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# taking a trip TO FISH LAKE



Long used by Native Americans, the Fish Lake area was an important way stop on Oregon's Santiam Wagon Road. Home to at least one pioneer grave and at one time a hotel and saloon, photos taken in 1892 show people with wagons camping by what is now the Willamette NF's Fish Lake.

The Forest Service established a base for pack and saddle stock during its formative years, and after 1910 the area was sometimes used as the summer headquarters of the Willamette NF's predecessor, the Santiam NF.

Once Highway 20 was constructed there wasn't a need for a way station, but thanks to the hard work of the volunteer group Friends of Fish Lake the remount depot cabins have been restored and are open to the public and available to rent each and every winter from November to early April.







In the early 1970's Forest Service packer L.D. Van Sickle, or "Van" as he liked to be known, began efforts to preserve the historic log buildings at Fish Lake.

With the help of an engine crew he constructed all of the native stone foundations that now sit under the 1920's era buildings, and Van also made the first efforts to present to the public the historic tack, saddles and blacksmithing tools that, to this day, continue to educate visitors and remind us of the work that we used to do.





# friends of fish lake continue WORK WEEK TRADITIONS



In 2005 a group of Forest Service retirees volunteered for the first annual Fish Lake Work Week and quickly formed the Friends of Fish Lake non-profit organization. Working with the Willamette NF and the State Historic Preservation Office of Oregon, the Friends of Fish Lake are guided by the thought that it "is the responsibility of this generation to tell the story of Fish Lake so that future generations will have the opportunity to stand in this place and experience its special history.

For more information: <http://www.fishlakehistoricsite.org>





by Dylan Sickle

# FISH LAKE HISTORICAL OUTLINE

- 1859- ROUTE NEEDED ACROSS CASCADES TO LINK WILLAMETTE VALLEY WITH THE GRAZING LANDS OF EASTERN OREGON. INDIANS OBSERVED USING SANTIAM PASS AS A TRAVEL ROUTE
- 1860- PUBLIC DONATIONS SOUGHT TO BUILD A "FREE" ROAD
- 1864- WILLAMETTE VALLEY AND CASCADE MOUNTAIN WAGON ROAD COMPANY INCORPORATED. SURVEY FOR THE ROAD BEING
- 1866 ROAD COMPLETED FROM WILLAMETTE VALLEY TO CACHE CREEK. EST. COST \$13,000
- 1867 FIRST TOLLGATE ERECTED 3 MILES EAST OF SWEET HOME
- 1867 ROADHOUSE ESTABLISHED AT FISH LAKE, the most popular stopping place ON THE ROAD. SOON BARN, CORRALS, A BLACKSMITH SHOP, HOTELS, A SALOON AND CABINS BUILT.
- 1871 T. Egerton Hogg gains control of the road company.
- 1871 ROAD INSPECTED AND 860,000 ACRES OF LAND CONVEYED TO COMPANY
- 1875 CHARITY ANN NOBLE MARKS AND INFANT SON DIE AT FISH LAKE IN OCT. AND ARE BURIED.
- 1880 COMPANY INVESTIGATED FOR LAND FRAUD
- 1881 WAGON ROAD COMPANY RETAINS CONTROL OF DEEDED LANDS.
- 1891 FOREST RESERVE ACT, FOREST LANDS SURVEYED "PAPER RESERVES"
- 1905 USFS ESTABLISHED, FISH LAKE USED AS RANGER OUTPOST, FIRE PATROLS
- 1905 FIRST AUTOMOBILE CROSSES CASCADES ON SANTIAM WAGON ROAD
- 1907 ROADHOUSE AT FISH LAKE CEASES OPERATION
- 1914 FISH LAKE PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY USFS, CASCADIA R.D. OF THE SANTIAM N.F.
- 1921 DISPATCHER'S CABIN BUILT
- SUPERVISOR'S CABIN, COMMISARY, WOOD SHED, SPRINGHOUSE, AND FIRE HOSE SHED BUILT
- 1930 FISH LAKE BECOMES IMPORTANT FIRE FIGHTING REMOUNT STATION
- 1933 WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST FORMED BY COMBINING SANTIAM & CASCADE N.F.
- 1934 BARN, GAS HOUSE, CORRALS, STORAGE SHED, BLACKSMITH SHOP BUILT BY CCC
- 1939 SANTIAM HIGHWAY COMPLETED





# saving a life on the ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU

Regional Forester Jim Peña and Chief of the Forest Service Tony Tooke were recently in Cave Junction, Oregon to personally acknowledge the life-saving efforts of Bryan Swanberg, Shane Bedard, Cindy Preston and Anna Tankersley for saving a man suffering from full cardiac arrest on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF.

