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## Clearwater National Forest

### Restoring Fisheries on Palouse District

by Barbara Coyner, Volunteer

**A** group of Forest Service seasonal employees, loosely dubbed "the sediment sucking crew," is getting its share of interest and notoriety in north Idaho's Palouse country. Equipped with a large Volkswagen-powered dredge and a smaller Honda-driven dredge, the Palouse District team is donning hip waders, and literally vacuuming out portions of a stream which has seen its share of impacts from sediment generated nearly seventy years ago from railroad logging in the 1920's. This is all part of a project designed to restore high quality fish habitat to Elk Creek, located in the Upper Basin near Elk River.

Despite the lingering effects of the early logging, the stream's true value as a high-quality fishery was identified in the Forest Plan. Rehabilitation efforts began two years ago, as the District began correcting sediment sources, and installed log and boulder structures to alter stream flow and scour new pools. The third part of the plan, sediment suction, was put into action this summer.

"We're really seeing progress," seasonal employee Roger Keller related as he suctioned out the shaded stream channel in late September. "This water wasn't even moving this morning, but look, now we're in it up to our waists." Nearby, undredged pockets of sediment deposits offered ready comparisons.

Al Espinosa, Forest fisheries biologist, and Dick Presby, district biologist developed the concept of improving the fishery in Elk Creek several years ago. "It's a long-term plan," Presby concedes, alluding to the slow, but steady, progress. He pointed out how the log structures trap the sediment, and how the logs and boulders are creating new pools as a result of the altered stream flow patterns. Both should aid fish habitat.

Jack Coyner, District resource assistant, relates the area's history of early-day logging, where the railbeds actually displaced or were built over the for-



*Randy Minnick, seasonal employee, removes sediment from Elk Creek with a suction machine. Photo by Shelly Hanks, Daily Idahonian, Moscow, Idaho.*

ested brook. Subsequent logging and road building eventually contributed additional sediment to the stream, further impacting the fishery. The District plan has addressed current logging and roadbuilding practices, and hopes are to keep the sediment suction project going into future years. And that's good news to the dedicated men and women who enjoy fishing for brook and rainbow trout in Elk Creek.

## An Award From Peers



Photo by Jack deGolia

Wise River District's Jim Freestone (right) accepts an award from his fellow timber sale administrators for outstanding work. Beaverhead National Forest Supervisor Ron Prichard presents the plaque. Jim was especially touched by the award because it came from his fellow practitioners.

## News Briefs

**Bernard Lea** of the Lewis & Clark National Forest received honors from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) recently when he qualified as a Registered Senior Member. Registration under the Professional Program of the Association is the result of careful screening and rigid examination in the fields of negotiation, appraisal, law and engineering. It identifies a member as having attained unique professional status.

To attain this honor, according to Lea, one must take a series of courses, have the necessary experience, and take a special "senior" exam. Lea had the experience, and began preparing for the course work and the special exam about two years ago. Congratulations Bernie!

**Jim Konen**, head counselor at the Anaconda Job Corps Center, ran his fifth 100-mile ultra-marathon in September in the Wastach 100 race between Layton and Midway, Utah. He placed 13th overall. The course is billed as being the most grueling of the world's top four 100-mile running events. The race started and ended above 5,000 feet in altitude and much of it was run at about 9,000 feet. Temperatures sometimes reached 103 degrees and the rocky course features a section in which contestants are required to climb up a rock slide. Good job, Jim!

### Regional Christmas Party - - - A reminder!!!!

Friday, December 7 is the date of the 1990 Regional Christmas Party for all employees and retirees. It takes place in the University of Montana's University Center, in the Copper Commons Room. A social hour will start at 7:00 p.m. with a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres. The program will begin at 8:00, and the band "County Line" will start playing at 9:00. Cost is \$8.50 per person.



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### Centennial Update

One of the highlights of the National Forest System Centennial will be the first-ever national reunion of Forest Service employees and retirees. It will be held in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, September 29 through October 2, 1991, and hosted by the White River National Forest.

The agenda promises a fun and interesting time. There will be tours, rafting, a golf tournament, an "old uniforms" fashion show, an historical display, an enactment of Gifford Pinchott, a barbecue, awards and recognition, and plenty of time for socializing.

The White River National Forest would like to know by January 15 whether you plan to attend. If you think you may be attending, please fill out the following form and send it to:

SHARING MEMORIES AND VISIONS  
National Forest Service Reunion  
P.O. Box 1064  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

## National Forest Service Reunion Planned

### National Forest Service Reunion

Name & Address for reservation packet:

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations Needed:

- Motel or Hotel  
 Parking for RV  
 Camping

## Trapper Creek JCC Students Recognized

by Elaine Barringer, Information Receptionist, Trapper Creek JCC



**O**n September 26, the West Fork Volunteer Fire Department hosted an outdoor barbecue for Trapper Creek Job Corps Center carpentry students and presented them with a plaque of appreciation for work they had done on the Fire Department's building. The students constructed the building several years ago, and sheetrocked the interior walls of the meeting room last spring. The walls will be painted this winter.

