

Treasure Valley Forest Service Retirees

March 2019

Message from the President

By
F. Carl Pence

Interesting Winter and Other Things

If you were to listen to today's media relative to weather, one would think the current winter has never happened before. The analysis by today's weather "experts" is generally based on an average of recorded temperatures and precipitation. I remember from my college statistics course that an average has little reflection of what "normal" might be. Weather includes



lots of extremes, and historical records don't go very far into the past, a couple hundred years at best.

For example, a study of geology reflects weather induced situations which go way beyond what human records indicate. So, take what you hear relative to weather, and a lot of other things, with a

little salt.

I am amazed at how short and limited human memory is. Often it only covers a couple decades. I was reminded of that a week or so ago when I was helping my oldest granddaughter look up some things on the computer for a paper, she was preparing for a 6th grade assignment. While we were doing it, I mentioned that when her father was her age, he had to use a set of encyclopedias for such information. She replied, "What is an encyclopedia?" So, we Goggled "encyclopedia" and it showed what most of us remember, a big bookcase full of Encyclopedia Britannica's, "A to Z". Vicki and I threw our old set away during one of our recent moves.

Needless to say, she was amazed that such a thing existed and was used by the last two generations. Of course, that ended up with me saying; "Now, when I was your age my parents couldn't afford a set of encyclopedias", so I depended upon the school library's set of encyclopedias' and because other students were also using them, often for the same assignment, it was tough to get assignments done." Yes, life was tough-

different then. But it was great, as we didn't have many of the social problems today's generation faces.

But I'll go back to weather and my memory of how winter affected my parents. My parents often

related how hard the drought years of the thirties were in Big Lost River, Idaho. And, my father used to repeat stories his father gave him about the winters of 1886-87. Dad's father, J. R. Pence, came into Big Lost River in the early 1880's as foreman of his uncle's cattle enterprise. Things went well until the winter of 1886-87, when they lost around 3,000 head because of the terrible winter, which is depicted in C.M. Russell's famous painting titled, "Last of the Five Thousand". Russell was a cowboy in Montana at the time. Of course, they didn't raise hay in those days like they do now, so throughout the west during that winter livestock losses were great. After that, Grandpa homesteaded in Big Lost River and ranched successfully, with a lot less cattle and harvested hay to keep them alive for the winter. Here is a picture of Grandpa J. R. Pence in 1914. It looks like he stepped out of a Clint Eastwood movie.

Grandpa had a hitch as Custer Co. Sheriff after his ranch was bought by an irrigation company and his property was covered by the Mackay Reservoir. At that time, Mackay was a developing mining town. I doubt he ever



SHERIFF "J.R." PENCE, (1864-1945) MACKAY, ID. circa 1914

saw a set of encyclopedias. And, like my granddaughter wouldn't know what one was. ^ϕ

Planning a Vacation?

With the chilly temperatures and snow lately, it's hard to imagine summer will ever come. But believe it or not, summer will be here before you know it and now is the perfect time to start planning some great trips to our National Forests! Did you know you can book a Forest Service cabin or lookout tower six months in advance? Visit Recreation.gov to plan the perfect summer getaway now. ^ϕ

Boise National Forest Timber News

The High Forks GNA Ton timber sale on the Emmett Ranger District is the first Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) timber sale on the Boise National Forest and Idaho's fifth timber sale sold under GNA. Good Neighbor is a federal law that enables the Forest Service to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to achieve restoration and resilient landscape objectives across ownership boundaries in Idaho.

"Utilizing the Good Neighbor Authority, we were able to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands to sell the High Forks GNA Ton timber sale. This partnership has given the Forest additional capacity to do more work on the ground," said Cecilia Seesholtz, Boise National Forest Supervisor. "In addition, the GNA generated income will be reinvested in areas on the Forest to improve forest and watershed health and increase fire resilient landscapes."

"The Good Neighbor Authority is an important tool, allowing us to form an even stronger partnership with the Forest Service to more fully implement forest plans and improve the health of our National Forests," IDL Director Dustin Miller said. "Our experienced IDL foresters and staff and streamlined contracting procedures help our partners achieve harvesting targets and restoration goals in a more efficient and expedited fashion."

Agreements are in place on four national forests in Idaho. IDL expects to sell up to four additional GNA timber sales in 2019 that will treat combined will treat more than 3,700 acres. Revenues generated from GNA sales offset state costs, remaining funds are now being used to accomplish a wide range of management activities such as reforestation, riparian protection, road improvements, Forest monitoring and treatment of noxious weeds.