An electrical contractor was at Lake Selmac, helping to set up facilities for the Chetco Bar Fire, when an extra hand was needed to raise the frame of one of the yurts. While helping, the contractor fell to the ground and collapsed. Bryan Swanberg, a paramedic who was working as the Receiving and Distribution Manager at a campground shelter just a few yards away, thought it might have been a seizure but as he ran to the scene he quickly realized, after checking the man's pulse and breathing, that this was no seizure; the man had fallen into full cardiac arrest.

Bryan yelled for nearby Emergency Medical Technician Shane Bedard to grab the automated external defibrillator (AED) out of his vehicle and quickly began CPR. Cindy Preston made contact with 911 and requested both an ambulance and a Life Flight, and while Bryan and Shane had placed the AED pads on the man the machine did not indicate that a shock was required.

After several cycles of CPR the man regained a pulse and started breathing on his own, wondering what had happened. Anna Tankersley arrived on-scene shortly after and helped care for the patient until the Cave Junction ambulance was able to arrive approximately 30 minutes later.

With excessively smokey skies the decision was made to not wait for Life Flight and the patient was loaded onto the ambulance to be driven directly to Medford's Rogue Regional Medical Center. After discovering 100% blockage of one artery, a stint was placed and normal bloodflow was restored, leaving the man recover in the cardiac unit for a few days while his electrician son stepped in to finish the job that his father had started.

***Karen Ripley***, Forest Entomologist/Forest Health Monitoring Coordinator, Regional Office





# collecting a bumper crop THROUGH FEDS FEED FAMILIES



Created to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during the leaner summer months, the Feds Feed Families campaign in the Regional Office collected 15,982 pounds of food over the course of five weeks for those in need in the Portland metro area.

This year we worked with three different charities: FISH Vancouver, a provider of nutritionally balanced food located just across the river in Washington, a family-run food bank in Beaverton, Oregon by the name of Sunshine Pantry and The Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division.

Every department participated, and together we surpassed our goal of collecting 10,000 pounds of food for people who might have otherwise have gone hungry.

Thank you for making a difference.

For more information: <https://go.usa.gov/xnqMH>

*Jackie Parmer, Program Admin Assistant, RLM, Regional Office*





# service first team releases CUSTOM MAPPING SOFTWARE

The Service First Mobile GIS Team recently announced the release of a major update to their custom mapping and field data collection software for Android smartphones and tablets. Sponsored by the FS and the Oregon State Office of the BLM, the newest version of S1 Mobile 3.1 includes some exciting new capabilities, enhancements to existing features and a whole new way to download the app.

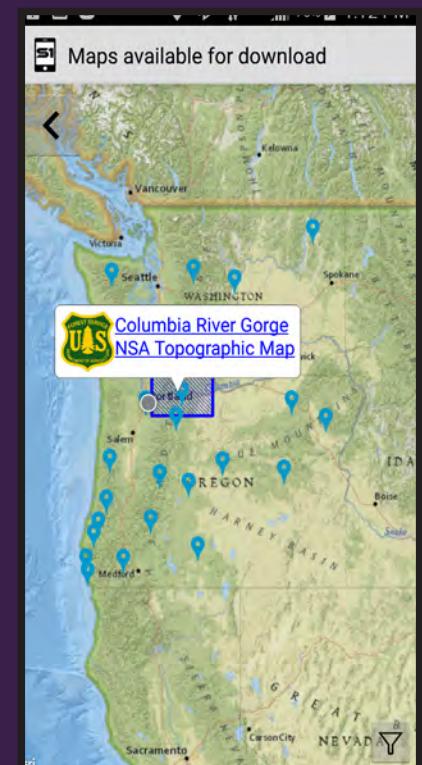
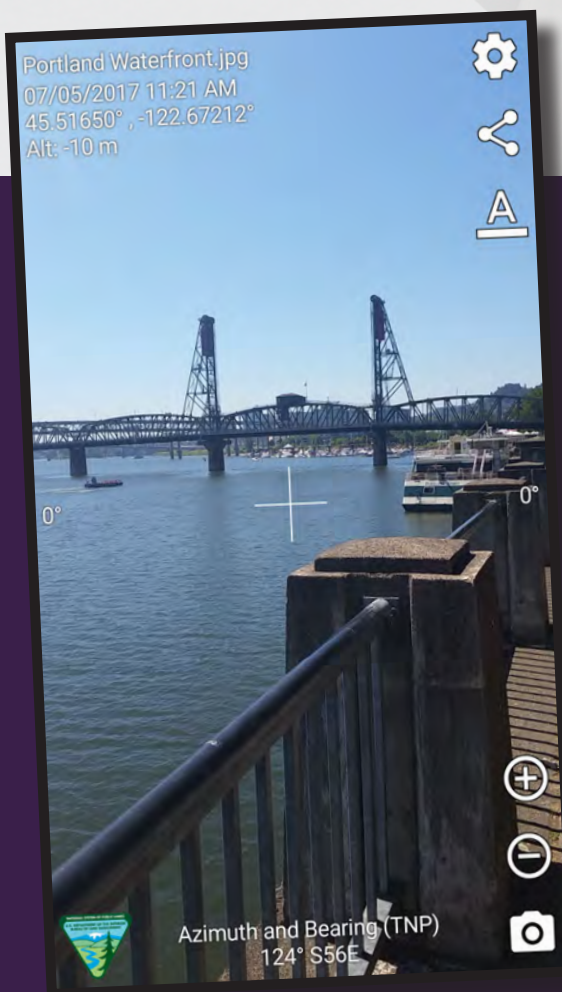
Because field work commonly occurs in remote areas with no network access, this application's emphasis is on the display, collection and update of geospatial data with minimal network activity. Data is downloaded and cached on the device, and edits can then be uploaded using servers at a time and location that is most convenient for our field personnel.