*Present for a barbecue in their honor are, from left (back row): Bruce Bailey, carpentry instructor, Eric Wright, Aaron Watters, Darryll Vann, a West Fork Fire Dept. volunteer, Andy Stoltsman, Forest Supervisor Bertha Gillam, and Center Director H.C. Labrier. Front row, from left: Ken Spotted Bird, Ray Ford, and Eric Hamilton.*

## Nez Perce National Forest

### River Rescue

by Frank Erickson, Public Affairs Specialist, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

**S**unday, August 12 started out as another perfect day in paradise for river ranger Roy Lombardo as he piloted his Forest Service jet boat down the wild Snake River in the heart of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in north America, straddles a remote section of the Idaho-Oregon border and takes in parts of the Nez Perce, Payette and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

Lombardo was returning to his home base at Pittsburg Landing after spending the night camped upriver on the boat. With forest fires burning on both sides of Hells Canyon, Lombardo had placed himself and his boat in a position to assist the firefighters during the night had the need arisen. Nobody asked Lombardo to do this, and it wasn't something he had to do, but he did it anyway. That's Lombardo's way. Thankfully, it had been an uneventful night and he navigated toward home.

But as he neared Pittsburg Landing, a popular launch and take-out site for river users, Roy noticed a dozen or so people huddled on the bank and standing in the river. "From several hundred yards upriver I could see the people were distressed," Roy said. He pulled his boat ashore and learned that only minutes before there had been an explosion on a privately-owned jet boat. Many of the passengers on board, mostly young people in their teens and 20's, had been blown off the boat and into the river. The rest had jumped overboard to escape the flash fire. Of 18 on board, 13 had suffered burns and were distraught and in pain.

Lombardo sprang into action. He immediately began removing victims from the river and administering first-aid on the shore. At the same time he made radio contact with his base station more than 70 miles downriver at Lewiston, Idaho, to request emergency medical evacuation of the victims. Assisted by Forest Service and Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game employees when they arrived at the

scene, Lombardo continued to administer first-aid to the victims and coordinate their evacuation. They were transported out of the area by helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and ambulances brought in from as far as Spokane, Washington, more than 200 miles away. Within three hours all of the injured had been evacuated to hospitals in Lewiston and Grangeville, Idaho. Five were later transported to burn centers in Boise and Seattle.

"Ranger Lombardo's immediate response and quick action likely saved the lives of several of the victims," said Mike Cole, Lombardo's supervisor, following the rescue. "His actions reflect his commitment to providing public service."

Roy grew up at the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers and rivers have been in his blood since he was young. "I was raised with my feet in the water," he said. "I built my first wooden boat while I was in high school." In 1986 Roy joined the staff of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and went to work serving the people who use the river.

A file folder in the Lewiston office of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area bulges with letters of thanks and praise from people who have been helped by Roy Lombardo. Some are from float boaters thanking Roy for helping them regroup after upsetting in a rapid. Others are from river runners who suffered more serious mishaps and write to express their thanks for Roy's concern, compassion and expertise. Still others have simply written in appreciation of a courtesy extended by this man who is always helpful.

"This job gives me the opportunity to help a lot of people," said Lombardo. "I get a chance to do a lot of good and project a positive image of the Forest Service. People appreciate the help we provide."

## Southern Nez Perce Trail Gets Signs

by Jim Heid, Archaeologist



Member of Boy Scout Troop #666 hangs trail sign on the historic Southern Nez Perce Trail.

**T**he Grangeville Boy Scout Troop #666 in partnership with the Nez Perce National Forest spent several days this summer and fall putting up trail signs on the historic Southern Nez Perce Trail. Groups of private citizens also volunteered to help with the project.

The Southern Nez Perce Trail cuts through the Clearwater, Elk City, and Red River Ranger Districts of the Nez Perce National Forest. It enters the Forest near the town of Clearwater, Idaho, and runs 65 miles before exiting Forest boundaries near Burnt Knob Lookout and continuing on into the Bitterroot National Forest.

The trail was used by the Nez Perce Indians to make contact with tribes in western Montana, including the Flatheads

and Shoshone, according to Jim Heid, Forest archaeologist. They traded goods with other tribes and forged alliances that enabled them to hunt buffalo in Montana's Bitterroot Valley. The trail was also used by early Euro-American travelers, homesteaders, gold miners, and Forest Service employees. The trail has not been maintained for many years and is difficult to locate in some areas.

