the Forest Service had its own packstock, principally horses, and hired the men to pack them. All saddles were "sawbucks"; the "diamond hitch" was used extensively. Usually two men with from 15 to 20 head of horses worked together on



long trips...which required about two weeks for a round trip. They didn't usually tail them together; they just herded them down the trail, one man on horseback up front and the other bringing up the rear.

They camped in any spot with water and grass for the horses. Horses were turned loose in the hope the men could find them the next morning. These were long, hard days. The standard of living at some of these camps was not very high. It was not very pleasant when it rained or snowed. Packing continued this way until the 1920's, when the mules started to replace the horses and

the Decker pack-saddles replaced the sawbucks for general use in the Forest Service. The diamond hitch went out with the sawbucks. They were replaced by using manta on side packs, which was more convenient than top packs and the diamond hitch, and they are easier on the animal. The last diamond hitch that I can remember seeing "thrown" in the Forest Service was in 1928.

Mule trains also brought more standardized packing. Mules were tied together in a string: eight mules, a "bell mare," and the packer's saddle horse. Mules have certain habits and characteristics that make them superior to horses for mountain packing. They are more sure-footed, require less feed, and can carry a heavier load. Side packs of 125 pounds each are considered a fair load for a mule, while 100 pounds would be sufficient load for a horse. Mules will not bump a pack against a tree if there is a possible chance of missing it. This is not true with horses. Also, if a "string" of horses is turned out to graze at night, they may scatter and be found in several groups. Even lone animals will be off by themselves. Mules will remain with the "bell mare."

By F. J. Neitzling, Flathead Forest Supervisor 1945-1962

Horses and mules have been linked with the Forest Service since its earliest days. This video follows their history with the Forest Service and focuses on the Northern Region Mule Pack Train.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5srcqhp2WwQ>

Rocky Mountaineers 2018 Gathering

The 2018 Rocky Mountaineer Summer Gathering and the Denver Area Retirees Summer Picnic Luncheon will be held together on **Tuesday, July 31, 2018**. It should be a great day to gather.

To RSVP, send an email to rmountaineers@gmail.com or call 970-226-6890. RSVP deadline is July 12.

Let us know which events you want to attend -

1. Welcome Social on Monday evening at Homestead Grill
2. Barbecue on Tuesday at Chief Hosa Lodge
3. Golf on Monday at Homestead Golf Course

Include the names of the attendees. We will provide name tags for everyone. If you are not a Rocky Mountaineer member, include your hometown.

The welcome social and barbecue gathering are complimentary and we welcome all Rocky Mountaineers and extend a special invitation to all other retirees, especially those who reside in the Front Range this year. Membership for first time members in the Rocky Mountaineer is complementary for 2018. Go to our website at www.rockymountaineers.us to join.

The **Fourth Annual Rocky Mountaineer Golf Day** will be held at Homestead Golf

Course starting at **11 am on Monday, July 30** for those who want to participate. If you are a golfer and want to be a part of the golf outing on Monday, please indicate that on your RSVP. We will be playing at the Homestead Golf Course which is located just off Hwy. 285 near the Hampden/Kipling exit in Lakewood. We have provided a listing of suggested alternative activities for non-golfers.

An informal welcoming social will be held at the Homestead Grill Restaurant for all Rocky Mountaineers Gathering attendees. The

social will start at 5 pm and be done by 8 pm. Light snacks will be served and a no host bar will be available. The Homestead is located at 11500 W. Hampden Ave., Lakewood, CO 80227 near Kipling and US Hwy. 285.

On Tuesday morning, July 31, at 11:00 AM there will be a western barbecue held at the Chief Hosa Lodge which is located just off I-70 in Genesee, CO at Exit 253. All Rocky Mountaineers and Front Range retirees are invited to attend this event. The meal will include a traditional western barbecue, salads, along with pot luck desserts, soft drinks, water, and coffee included. No alcoholic beverages will be served, but you may bring such

if you do it discreetly. **The Gathering will go until around 3 pm** and folks will be able to plan to have dinner as they choose in the evening with special friends.

Chief Hosa Lodge is a historic site built in 1918 and is part of the Denver Park system. It is a lovely site located in the montane zone with ponderosa pine and typical front-range



Chief Hosa Lodge

vegetation. The Lodge provides a spacious, relaxing, and very unique opportunity for fellowship, reunion, and discussion. It is easy to access off of Interstate 70 just west of Denver at exit #253. The facilities are ADA accessible and there is ample parking. It is truly a unique site and we are pleased to be able to host this year's gathering at such a wonderful location!

There is room for 125 people to attend the barbecue lunch and gathering, but you will be required to RSVP in order to attend. A reservation notification will be mailed the first of June to all Rocky Mountaineers and all Denver Area Retirees and reservations must be made by July 12.

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If you live in the Denver area and need transportation to the gathering, please indicate that on your RSVP and we will do all we can to ensure that everyone has a way to get to Chief Hosa Lodge.