This timber sale auction and other planned GNA projects elsewhere in Idaho are the result of nearly three years of work between the State of Idaho, Forest Service, timber companies, forest collaboratives and the local communities. ^ϕ

The National Museum of Forest Service History

The National Museum of Forest Service History – the **only** museum in the country dedicated to preserving and sharing **YOUR** history of the Forest Service and conservation – is on a roll!

Many Forest Service retirees are members, but if you're not, they'd like you to consider joining them. Here's why:

- The Museum is a nonprofit organization separate from the USFS; however, we work closely with the agency and have a Memo of Understanding with the Chief's office. We work diligently and collaboratively to archive and share your important history. A Capital Campaign is on-going to build a world-class facility in Missoula, MT.
- Simultaneously, here are the ways your history is being preserved, and how your story is being told:
 - **50,000 items in the collection** – documents, photos, artifacts, and equipment – many of which are now available online to students, teachers, researchers and the general public. They have, for example, "A Primer of Forestry," a booklet published in 1900 written by Gifford Pinchot.
 - **Virtual and Traveling Exhibits** – their newest virtual exhibit, "Case Study #1" is a fascinating look at the first timber sale on U.S. government land in 1899 on the Black Hills Forest Reserve in South Dakota. A traveling exhibit, "Minerals We Use Every Day: Mined from our National Forests" has traveled coast to coast, and is currently at the Cradle of Forestry in western North Carolina.
 - **High-caliber conservation education for students and teachers**, through very successful Library of Congress funded teacher workshops, and Field Days for students at the Missoula 36-acre campus.

- *A Missoula campus now open to the public.* Newly opened in 2017, the campus features a variety of conservation education exhibits, such as:
 - An historic Ranger’s Cabin from the Bungalow Ranger District (ID), which serves as a Visitor’s Center with exhibits and small gift shop;
 - A winding interpretive Forest Discovery Trail among a Champion Grove of trees, with beautiful signage of Forest Service history, including a 100-year timeline;
 - A pack corral built by volunteers of Backcountry Horseman, where, for example, the Ninemile Pack Team can come and serve as literal living history; and
 - A L-4 Fire Lookout, originally built for the Smithsonian Folk Art Festival on the Washington, D.C. mall.
- *Educational, community, family events* like an “Old Fashioned Forest Service Christmas” which drew more than 750 people in a single afternoon with Santa (and his Pack Team!), live music, campfire, and refreshments; and an “Evening with Teddy: Roosevelt Comes Alive!” event, Sold Out in Missoula and upcoming in Phoenix, AZ (April 12th) with Roosevelt portrayer and “Illustrator” who tells, and draws! Roosevelt’s rich conservation story and the history of the USFS.

Join Today! And Join the hundreds of your Forest Service retiree colleagues who are supporting YOUR history, YOUR legends, YOUR incredible dedication to conservation. Go to <https://forestservicemuseum.org/become-a-member/> to join now.

Forest Service Employees

The retirees passed a motion to welcome active Forest Service Employees into the Treasure Valley Forest Service Retiree organization at the annual meeting. Application and instructions on page 9.

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Treasurer’s Report

If you can’t remember your status, contact Joan Oliver at 505-449-8370 or email missbrandydog@yahoo.com. You can make Check to: Treasure Valley Forest Service Old Timer’s Club and mail to: Joan Oliver, 11134 W. Bridgetower Dr., Boise, ID 83709. Your dues pay for the club furnished items for the annual picnic, lunches for guest speakers, newsletter mailing expenses, and other miscellaneous items as needed. †

Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic is scheduled at the Municipal Park; Shelter #1; 500 South Walnut Street, Boise, ID on **June 19, 2019**. The club furnished chicken, coffee, bottled water, plates, cups, silver ware (plastic) cups, napkins. Elections of officers will be held. †

Seven Quick Facts About River Otters

by
Hannah Ettema
National Forest Foundation

ENHANCED COATS

Due to the frequency otters are in and out of water, their fur needs to withstand wet and dry. Water repellent fur helps keeps them warm and dry.

HOW LONG CAN YOU HOLD YOUR BREATH?

Otters can stay under water for eight minutes.

EXPERT SWIMMERS

As a sometimes-aquatic creature, it shouldn’t be a surprise that otters can swim up to seven miles per hour and dive down 60 feet.

