



# The Rendezvous

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## Rocky Mountaineers Gather

*by Bill Bass*

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*Lynn Young (center) and Jim Maxwell (right) lead a group of musicians in a tune.*

The Rocky Mountaineers 2019 annual gathering was held September 24 & 25 in Buffalo, Wyoming. The gathering started midday on the beautifully treed Buffalo Golf Club Course featuring the golfing talents of Marcia Patton-Mallory, Brent Botts, Blaine Cook and Bernie Bornong.

At 5 pm Tuesday we gathered for a social at the historic Occidental Hotel and Saloon in downtown Buffalo. The evening was hosted by Lynn Young with a cadre of wonderful musicians. It was reminiscent of the fantastic "Fiddlin' Foresters" era of conservation education as Lynn was joined by Region 2 retirees Jim Maxwell and Scott Gall. Great music, good food, and tremendous conversation went on past the scheduled 7 pm end (for dinner) with some folks staying around the saloon till 10pm! Our thanks to the Occidental owner/operators, Dave & Jackie, for a lovely setting, preparation and joining in as part of the musical talent that evening.

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*(left to right) Jennifer Wood, Barb and Bill Nelson and Brett Botts.*

Wednesday, breakfast was on your own as the Rocky Mountaineers Board members held a business meeting. The annual gathering is typically the only time the board members get to actually sit down with each other in a meeting setting. As retirees began to assemble for the luncheon, door prize drawings began. Most of the door prizes were donated by Pat & Patty Lynch, Western Heritage Company – THANK YOU!.

Our luncheon was held at the Lakeview Lodge # 307, about nine miles north of Buffalo, overlooking Lake DeSmet with a backdrop of the Bighorn Mountain Peaks to the west. The lodge is owned and operated by the Belus Ranch Family. The lodge fills a community niche as a facility for weddings, reunions and meetings while also

dovetailing with the ranch's hunting program in the fall. After a delicious lunch of barbecued brisket, cheesy potatoes and coleslaw we rearranged



*Bill Bass, the host of the gathering, along with Craig Bobzien.*

chairs to get all 75 of our group in the Main Room of the Lodge for the program.

Craig Bobzien, the 2019 Rocky Mountaineers Board Chair, opened the meeting by recognizing Lynn Young and Jim Maxwell with a big "Thank You" for the great music and awesome atmosphere at the social the previous evening. Craig introduced the Mountaineer Board Members and turned the program over to the local Bighorn NF representative, Ms. Traci Weaver, the Powder River District Ranger.



*Mike Curran with Dan Nolan.*

District Ranger Weaver welcomed the crowd and gave an update of current happenings on the Bighorn National Forest. One of the major projects mentioned was the Buffalo Municipal Watershed (affectionately referred to as "BMW"). Our own Rocky Mountaineer, Frank Roth, served as a key stakeholder in developing the successful landscape plan. As a result of that collaborative effort, the project received funding from the Joint Chiefs (USFS/NRCS). "The "BMW" serves as a good example of one of the many ways we give back as retirees and members of the Rocky Mountaineers!

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*(left to right) Kerry and Laura Burns and Sharon Kyhl.*

After the forest update, the main program was presented by Dave McKee, Recreation Staff for the Bighorn NF – and a long term R2 archaeologist. Dave came “back home” to present our program while he is serving as the acting R2 Tribal Liaison. The presentation focused on the Tie Hack Era, primarily on the Medicine Bow NF. Dave gave a thorough walk through of the tie hacking process and how ties were delivered to the railheads. He also entertained us with some anecdotal stories of that historical time. We look forward to McKee’s storytelling talents joining the Rocky Mountaineers in the near future.

As we approached the end of our program, Craig Bobzien introduced the 2020 Board Chair, Bob Sprentall, Chair-elect Brent Botts, and new Board member Frank Roth as head of the Scholarship Committee. Then Tom Thompson gave a short brief on the opportunities to join and updates regarding the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) and the USFS National Museum in Missoula, Montana.



*Dottie and Lee Carr were in attendance.*

The meeting concluded with an extension of safe travel wishes along with the final announcements of next years’ Rocky Mountaineers meeting location slated for Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The next NAFSR meeting will be in September 2021 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

*Gathering photos courtesy of Ellen Hodges.*

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# Greetings from the Chair

## Thanks to all



*Craig Bobzien - chair of the Rocky Mountaineers*

Why are you a Rocky Mountaineer? That question may pop in your mind from time to time. My answer is simply “I am sure glad that you are.” As your current and soon to be outgoing Chair, I remain grateful for your membership and support for the Rocky Mountaineers. Your support matters.

A year ago, we had an excellent response to our survey of members. You noted the elements of our work that are important to you. It underscores the high quality features created to stay connected through the Rendezvous, website, the right number of emails and opportunities to engage and explore with others face to face. This year we had enjoyed a wonderful gathering in the Bighorns. We continued to prosper in how we honor

those passing at Memorial Grove. We continue to invest in the future and are increasing our young adult scholarships. We continue to help those with special needs. And we are thankful for the generous donations we received to further our mission. We are sound financially. From the lookout tower position of Chair, I couldn't be prouder. Proud of your support and proud of those that step up to carry out the endeavors that are the hallmark of our values as Rocky Mountaineers.

Stepping up to be Chair in 2020 is Bob Sprentall. Bob brings us remarkable energy and vision. Please help me welcome him. Bob will be an excellent Chair. He compliments all of those that serve on the Board and take on our work on the ground and committee work to make our collective plans reality. I close with a smile on my face and feelings of gratitude. Thank you for all you do, thank you for present support and thinking how you can help us in the future to grow and prosper.

Be well and keep smiling!

Craig

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## Rocky Mountaineers' Board Corner

*Steve Ambrose (Secretary)*

The Rocky Mountaineers Board of Directors met at the annual gathering in Buffalo, Wyoming on September 25th and they made a significant change to the bylaws. The Board voted to have the Chair of the Scholarship Committee (currently Frank Roth) become a full member of the Board. The bylaws will be adjusted accordingly.

The Board also voted to increase the number of scholarships for the next 3 years to a minimum of 4 scholarships per year for \$1,500 each. At least two successful applicants must have a natural resource study track.

Also Steamboat Springs, Colorado has been suggested as the next gathering in 2020 and Brent Botts has agreed to run for the Chair Elect position for next year. (if elected he will be Chair for 2021, Bob Sprentall will be Chair for 2020).

# Membership and Finance Report

**October 2019**

*by Johnny and Ellen Hodges*

*Our membership has dropped slightly to 429 members. We purged a few members in June for not paying their dues.*

## Our Newest Members

Jim Saveland – Lafayette, CO  
 Debbie Gardunio – Maricopa, AZ  
 John and Mary Ellen Barber – Grand Junction, CO  
 Ruth Beckwith – Sheridan, WY  
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 Valerie Hunt – Lakewood, CO  
 Dennis and Carole Jaeger – Laramie, WY  
 Duane and Tami Nelson – Bayfield, CO  
 Doreen and Billy Sumerlin – Granby, CO

## Our Newest Lifetime Members

Lynn and Shawn Young – Buffalo, WY

*We now have 111 Lifetime Memberships. You can become a “Lifer” for \$250 per household.*

*You don't need to be a retiree to join the Rocky Mountaineers. Current employees are welcome to join. Dues are complimentary for the rest of 2019 and all of 2020. Go to our website to sign up. It is fast and easy.*

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## Scholarship Committee News

As detailed in the last issue of the Rendezvous, we awarded three scholarships in 2019.

We have made changes in the Scholarship Committee members triggered by the resignation of Ellen Hodges, who has served for 5 years as either a member or chair.

Frank Roth, currently a committee member, will become chair starting in 2020. Frank lives in Powell, WY. We have added a new committee member, Ed Fischer from Custer, SD. He joins current committee members Maryanne Kurtinaitis of Boulder, CO and Kitty Thompson of Littleton, CO. Thanks to these members for serving in these key positions on the Scholarship Committee!

And many thanks for the donations and sponsor support from our membership. Please help us keep this important program vital. You can go to our website and make donations at any time throughout the year.

## Our donors to the Scholarship Fund in 2019

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Numerous donors attending the 2019 Memorial  
Grove Ceremony



# Hmmm...I must have missed that story

## Looking at the wood chips after the big logs are processed

### Forest Service You Tube

#### *Dateline USDA, Washington D.C.*

Antonio Garcia, Southwest Region Cibola National Forest Volunteer Coordinator shares his Forest Service career journey. The video supports **Ability to Work - Count Me In**, a workforce disability employment campaign. It demonstrates the Forest Service's support of employees with disabilities, promote reasonable accommodation and other support resources, raise awareness on types of disabilities (ie, not all disabilities are visible) and encourage self-reporting.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRC\\_QpaqG2A&feature=push\\_sd&attr\\_tag=v5TYYL-zumVlejwG%3A6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRC_QpaqG2A&feature=push_sd&attr_tag=v5TYYL-zumVlejwG%3A6)

### Meet the Chief



#### *Dateline Forest Service - Chief's Office*

Get to know more about Chief Vicky Christensen in this three minute video on "Who We Are" released in August, 2019.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

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**Samuel Crowe** Sep 11, 2019

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# Namaste Nepal

*by Bernie and Susan Weingardt*



*Dave Johnson, Executive Director of the Katie Adams Conservation Fund accepts a check for \$1300 from Seri Weingardt.*

In February of this year we embarked on a life changing journey to Nepal. In truth our journey began about three years ago.