Questions contact: Jim Thinnes (303-204-1173), Nancy Warren (303-514-4402) or Tom Thompson (303-552-1711)

For those attending from out of town who might want to take in some of the local attractions or activities on Sunday, Monday, or Wednesday, see the following short list of some opportunities to consider:

Colorado Rockies are playing the Oakland Athletics on Sunday afternoon, June 29

Denver Broncos Training Camp at the UCHHealth Training Center at Dove Valley

Red Rocks Amphitheater and Visitor Center in Morrison

Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver (Allow at least two-three hours for this visit)

Denver Arboretum located near Chatfield Reservoir in SW Denver

Coors Brewery in Golden

Tour the new Forest Service Rocky Mountain Regional Headquarters in Denver West. (Tour will be available at 3 pm on Monday and 9 am on Tuesday)

Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Colorado History Museum

Colorado State Capitol

Miles of trails and thousands of acres of parks and green space

Historic Downtown Golden and Historic Museum

Mount Evans Scenic Byway (60 miles west of Denver, is the highest paved road in North America)

Visit to Memorial Grove at Monument, CO. (this is an hour drive south of Denver)

There are a number of lodging options for those coming from out of town. All offer senior rates so make sure and let them know your status. Some options are:

Comfort Suites (Evergreen Parkway)

29300 U.S Highway 40, 80439 Evergreen, Colorado
(Located right off highway I-70 and Evergreen Parkway exit #252 near Chief Hosa Lodge at exit #253). Phone: 303-526-2000
www.goldenevergreenhotel.com
(Pet friendly)

Holiday Inn Express (Golden)

17140 W Colfax Ave, Golden, CO 80401

(Located near the on Colfax just 10 miles down I-70 from Chief Hosa Lodge)

Phone: (303) 278-2388
www.holidayinnexpress.com/goldenco

Denver Marriott West

1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden, CO 80401

(Located in Denver West at exit # 263 near the Regional Office just 12 miles down I-70 from Chief Hosa Lodge)

Phone: (303) 279-9100
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/denwe-denver-marriott-west/

Courtyard Marriott

14700 West 6th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401

(Located on 6th Ave. at the Indiana exit just 11 miles down I-70 from Chief Hosa Lodge)

Phone: (888) 236-2427
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dengl-courtyard-denver-west-gold

Hampton Inn (Golden)

17150 W. Colfax Avenue, Golden, CO 80401

(Located near the on Colfax just 10 miles down I-70 from Chief Hosa Lodge)

Phone: (303) 278-6600
Email: crystan.blanco@hilton.com
www.hamtongolden.com

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The Ranger Admits it

*From Forest Fire and Other Verse
Collected and edited by John D. Guthrie - 1929*

THE RANGER ADMITS IT

*Oh, I am the forest ranger, in the saddle
I never tire,
and I'm all alert as I swing my quirt,
And I watch for the forest fire.
Oh, the snowshoe sits in the jack pines
And the north star glitters and winks.
And the coyote wails up the timber trails
to the echoing call of the lynx.*

*On the slope in a virgin forest
With my cayuse by my side,
I sing and scowl at a panther's howl
Near the top of the Great Divide.
Lo! A pall of smoke arises;
The clarion call of FIRE!
With the headlong rush I'm through the
brush
And climbing to tap the wire.*

*Then down from the depths of the forest
Comes the sizzling crackling moan,
As the glaring breath of a fiery death
Makes the virgin timber grown.
But hurrah! for the desperate fighters,
Ten thousand men in the haze,
Many leaving their wives, and giving
their lives
To battle the stubborn blaze.*



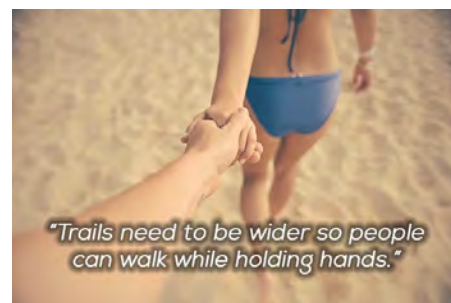
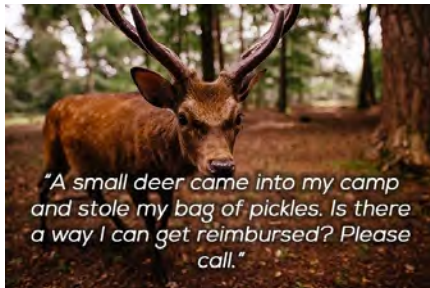
*And woe to the thoughtless campers
Who burn up up a forest or town.
They have taken the stand and they
carry the brand
Like a killer who cuts men down.
So hark to the forest ranger.
In the saddle I never tire,
In the mountains steep I seldom sleep
As I watch for the forest fire.*

- Jack H. Lee

What's Funny?

Thanks to The Chive
thechive.com

Campers and backpackers around the United States have been leaving ridiculous comments on U. S. Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards. Here are a few of the best I've ran across.



"That's the Way I Remember it"

Each newsletter we will be featuring a story about retirees from R-2



Wally Gallaher - circa 1975

Wally Gallaher

Retired in 1983 with 35 years of service

The Rendezvous: Where were you born and raised?

Wally Gallaher:

I was born in 1926 in the town of Tabor, Iowa about 30 miles from Council Bluffs. I had one younger sister, Shirley, who died a few years ago and I'm one of the the last ones left in the extended Gallaher family.