A VARIED DIET

It’s no surprise that otters love fish, but they’re also partial to amphibians, turtles and crayfish.

A ONE PARENT OPERATION

Fathers do not play a role in parenting. Females will go to their underground den to deliver anywhere from one

to six young. At about two months, they're pushed in the water and made to swim.

SLIDING IS A THING

In the winter, otters have found the easiest and perhaps most fun way to get around is by sliding. After a few bumps, they can slide up to 22 feet on the ice. In warmer times, you may also see otters sliding down a riverbank.

BY LAND AND BY SEA

Otters thrive on land and in the water. Whether it's a lake, river, swamp or estuary, otters like a mix of land and water. They can be found throughout North America and our National Forests.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEETING

CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WEATHER

MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM-

PLACE: GOLDEN CORRAL

MARCH 20, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: DAVID WILSON – LONG TERM HEALTH CARE

DISCUSSION

APRIL MEETING AND PROGRAM-

PLACE: GOLDEN CORRAL

APRIL 17, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: Lynn Oliver – Boise NF "PODS" -grouping National Forests together for combined target achievement. Also, road access issue

MAY MEETING AND PROGRAM-

PLACE: GOLDEN CORRAL

MAY 15, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: NIFC

June Annual Meeting and Picnic-

PLACE: SHELTER #1; 500 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, BOISE

JUNWE19, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

CLOSE CALLS

By
C. Eugene Brock

I am sure that most of you reading this article have had similar events in your Forest Service careers. I assume that most of you had field experience. I remember that when someone was trying to reach me, the answer was always the same...." Oh, he's in the field." I figured it out that I must have driven close to a million miles in my thirty some years with the Service. I only had one vehicle accident, but some others that were "close calls". Snowy, slick roads were primarily to blame. Two such events I vividly recall.

In the middle of winter, I and another employee were driving to Boise after checking on the loggers. We were

cautiously driving the river road between Garden Valley and Banks. I came to the intersection with the main highway. I touched the brakes and to my surprise, the truck kept on going right past the stop sign and across



the highway. Two things helped me survive: one was no cars coming either direction. I just slid across toward the river. The second thing in my favor was the convenient bridge across the road. I just slid on across.

Checking on the loggers again, still in the middle of winter, Joe Egger and I headed up to where

the crews were working. On a single-track road, we were traveling uphill on about a 5% grade. About half way up the hill, we spotted a log truck coming down-grade. We heard the blast of the air horn and realized he couldn't stop. We quickly, and I mean quickly, came to a stop and put the truck in reverse and proceeded to try to outrun him while looking for a pull-off spot. The truck was getting bigger and closer. Just in the nick of time, we backed off into a wide space as the truck came rolling by.

I was fortunate to be a ranger on two different districts with wild and scenic rivers. The Smith River in California was a popular white-water destination. We were

floating the North Fork, which had several class five rapids a couple of times when the water was



high. Those on board were some mining executives and a U.S. attorney. Somewhere along the trip, the attorney went overboard. We were able to retrieve him, except that we pulled him in with such gusto, he went sailing clear over the other side of the raft into the water. He jokingly said, "Are you trying to drown me?" Well, maybe it wasn't jokingly. Not too much later, we came to a rapid. Somehow, the guide missed the channel and we hit a rock. Suddenly, the guide was yelling, "High

side, High side”. Before long, we were in a wrapped raft. With three out of the raft, we worked out away from the rock. You might guess the attorney was getting somewhat paranoid.

Horses and mules are another subject, there are many ways these critters can cause trouble. I only had a couple of close calls while in the saddle. I was riding on the river trail, downstream from Indian Creek Guard Station. The trail was perfectly fine except there were some root wads and the horse got his foot tied up and over he fell. It seemed like slow-motion. As we were falling, I am thinking “this is not good”. No time to get my foot out of the stirrup and down we went, maybe four feet off the trail. I’m not sure how I did not get hurt with my leg under the horse as we hit the ground. I wiggled loose and the horse was on all fours. He looked at me and I think I heard him say, “what happened?” I did get bucked off a few times, usually from horses I was not familiar with.

I had another instance when freeze-branding the horses and mules. The crew told me there were a couple of mules that did not like you messing with them. The crew knew how to handle them, even if they were not cooperative. They would either “twitch” the nose or place a rope under one hind leg. Besides their ability to kick in unusual positions, some had long necks and could bite you from a variety of positions. I kept my distance but one of the crew, despite their precautions, still got nipped.

