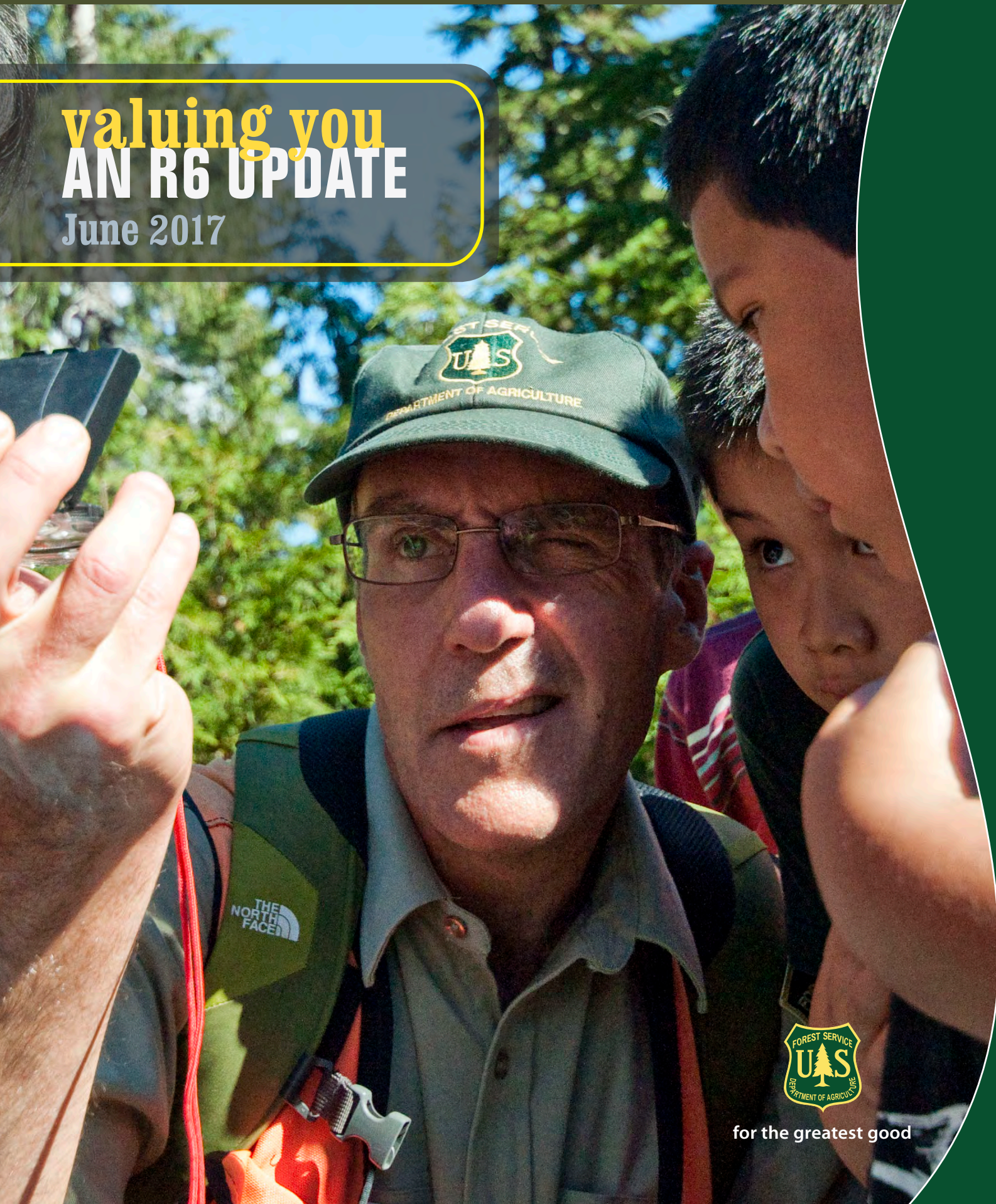




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we're all rangers
TO SOMEBODY



There's something to be said about our Forest Service uniforms. No matter where you are and what your actual job title is, once you put that uniform on you become a "Ranger" in the eyes of the public.

That's important, because an interaction with a Ranger is special. For some it serves as a rite of passage, an integral part of the outdoor experience eagerly shared by both parents and children alike. For others it's literally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get questions answered by subject matter experts.

When a Ranger speaks, people tend to listen. The power of what we say and how we say it, especially when in uniform, should never be underestimated. It doesn't matter if you're a Front Desk Ranger, Field Ranger or an actual District Ranger, we all serve to help people connect to the outdoors.