Our then 12 year old daughter, Serena, had two main loves – Girl Scouts and Pachyderms. Over the course of the last three years, she orchestrated a collision between the two, selling cookies for conservation. She further developed a partnership with a local paint your own pottery business, Go Paint, and created painting events to raise additional funds to support rhino and elephant conservation in Nepal.

In total Serena raised approximately \$7,000.00, donating every penny to the Katie Adamson Conservation Fund (KACF).

Under the mentorship of the Executive Director, Dave Johnson, her love of pachyderms and conservation has flourished. When Dave made the invitation for us to join the KACF on a trip to Nepal to see the benefits of all of the investments, the opportunity to really see all that had been accomplished with those resources she raised, there was no way we were going to miss this.

Passports and shots taken care of, our journey began on February 25th, 2019 along with twenty one other passionate animal nerds and conservationists. We travelled through Dubai, which gave us an alternate reality of life on this planet. We were there only thirteen hours, three hours in the city. This place was opulence on steroids, we knew it represented something quite different than what we know here and certainly what we were about to experience.

Arrival to Kathmandu was filled with confusion – there were forms, lines, money, check in and very little organization to it. Outside the city teemed with activity, noise and chaos. We became grateful for a group and guide to connect with – and the people of Nepal. We were greeted with flowers, silk scarves, tikas and many blessings. This would follow us throughout our adventure.

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*Bernie and Susan at the Australia Camp with Machapuchare in the background.*

Traveling from Kathmandu to Pokhara then onto Lumbini, Chitwan and Bardia was an adventure all on its own. Narrow roads meant narrow passage by buses, trucks, motorcycles and more. Blind corners and a cacophony of horns announcing our presence and the presence of oncoming traffic filled our senses. We sat in the front seat only once. After

that we were literally too terrified. The visuals were trash, rubble from the earthquake that took down so much of the communities in 2015, (killing 9,000 people) laundry hanging everywhere, people cleaning and cooking outside, cows



*Seri with a Tika on her forehead. A blessing from the people of Nepal.*

wandering, smoke filled skies from both cooking and trash burning, and people working. People hauling stuff; bricks, food and wood. Mothers fixing their kids hair, kids heading out to school in their freshly pressed uniforms, communities gathering around food and conversation...all on the edge of the roadside. People navigating life with very little. Soon the color of the community began to overcome the chaos.



*The birthplace of Buddha in Lumbini.*

This set the stage for our two weeks experiencing the breadth and depth of Nepal. We left the chaos of the city and hiked into the Annapurna's with a short two day look at trekking in Nepal. Hiking through small hillside communities to tea houses was magical where we were

greeted with a cozy room, traditional food, warm people from Tibet and views that were out of this world. It was truly magical. This brief experience is already calling us back.

Lumbini, the birth place of Buddah, was our next stop. Many people pilgrimage to Lumbini. You cannot be there and not experience the deep spirituality of the place. The incense, prayer flags and chanting was all encompassing. It filled the space with a beauty that is hard to describe. We were once again humbled by the sense of place and people. There we also saw one of the largest cranes in the world, the magnificent sarus crane – the tallest flying bird in the world.

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Now our animal adventure had begun. The Rhino Lodge in Sauraha, just outside of Chitwan National Park, was where we landed next – again greeted with blessings and silk scarves. This was the place that



*Seri and Colleen Adamson (mother of Katie).*

Serena had been waiting for. Before we embarked on animal adventures in the park, we visited the Chepong community and their community forest. This community is where much of the money Serena raised went to support in beehive fencing. You see, elephants are afraid of bees.

Wild elephants pose a problem for local communities as they trample their crops. The human wildlife conflict is a serious problem. Bee hive fences are proving to be a “sweet solution.” Not only are they keeping the elephants out of communities, they are providing a new income generator in honey. Visiting this community, tasting the honey was an amazing experience.

While visiting Chitwan National Park, we rode elephants, jeeps and floated in dugout canoes through the park. We came into contact with 30+ greater one horned rhinos, marsh muggers, spotted deer, gharials, horn bills, langer monkeys and more. We visited gharial and elephant breeding centers and visited with the National Trust for Nature Conservancy. And we delivered stuffed animals to children in orphanages that had lost their parents to rhinos, elephants and marsh muggers. The complexity around the relationship between community and wildlife was intense. On one hand feared and the other celebrated.

A twelve hour bus ride took us back to Kathmandu where we were able to decompress for a night and take advantage of a small plane tour of Mt. Everest and the Himalayas. So impressive.

Bardia National Park, in the southwest area of Nepal, was our most remote stop on our trip. We stayed at the Forest Hideaway, again greeted with enthusiasm, blessings, school children singing, educational sessions and celebration. Dave Johnson and the KACF, have clearly made an impact on these communities. We had two incredibly long days in the Park. One on foot and one in a jeep. Here we were reminded that we are part of the food chain and that life is fragile. These days we tracked the



*Chepong community member showing Bee Hive/Honey.*

Bengal Tiger. Our guides, two of them, carried big sticks and reminded us to group up, climb trees or run if told. We walked for miles, sat silently on over looks, navigated narrow trails, watching and listening for any sign of the big cats. At a steep bank overlooking a river is where we first heard them.



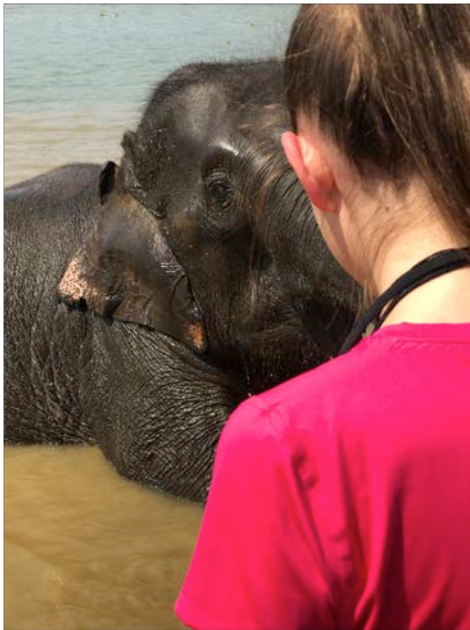
*Seri getting out of a dugout canoe - Narayani -Rapti River, Chitwan NP.*

It was eerie and cool all at once. We listened to two cats and then maybe three calling back and forth.

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*Seri and an elephant in Chitwan NP.*

Our guides urged us to get up and quietly move ahead through the brush and to a narrow jeep road in hopes of spotting these giant cats. Once on the road, we stood in a long line, in complete silence, listening patiently. 30

or 40 minutes

had passed since we heard the tigers. We all stared into the thick bush and listened intently. Then, from seemingly out of nowhere, and with a roar that cut to the core and that none of us will ever forget, a tiger leapt on the road just 40 feet in front of us. Our guide with a big stick in the front, literally levitated off the ground and before we knew it was behind us. Trust me, it did not take us long to follow him and gather up. Serena was shaking like a leaf...we all were. And just as quickly as it appeared, the tiger was gone. With great trepidation, we continued to seek out that tiger for another three hours. We walked out of the park at



*The Greater One Horned Rhino.*

7:00pm exhausted and feeling a bit like tiger bait. Today we hold that experience as one of the highlights of our trip.

We left Bardia with such respect for both wildlife and the community and the balance that they seek in living surrounded by the park. It was amazing. Leaving Bardia and the Forest Hideaway was the beginning of our long 42 hour journey home. As we left there, all of the experiences from the first day, came flooding together, and the sense of beauty in chaos emerged.



*Getting a glimpse of Mount Everest.*

The people and their kindness and embrace of us – watching them navigate every day life including the laundry draped anywhere and everywhere, the communities and buildings that seem half done and striving for completion, the mass of electrical wires that entangle poles along the roadside, the systems – water and trash that need attention, the streets filled with cars, bikes, buses, horse drawn carriages, cows and yes, even elephants and finally the prayer flags everywhere sending their blessings throughout the countryside and to all who experience them.

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*Seri Weingardt, Dave Johnson and Sallie Markey - kids for conservation.*

This was and still is an eye opening experience – one which we still are processing. The one thing we know for certain is that we are so fortunate and we can make a difference and it takes very little to do so. Upon our return, as a group, we invested \$800.00 that will send a young woman we met there to college. This will change her life. We hosted a painting for conservation event in Evergreen that raised \$500.00 that will make an impact there. Dave Johnson and the KACF continues to inspire Serena and us to get involved and make a difference.



*Welcome to Bardia NP.*

This world is small and connected. What Serena learned was that the small things can make a big difference. We did too. We are grateful that our kid took us on this journey and look forward to what is ahead of us.