TR: How was it growing up in Iowa.?

WG: Both my folks were school teachers - that's where they met - and my dad was the principle of a small school in the depression years. He was paid forty dollars a month with a warrant from the county which was a promise of payment when the county had the money. He was principle until the height of the depression hit and he lost his job. He then taught night classes in our house for the county but he lost that job, supposedly because I had a paper route and therefore the family had another "source" of income. My mom had to quit being a teacher after they got married because things were a lot more strict back then, and married women were not allowed to teach.

TR: Where else did you live growing up?

WG: I went to grammar school in Morrison, Iowa. My dad finally got a job with Standard Oil and we moved to Brandon, - these were BIG towns - and then Belle Plaine and finally to Fayette where we finally anchored.

TR: Tell us about your military service?

WG: Right after high school I tried to volunteer into the Navy for an Officer Candidate program but found out that at seventeen and one half years of age I was too old for the program. I attended one year at a small college in my home town. I was drafted and sent to basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas near Tyler. I was in the tenth week of basic when they took all the troops ahead of me for the Battle of the Bulge. So I missed that by one week and was lucky there. After basic training I was shipped to Fort Ord. I went to the hospital with strep throat and when I came back the barracks were empty and the whole unit had been shipped out to the South Pacific. I was lucky there as well.

Then up the coast to Fort Lewis where I was in a day room just relaxing and I picked up a pamphlet about forestry and I thought I might be interested in that after I get out. I was shipped overseas to the Hawaiian Islands - spent six months in Hawaii and 14 months in Japan. - and then was discharged from Fort Ord, California. I used the GI Bill and enrolled at Iowa State in Forestry. This is where I met Shirley - we were married in June of 1949 - she graduated just a semester ahead of me in child development. I applied for my first Forest Service job in Arizona.

TR: So that was it for you in the military?

WG: Oh No! When I was being discharged from Fort Ord they told us we should join the inactive reserves because the inactive reserves would be the last called up in the future. But, after college, and I had been working for the Forest Service for six months, I got a letter from the government telling me to report to help with the Korean War. So back to Iowa to be shipped out to Ft. Lewis again and then to the Army Chemical Center near Fort Belvoir in Maryland.

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TR: So now your Forest Service career can begin?.

WG: . Yes...in 1950 my first temporary assignment was on the Pinedale Ranger District of the Sitgreaves National Forest. I was a GDA, General District Assistant. I reported to work with an old Pontiac, a one-shell trailer, a pregnant wife and a big black Labrador pup. The pup promptly knocked the ranger down in his exuberance to be out of the car. One of the staff on the forest was an Iowa State graduate and thankfully he hired lots of Cyclones. We lived in two little cabins connected by a small breezeway that had originally been set up for loggers and moved by rail. No electricity. No refrigeration. We used a home made evaporative cooler that I built. And we had an outhouse of course.



Official retirement card for Wally Gallaher

One of the memorable jobs I had to perform was to erect poles for an electric line in the compound. And it was a chance to have power in our cabin. We had to dig big holes for juniper stubs to which to a pine pole was to be attached. We moved those poles two or three times to please the ranger.

TR: What was the next move for you?

WG: Next stop for us was Heber, Arizona, a big timber district and Shirley was pregnant with our first daughter. I was now a permanent employee - and a timber beast. We lived in a small trailer. I had taken Shirley into Flagstaff where she had our first daughter, Susan. Eighteen months later our second daughter, Patricia was born in Holbrook, Arizona.

TR: And a promotion moved you again?

WG: Yes. I went to the Prescott National Forest and was the assistant ranger on the Prescott

Ranger District under a wonderful old time ranger, Ray Stewart. Then to the Sycamore Ranger District to be the ranger for a couple of years. It was almost all ranching and grazing with twenty one permittees. Four of the ranchers on the district preceded the creation of the Prescott Forest, so there was a lot of history there. We didn't have a school for the girls, so we made an arrangement with one of the ranchers (Quarter Circle V Bar) who operated a high-class private school that Susan attended. Then I was on to the Eldon Ranger District, on the Coconino National Forest as the ranger there.

TR: And then you worked in Recreation?

WG: The Outdoor Recreation Review - which was a big deal - came about and I went into a temporary assignment into the Supervisor's Office and worked in the program for awhile. They must have liked what I did because they assigned me to the Regional Office wildlife job in the Range and Wildlife office in Albuquerque. Then across the street to the Cibola National Forest as an assistant supervisor. Then back across the street to the Regional Office for a second stint.

They called me in to the Regional Forester one day and told me that they wanted me to be the Forest Supervisor of the Beaverhead National Forest in Montana. I had never heard of the forest before! That was a really good job on a great forest. Stayed there six years in the town of Dillon. Both of our daughters graduated from Beaverhead High School there and they both went on to Montana State University...home of the Bobcats.

TR: Then a trip to our nation's capital?