Trail bikes are another subject. There are just too many ways that a person might come out second best. Bikes are metal, the person on the bike has flesh and bones. I was off the trail, going around a fallen tree. I proceed to drive over a 6- or 8-inch diameter log. The tree bark was slick. Instead of going over, the wheel got sideways and laid the bike down. The forward motion became sideways, sliding down the tree with stubs sticking up. My leg was between the bike and the tree. Guess who comes out second best. I was afraid to look under my pant leg to see the damage. Other than looking like an alligator had got ahold of me, not too bad.

I had just got a Honda 250. I did not want speed, so I had the sprocket changed to a 52 tooth. With the combination of the power and the gear, you could start off in 3rd gear. My recreation assistant wanted to inspect one of the bike trails. His bike was one of the old-style tote goats. I said to him, “Here, try this bike and see how you like it.” We had not gone too far on the trail. He was ahead of me. I kept a safe distance behind him. I came around a sharp bend in the trail and I could not see him ahead. I stopped momentarily and a voice from above, said, “I’m up here”. I could not believe what I was seeing. I have heard of airplanes landing in the top of a

tree, but a motor bike? I asked him what happened. He said, “I gave it some gas and the thing spun out of control and went off the trail and somehow, I landed up in the tree”. No injuries—just scared half to death.

I have not mentioned airplanes and helicopters. Back in the early 60’s, the Forest had a couple of helicopters under contract. These were some early model Bells. They were under-powered before the engines were modified. A couple of employees and myself had been on a fire close to Jackson Peak Lookout. A heli-pad had been constructed near the lookout. We were notified that a ‘copter would pick us up. The helicopter arrived and we loaded what gear we had and took off for the ranger station. We had no more than gotten airborne when the motor quit. The pilot went into quick action and put the ship in auto-gyro. Somehow, we were not flying, only heading toward Mother Earth. Talk about puckering. After a few seconds, the motor re-started and all I could say was “Thank You, Lord”.

In the Spring of the year, we always kept track of the run-off, particularly in the high country. I had chartered a flight with the sheriff of Boise County. We were flying to Bear Valley where one of our work stations was located. We flew over the road leading to the station to see if some of the road was melting off. The station is above 6000 ft. From the air, we had painted one of the telephone poles so we could judge how deep the snow was. As I recall, the poles were red, blue and green. We had a pretty good look and started back to Idaho City. We were flying along one of the meadows. All of a sudden, we were in a snowstorm and the visibility was zero. I told the sheriff that none of the peaks are over 8500. He said his altimeter was not reliable. After a short while, he said to me, “I think it’s lighter over there”. I am looking and thinking, he must have different glasses than mine because I’m not seeing any light, just snow on the windshield. I guess he knew what he was talking about. Sure enough, we broke out of the storm to blue skies. I almost got puckered again.

Maybe these stories will jog your memory and let’s hear about your encounters. †

National Association of Forest Service Retirees Directors Meeting

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees Directors met in Phoenix February 12 and 13, 2019. The minutes of the entire meeting may be found at <https://www.nafsr.org/docs/BOD-Meeting-Notes/2019/022819-Phoenix%20BOD%20Meeting%20Notes%20Final.pdf> but here are the 2018 Activities and Accomplishments

that Jim Caswell, chairman, and Larry Payne, Vice Chairman, outlined.

- Refocused on our main purpose as an advocacy group.
- Redesigned our Plan of Work with a lead assigned to each issue. The lead will recruit additional help if needed.
- Fire Funding was a major issue in 2018. We identified key people to work on this issue and it resulted in success.
- Added new board members – Greg Griffith from R-3 and Don Howlett from R-9, as well as two Chiefs Emeritus – Mike Dombeck and Tom Tidwell.
- Reached out to the Department of Agriculture to join the task force on rural prosperity - nothing has yet happened with the task force.
- Sent a letter to Secretary Perdue on criteria for selection of the new Chief.
- Sent letters to Secretary Perdue and Chief Tooke on Job Corp closures.
- Phil Aune gave a talk to Back Country Horsemen at their national meeting.
- Conducted a Membership Survey in October.
- Wrote a letter of support for the nomination of Jim Hubbard as Under Secretary.
- Visited with Senator Daines (MT) regarding hearings on Jim Hubbard.
- We produced a set of questions for Jim Hubbard's nomination as Under Secretary and gave them to the appropriate senators.
- Joined with the National Museum of Forest Service History to present the first "Doug Leisz Leadership Award".
- Passage of the Farm Bill required many calls and time-consuming effort.
- EADM (Environmental Analysis Decision Making) – Board members attended 7 of 9 regional meetings around the country. We continue to be involved in the on-going process.
- Supported FLPMA authorization.
- Anne Zimmermann attended the North American Wildlife Meeting in Roanoke, VA on behalf of the Board and provided a written report.
- At his request, several Board members met with Secretary Perdue in April in Washington, DC to discuss current issues.
- In response to Secretary Perdue, we produced the 44-page report, "Sustaining the Forest Service" dated September 12, 2018. The report focuses on three major topics – 1) CEQ Regulations changes (Ranotta McNair – lead), 2) EADM Process /NEPA regulation changes (Rich Stem - lead), and 3) ESA Reform (Jack Troyer – lead).