*Prayer flags at Monkey Temple, Kathmandu.*

Namaste friends.

Susan, Bernie and Serena Weingardt

# Rock Chalk Rudy!



## A Kansas Connection to Smokey Bear

Rudy Wendelin was born in an unusual location for a man with his career, in the small community of Herndon on the virtually treeless prairie of north west Kansas on February 22, 1910. As of the last census, nearly a decade ago, Herndon boasted a population of 129. After spending his youth in the area, Wendelin left for Lawrence after graduating from high school to study architecture at the University of Kansas, he also chose to study art at a few other institutions. Wendelin ran into difficulty finding

steady work after school due to the Great Depression. In 1933, the Roosevelt administration with the backing of Congress established the Civilian Conservation Corps. Wendelin, in desperate need of a job applied for and accepted a position as a draftsman and illustrator with Region 9 of the U.S. Forest Service. Wendelin spent four years publishing artwork and architectural drawing for the CCC and USFS.

Wendelin was offered a promotion to the Forest Service's Washington D.C. office to continue working as an illustrator with the department. He left his post once in his career to serve in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He returned to the Forest Service after his service. The Forest Service gave Wendelin the task of creating a family friendly image of Smokey Bear originally designed by artist Albert Staehle. Over the course of his tenure Wendelin completed hundreds of Smokey Bear paintings that gave the bear its human likeness while spreading the message of fire prevention. He also designed commemorative U.S. Postage stamps honoring Forest Conservation, John Muir, John Wesley Powell, and of course...Smokey Bear. In 1998 the Daughters of the American Revolution gave Wendelin their Medal of Honor Award for his life's work as the caretaker of Smokey Bear. Wendelin passed away in Falls Church, VA and is interned at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Ludell, Kansas, not far from his hometown on Herndon.

*Written by*

*Jeremy Gill*

*Kansas Room Coordinator*

*Hays Public Library, Hays, Kansas*

*From those fine folks at Farming Unlimited TV. Come with Frank and Deb as they go **Around Kansas** every Wednesday! If you have ever complained that there is nothing interesting to do or see in Kansas, you won't want to miss their show!*

"Kansas has a very unique connection to Smokey Bear. The artist that primarily drew Smokey Bear, not the first time, but that drew most of the images that we're familiar with, humanized him, is from Herndon, Kansas and he went to KU. Rudy Wendelin, wound up living in Virginia and in the DC suburbs and just a phenomenal artist and Smokey Bear, my God, there's hardly a more recognizable figure, icon, advertising personality, whatever the term." — *Frank and Deb with Around Kansas*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ISCYXuK2cg>



## NAFSR Report

*by Tom L. Thompson, Rocky Mountain Region NAFSR representative*

### Fall 2019 Update



This year has by far been the most active and engaged year of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees.

Among the highlights over the last few months has been the release of a very comprehensive analysis and report on workforce capacity of the agency entitled "Revitalizing the Culture and Streamlining Processes". We have offered our views on many issues, proposals, and programs, including a proposal

by the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer management of the Forest Service Civilian Conservation Job Corps Centers back to the Department of Labor. We strongly opposed this action and the proposed action has been withdrawn. For review of all of our position statements, reports, and letters you can visit our website at [www.nafsr.org](http://www.nafsr.org). We seek to represent the collective views of all Forest Service retirees and invite you to become a member if you are not already.

## National Museum of Forest Service History

### Fall 2019 Update

*by Tom L. Thompson*



Summers come and go, but it seems that this past summer came and went way too fast. It has been a very busy and active time for the Museum. Following our very successful "Evening with Teddy"

event in the spring, we finished construction of our new James Yule Pavilion on our Museum site. During the summer, in addition to having over five thousand visitors to our small guard station visitor center, we hosted several events at the Pavilion. One of the most significant was a "reunion" of the 1960's smokejumper who survived the Higgins Ridge incident on a fire in Montana. Eleven folks, including the helicopter pilot who was credited with saving the entire entrapped crew, came together to share their stories and remembrances of that incident.

We held a third teachers workshop for a group who wanted to learn more about the history of conservation and how to use it in their teaching. This workshop was done in partnership with the Library of Congress and the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, WY. We continue to use every opportunity we can to share the rich history and stories of the Forest Service and the conservation in the United

States. A special upcoming event is a program Conrad Anker, world renowned mountain climber, who will talk about the National Forests: America's Recreation Legacy.

It is hard to believe it has been fifteen years since we celebrated the Forest Service Centennial and first watched the movie "The Greatest Good". Reflecting on that a bit, it is amazing how the story of the Forest Service continues to change as agency faces ever increasing challenges. The Museum is committed to do all we can to understand the changes and this recent history. We also encourage you to take time to relook at "The Greatest Good" and keep in perspective how history keeps moving along.

We are undertaking a special membership initiative for 2020 and if you are not a member already, we are offering you an annual membership for \$20.20 for the first year. This is your chance to show your support and help the Museum be even more successful. We are hoping to increase membership to at least 2,020 not only among retirees across the country but also current employees. This is your Museum and we need your support. See our website at [www.forestservicemuseum.org](http://www.forestservicemuseum.org) for details as to how to join or contribute.



## What's Funny?



Former Chief Dale Bosworth and Smokey Bear walked into a bar and Dale said, "Give me an Old Forester on the rocks."

Then Smokey said, "Give me a large water.....and serve it in a bucket."

"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender of the famous bear.

Smokey shrugged, "I'm not sure, I was born with them."

**LOL**  
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M.E.

#### ★★★★☆ A Different Big Foot T-Shirt from Those I have Typically Seen

September 30, 2018

Size: X-Large | Color: Dark Green | **Verified Purchase**

This was gift for a friend who is a Big Foot fan. He asked me "what does the Department of Agriculture have to do with Forest Services?" Thus the four stars. He likes the T-shirt though and found it fun and funny. It looks good and fit as expected.

Helpful

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# Harney National Forest

Redfern Planting Area, Pennington County, South Dakota - April 12, 1913



*Forest Officers of Harney National Forest except Ranger Shoemaker.*

*First Row: left to right - Gould, Peltz, Poe, Conner, Reddick - top row left to right Cowles, Blaine, Imes, McCrary, Phillips.*

— National Archives - Record G



## Bully!

Read the final paragraph from "Conservation as a National Duty."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT:  
"CONSERVATION AS A NATIONAL DUTY" (13 MAY 1908)

"Finally, let us remember that the conservation of our natural resources, though the gravest problem of today, is yet but part of another and greater problem

to which this Nation is not yet awake, but to which it will awake in time, and with which it must hereafter grapple if it is to live—the problem of national efficiency, the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of the Nation. When the People of the United States consciously undertake to raise themselves as citizens, and the Nation and the States in their several spheres, to the highest pitch of excellence in private, State, and national life, and to do this because it is the first of all the duties of true patriotism, then and not till then the future of this Nation, in quality and in time, will be assured."

<https://voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/theodore-roosevelt-conservation-as-a-national-duty-speech-text/>



# Philmont Boy Scout Ranch

## New Mexico

by Steve Ambrose



*The cook shack was the main camp structure...rallying point for hikers and hungry foresters.*

In July 2019 I participated in the Visiting Foresters Program at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. Visiting foresters donate a week of their time to share their professional knowledge with a wide variety of Philmont participants and staff. In 2018 the Ute Park fire burned 27,000 acres cutting a swath through the middle of the 130,000 acre ranch dividing the unburned portion of Philmont into two regions north and south. Instead of needing 20 foresters for the summer they needed 40 foresters in order to staff two stations instead of one.

If you have never been to the Philmont BS Ranch in northern New Mexico you would be in for a surprise as I was. Nestled in the isolated mountains of the southern Rocky Mountain Range is a complex that is laid out more like a military fort without the armament than a ranch that caters to the BSA. However, when you realize that the Ranch serves over 20,000 clients (mostly Boy Scouts) during the

summer it is easy to realize that the ranch needs all the facilities that it offers. There are administrative offices, employee housing, medical facilities, two dining halls, tent platforms (a lot) with tents during the summer, a chapel, basketball and volleyball courts and more.

Before I arrived I was

sent via e-mail a professional prepared Visiting Forester Operations Handbook that contained about everything I needed to know about the next week. I also had to have a background check and take two on-line courses on sexual harassment. After checking in, I spent the first night at the base camp in one of the tent platforms. They provided a mattress and a bed; I provided the bedroll. The next day I met my visiting forester partner, Gary White, who is the Deputy Director for the Georgia Forestry Commission. I was somewhat surprised to see many visiting foresters coming from east of the Mississippi River. Gary and I were then shuttled

via 4x4 to our camp at about 9000 feet and replaced the two foresters who were shuttled back to base camp. The trip took about an hour over back country roads. We spent the next week teaching kids about the environment. We had a great time, dividing up teaching responsibilities, Gary taking fire in the ecosystem, and I took forest management. It was the rainy season and I was glad I invested in some good rain gear as it clouded up and rained many afternoons.