So the next time you're with a member of the public make the most of the opportunity. Take the time to make a personal connection because for many the experience will be the highlight of their trip and a memory that lasts a lifetime.

Josh Dawson, Editor-at-Large

doing more with more

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHIEF'S REVIEW



Last week members from the Forest Service Executive Leadership Team met in Vancouver, Washington at the headquarters for the Gifford Pinchot NF for the Chief's Review of the Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest.

The relationship between the land, people and communities, wildland fire systems, innovating for a sustainable future, landscape-scale shared stewardship and building capacity were all hot topics that generated a lot of open dialogue and stimulating discussion. Field trips in the Portland, Oregon area, an employee potluck lunch and several social events sponsored by some of our partners rounded out a week of fantastic weather for everybody that was able to participate.





While a more detailed report will be forthcoming, Tom Tidwell, the Chief of the Forest Service, was encouraged by what he said were all "great stories about the awesome."

He discussed the need to be open to working differently. "By working with our partners," Chief Tidwell said, "We'll be able to do more with more."

The Chief closed with some valuable advice. "If you want to be responsive, start with listening. Get curious... find out where things are really coming from," he said, "and meet people where they are, not where you want them to be."



when a wooden wall becomes A WINDOW TO THE OUTDOORS

Did you know that the wooden wall on the way to the Regional Forester's office is made from reclaimed and locally sourced, sustainable wood from the Pacific Northwest?

Constructed from Blue-stain Ponderosa Pine, Juniper, Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar and Oregon White Oak, the wall greets visitors as they enter the offices on the 13th floor of the Regional Office in Portland, Oregon.

It was all possible thanks to the hard work and efforts of our partners at Timber Lake Job Corps, Sustainable NW Wood, the General Services Administration and the Bureau of Land Management



healthy kids day WITH THE YMCA



The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF recently participated in two YMCA-Healthy Kids Day events that drew over 800 students and families in Bellingham and Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Woodsy Owl made a debut at both events and children and families got to have a spotlight moment to take a photograph with him while learning about the Every Kid in a Park initiative, family friendly hikes and local trails in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Colton Whitworth,
Public Affairs Specialist, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF

cutting through and CLEARING THE WAY



In recent years many trails on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF have been heavily impacted by wildfires. Since the 2008 Middle Fork Fire in the Sky Lakes Wilderness approximately 13,000 dead snags have fallen and the Middle Fork Trail and the Halifax trails soon became impassable due to the high number of fallen trees.

That all began to change last year when the Siskiyou Mountain Club teamed up with employees on the High Cascades RD to begin to reclaim the trails. Gabe Howe, president of the non-profit Siskiyou Mountain Club, provided a trail crew for 10 days to start on the multiple year project. The goal is to open several trails to the Seven Lakes Basin and to provide a loop by connecting to the Alta Lake, Pacific Crest and McKie Camp trails. Last year the crew cleared 1,200 downed trees in the first 5 miles of the Middle Fork Trail and they plan to return this summer to provide maintenance and to finish clearing the remaining 3 miles of trail.

"Having Gabe and his amazing crew available to help the Forest has been instrumental in getting these trail systems back in order so that the public can once again enjoy the Sky Lakes Wilderness trails they love so much," said Les Moscoso, Recreation Program Manager for the High Cascades RD on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF.

With experience working in the Kalmiopsis and Red Buttes Wildernesses Gabe is no stranger to working on remote trails. Through funding from REI and memberships and contributions to the Siskiyou Mountain Club he has been successful in gaining community support for the project, and the Forest continues to seek out other grant opportunities to support this effort.

Our success in providing spectacular wilderness experiences relies heavily on the hard work and commitments of members of groups like Siskiyou Mountain Club and the employees of the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF would like to say "thank you" to everybody involved.

Chemise Kramer, Public Affairs Specialist, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF



A blocked portion of the trail...



Is now free and clear of debris.

smokey's mannequin challenge WINS A TELLY AWARD



Andrew Mitchell, current acting Digital Media Specialist for Region 6 was awarded a Bronze Telly Award along with other Angeles National Forest employees for their work in producing the "Smokey Bear's Mannequin Challenge" online video.

The short video appears to be a snapshot of firefighters rushing to suppress an illegal fire. Like other mannequin challenge videos everyone stays frozen in place until Smokey Bear shows up.

With over 250,000 views across several social media platforms, the fire prevention messages in the video have reached well over a million people and was a collaboration between the Angeles National Forest in Region 5 and the Ad Council.