The boy scouts nailed 6 X 6 inch cedar signs on trees along the trail at a distance of

about 100 feet apart. The signs contained a logo of crossed feathers to indicate the Native American origin of the trail. About fifteen miles of trail were marked on the Clearwater Ranger District and five miles on the Elk City Ranger District. The project was made possible through the Challenge Cost-Share Program in which the Forest Service can provide funds to accomplish special projects if those funds are matched by public donations of money, materials, or labor. It was selected for a "Take Pride in Idaho" award, which was presented by Idaho's Governor Cecil B. Andrus on September 13.

Donna Turnipseed, Salmon River District Archaeologist, coordinated the project and made it an educational experience as well. Work on the trail will continue next year and the Nez Perce National Forest is presently looking for partners to share the expense. Eventually portions of the trail will be opened for public use and interpretation.

### Kootenai National Forest

## A Tour of Our History

by Jeannie Spooner, Public Affairs Officer

**F**ifteen youths and five adults took part in an historical/archaeological field trip on the Kootenai National Forest in July. It was part of the Recreation for Youth Program sponsored by the Lincoln County Child Development Advocates. Mark White, Forest archaeologist, took the class to sites along Libby Creek and West Fisher Creek to learn about the development of gold mining on the Forest.

They visited a mining site dating from the late 1860's mining rush on Libby Creek; Old Town, from the second rush in the mid 1880's; and the townsite of Foundation on West Fisher Creek. White discussed the history of the sites, mining in the area, and some of the people who came to the country in the second half of the nineteenth century.

He showed the group the need for preservation of our historic heritage from vandalism and collectors at sites heavily damaged by artifact collecting. He noted that historic and prehistoric sites are an irreplaceable resource and collecting for artifacts without documentation and expertise is like tearing pages out of a book on the past.

The students were Chuck Bernard, Jenni and Megan Clark, Katie Comer, Matthew and Marc French, Kyla and Molly Gardiner, Al Hanks, Chip Harris, Brian and Karen Hershberger, Holene Huntsberger, Salisha Tennison, and Dustin Teigen. Their supervisors were Betty French, Tamara Mills, and Jean and David Pittsley.

### Gallatin National Forest

## Biggest Fish in Montana

from information supplied by Dan Trochta, Wildlife Biologist, Hebgen Lake Ranger District

**C**hris Markov of West Yellowstone caught the largest fish during a "Hooked on Fishing" derby held at Hebgen Lake District last spring during National Fishing Week. Chris's fish was then entered in the nationwide Big Fish Contest sponsored by Hooked On Fishing International. His 19.5 inch fish won him the title of "Montana Big Fish Champion," a \$50 savings bond, and eligibility for the national championship.

The purpose of the derby is to give kids an opportunity to experience the pleasure of fishing.



Chris Markov of West Yellowstone displays his winning fish.

## A Volunteer's Montana Experience

by Maggie Pittman, Forester, Livingston District

**D**awn Rose came to the United States from Great Britain for a 6-month tour of our national forests and parks. She had been inticed into a 10-day hitch in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness by the American Hiking Society. The brochure she read promised hard work, beautiful scenery, and comraderie while working on the South Fork Sixmile Creek Trail, building corduroy and puncheon, logging out blown-in areas, and maintaining the trail tread.



*Dawn Rose, Forest Service volunteer from Great Britain.*

This all sounded new and different to Dawn since none of these terms made any sense to her. At 28, she came to us from Wales where she has worked as a carpenter and delivery truck driver. She was used to hard work and eager to learn a new skill and see some new country. Dawn spent her days in the backcountry with ten other adventurers from the United States. She quickly became known as a hard worker who was willing to take on any task, from frying 3 dozen pork chops in a pan full of white stuff called Crisco, to cutting and hauling poles for use in

corduroy constuction. She felt lucky to be a part of such a great opportunity....she has made friends from her crew that she will always treasure.

After her hitch on the Sixmile Creek Trail, Dawn volunteered to work the rest of the summer doing reconstruction of the Gallatin Crest Trail. She knew two of the crew members only enough to know that they were mountain men who enjoyed steak cooked just enough to darken the edges and who preferred the ways of the west in the late 1800's to present day comforts. The other two men live on the Rocky Boy Reservation and work with the Forest through a Human Resource Agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

With that information, she called her mother at home and assured her that she was in good care but would be out of touch for eight days. Dawn recalls her mother's concern when she told her that she would be going into the mountains in a helicopter with two cowboys and two Indians. But not to worry, Mom, I'll be just fine!