WG: Yes. I was offered the assistant director's job in Range in Washington, D.C. The range administration and for the unique job of initiating the Forest Service plan for wild, free roaming horses and burros. Shirley loved that assignment. We had great neighbors who we travelled with a lot over the years. I spent three years in Washington and really liked the job, but hated the traffic. Luckily our home was in Fairfax and the office was over in Arlington so I really didn't have the brunt of the traffic.

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Our last move was to Denver...funny and true story...I was actually an assistant Regional Forester for one pay period until the paperwork could be changed. I was staff director for Range, Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecology. I retired in 1983 from the R-2 Regional Office.

All told, I served on five Ranger Districts, five National Forests, two Regional Offices and in the Washington Office.

TR: How is your family?

WG: Shirley passed away three years ago. We were married 65 years. Patty is retired from the State Department and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Susan is retired from the banking industry and lives in Bozeman, Montana.

TR: What was the best job you had in your career?

WG: The Ranger job was a good job but being Forest Supervisor was my favorite job on a beautiful forest. I loved it. That's the best job in the Forest Service. The Supervisor has great liberty in getting the job done.

TR: What are you doing now with all your free time?

WG: I live in Arvada, Colorado in a house that we built when we moved to Colorado. I spend a lot of time gardening and have several varieties of roses and still have some of my mother's iris and Lilly of the Valley plants. I love to fish. And I still tie lots of flies for friends. I was disappointed that I had to miss my most recent fishing trip because I had to have my gall bladder removed.

TR: Tell us about the troop ship experience?

WG: We were transported in the John W. Weeks, a small troop ship, from Fort Lewis to Hawaii. That was a miserable ship...a little contract ship. The ship broke down, the waves were forty feet and everyone was getting sick and throwing up in their helmets and then dumping it

all into big barrels...water and waste was everywhere. I heard later that the ship was sunk.

TR: You have a community garden plot?

WG: Yes I have two plots and grow sweet corn, cantaloupe, cabbage, onions, beans, cucumbers and other vegetables. I have to admit that my sauerkraut is pretty famous around the neighborhood and I put up about fifty to sixty pounds a year. I was part of a fight with the city of Arvada to keep the garden from being developed.

TR: Any people you remember fondly through your career?

WG: Chief Ed Cliff and John McGuire were both good guys. Fred Kennedy was a great Regional Forester in R-3. Frank Smith who was Chief of Range Management, Ray Stewart, Pat Murray and Jim Monaghan were top-of-the-list guys.

TR: Any advice for a young person beginning a Forest Service career?

WG: Be ready to work. Be sincere and compassionate with the public. Know that you will be dealing with lots of people.



One of the fish that did NOT get away



Wally and the boys in the fishing club

Memorial Grove 2108

A Beautiful Day in Monument

by Tom Thompson



A very special Memorial Grove ceremony was held on May 5, 2018 to recognize R-2 honorees who died in 2017. Thirty-five individuals were honored, including three folks who were placed on the “not forgotten” panel. Family members, or close friends, from twenty eight families were there to honor their loved ones. The weather was crystal clear perfect with a few white fluffy clouds. The

program included two beautiful songs (McGee Creek and All My Tears) sung by Jane Leche, with Johnny Neill on the fiddle. The bagpipes were played by Pipe Major Ken Giese and the colors were presented by the Air Force Academy Honor Guard.

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In his welcome speech, Deputy Forest Supervisor David Condit spoke of the trees in the Grove and “how our lives are enriched by what we learn and gain from others very much like as a young tree benefits from the organic richness of the past”. Retired Deputy Chief Tom L. Thompson spoke of the importance of not forgetting those whom we honor and that it is “the people who make the Forest Service what it is, not the policies, procedures, or processes.” (See closing “The Last Word” piece for more detail)

It has been one hundred years since the idea of a Memorial Grove was first conceived to honor five rangers who died in World War I. Memorial grove has now been an R-2 tradition for almost a hundred years, since the first planting at this site was done in 1921. The five soldier’s names were read and the trees that were originally planted for them were



Jeff Hovermale prepares to plant the memorial tree for this year's honorees

wrapped with purple ribbons. During the “riderless horse” portion of the ceremony, Ranger Oscar Martinez walked the horse by each of the soldier’s trees while the bagpipes played *Amazing Grace* and *Comin’ Home* in the distance.

After the reading of all the names and brief comments from family, taps was played and Jeff Hovermale presided over the traditional Memorial Grove tree planting as shown in the photo. The Pikes Peak Ranger District again served a chili lunch and there was time to visit with families and share memories. Every family who attended was thankful and in many ways comforted

to know that their loved one was honored here by their Forest Service family. Many folks helped make this year’s ceremony so very special and we want to especially thank all the folks on the Pikes Peak Ranger District who do so much to make sure that all goes well.

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Mountaineers Provide New Fence for the Grove



A group of Rocky Mountaineers had another successful work day on April 30 and groomed the site, pruned trees, planted trees, and worked on several new benches. The photo above shows the crew after completing the day's work.



For years the old buck and rail fence at Memorial Grove has been in need of replacement. Thanks to several generous donations given in memory of this year's and also past year's honorees, the Rocky Mountaineers Memorial Grove Committee decided to replace the old falling down fence with a new one. In early April the new fence, a split rail with two rails, was installed on the site by the

Colorado Springs Fence Company. The fence adds a richness and character to this special place and clearly delineates the Memorial Grove site. The photos show the fence. Thanks to all who have given and continue to support the Memorial Grove through their generous donations.