*Hikers were very interested in fire and forest management. Some of the "tools" that help the discussion*

We shared a cook cabin with other Philmont staff and took turns cooking and cleaning up. We also had a tent on a platform similar to the base camp. I found it interesting that the age difference between some of the staff and me was 50 years.

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As the Boy Scout groups (10-15 people each) came up the trail Gary and I would stop them and explain what we were doing at the camp and asked them if they would like to participate in an environmental lesson. If they had time they would usually want to participate. Of course, fire was a big interest to them, having just seen the effects of the Ute Park Fire.



*"Does it hurt the tree?" asked many hikers as they used the increment bore. A favorite field exercise.*

However, their favorite "hands on" was the increment bore and many were fascinated to learn how we used it. "Does it hurt the tree?" was a common question asked by many. One evening during a lightning storm

we heard on the radio that one of the visitors in the back country was either struck or a lightning bolt struck near him. During the course of the next hour



*How to use the Biltmore Stick was another favorite field exercise.*

the group had radio contact with the Philmont medical staff as they monitored the individual's vital signs while a medical team proceeded to the scene. I was pretty impressed with the quick communication with the medical staff. After a week it was time to say good-bye. I enjoyed participating in the program and also enjoyed teaching alongside Gary. If you would like more information here is a link to the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. Will I do it again next year? I'm definitely considering it.

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

## World Wood Day

Stubing, Austria

*by Steve Ambrose*



*Woodcarvers at World Wood Day are working inside and outside the wooden structures.*

If you have ever been to the Open-Air Museum in Stubing, Austria you witnessed one of the most unique museums in the world. My wife Julia and I traveled to Austria in March 2019 to participate in the 2019 World Wood Day (WWD) which was jointly organized by the Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna), The Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing (Österreichisches Freilichtmuseum Stübing), World Wood Day Foundation (WWDF) and the International Wood Culture Society (IWCS) to explore the theme "Change".

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*Overview of the Open-Air Museum. Structures have been moved from different parts of Austria.*

As usual, the event included wood turners, musicians, wood carvers student furniture makers and a symposium with a host of guest speakers. WWD observed its seventh celebration and welcomed over 600 participants from about 90 countries and regions all around the world. I helped out with communications including internet availability and participant interviews for WWD Facebook and blog.

At the Austrian Open Air Museum Stübing you can stroll across the whole of Austria and, in an idyllic



*Those who played the alpine horns provided us with wonderful full rich sounds throughout the valley.*

setting, find out about regionally typical tools and the ways of construction and life of yesteryear.

In 1962, the Graz Professor Viktor Herbert Pöttler founded the Austrian Open-Air Museum in Stübing Austria. He spent a lot of time locating typical dwelling and service buildings, mills, wayside shrines and workshops, throughout Austria. The buildings were then dismantled, and re-constructed in Stübing using traditional building methods. As a result,



*Some of the woodcarvers worked on lengthy panels that display intricate detail.*

visitors to the museum can see about 100 different buildings from different time periods in the 6000 acre wooded valley, looking as natural as if they had always been there.

Great support was provided by local government, industry and businesses along with international organizations and was received with immense gratitude. from March 19-24 in Stübing and Graz, Austria. It was also the first WWD event held in an open-air museum in a natural forest that both participants and more than 10,000 visitors could enjoy a natural environment and explore many precious historical wooden farm buildings. The event also provided an unique platform to exchange ideas for innovation and to learn and better understand tangible and intangible wood heritage. An intimate and entertaining concert ("Music of Wood: Austria and Beyond") and woodcarving exhibition also took place in Vienna on March 26.



## Regional Office Update

### Jobs and “Sonny” Days

#### Rocky Mountain Region Begins Hiring for 2020 Field Season

Over 900 temporary jobs available.

**DENVER, Colo., September 6, 2019** – The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service announced today the availability of over 900 temporary jobs for the 2020 field season across national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Temporary jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire management, trails, forestry, timber, silviculture, range, engineering, wildlife, hydrology, recreation, fisheries, archaeology, botany, and customer service.

A list of available temporary jobs on national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming is online at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs). Information regarding available temporary jobs across other parts of the country is available at [www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs/temp](http://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs/temp). Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS, [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov), September 16-30.

Additional application information is available on the Forest Service’s How to Apply webpage.



*Regional Forester  
Brian Ferebee.*



*Sonny Perdue, current Secretary of Agriculture, paid a visit to the Regional Office in September. The 31st Secretary of Agriculture brought greetings from our nation’s capitol. (photo courtesy of R-2 Public Affairs)*

## The Chief's Review

### Stance and Habits



*Regional Forester Brian Ferebee talks with R-2 leadership and employees about the results of the Chief's Review. (photo courtesy of R-2 Public Affairs)*

During the April Chief's Review, we had the pleasure of hosting the Executive Leadership Team, Station Director of Rocky Mountain Research Station, Acting National Director of Job Corps, Colorado State Forester, Wyoming State Forester and numerous other partners for a week of discovery and exploratory conversation regarding the priorities of the Region.

Employees throughout the Region are focused on three priorities that align with our Chief's national priorities and the Secretary of Agriculture's seven strategic goals: improving our work environment, creating and maintaining resilient landscapes, and connecting with communities.

The purpose of a Chief's Review is twofold: to provide a strategic overview of the Agency's mission delivery in the Region while reflecting on the mission delivery of the Agency as a whole and to promote interaction between employees, partners and the Chief's Review Team. Grounded in our Agency's values and our Leaders' Stance and Habits, we discussed where we have been, where we are and where we are headed based on current and future public land management challenges and opportunities. The dialogue was rich, thought-provoking and designed to strategically identify and respond collectively to future patterns and trends.



## Retired Personnel in Region 2

*Inclusive Dates: 10/01/2018 - Current*

Source: NFC's Insight Reporting Application (Personnel History Folders)

Run Date: 09/04/2019

Produced by the US Forest Service Data, Metrics, and Analysis Team (DMAT)

**BALL, WILLIAM J**  
Black Hills NF

**BARTH, DAVID E**  
Arapaho & Roosevelt NFs

**BLAKEMAN, MICHAEL R**  
Rio Grande NF

**BOHLS, GREGORY M**  
Black Hills NF

**BRIGHAM, STEPHEN J**  
Rio Grande NF

**BURLESON, PATRICIA S**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**BURNS, KERRY ALAN**  
Black Hills NF

**CARY, SUSAN JEAN**  
Med Bow - Routt NFs

**CHACON, LORENA J**  
Rio Grande NF

**COOK, BLAINE E**  
Black Hills NF

**DAL VERA, ANNE**  
San Juan NF

**DYER, HELEN C**  
Rio Grande NF

**ELDER, TIMOTHY J**  
Shoshone NF

**ERICKSON, THOMAS R**  
Black Hills NF

**EVANS, DEBORAH J**  
Nebraska NF

**FOSTER, BRENT A**  
Black Hills NF

**FOSTER, JUDITH A**  
Shoshone NF

**FULLER, THOMAS C**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**GALER, MARY BETH**  
NMN  
MedBow - Routt NFs

**GIRE, GALE S**  
Black Hills NF

**HALVERSON, JONA**  
Arapaho & Roosevelt NFs

**HARTLING, JEFFREY R**  
MedBow - Routt NFs

**HEATON, CURTIS G**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**HONORS, KELLY M**  
Black Hills NF

**HOWE, CAROL S**  
GMUG NFs

**HUISJEN, DANIEL**  
WAYNE  
GMUG NFs

**JONES, CHERI A**  
Bighorn NF

**KING, BOBBIA**  
Arapaho & Roosevelt NFs

**KINZER, SUSAN M**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**KJERSTAD, BRUCE H**  
Bighorn NF

**KNUTSON, JEFFREY L**  
Black Hills NF

**LAMBERT, JOSEPH M**  
Black Hills NF

**LEE, KAREN**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**LOOP, CARLA RAE**  
Nebraska NF

**MARTINEZ, MARTINA**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**MASK, ROY A**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**MCBRIDE, RICK J**  
Black Hills NF

**MCCLINTOCK, TIMOTHY R**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

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**MILLER, JEFFREY H**  
Rio Grande NF

**MORGAN, VICKIA**  
Shoshone NF

**MURRELL, MARK A**  
GMUG NFs

**NELSON, MARY L**  
Rio Grande NF

**PARK, MICHAELA**  
Black Hills NF

**PARK, HAROLD  
WINFRED**  
San Juan NF

**PECKHAM, KATHERINE  
ANN**  
GMUG NFs

**QUERALT, LOUIS**  
Pike & San Isabel NFs

**QUINTANA, EUGENE A**  
Rio Grande NF

**ROBISON, LAURIE A**  
San Juan NF

**SALAZAR, JOSEPH  
MICHAEL**  
Arapaho & Roosevelt NFs

**SPRING, LANCE K**  
Black Hills NF

**SUMERLIN, DOREEN S**  
Arapaho & Roosevelt NFs

**SWALLOW, JOHN D**  
Black Hills NF

**TIMOCK, BARBARA A**  
Pike & San Isabel NFs

**WARREN, CRAIG D**  
GMUG NFs

**WILLIAMS, GEORGE P**  
Bighorn NF

**WILSON, JANICE E L**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**WYATT, PATRICIA M**  
White River NF

**ZELLNER, RUTH A**  
MedBow - Routt NFs

**ZIEMANN, LOIS  
SHERRICK**  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office



"Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money."