- Jim Caswell wrote a commentary on EADM which was published in the January 2019 issue of the Journal of Forestry.
- Developed several support letters including for the re-authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Working on a new retiree outreach initiative. Leads are Tom Thompson and Jack Troyer.
- Jim Caswell attended the Public Lands Foundation's Student Congress in August. NAFSR will fully participate in the 2020 Student Congress. Jim has talked to the Chief about this topic on three different occasions.
- Board members met with Secretary Perdue at the FS Reunion in Asheville, NC in September.
- Wrote a "Thank You Letter" to Congressman Westerman, the only Congressional Representative that is a Forester, for his excellent Op Ed on the Budget Process.
- Larry Payne really likes the Business Model we adopted at the last Business Meeting. Operating without an Executive Director and assigning a Board Member to each task. That Board Member can then pull together membership retirees to work on the task. Lynn Sprague for our club also participated in the meeting.

Pay Raise News

Thanks to the unyielding advocacy of NARFE and our network of determined grassroots advocates, Congress passed a modest 1.9 percent average federal pay raise, retroactive to the first pay period of 2019, as part of a fiscal year 2019 appropriations package.

This legislation annulled President Trump's executive order freezing federal pay. Despite this accomplishment, Feds have yet to see this raise reflected in their paychecks. It is now reported that federal employees can expect to receive the increase sometime in late March or early April. Before pay raises can kick in, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) must publish new pay tables to update agency payroll systems, and President Trump is needs to issue an executive order to officially implement the raise. (*NARFE Newswatch*)

Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Transfer

In July 2019, the Department of Labor (DOL) will transfer operational control of the Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center property in Nampa, Idaho, from the U.S. Forest Service to the Idaho Department of Labor. This unexpected decision was made at the Departmental level, a surprise for local employees as well as Chief Christiansen. The following new release was published by Department of Labor (DOL) on December 21, 2018.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta and Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter today announced a Job Corps Demonstration Project that will make Idaho the first state in the nation to assume operational control of a Job Corps center and the responsibility to provide skills instruction to Job Corps students.

"Job Corps must focus on what matters most: graduating students into better jobs. As the Department of Labor works to reform the Job Corps program, this demonstration project will help the Department determine how it can use different program models to more effectively serve students," said Secretary Acosta. "I am proud that Idaho is the first state to be trusted with this important program," said Governor Otter. "The Idaho JOB Corps model is intended to increase access to and enrollment in education and work-based learning for out-of-school and at-risk Idaho youth by leveraging existing resources and programs to better serve Idaho youth in getting the education and training they need in high-demand fields. I want to thank my Department of Labor Director Melinda Smyser; Trent Clark, the Chair of the Idaho Workforce Development Council; Wendi Secrist, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council, and Dr. Bert Glandon, President of the College of Western Idaho, for their hard work on Idaho's program proposal. I also extend my appreciation to Secretary Acosta for his willingness to work with Idaho on this unique demonstration project."

"Providing the tools for Idaho's 'at-risk' students to be highly successful post-graduation is of the utmost importance to me, and that's what this grant will help Job Corps accomplish," said Governor-elect Brad Little. "This money will be used to customize learning opportunities that fit the unique needs of our state's future workforce. The best hand up is a rewarding career."

Through a federal grant, this State-Operated Job Corps Demonstration Project, known as the Idaho JOB Corps Program, will provide flexibility to the state to develop and implement a customized, state-based, approach to serving Idaho Job Corps students. In July 2019, the Department of Labor will transfer operational control of the Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center property in Nampa, Idaho, from the U.S. Forest Service to the Idaho Department of Labor.