Remembrances



Rosemary Bailey

Rosemary Ann Bailey, 88, passed away gently in Lonetree, Colorado on April 5th, 2018. She was born to Harry and Frances Sorensen on September 13, 1929 in Waterbury, Nebraska. Rosemary worked with the Forest Service in Watershed

Management for many years. She raised three wonderful children Steven, Joseph, and Julia. She was also step mother to Kathy Gibson and Patricia Arny.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilmer (Beetle) Bailey in 2008. Rosemary is survived by her three children, Steven Reagan, Joseph Reagan, and Julia King; her step children Kathy Gibson and Patricia Arny; her grandchildren, Timothy (TJ) Reagan, Kirby Reagan, Jeremy Reagan, Brandon Reagan, Aaron Martin, Evan King, and Ashlyn King; her great grandchildren, Mia Grace Reagan; her seven step grandchildren; as well as her sisters, Frances Goosic of Lincoln, Nebraska, Priscilla Gooding of Independence, Missouri, and Kathryn Doebel of Milford, Michigan.



Ransom Ball

Ransom Burtis Ball, age 79, died on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in his home in Apache Junction, Arizona. Ransom was born in Carson City, Michigan in 1938. He was married to H. Corene Ball in 1959 in Oceanside,

California.

Randy was loved by all who met him. He was a man with direct speech, a quick smile, and a sharp mind. He grew up living the farmer's lifestyle and

learning how to care for himself as well as those around him.

He worked on the San Juan National Forest. After retiring he moved to Arizona.

He is survived by his son Steven (Terri) Ball, his grandchildren Rebecca Rosalez, Dylan Ball, Lauryn Ball, his great-grandchildren Rosalina Rosalez, Jaime Rosalez, Julius Rosalez. His daughter Darcy Ball, his grandchildren Brandon (Lisey) Barela, Ryan Barela, Kaitlin Barela, and his great-grandchild Blake Barela.

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Remembrances



Frank Bryant

Frank Aubrey Bryant, 86, of Custer, SD, died April 20, 2018, at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, SD.

Frank was born January 24, 1932, in Caney, KS, to

Frank Bryant, Sr. and Helen (Baldwin) Bryant. He moved with his parents to Atoka, OK, where he graduated from Atoka High School in 1950. After a stint as a police officer in Atoka, and as a member of the National Guard, he was sent to Korea in 1951, to serve with the 45th MP Company, 45th Infantry Division as a Military Police Officer. Frank was discharged June 3, 1953, after earning the Army Occupation Medal (Japan), UN Service Medal, and Korean Service Medal with bronze star. After his military service, Frank followed his brother, James (J.R.), to Sioux Falls, SD, where he met and subsequently married Doris A. (Munkvold) Miller on May 20, 1955. Frank and Doris lived in Manhattan, KS, before moving back

to Sioux Falls, then to Brandon, SD, and finally to Custer, with a few years in Pierre, SD, in between.

Frank worked as a surveyor in Sioux Falls until he went to work for the Engineering section of the U.S. Forest Service in Custer. He left the Forest Service to start Bryant Surveying, running that business until his retirement in 1997. Frank and Doris were Charter members of Custer Lutheran Fellowship and Frank was a Life Member of the VFW. He was an avid golfer and would go walleye fishing with anyone that would take him. He was known to play a hand of cribbage and also enjoyed reading western novels.

Frank is survived by his wife Doris; children, Phyllis (Loren) Lyndoe of Custer; Curtis (Renee) of Pierre; Ted of Custer; Shirley (Audie) Mondy of Albuquerque, NM; stepson, Paul Miller of Custer; brothers, JR (Bev) of Bothell, WA; Herbert of Atoka, OK; Donald of Pierre; sister Elizabeth Ann (Annie) of Minneapolis, MN; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Wayne Dunn

Wayne J. Dunn, Jr. died on January 31, 2018. He was born in Brownsville, Texas to Lt. Colonel Wayne Dunn, Sr. and Elizabeth Dunn on Sept. 2, 1935. He served in the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard before

attending the University of Minnesota, where he obtained a degree in Forestry. After summer internships on the Medicine Bow N.F., Wayne was employed by the U.S. Forest Service on the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests, retiring in 1995.

Wayne married June Dunn (nee Markgraf) on March 29, 1959. They had three children; Dr. Mary

Fink of Long Beach, CA; Dr. Matthew Dunn of Bellingham, WA and Margaret Duerr of Orange, CA. Wayne was devoted to his wife and family and treasured times with them. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and served there in many capacities. An avid outdoorsman, he relished the beauty of God's creation. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and boating as well as traveling with June around the U.S. and Europe.

Wayne is survived by his wife June of Durango, daughter Dr. Mary (Karl) Fink of Long Beach, CA, son Dr. Matthew (Claire) Dunn of Bellingham, WA, daughter Margaret (Philip) Duerr of Orange, CA; granddaughters Kelsey (Austin) Sayer & Lindsey Duerr, grandsons Ryan (Jessica) Fink, Jacob Fink, Hunter Dunn, Noah Dunn & Tristan Duerr and sister-in-law Dolly Markgraf.