— Jonathan Clements

"There comes a day when you realize turning the page is the best feeling in the world. Because you realize there is so much more to the book than the page you were stuck on." — Zayn Malik

"Retirement is one of those consequential changes in life, it offers us a unique opportunity to start over, to move beyond the past and to once again live forward."

— Rick Steiner



# Out of Africa

## Globe Trotting Rocky Mountaineers

By Jim Thinnnes

The Rocky Mountaineers ventured into Southern Africa in May. This was the second safari for several of the travelers, having visited Tanzania in 2011. The 2011 safari was such a great adventure we wanted to go back. We decided to use Overseas Adventure Travel, as we had last time, but to go a bit further south. The trip lived up to our expectations.



*The travel group at Victoria Falls.*

Dan Nolan, Marilyn Hunter, Cindy Dean, and Jim Thinnnes got a head start with a visit to Cape Town, South Africa. We rented a car to see the sights. Driving on the left side of the road was a bit of a challenge but we navigated without too much trouble although the windshield wiper was often engaged rather than the turn signal. Cape Town is a beautiful city along the South Atlantic at the foot of Table Mountain near the Cape of Good Hope. We visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 of his 27 years behind bars during apartheid. The island now serves as a living museum and is a World Heritage Site. The weather cooperated and we rode the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway 2,500 feet up to the top of Table Mountain. The morning fog, known locally as the “tablecloth”, cleared to provide stunning views of Cape Town and the surrounding area. We were surprised to find the Cape of Good Hope is not

actually the southernmost point in Africa but rather at the end of a narrow peninsula that separates the Atlantic Ocean from False Bay. The seas can be treacherous here where the waters of the Atlantic, Indian, and Southern Ocean mix. Along the way we stopped at Boulders Beach, which is home to a colony of African penguins. It’s easy to understand why they were once known as jackass penguins when you hear their call. The winds at the Cape were strong even on a beautiful day.

We connected with Susan Gray and Randy Francil, Michele O’Connell and Jim Schwartz, Pam and Jon Skeels, Nancy and Greg Warren, Melanie Woolever, Karen DeBord, Lois Witte, and Debra Havins in Johannesburg. The actual safari began with a morning flight to Kruger National Park. We rode in converted Land Rovers with three rows of three seats per row set above the tires. Small side boards were all that separated us from the wildlife. We had good viewing during our game drives and knowledgeable guides. The highlight at Kruger was a full-day drive when we visited the Sabie River and the families of elephants that rely upon it. Along the way, we saw two white rhinoceroses. The tale of the two pachyderms are quite different as elephant populations often exceed the carrying capacity while rhinos face the threat of extinction due to poachers.



*Elephants getting a drink.*

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We flew from Kruger to Livingstone, Zambia and then transported to Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. We lived like royalty at the Sable Sands Lodge despite being in the middle of nowhere. Again, expert guides provided great insight to the wildlife of southern Africa. The park has an estimated 45,000 elephants and it seemed we saw many of them. We saw giraffes, hippopotami, several species of antelopes, zebras, and much more. A highlight was coming across a lioness moving her two tiny cubs.



*Leopard and Water Buffalo kill.*

We continued to Lake Kariba, which is the largest man-made reservoir by volume in the world. We spent three nights aboard the Shikra houseboat, where we explored some of the lake's coves. We saw lots of crocodiles and too many birds to count (Nancy's bird list identified 130 species during the trip).

We flew back to Victoria Falls via Cessna 182s. The namesake falls is considered the world's largest at 350 feet high and over a mile wide. The Kalolo-Lozi people called it Mosi-oa-Tunya meaning "the smoke that thunders". We understood the aboriginal name once we witnessed its incredible power. Susan, Randy, and Lois also viewed Victoria Falls from above in a helicopter during some free time. Jim Schwartz viewed it upside-down while hanging at the end of his bungee jump. Most of the group spent the morning visiting Wild Horizons Elephant Sanctuary and Orphanage where we were able to have close experiences with Jumbo (he was huge), 4-

month old Surprise, and several other elephants. We enjoyed great interactions with the locals in the area, including a school visit, a homestead visit, and a couple random stops along the highway where we visited a local family and another where we experienced a rural water pump and children doing laundry.

Our safari wasn't quite over. We drove to Chobe National Park in Botswana. Our Elephant Valley Lodge overlooked a watering hole where we could watch wildlife while we were at camp. We saw more elephants, giraffes, lions, and lots more. Randy even held off a marauding monkey during a lunch stop. We were treated to a spectacular view of a leopard on a rock ledge overlooking the Chobe River. Our final safari day consisted of a boat ride along the Chobe River. We had up close encounters with African buffalo, crocodiles, monitor lizards, and hippopotami.

Michele asked for a dairy-free, gluten-free cake to help Jim Schwartz celebrate his birthday. Our program director, Naume, and the camp staff did not disappoint. We were treated to a wonderful presentation complete with song. They explained the local tradition as Jim cut the cake. The cake was very hard, with Jim asking what it was made of. We were all surprised to find it was elephant dung covered in frosting. We had a great laugh before the real cake was presented.

The trip was as wonderful as we had hoped and then some.



*Cindy and Jim and Jumbo.*



## “That’s the Way I Remember it”

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



**Linda Joyce**

**Rocky Mountain Research Station**

**Retired in 2018**

**37 years and 3 months of service**

**The Rendezvous: Where were you born and raised?**

**Linda Joyce:** I was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and raised in the rural area outside of Kalamazoo.

**The Rendezvous: Where did you go to school and what was your favorite subject?**

**LJ:** I have a Bachelor of Science with a major in Mathematics from Grand Valley State University, a Masters of Environmental Science from Miami University of Ohio, and a PhD in Range Science from Colorado State University.

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

**LJ:** When I was finishing up my dissertation, I started to look for a position, applying to universities and going on interviews. Around the same time, the Rocky Mountain Research Station was looking for a quantitative range scientist. The position would be full-time research which was appealing. The idea of conducting research to support an multi-resource integrated assessment of forest and rangelands sounded challenging. I applied. My graduate student friends all wanted to stay in Fort Collins (Colorado), especially the ones with kids, and here was someone single, no kids, willing to go nearly anywhere, who gets the job in Fort Collins!

I joined a research project where several scientists were developing techniques to assess renewable resources in an integrated framework. My research focused on analyzing natural resources from rangelands. This research would support the Forest

Service in its mandate to conduct a national renewable resource assessment, known as the Resource Planning Act (RPA) Assessment.

The year 1989 was a pivotal year in my career. My husband was finishing up his PhD at Oregon State University. He wanted a scientist position. For the interim, he took a postdoctoral position at the Ecosystem Center, Woods Hole, MA. With advice from a senior scientist at the Station, I successfully negotiated a long-term study leave – to learn about



*Linda receiving the Superior Science Award from Chief Jack Ward Thomas in 1995.*

the ecological modeling research at the Ecosystem Center. We arrived in Woods Hole the fall of 1989.

**TR: What happened after that?**

**LJ:** In the next couple of years, my research focus would shift to studying the effects of climate change on ecosystems.

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And after saying no three times to the RMRS Station Director over the previous 12 years, about even considering the role of a project leader, I would become the project leader in 1993 of a research project that was exploring the potential impacts of air pollution and climate change on alpine ecosystems.



*Forest Service western Station Collaborators on Climate Change, 2009, Portland, OR.*

**TR: What areas of research did you work on?**

**LJ:** From 1990 to 2018, my research focused primarily on climate change and ecosystems. I proposed to the RPA staff that we could use the models developed at the Ecosystems Center to explore the effects of climate change on forests and the economic sector of forestry.

I worked with Richard Haynes, FS economist at the PNW Research Station, to model the ways that climate change might affect forest productivity and then the flow of timber and wood products in the economic sector. Dave McGuire, postdoc with me at the time, was instrumental in this research. Another opportunity came along to work with John Perez-Garcia, forest economist at the University of Washington, who focused on the global forest sector. We explored how climate change would affect forest productivity and the global market of timber. This research led to several invitations to give talks in Europe. I also made contributions to each of the first three reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change, and went to an IPCC meeting as an expert for the State Department.

**TR: And then full time on climate change?**

**LJ:** That's right. Colleagues from the western FS Research Stations, David Peterson, Connie Millar, Ron Neilson, Michael Furniss and I initiated a collaboration with western national forests to develop a set of decision-support tools and reference materials that would incorporate climate-change considerations into decision making. Over the next several years, we would spend time with national forests staff listening to their needs, synthesizing the latest science on climate change, developing a video short-course, and producing publications including, in 2011, a guidebook for developing adaptation options.