Founded in 1979, the Telly Awards is the premier award honoring the best in TV and Cable, Digital and Streaming and Non-Broadcast Productions. Winners include companies, agencies and organizations of all sizes

To watch "Smokey Bear's Mannequin Challenge" please visit:
<https://youtu.be/8ZSEQLuVbQU>



regional rise to the future awards HONOR NORTHWEST CONSERVATIONS

Fish and watershed program managers from across the region gathered recently to honor the top performers from 2016 with the annual Rise to the Future Awards.

"In this Region we consider these awards the Grammy's, Tony's and Oscar's all rolled into one for natural resource conservationists," said Regional Fisheries Biologist James Capurso.

Nominated by District, Forest and Regional employees, there were 18 award recipients who were all noted for their contribution to fish and watershed conservation in the Pacific Northwest.

Collaborative/Integrated Aquatic Stewardship:

Dick Hollenbeck of Trout Unlimited
Terry Turner of Trout Unlimited
Rebecca Flintcroft of the PNW Research Station
Brooke Penaluna of the PNW Research Station
Bruce Hansen of the PNW Research Station

Friend of the Fish/Watershed:

Jeff Roundy, Patrol Commander
on the Gifford Pinchot NF

Partnership:

Paul Katen from the Salmon Drift Creek Watershed
Mike Anderson from the Wilderness Society

Professional Excellence - Fish Management:

Brad Goehring, Fisheries Program Manager on the Mt. Hood NF
Tom Horning, Fish Biologist from the Clackamas RD on the Mt. Hood NF
Stephanie Miller from the Bureau of Land Management
Mike Sheehan, Fish Biologist from the Middle Fork RD on the Willamette NF

Public Awareness:

Linda Mullens, Botanist from the Wind River RD on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Lookout Mountain Ranger District on the Ochoco NF

Tribal:

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

Line Officer:

John Allen, Forest Supervisor for the Deschutes NF

Director's Award:

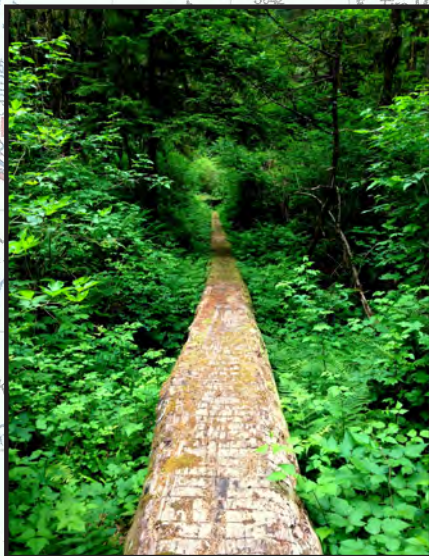
Jeff Uebel, Natural Resources Staff Officer for the Siuslaw NF

digger BEAR



A very special thanks to **Jimmye Turner**, Fire Prevention Specialist, Walla Walla RD, Umatilla NF

where in the region ANSWER



Last issue's **Where in the Region** photo was of the Willaby Creek Trail, located in the "Valley of the Rain Forest Giants" on the Olympic National Forest in Quinault, Washington.

Part of the Quinault National Recreation Trail System, the Willaby Trail can be accessed from multiple trailheads and campgrounds all be found on the south shore of Lake Quinault.

Towering conifers, lush rain forest plants and several waterfalls provide a scenic backdrop to a spectacular hike. In addition to massive Douglas-fir, western hemlock and western red cedar trees you'll find the world's largest Sitka spruce which, at a height of 191 feet and a diameter of over 18 feet, is one of our Nation's largest trees.

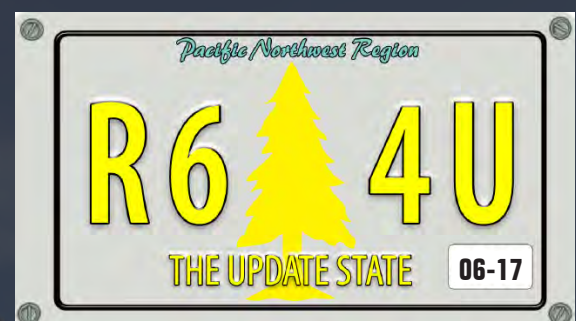
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Win a prize for the most correct answers this quarter!
Using the following haiku,
try to figure out the location of the photo.

Send your guess to r6update@fs.fed.us.

A majestic peak,
Oregon's second highest,
named by Lewis & Clark