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Meg Esplin

Margaret M. (Meg)

Esplin, died on January 8th, 2018. Meg was 67. She was born in Helena, Montana on July 13, 1950 to Karl G. and Beyrle Esplin. Meg lived in Billings, Montana and Salt Lake City, Utah before moving to Lakewood,

Colorado. She attended Bear Creek High School and sang with the Sounds of BC before graduating in 1968.

Meg attended college at BYU, but "caught the acting bug" and found herself performing in many theatrical productions and making good friends along the way. She enjoyed sharing her musical talents and was often given the opportunity in the form of church callings, her favorite being playing piano for the children's primary. She sang often,

even lending her unmistakable pipes to the Colorado Mormon Chorale.

The Forest Service counted Meg in their ranks for 34 years, from 1976 to 2010. She lived in Lakewood, Colorado until she had the chance to relocate to New Mexico, where she had dreamed of living the retirement life. She moved to Albuquerque in 2004 and retired in 2010, giving her time to devote to her love of cooking, dreams of entertaining and relishing her time with her pets.

Meg is survived by her children Mackensie (Kiki) Luke and Marc Esplin, their respective spouses Forest and Isabel, her grandchildren Xavier, Samuel, Bella and Ian, her stepdaughter Celeste, step-grandsons Tyler, Trevor and Trey, as well as many close cousins, treasured friends and numerous others whose lives she touched.

Jigger Janes

Robert Paul (Jigger) Janes passed away on February 10, 2017. He was born to Willard W. and Charlotte I. Janes on August 25, 1935 in Denver, Colorado. He was the second of their three children. He grew up in Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he married the love of his life, Janice N. Lane, in 1954. Robert graduated Idaho Springs High School in 1953. He then enlisted in the US Navy in 1954, and received an honorable discharge in 1961. He began working for the Forest Service in 1964, where he spent the rest of his working life, retiring after thirty-five years, beginning in the warehouse in Lakewood, Colorado, and culminating with him becoming District Ranger.

His interests included fishing, classic cars and pickups, and boating. Robert was a lifelong Episcopalian, and had a deep, personal faith. He was also a Mason.

Robert is survived by his sister Valerie Hutchinson of St. George, Utah, his children, Robert Terry Janes of Evergreen, Colorado, Connie Lynn Hellmuth of Socorro, Texas, and Mark Kelso Janes of Guerneville, California, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom he deeply loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his wife.

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Robert Moore

Robert O. (Bob) Moore died on May 3, 2018. He was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Richland, Mo., to James Artie Moore and Leva Leona (Smith) Moore. His family lived in rural

Richland with the children attending country schools for the first eight grades. Bob was a Korean War Veteran and retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 29 years as a mechanic at the Hill City Shop on the Black Hills N. F.

Bob began playing guitar when he was about six years old. He played lead guitar for several years in his brother's band. He played in Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota and then for several dance bands in the Richland area. Through

the years Bob played back up for several folks on radio stations in Springfield, Mo., and Roswell, N.M. Later, he became lead guitarist for bands in Colorado and South Dakota. He played for several music shows in the Black Hills including the Mountain Music Show, the Miners' Music Show, the Dakota Cowboys, the Cowboys and the Village Jamboree and became known as the guy with the white guitar or "the grouch with the Gretsch." Bob played until ill health forced him to cut back. A highlight of Bob's was when he got to "pick a little" with Chet Atkins at the radio station in Springfield.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pat; daughters, Angela Olson, Tammy (Mark) Blaede, Theresa Wickham, and Anna (Travis) Roberts; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren Clive, Iowa.



Bill Ripley

William (Rip) Ripley III passed away on February 15, 2018. He was born and raised in South Weymouth, MA, and received his B.S. in Forestry from University of Massachusetts and his

M.S. from Duke University in 1957. He served in the U. S. Army from 1954-56.

He worked on District of the Deschutes, White River, Roosevelt N. F.s and was District Ranger

on the Pactola District on the Black Hills N. F. In 1975 he moved to the Regional Office where he had responsibility for State and Private Forestry programs for the Region. He retired in January 1994. He was an active member of the Society of American Foresters since 1954 and served in numerous leadership and committee positions at the chapter, state, and national level. He loved the outdoors and in retirement he and Donna hiked the Colorado Trail.

Rip is survived by his loving wife, Donna, who he met while working in the Regional Office, and 3 sons, Reid, Craig and Dean.

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Sam Scanga

Samuel Arthur (Sam) Scanga, 74, died on April 1, 2018. He was born in Salida, CO to Frank and Louise (Salerno) Scanga on October 6, 1943. He

was raised on the family's farm and ranch just west of Poncha Springs; graduated from Salida High School in 1961; and attended Colorado State University, earning a degree in Forestry and Range Management in 1965. He served in U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he met the love of his life, Anita, in New Hampshire and they were married in 1968.