The newest version is now available for download under the name "S1 Mobile Mapper" via the Google Play store and allows push notifications for updates and changes directly to your device. There's also a public viewer mode that automatically opens when the application is launched which allows anyone with the app to download free maps for offline reference while exploring the outdoors.

For users wishing to harness the full capabilities of the application, simply click the "S1" button located in the application and login with your USFS or BLM ArcGIS Online account.

For a complete list of capabilities and a comprehensive guide: <https://go.usa.gov/xn3Nk>

**Kathryn Strawn**, R6 Mobile GIS Coordinator, Data Resources Management





## monitoring wild horses ON THE OCHOCO



In a quest to develop a more accurate wild horse census for the Ochoco NE, volunteers from the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition and crew members from the Oregon Youth Conservation Crew helped double counting efforts with a second ride to help provide a more complete picture of the herd's condition, demographics and location.

The youth crew members, led by Range Specialist Tory Kurtz, used a line-intercept method developed by District Wildlife Biologist Andrew Passarelli and information collected will be used in the development of a new and updated Herd Management Plan.



## oregon community trees HONORS ENTOMOLOGIST

Oregon Community Trees has honored La Grande resident and Wallowa-Whitman NF entomologist Lisa Spiegel with an Urban and Community Forestry Award for her outstanding accomplishment and leadership in promoting and protecting community forests and improving the quality of life in Oregon.

For over 10 years she has served on the City of La Grand Community Landscape and Forestry Commission, acting as chair and vice chair. She's helped plant over 1,200 shade trees, was instrumental in drafting the current Landscape and Forestry Master Plan for the city, and she's worked with the local utility company to ensure proper pruning of trees around powerlines.

"La Grande can be proud to have such an avid promoter of trees as Lisa Spiegel," said Teresa Gustafson, city arborist and board member with Oregon Community Trees. "The efforts of dedicated advocates like Lisa help ensure urban forests for the benefit of the whole community."





# where in the region PAST ANSWERS



## 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Kim Bates** on the Umpqua NF /Dorena GRC  
**Faith Brown** on the Fremont-Winema NF  
**Brett Carré** on the Columbia River Gorge NSA  
**Eric Dreher** for Data Resources Management  
**Robin Gyorgyfalvy** on the Deschutes NF  
**Christine Hirsch** out of the Regional Office  
**Ken Kittrell** for R6 out of Bend, OR  
**David Knutson** on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF  
**Jerry Messinger** for the Redmond Air Center  
**Barton Wills** on the Ochoco and Deschutes NF's

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

**James Carnahan** on the Malheur, Umatilla and  
 Wallowa-Whitman NF's  
**Danielle Cochran** on the Deschutes NF  
**Susan Currier** on the Deschutes NF  
**Chris Highfield** for Data Resources Management  
**Laurie Montgomery** on the Malheur NF  
**Kenneth Ratliff** for the Washington NF's  
**Arianna Tabibzadeh Nuri** for the Regional Office  
**Randall Wood** for the Regional Office



digger  
BEAR



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

## where in the region ANSWER



Last month's *Where in the Region* photo was taken in central Oregon's **Crooked River National Grassland**.

Located in the path of totality, the area containing the Middle Deschutes and Lower Crooked Rivers was a perfect venue for viewing this summer's solar eclipse. With wide open spaces, the grassland was originally home to bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue and some sagebrush, rabbitbrush, bitterbrush and juniper.

In the 1880's homesteaders arrived with plows and hopes of growing grain. Eventually 700 homesteads were established, but inadequate rainfall in the 1930's caused the farms to fail and the homesteaders began to abandon their land. The federal government stepped in to buy the land back, and since then over 63,000 acres have been seeded and replanted on the Crooked River National Grassland.

For more information: <https://go.usa.gov/xnqMB>

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# where IN THE REGION

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](mailto:r6update@fs.fed.us).

A natural hole  
drains a known but misplaced lake  
near Santiam Pass