**TR: And some time down under?**

**LJ:** In 2013, I spent 4 months in western Australia, an opportunity to work with ecologists on their climate change research. The same lab also housed the social scientists. Their social science research on climate change and adaptation was impressive. I initiated an opportunity to work with Natalie Marshall on a review publication. She is a leading research in studying how social factors affect land manager capacity to adapt to changing circumstances – factors such as attachment to place and occupation, family circumstances, employability, social networks, financial circumstances, business characteristics, local knowledge and skills, and attitudes and behavior. In the following years, I would work on several publications with range colleagues, incorporating these concepts, current research, and stressing the need for adaptation recommendations to look not only at the physical management actions but also the social factors.

**TR: What are the best and worst parts of your job?**

**LJ:** The best part of the job was working with bright and creative people in all professions. The RPA Assessment team includes scientists from different research stations and universities – a bright thoughtful team.

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I remember the first time I went to an international scientific workshop – sitting in a building, slightly older than any here in the US, listening to scientists from around the world discuss their ecological science. We all shared a common interest in ecological science and there were opportunities for connections around the world. As a research project leader, I appreciated the opportunity to work with research project leaders, such as Chuck Troendle, who were passionate about the research of their project and also enabled the success of their scientists.



*Scientists in the Human Dimensions Program, Linda Joyce, is third one from right in the back row - 2009.*

This question also brings to mind many administrative staff from personnel to the financial area. Their technical skills and professionalism were impressive and greatly appreciated.

Worst parts – well, let's say that there are always some tough times in any position and hopefully it was a learning experience for all involved!

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

**LJ:** I was fortunate to have several stellar supervisors and mentors. When I started with the FS in December 1980, I was finishing the writing of my dissertation as well as starting that new job. In 1981, I handed my dissertation to my major professor, George VanDyne, to review. In the middle of that year, he suddenly died. In 1982, my parents died in a car accident. Fortunately, my first supervisor, Tom Hoekstra, was understanding and encouraging. He was supportive through those major life events yet held me a high standard for research. Years later, Tom would be the one to encourage me to be a research project leader.

Jerry Melillo, senior scientist at the Ecosystem Center, was one of the leading scientists in studying how changes in climate, in atmospheric chemistry,

and in land use affect the biogeochemistry of terrestrial ecosystems at scales from local to global. He was also interested in seeing scientific information used in policy and management and spent two years as the Associate Director for

Environment in the US President's Office of Science and Technology Policy (1996-1997). In collaboration with him and the postdoc Dave McGuire, we were able to bring the ecosystem models into the futuring exercises of the RPA Assessment. As one of the leads for the first National Climate Assessment conducted by the United States government, Jerry was responsible for leading the

Synthesis Team through the process of reviewing and synthesizing the scientific information on climate change as related to the nation's resources. I was a member of that synthesis team and it was a valuable learning experience working with him.

**TR: What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

**LJ:** I think for many scientists it is those 'aha' moments when you have figured out a problem or your results are corroborated by others. It is rewarding for your research to contribute to the theory in your field or to help resource management. After I finished the 1990 Range Assessment report – admittedly a long document, I wondered if it would offer information to policy makers and rangeland managers. It was rewarding to see a copy of the report on the bookshelf of a district range staff. See also next section on unusual story!

**TR: Do you have an unusual story from your career you can share with us?**

**LJ:** As a project leader, you get a lot of mail from vendors especially when the scientists are working in diverse areas.

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And that mail may not decrease when you are no longer a project leader – I was used to quickly determining if the envelope was worth opening or pitching. And one day, I got a very large envelope – a lot of packaging for just advertising that I was going to recycle. Fortunately, I opened the envelope.

Inside was a certificate with three phrases I did not expect to see in one place – Nobel Peace Prize, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Linda Joyce. In 2007, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change received the Nobel Peace prize award for “their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.” And the IPCC organization sent out certificates to individuals who had made contributions to several of the reports. Yes, I had that framed. It is important to know that the IPCC got the Nobel Peace Prize, not because of the science, but rather because they consistently honed their communication process to share the best of climate science with policy makers in a way that policy makers understood and agreed on the summary statements of the final IPCC policymaker report. That communication is an important task for scientists – not every scientist per se, but some scientists must carry that responsibility.

**TR: We understand that you are really passionate about climate change. How has the policy inside the Forest Service changed and what can the average retiree do about climate change?**

**LJ:** From my research to my garden, climate and weather are important considerations. There are many options available to the average retiree.

With respect to the National Forest System, national forests are required to incorporate climate change as a system driver in their planning efforts – where possible, comments on those plans would be a valuable contribution.

Another area where the skills of FS retirees would be valuable is helping towns, cities, and rural areas improve their resilience to disturbances. Getting cities, counties, and other local areas to explore the challenges they are or will face – such as increased

wildfire, intense rainfall, drought and water availability, wind events and hurricanes – will be important. I am thinking of all the skills that Forest Service retirees have, from resource management to wildfire/insects/disease to administrative expertise.

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

**LJ:** A career with the Forest Service can be very rewarding – research addresses challenging land management issues and managers are on the front line – making decisions that will affect land condition now and in the future. I give this piece of advice to all young people starting out – get to know yourself. What are your strengths and your weaknesses? Address your weaknesses and acknowledge your strengths. Be open to new opportunities. With respect to the Forest Service, get to know employees in all three branches of the Forest Service so you can begin to understand what each branch does.



*Linda on a biking tour in Scotland — 2018.*

**TR: What do you fill your free time with?**

**LJ:** The list includes gardening, hiking, knitting, weaving, reading and travel. Since I retired, I have been a scientist emeritus (volunteer), so there are weeks when I do wonder where the ‘free time’ is!



# Stuff to do When You Retire

Doing things on your district that you always wanted to do

By Mary Ann Chambers



*Wildlife exclosure near Crow Valley Campground.*

Because most of us get interested in Natural Resource Management while enjoying the outdoors, there are always things we see while working that we want to do. Hike that mountain. Catch those fish. Go camp in that little canyon. There are many fantastic sites and things to do in our work place. However, when the weekend rolled around, it was unlikely that you would want to go where you just spent 4 hours traveling round trip a couple of times that week. You did not want to be reminded about that environmental assessment sitting on your desk or all the work left to do there on Monday. So, you go elsewhere to get outdoors. Retirement offers an opportunity to catch up on that punch list.

At least that is how it is for my husband Carl and me. The bonus is that we can do it on weekdays when there are fewer people.

One of those things on my punch list was to look for birds at the Pawnee National Grassland. One day last spring, we got up early and headed to Crow Valley on the Pawnee, just outside Briggsdale, Colorado. We did not stop at the district office in Ault, but went directly to our destination, with binoculars, bird app, water and snacks. We were

there early enough to see a red-tailed hawk, and some gold finches, among others. There were the sweet tweets of a songbird we never did find. It was a wonderful morning, and we walked to some places I had never been.

While we were exploring, we came across a drop structure that engineer Dana Bardsley designed to save a riparian area that built up over time behind an earthen dam constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930's.

Carl said the CCC built several similar dams here but because of the lack of water in eastern Colorado, they really did not work as planned. When this one did fill, it left enough sediment and there was enough water that it formed a nice riparian area. When the dam finally failed, it was going to leave the riparian area high and dry, so this drop structure maintains the sediment wedge that formed upstream of the dam, and keeps the riparian area.



*Drop structure installed to prevent head cutting of Crow Creek.*

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Part of old CCC dam on Crow Creek.

From the Morning Dove Trail, you can see the District's work center, which was also the office where the government bought land from farmers fleeing the Dust Bowl. We brought school groups here during my time on the Pawnee. I think this was the first time I was here without 70 third graders. I miss that part. They were fun kids from the little town of Kersey.

I always leave these hikes having learned something and a feeling that we did make a difference. Where is it that you wanted to get back too? What is that thing you always wanted to do, but never got the chance?

*Mary Ann and Carl Chambers retired a couple of years ago after 31 years with the Forest Service. Mary Ann was a forester, planner and public affairs officer. Carl was a Forest Hydrologist. Both spent most of their careers on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland.*

## Are You a Member?



(left to right) Rocky Mountaineer members Melanie Woolever, Nancy Warren, Andy Kratz, and Jim and Janet Maxwell dined at a recent Denver area Rocky Mountaineers sponsored lunch in Lakewood.

We are a volunteer organization, but some of our activities cost money. We can't provide scholarships or support Memorial Grove without the dues and donations of our members.

If you like what we are doing, join us. Dues are complimentary for 2019 and then just \$20 annually per household after that. Or you can get a Lifetime Membership for \$250 per household and never pay dues again.

Step up and become a member of the Rocky Mountaineers. We would love to have you.

Go to our website to join.



## Remembrances



**Andy Cadenhead**

**Andrew Joseph (Andy) Cadenhead** of Hayden, CO passed away January 23, Andy was born in 1960 in Los Alamos, New Mexico where his father, Charles Patrick Cadenhead was a nuclear physicist for the National Labs. His mother, Arley Edwards Cadenhead was a gifted

artist and adventurer. Pat and Arley built a cabin in the mountains and embedded a love of the outdoors in all the kids. Andy was the youngest of six children: Patrick, Sherry, Lucia, Bruce and Jim. Andy, being the last born was gifted with a special name, “Pepito.”