Sam dedicated 32 years to the U.S. Forest Service on Uncompahgre, Routt, and San Juan N. F. He retired as the District Ranger in Pagosa Springs, CO in 1992 and took over the family ranch

operations near Poncha Springs. If he was not able to be outside working on his ranch, checking cows, harvesting hay, tending to water, or spending time with his family (especially his 5 grandkids) he was certainly not where he wanted to be. Despite his lengthy battle with rheumatoid arthritis, Sam amazed all of those around him with his determination and drive to remain active until his last days on earth; he never quit!

Sam is survived by his loving wife of 49.5 years Anita, a sister Marie Perri, his daughters Rebecca (Robert) Montoya and Lisa (Dana) Hatfield and his son John (Chauna) Scanga. In addition, Sam was most proud of his 5 grandchildren: Megan, Sam, Ian, Madison and Ben.

Tom Schessler

Thomas E. (Tom) Schessler died on February 17, 2018 in Clancy, MT. He was born in August 3, 1925 in Laurel, Montana to Henry and Martha Schessler. He started his career working in mining claims in R-1. In 1961 he went to R-7 and was in the Resource Mgmt. staff. In the mid-seventies he came to R-2 as the Director of Watershed Soils and

Mineral staff. After his retirement in 1984 he moved to Belgrade, Montana.

He is survived by his daughter Kristen.

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Lee Sutton

Lee Ray Sutton, Sr. died on March 12, 2018 in Rapid City, SD. Lee was born on June 3, 1938 in Lindley, NY to Albert Gaines Sutton and Mary Viola Sutton. He graduated from Williamson High School, in Tioga, PA in 1956. He

graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He married Patricia Ann Cummings in 1960 in Tioga, PA. To this union 4 children were born: Patricia Lee, Susan Marie, Lee Ray, Jr and Albert Glenn.

Lee had a 30 year career in the United States Forest Service. He also served many terms on the Custer City Council and was the mayor of Custer from 1993 to 1995. Lee was a member of the Masonic fraternity for over 50 years and served as Master of Battle River Lodge #92 (Hermosa, SD) in 2013 and 2015. Lee was a strong supporter of both the Girl and Boy Scouts of America and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and yard work.

Lee is survived by his wife Patricia of Custer; sisters Jeanne Kay Sutton of Eureka, IL, Clara May (Theron) Miller of Bluffton, IN, and Ruth Fay Askins of Creve Couer, IL; his children, Patricia Lee Sutton of Kailua, HI, Susan Marie (Thomas Thompson) Sutton of Minneapolis, MN, Lee Ray Sutton, Jr. (Jennifer) of Edinboro, PA and Albert Glenn (Sarah) Sutton of Rapid City; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



LaVerne Schultz

LaVerne Arthur Schultz died in Fort Collins, CO on May 1, 2017. He was born August 19, 1931 in Chaseburg, WI to Emil and Mabel Schultz. He graduated from high school in Austin, Minnesota in 1949. He was the first college

graduate in his family and earned his diploma from the University of Minnesota. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He began his long career with the Forest Service starting on the Custer (SD) District in 1960. He met and married his wife Gloria Shenk in Custer. He then moved to the Arapahoe, then the Gunnison, and then the Routt N. F.s. In 1970 LaVerne, with his family, relocated to the Nebraska National Forest as

Bessey District Ranger until 1979. He finished his career in 1989 in Michigan and after returned to the Black Hills.

LaVerne loved the forest and range land of the Nebraska Sandhills. He was also an ardent gardener; loved kids; played cribbage, bridge, and poker; enjoyed the outdoors and fishing. He took pride in fighting forest fires as part of his job.

He is survived by his seven children: Linda Brown (Rodney), Lisa Rutherford (Scott), Sarah Schultz (Paul VanStell), David Schultz (Alissa), Lori Cromell (Brad), Dan Schultz (Marie), Lydia Schultz (Keith Laitala). He has nine grandchildren: Nathaniel and Jonathan Brown; Emmalee and Logan Rutherford; Kaylee, Grace, Mila and Camden Schultz; Abby Cromell. He is also survived by his sister Janice Luns, as well as nieces and a nephew.

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Loretta Schure

Loretta Eve Schure

passed on April 3, 2017. "Retta" was born at midnight on New Year's "Eve" in 1937 in Palisade, CO. She and her 3 siblings were born to Mary (Strobl Martini) and Nelson Miles Richardson, and, were raised on a farm in Meeker, CO where she loved her pets and rode

to school on her horse Frisky. She graduated from Central Business College in Denver, CO, worked for an insurance agent, and married in 1960. She became a wonderful stay at home mom and had two children Greg and Lynne. After her children were older she worked part time in the kitchen for the school district. After her beloved son Greg, who holds a Junior Olympics track record, was killed in a mini bike/motorcycle accident at age 11,

she helped other parents in Grief Resolution Classes. When she sought a divorce in 1977 she, as a domestic violence survivor, became her daughter Lynne's "Hero".

