

## Boots in the Forest

# FORESTRY TECHNICIAN - RECREATION

Hi, I'm Lloyd Brown, a seasonal forestry technician on the Fillmore Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest. I work in the recreation and trails program, which means I clean ATV and foot trails, as well as coordinate and work with prison crews that help us with this work.

### How long have you been in this position?

I started on July 3, 1977. I taught US history, economics, geography, and government in high school and wanted a summer job. After I was hired, I cleaned campgrounds for eight years and then moved to trails work. After 34 years, I retired from teaching but continued to work as a seasonal employee for the Forest Service. I have been working for the Forest Service for 38 years.

### Where were you when this photo was taken?

I was on the Maple Hollow Trail, which is five miles east of Holden, Utah. There is an old sawmill site about one mile up the trail.

### What were you doing that day?

I was cleaning a foot trail. There should be an arm's width and 8-foot high clearing on the trails so I clear tree branches, fallen trees, rocks, and other debris off the trails.

### What footwear were you wearing?

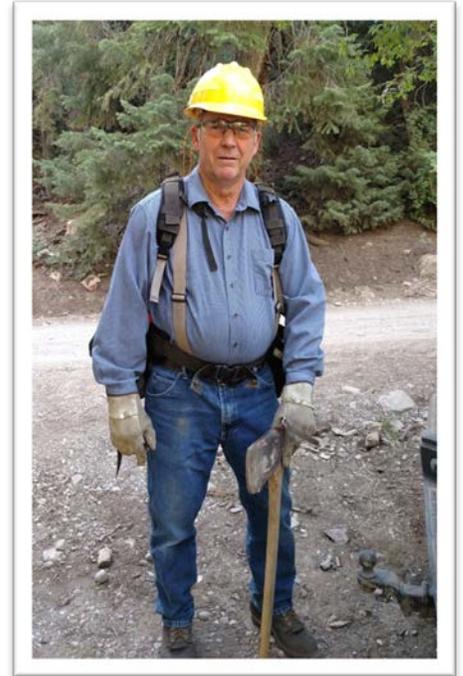
I was wearing leather work boots, which have good support and a deep tread for a firm grip on rough surfaces. I like well-made boots that last four to five years.

### What is an ideal workday in your boots?

Being organized and getting work done. No meetings!

### What is most interesting about your job?

I enjoy being out in country where few people go. I get to see wildlife such as deer, elk and small game, as well as the old trees. I enjoy the sounds of the forest environment.



*Lloyd wears durable boots that stand up to several summers of trail work.*

## What is a highlight of your job?

Reconstructing or rerouting a trail. I enjoy designing trails because it's a challenge to avoid hazards while making them safer for the public.

## What kind of education and training do you need for this type of work?

You need to understand maps, trail procedures, cleaning, and construction methods. You should be able to organize the entire summer's work and to adjust to weather and the prison crew.

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## Why do you like your job?

It keeps me busy and in good physical condition while serving the public.

## What do you do in your free time?

I like to hunt and fish in the local mountains, as well as in northern Idaho, where I am from. I also enjoy gardening and spending time with family.

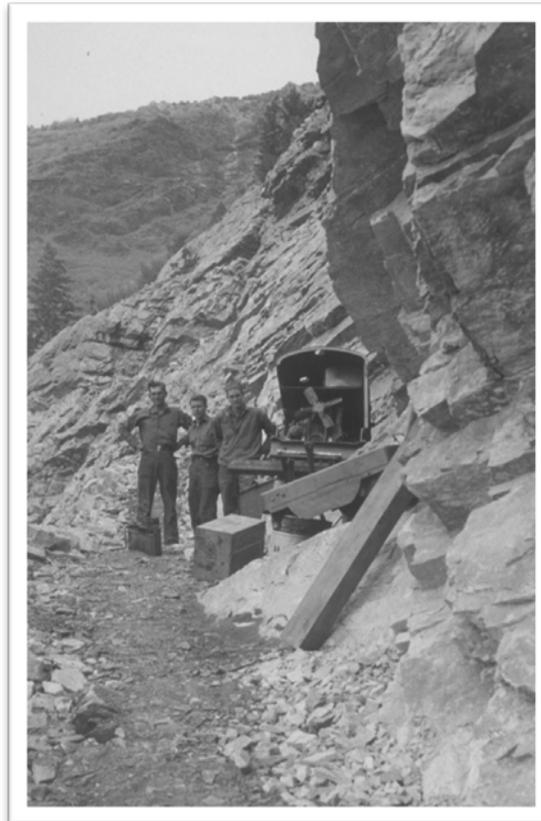
## What does working for the Forest Service mean to you?

I enjoy serving the public by cleaning the trails and by being knowledgeable about the trails and road conditions.

## TRAILS ON THE FISHLAKE NF

The Fishlake National Forest offers hiking and riding trails with spectacular views and opportunities to view wildlife and smell the flowers. Visit their website to learn more about [day hiking](#) and [backpacking](#) opportunities. The [Great Western Trail](#) extends from Montana to Arizona.

[OHV riding](#) is a very popular activity on the Forest, which has approximately 2,700 miles of trails and road available for motorized use, including the Paiute ATV Trail System and portions of the Great Western Trail. The [Paiute ATV Trail](#) is a lengthy route that crosses Federal, state, and private land.



Men in the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed or improved hundreds of trails in the Intermountain Region, including this trail to Willard Basin (northern Utah) in 1939.