Both of Andy’s parents passed away when Andy was seven years old. Andy and his siblings then went to live with their Uncle Claude and Aunt Sue (Cadenhead) Rodgers in Lake Forest, Illinois. He graduated from Lake Forest High School there in 1978, then followed his dream to Colorado State University where he studied forestry, graduating in 1982. While studying at CSU Andy began working as a seasonal employee for the US Forest Service out of Minturn, Colorado.

In 1985, Andy met a new summer seasonal named Nancy Nahorniak. The two dated until Andy was hired on as a permanent employee with the US Forest Service in 1987 in Encampment, Wyoming. They then became engaged and later married in 1988 in a service at Vail Colorado. They went on to live in

Encampment for twelve years. While there, they built a log cabin in the woods that ran on solar and generator power and to which they needed to snowmobile in in the winter. They were an inseparable pair who had many wonderful adventures together: rock climbing, wind surfing, cross country and telemark skiing, raising and racing sled dogs, and horseback riding.

Their grandest adventure began in 1996 when the first of their two children were born. Fatherhood was Andy’s greatest joy and he cherished his time with his family. Education and lifelong learning were quite high on both Andy’s and Nancy’s priority list and they passed this on to their children. Ian, 23, is currently in graduate school studying physics and astronomy as the University of California at Riverside. Abby, 20, has a passion for writing which Andy encouraged and nurtured. It was his delight to find himself become her “muse” and creative confidante.

Andy worked for the US Forest Service in several capacities for thirty years, plus two years serving as a forester for the Bureau of Indian Affairs out of Gallup, New Mexico. He touched many lives along the way and formed many relationships dear to him. Andy truly loved the forest and all the wonders inherent to it. As his career became more desk-bound he delighted in horseback trips into the forest with family and friends, often referring to the forest as his true “office.” In 2019 the world lost a sincerely kind and gentle man. He touched many lives in so many different ways. He has been and will be greatly missed.

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**Patrick Collrin**

**Patrick S. Collrin**, 73, of Colorado Springs passed away June 27, 2019. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 8, 1946 to Paul S. Collrin and Mary Margaret Collrin (Corr). He attended Precious Blood Grade School and graduated from Benedictine High. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Colorado State University.

Pat set out on a Navy career right out of high school and served in Vietnam. He also served in the Air Force and Army, earning the rank of Sergeant. He worked for the Pikes Peak District of the PSICC N. F. and N. G. as a receptionist. He was a visitor

information specialist and he also worked on both the Pikes Peak and Leadville Ranger Districts. Patrick immensely enjoyed his time working for the Forest Service. He left plans for his historic Forest Service maps to be donated to the Pikes Peak Ranger District.

Pat had a passion for nature, especially in Alaska and Colorado. He enjoyed his garden, family history, photography, and his faithful dogs, Scooter and Molly.

He is survived by his sisters, Janet Cameron, Margaret "Peggy Ann" Collrin, Kathleen McGeary, and Ann Burnham. Also surviving is Pat's significant other, Sharon Stroud, many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was interred at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery.

**George Geiger**

**George H. Geiger** had the last day of his good life on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, a few weeks shy of his 84th birthday. He left behind many friends and loving family who remember his laughter and caring spirit.

George was born on Sept. 28, 1935 in Comanche County, Oklahoma. He was raised on the family farm near Bartlesville. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1957 and served briefly as an artillery officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1958. In 1967 he moved with his then wife Betty and their two sons to Hot Springs, South Dakota, where he was the Chief Ranger on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland.

In 1980, George transferred to Pueblo, Colorado, and retired in 1986. In 1989, he married Carolyn and they spent much time traveling together. In 2003, they moved together to Colorado City. There he enjoyed time with grandkids, breakfast at Max's and morning coffee at Subway. George and Carolyn are Rocky Mountaineer members.

George leaves behind his wife, Carolyn; brother, Carl and wife Alice; two sons, Brad and Lance and their families; two stepsons, Stan and Doug Large; six grandkids; and two great-grandchildren (with one more on the way).

George was retired PSICC Range Con. George was such a good man and a great friend to so many of us.

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## Remembrances

**Phyllis Goad**

attended school and graduated from Yuma Union High School in 1956.

Phyllis married Charles Baldwin in June 1956 in Yuma, Arizona. They moved to Delta, Colorado in 1957 where they raised their four children. Phyllis was an active member of the Church of Christ in Delta. She was an active and charter member of Altrusa International of Delta and very involved in a sorority of Delta.

**Phyllis Goad** passed away on September 17, 2019, after a short illness from cancer.

She was born to Gerotha Mattie Phipps and Dorothy Clen Phipps on June 5, 1938, in Yuma, Arizona. She grew up in Yuma where she

She worked for the US Forest Service in several capacities including a computer technician. She also traveled for several years as a dispatcher with the Forest Service on fires across the country.

Phyllis was a very beautiful, loving, and giving person with a heart of gold. If you were her friend, and she had many, she would be a friend forever. She lived her life always helping others. She will be missed immensely and loved forever. Her children and grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life

Phyllis is survived by her four children and families: Charles Baldwin born in Yuma, AZ; Gregory Baldwin born in Delta; Brian Baldwin born in Delta, and Denise Johnson born in Delta. She had 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and has one surviving brother, John R. Phipps in Yuma, AZ. and two sisters, Janette Marie Rucker in Georgia and Patsy Ruth Iannella in Mesa, AZ.

**Don Rivers**

Science from Oregon State University in logging engineering/forestry.

He started his career as a professional engineer with the U.S. Soil and Conservation Service, traveling through eastern Montana assisting farmers with small engineering projects. He transferred to the U.S. Forest Service, where he remained for 36 years until his retirement in 2014. As a logging engineer, Don was assigned to the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and subsequently became the

**Donald George Rivers**, 67, passed away on Jan. 5, 2019, in Lafayette, Colo. Don was born on June 13, 1951, in Rapid City, S.D., to Esther and Eanard Rivers. Don received an associates degree in surveying from South Dakota State University, a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Masters of

Assistant Regional Engineer for the Alaska Region of the Forest Service where he was in charge of logging, aviation and fire management. After 12 years in Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska, Don moved to the Washington, D.C., office of the Forest Service working as an engineering manager until transferring to his final duty station in Lakewood, Colo. Don's interests and hobbies included fishing, running, hiking, rafting, camping, golfing, sea kayaking, hunting elk in Wyoming and caribou in Alaska, travel and gardening.

A loving son, brother, father and grandfather, Don was kind and patient, playful and told corny "dad jokes." He was also a great friend and loved by all.

Don is survived by his mother; his children, Donald P. Rivers, Jessica Spoeneman, Kelly Heath, Emily Rivers and Lian Rivers; grandchildren, Haley Spoeneman, Braden Spoeneman, Isaac Rivers, Mason Silliman, Lily Rivers and Audrey Heath; and sisters, Myrna Landt and Loretta Hammerquist. He was also survived by Patty Rivers, his devoted friend and partner of 34 years.

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## Remembrances



**Billy Montaño**

**Billy Bonifacio**

**Montaño**, 84 passed away quite suddenly on August 29, 2019. He was born on March 21, 1935 in Del Norte, Colorado to Liberato (Lee) Montaño & Vita Thomas. Bill was raised by his grandparents Jack & Piedad Thomas and went by Billy Thomas, a lot of people to this day only know him by that name.

Bill married Eva Montaño (Abeyta) the mother of his children in Taos, NM on October 13, 1952. The family moved to California for about a year while he was enlisted in the U.S. Navy from May 8, 1953- May 7, 1957; during which he received a National Defense Service medal. His last duty assignment and major command was the U.S.S. Bushnell (AS-15) as a Seamen Recruit (SR).

Following his service he dedicated his life to the U.S. Forest Service from July 13, 1959 - December 31, 2004 and retired after 45 years. Even after "retiring" you could find him at Forest Service making sure they were doing the job right. He loved the mountains and

continued to take drives up to mountains, checking gates, the Forest Service buildings and campgrounds. He was always a jokester at work with the crews he was in charge of. His hobbies included working in his shop, raising rabbits as well as pure bred basset hounds and cruising around making deliveries. He was happiest when spending time spoiling his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by 1 sister Isabelle Bell, the mother of his children Eva Montaño, three of his children; Debra Kay Chapman (Mike) of South Fork, Colorado, Bill Montaño (Ramona) of Engelwood, Colorado, David Montaño (Lynn) of Fountian, Colorado. Four Grandchildren: Amanda (Cliff) Chapman-Shaw of Monte Vista, Colorado, Billy (Sidney) Montaño Of Engelwood, Colorado, Christie Alexander of Fountian, Colorado, Joe Jensen Of Colorado Springs, Colorado. 5 Great-Grandchildren: Tyler & Tegan Chapman-Shaw, Paris Montaño, Devin and Chevelle. A very special friend Linda Espinosa and her loving family; Nadia, Esteban & Nevaeh.