As a single mom, she worked for the Forest Service, for 13 years, in the Regional Office in Human Resources and the Fire, Aviation, and Safety Section. After retirement and as a breast cancer survivor she became Kaiser certified to fit women for prosthesis. In 2004 she became a proud grandma to Stephanie. She loved reading, dancing, playing bridge, water aerobics, bowling, hiking, gardening as therapy, garage sales, collecting antique glassware, and travel. She had a wonderful smile on her face and was a delight to be around. She was kind, elegant and a class act. Loretta's faith in the "LORD" was the foundation of her life and family.

Loretta is survived by her daughter Lynne and granddaughter Stephanie.



Marv VanderKolk

Marv VanderKolk, 78, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. Marvin was born on May 10, 1939 in Hopkins, Mich. growing up on a dairy farm. He attended Michigan State, receiving a degree in forestry. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30

years. Marv was retired PSICC Lands and Recreation Staff. Marv has been a member of the Rocky Mountaineers for several years.

Throughout his life he enjoyed exploring the outdoors, especially the grasslands of southern Colorado. Marvin spent many years researching and documenting his family's genealogy. He was a well-read individual who appreciated historical events and topics.

He is survived by wife, Jean; daughters, Julie (Ben) Simon and Jill (George) Dickert; grandson, Max Simon; brother, Bruce (Donna) VanderKolk; and two nephews, Roger and James.

The Last Word Not Forgotten

by Tom L. Thompson

I sit down at my typical “doing too many things” cluttered desk to write this “Last Word” on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. It seems very appropriate to use some of the thoughts that I shared with the families of this year’s honorees earlier this month at the Memorial Grove Ceremony in Monument. It was a special time to not only remember those we honored but also to remember why we have Memorial Grove.

A hundred years ago, on April 15, 1918, Horace B. Quivey, a private in the U. S. Army’s 20th Forestry/Engineers was killed in battle in France in World War I. Before going into Army, Quivey worked on the Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming and was just newlywed. The tree that was planted in 1921 in memory of Horace stands in the northwest corner of the Grove. Horace was the first of five young Forest Service men from this Region to die in that war far away. In anticipation of this year’s ceremony we sought to connect with families of those five first honorees. We were able to connect with great-nieces or nephews of three of these soldiers and they were honored to know that we still remember one from their family.

Trees were planted for all five, but when a fire that raged through the area in 1989 a few of trees in the grove were lost, including the tree planted for Ralph McTavish who was another of those original

five honored at the Memorial Grove. His tree was replanted this year very close to where it originally stood. We marked the four other remaining trees with purple ribbons to help us remember their sacrifice to our country. They like the other people who are honored there with trees in the Grove and have their names engraved in brass will “not be forgotten”. With the names that are shown in the photo being added by former Deputy Regional Forester Sid Hanks, there are now over eleven hundred names now engraved at our Memorial.

If you look down the Memorial panels of brass plates that have been added since 1921, it causes one to wonder: “Who they all were? Where did they work? How did they come to work for the Forest Service?”



Former Deputy Regional Forester Sid Hanks

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What was happening in the country and the Forest Service then? Even though we all know the answers to some of those questions, we probably don't have answers for all, especially those in the earlier years. But we do know their names and we do know that as long as there are dedicated people to sustain and care for this Memorial, they will not be forgotten.

Thomas Keefe, Cosmer Leveaux, Ralph McTavish, Marcy Meaden, and Horace Quivey never expected to have their names engraved at the Monument Tree Nursery. Most likely many of the hundreds of people who are honored here didn't expect to have their names engraved at the Memorial. That's not why they worked for the Forest Service, and that's not why they gave the better part of their working lives to helping care for the National Forests and Grasslands of this Region.

Their names are there as an honor of contribution and commitment to the U. S. Forest Service. Their names are there because they made a difference. Their names are there because they were part of an organization that serves the public. Their names are there because we do not want to ever forget that it is the people, the land, and the resources that make the Forest Service what it is. It is not the policies, the direction, the processes, or the bureaucracy; it is the people who care for the land and resources that is the Forest Service. It is the forester, the biologist, the receptionist, the accountant, the engineer, the technician, the clerk, the planner, the public affairs specialist, the firefighter, the geologist, the personnel specialist, and of course the ranger.

They are all Forest Service family. This year we honored folks who worked in this Region as far back as 1910 and a few who were still working for the outfit just last year. They served the public, in some way and

during their time all took care of the Rocky Mountain Region's land and resources, and were part of the Forest Service, and we are proud to honor them. That is why their names are placed here: to ensure that they will "not be forgotten".

Thank you for being a part of the Rocky Mountaineers and for supporting the Memorial Grove and helping us remember people who made this Region such a special part of the Forest Service. Those of us who have been associated with keeping this place, this reality, this tradition, and this Memorial effort going over the years hope that there will be caring individuals in the years ahead who will continue to ensure that this tradition stays alive. It's folks like Lloyd Newland, Sid Hanks; Jane Leche, Dana Coelho, Dave Steinke and Judy Dersch; former Rangers Deitemeyer, Nelson, and Botts; Jeff Hovermale, and the Pikes Peak Hotshots and all the people on the Pikes Peak District and the Forest who make this Memorial possible. Thanks to all who have helped in any way to ensure that those we honor are "not forgotten".



Memorial Grove Ceremony. May 5, 2018.