The Idaho Department of Labor will be directly responsible for project outreach, recruitment, work-based learning, and employment related services. The College of Western Idaho will deliver skills instruction at the current Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. In the first full grant year, the Idaho JOB Corps Program will serve up to 50 residential students and up to 100 non-residential students through the College of Western Idaho, pending approval from the CWI Board of Trustees. In the second and third years

of the grant, the Idaho JOB Corps Program will expand to serve up to an additional 150 non-residential students annually at other community colleges in Idaho. Boise National Forest Fire Management is working diligently, finding innovative solutions to ensure all Forest employees impacted by the Job Corps transfer are taken care of. "Our first priority is our employees," said acting Forest Fire Management Officer Steve Baran. "We ask a lot from our fire folks and we want to make sure they are prepared for the upcoming fire season. We're used to managing dynamic situations and overcoming obstacles, we'll get through this as a team and we won't leave anyone behind." The Boise National Forest Fire organization is currently reaching out to partners in securing temporary facilities for crew and equipment.

We Celebrate the Life of this Friend and Extend Our Sympathy to the Families

Dennis Leon Frasier

November 15, 1939 - February 14, 2019

On February 14, 2019, Dennis L. Frasier, a good man, a beloved husband and father, entered the gates of Heaven to be greeted by a thunderous welcome. He was born in Enumclaw, Washington, and lived most of his life in the Pacific Northwest, working for the US Forest Service until his retirement in 1993. He was a steward of the land and loved the peaceful tranquility of the woods.



Following graduation from Montana State University in 1965, he entered the Army, serving 17 months in Vietnam before starting his 33-year career with the Forest Service. In 1968, he married Margie Lyn Buttram

and together they taught their three children to also love and respect the land and simple living. After moving several times in his forestry career, he finally realized a life-long dream of owning a small farm located in Central Oregon where the family lived for 25 years before moving to Idaho late in 2005.

Dennis loved helping others, He was a staunch advocate for people with disabilities and served several years as the parent representative on the Oregon State Advisory

Board for the Education of Disabled Children as well as on the Board of the COPE Project, an organization that assisted and taught parents how to work with the school districts in obtaining needed services for their disabled children. After moving to Idaho, he and his wife joined the First United Methodist Church. Through the church, he volunteered for several years as a cook for the Salvation Army shelter and for Love, INC, helping to prepare and serve meals to families and children until stopped by vision problems and a stroke. He was a 12-year member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) and served in various capacities including one year as Service Officer, two years as Vice-President/Membership Officer and four years as President. Dennis was also a member of the Treasure Valley Forest Service Old Timers.

He was a gentle man and brought light and laughter to all who met him. His spirit was a beacon in life and is now a guiding star in the heavens above.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years; three children, Michael (Marla), Andrew (Carol) and Sarah; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a stillborn infant. A celebration of his life is pending at the Nampa First United Methodist Church.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00PM Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Nampa First United Methodist Church with a lunch to follow.

Political Contacts

Senator Mike Crapo

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Senator James Risch

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Annual dues are \$6.00 per couple or \$3.00 for single members or widows/widowers. The dues for members at the age of 90 are waived.

If you can’t remember your status, call Joan at 505-449-8370 or email at missbrandydog@yahoo.com

Make Check to:

Treasure Valley Forest Service Old Timer’s Club

And Mail to: Joan Oliver, 11134 W. Bridgetower Dr., Boise, ID 83709.

The Old Timers Club of the Boise Area was organized in 1950: its purpose is to protect, perpetuate and preserve the traditions and “esprit de corps” of the Forest Service, its employees and retirees, and to maintain contacts and good fellowship among those retired and those nearing retirement. We strive to maintain that wonderful “family feeling” which is characteristic of Forest Service employees, nation-wide. November 15, 2006, the Old Timer’s Club of Boise was changed to the Treasure Valley Forest Service Old Timers’ Club to represent a larger area than just Boise. The Club has filed as an unincorporated nonprofit association with the Idaho Secretary of State. †



Rose Parade kicking off Smokey's 75th birthday year. From left to right: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, R-5, Lisa Allen, President, National Association of State Foresters, Amy Gibson-Grant, Smokey Bear Campaign Director, Ad Council, Vicki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service



Ranger Meeting, Idaho National Forest 1940