His family was built with blood and bonds, many were lucky to call him Granpo.

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## Remembrances



**Ralph Stevenson**

**Ralph “Jerry” Stevenson III**, 59, of Pueblo, CO, passed away on August 19, 2019 due to complications from parotid gland cancer. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor, dedication to his family, and love of the outdoors.

Jerry grew up in Tampa, Florida and attended college at the University of New Mexico, where he met his wife Catharine. He participated in a student co-op program with the U.S. Forest Service and joined full time as a civil engineer after graduation. Jerry remained with the Forest Service for his entire career, earning his PE certification and working for

several different national forests in New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, Wyoming, and Colorado.

Outside of work, Jerry enjoyed spending time with his wife and daughters through activities such as hiking, camping, and traveling. He was an avid biker, often cycling to work, and he helped develop a network of bike trails while living in Sheridan, WY. Jerry had a passion for the environment and was honored as Colorado Renewable Energy Society volunteer of the year for 2009. Jerry also fulfilled a lifelong goal of writing a novel, which he published under a pen name.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 35 years, Catharine; daughters Holly (John) Lattin and April (Kit) Corey; grandson Shane; mother Sandy; brothers Scott, Mike (Nancy), and Dave; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph.

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### Myron Tjarks

**Myron Tjarks** passed away in Windsor, CO on May 16th. He was living at Windsor Columbine Commons Skilled Nursing for the last 12 months due to increased health complications from Parkinson's.



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**Judy Williams**

**Judy Lee Williams**, 72, passed away on July 11, 2019 at her home in Lawton, OK.

Judy was born on November 14, 1946 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Burl and Minnie Opal Hodgins. She grew up in Germany and Lawton, where she graduated from Lawton High School. After high school she attended

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, earning an Associate Degree. After college she began a long

career with Civil Service, retiring after 25 years. Judy worked in the Regional Office in Area Planning & Development and Cooperative Forestry, S&PF staffs in the late 70's and early 80s. She was a good friend and coworker.

Judy was an avid photographer. She loved to go to the Wichita Mountains and photograph the landscape and wildlife. She also loved to take photographs of her nieces and nephew.

She is survived by her brother Larry Hodgins and wife Kathy of Lawton; nieces Kristy Brinkley and husband Steven of Coweta, OK; Sarah Cox and husband Jason of Barberton, OH; nephew Jeremy Hodgins of Broken Arrow, OK, and 9 great nieces and nephews.



**Richard Woodrow**

**Major Richard E. "Woody" Woodrow** passed quietly after a long illness coping with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

Following his 88th birthday he was ready for the angels to wrap their wings around him and ascend to heaven. He left his time on earth agreeing with a military friend that recently wrote, "You have

lived a charmed life; a marine fighter pilot, a forester graduate from Penn State, married an outstanding woman and had three wonderful daughters. I do not think it can get any better than that."

He has lived his life well in Florida, California, Alaska, Oregon, Colorado and Washington, D.C. He was active in military service as a marine fighter pilot as well as a long period in the reserves.

His first job as a Forest Ranger was in Eagle then he was the Supervisor of the White River National Forest in the 1980s. He was a hero to his daughters who praised him at every opportunity for being "the best Dad ever."

In addition to his wife, Shirley, and daughters, Robin (Wirsing), and Kimberly and Kira Woodrow, he leaves behind his only grandchild, Matt, and two great-grandsons, Calvin and Miles; as well as nephews, a niece and many friends and neighbors who count him as a friend.





# The Last Word

## Conservation in the Countryside

by Tom L. Thompson

We have just barely unpacked our suitcases after spending three weeks in Great Britain on the most recent Rocky Mountaineers international trip. It was a great trip. We started off with a few days in the south part of the island in London and then crisscrossed our way back and forth up and through Wales and on up to the Highlands in Scotland. Much of my ancestry traces back to this part of the world.

Over two thousand miles of travel took us through a number of locations where I have traced my roots, some dating back in Scotland and England over a thousand years. I was able to visit a church in York and find the names of my ninth great-grandparents on the marriage register from 1660. We visited a small village named Dunkeld in Scotland where a twenty-ninth great-grandfather was abbot in about 1030. Near Edinburgh there is a town at the fork of the Kale and Teviot rivers founded in 1160 which bears the family name. My enthusiasm for continuing to work on my family history has been renewed but I also found myself pondering how significant the use of land and resources has influenced that history over time.

It is truly a different feeling to step on soil with so much history, history of family, history of landscape, history of civilization, and in a way history of resources and land. The history there is dominated by kings and queens, by castles and walls, by conquests, by reformation, by cathedrals and abbeys, by battles, by struggles, by suffering, by leadership, and yes it is also about using the resources on this island. Without a doubt, the people of Great Britain have been and continue to be extremely committed to conserving their culture. The people there are proud of their country, their heritage, and their history, albeit the Brexit fiasco is currently putting a little edge on some of the pride for their government.

While we traveled through the countryside I kept thinking about what the land looked like centuries ago when my ancestors lived there. Without question there have been many changes. Evidence of the importance of resources abounds throughout the country and it is amazing to me that the land appears to remain very productive and very beautiful. However, there are striking differences in realities of ownership and management that brings into focus the basic concept and importance of

conservation as a foundation of using the land.

The amount of forested land is significantly less today than it was centuries ago, just as here in North America. Even though the population density is very high with over 700 people per square mile, compared to 91 in the United States, the bulk of these people are in the



*Typical housing block in the City of Edinburgh, Scotland.*

bigger cities and many live in densely spaced apartments. Great Britain covers a little over 93 thousand square miles, just a little less than Colorado but has a population over 6 times the number in Colorado. Comparatively, the rural areas seem sparsely populated. In a sense this differs from what we see especially here on the front range of Colorado with houses beginning to stretch from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins and covering productive farm land with subdivisions and parking lots.

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*Beautiful countryside in Great Britain.*

Land ownership and the lack of “public” land as we know it here in America was perhaps the most apparent and far reaching difference. Even now after visiting there, it is difficult for me to understand how this all works. The underlying reality is that essentially all land belongs to the “crown” and yet through a system of lease hold or free hold property is “owned”. One percent of the population, principally the aristocracy controls or owns fifty per cent of the island.

There is a strong commitment to environment and renewable energy with wind, solar, and hydropower making a significant part of their supply and they are making strong efforts to increase this trend.

Farming is a dominant part of the land use with 73 percent of the land being used for agriculture in England and 50 percent in Wales. Throughout the country, small farms dominate the landscape with a wide variety of crops, sheep and cattle. Scotland has the lowest percentage of farmland at just 26 per cent, but it has the highest percentage in a “natural” category at 71 percent. Prince Charles is strongly committed to conserving the countryside and stated that commitment in a

recent interview when he said, “The countryside and its people cannot be taken for granted.”

There are fourteen national parks but these are different than we have in that these are not necessarily public lands but instead a designation that overlays existing ownership with special controls by a commission to manage use. Twelve of these parks are in England and two are in Scotland. The role of government in managing these lands is significantly different in Great Britain than it is in our country.

The National Trust, established in 1895, is a key entity in preservation, maintenance, and operation of not only National Parks, but also many historic sites, nature reserves, park lands, and just special places. The organization has over two million members and is central to managing the resources, use, and places that the public can access and enjoy. The Trust is a major property holder and has been blessed to be supported by many past and present conservationists. We visited Beatrice Potter’s (1866-1943 and author of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*) home in the Lake District and she in her own right was a great conservationist and instrumental in helping establish the National Trust.



*Beatrice Potter's home Near Sawrey, Lake District, England*

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The importance of conservation is unquestionably apparent when visiting a countryside that has endured many centuries of changes. Species loss over centuries is but one consequence. Moose and bear disappeared over a thousand years ago. Most of the wolves were gone four hundred years ago. Beaver disappeared three to four hundred years. There are no natural predators for the Red Deer and population in some locations is soaring. Though

There appears to be a universal acceptance that resources are to be used. Throughout the trip we saw timber harvest happening in plain view of major highways and towns and log trucks were commonly seen on the roadways. There are continuing efforts to reforest lands and attempts to favor natural tree species to replace stands that were planted after World War II with non-native species, including Sitka and Norway spruce.



*Skiddaw Mountain, the town of Keswick, Cumbria and Derwent Water seen from Walla Crag, Lake District, England.*

*— Photo by David Illif*

controversial, there appears to be interest in reestablishing some of animal populations that have been extirpated from the land. Fishing is an expensive sport compared to here and it was rare to see anyone fishing as we traveled, especially in England and Wales. Loss of native species of plants, animals, fish, and forest are of concern today but the challenges in restoration are huge. We are very fortunate that the concept of conservation and its underlying value became guiding principles for us across our land.

The people of Great Britain love their forests, trails, green ways, lakes, rivers, and parks. Hiking on a significant network of trails is very popular and for many their “holidays” are spent traveling through the countryside or parks.

We are very fortunate in our country to have the public lands we have, the comprehensive foundation of environment laws, and to have embraced the conservation concept as the cornerstone of how we manage our lands and resources.