At Dawn's insistence, the crew made no exceptions for her inexperience and allowed her every opportunity to learn. There were many firsts during that novel outing in the hills - a wild horse ride on a western saddle into camp, lightning storms, a helicopter ride over mountains far steeper than any she had seen, and a chance to see up-close wildlife such as moose and bear. This was an adventure she had never imagined when she glanced through the American Hiking Society brochure!

Dawn worked for two months with the crew to complete the reconstruction work on a trail that is used by hundreds of hikers and horse and trail vehicle riders in the summer months. She gathered many memories and stories to take home to Wales. The

## West Fork "Resident" Succumbs to Lightning!

by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Specialist

**T**he ravages of time, old-age and a fatal lightning strike recently ended the life of the Bitterroot's historic 800-year old forest giant, the Alta Pine.

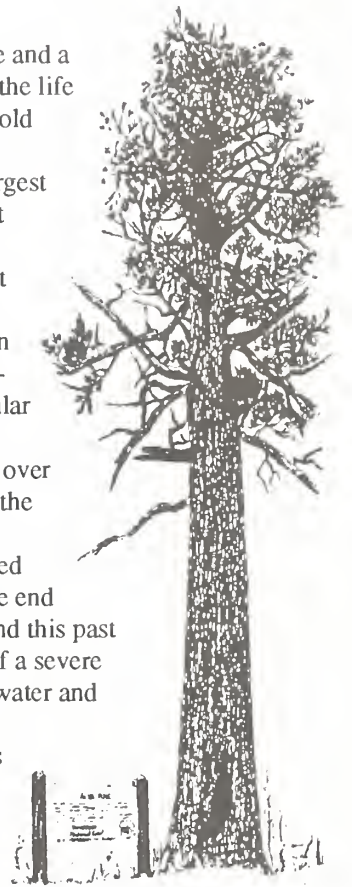
Officially designated as the largest ponderosa pine tree on the Bitterroot National Forest, the Alta Pine grew undisturbed through the centuries. It was a mature tree when Christopher Columbus sailed to the East Indies in 1492. At about that same time, a Native American carved a large triangular blaze in the tree, marking a favorite game trail. The blaze now stretches over a three-foot area on the west side of the tree.

About 20 years ago, the top died out pushing the aging tree toward the end of its possible 1,000 year lifetime, and this past summer fate interfered in the form of a severe lightning strike, opening the tree to water and insect damage.

"The old tree's upper branches are still holding onto needles, but the needles are all brown and dead," said West Fork District Silviculturist Don King.

Still an impressive sight, the Alta Pine is located two miles south of Painted Rocks Lake on the West Fork Road. A short path, easily accessible by persons with disabilities, leads to the site where a large interpretive sign tells the chronological history of the ancient tree.

Hopefully the "old-timer" will continue to stand for many years as a massive snag until the demands of time and the elements eventually bring it down.



Forest Service provided a unique peek into life in the West that she may have only read about in books and magazines.

Dawn holds a particular fondness now for the members of her crew who embraced her and taught her the quiet meaning of team work, hard work, and fun work. She takes with her a "snapshot" of a way of life most people will never have an opportunity to experience. The British assumption of an American who is arrogant and brash has been molded into a personal rendition of generosity, friendliness, and warmth.

It sometimes takes a visitor such as Dawn to remind us that what we do is special and interesting while being important and functional. Those of us at Livingston District appreciate her hard work, and wish her the best in her future travels. Thank you, Dawn!

# Personnel Actions

## BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

MOUSEL, MARTHA, frstr tech, Wisdom RD, cash award  
 HAVIG, DENNIS, dist ranger, Wisdom RD, cash award  
 MYERS, DIANE, frstr tma, Wise River RD, cash award  
 WELDON, GEORGE, frstr, Sheridan RD, cash award  
 ESQUIBAL, STEVE, mnc wrkr, SO, cash award  
 GALE, GILBERT, range con, Wisdom RD, cash award  
 JONES, JEFF, wildl biol, Wisdom RD, cash award  
 BENGEYFIELD, PETE, hydrol, SO, cash award  
 COLMAN, CHRISTINE, acct tech, SO, cash award  
 HOEM, CAROLYNE, resource asst, SO, cash award  
 KIRKELIE, LINDA, acct tech, SO, cash award  
 MILLER, JUANTA, resource clk, SO, cash award  
 FIFIELD, NORM, frstr tech, Wise River RD, cash award  
 LINCOLN, JAMES, resour asst, Dillin RD, cash award  
 BLACKWELL, REX, civ eng, SO, promotion  
 MURRELL, OTIS, co-op ed, SO, promotion  
 SCHOTT, LINDA, business mgmt clk, Madison RD, reassign  
 JORDAN, LINDA, mail/file clk, SO, resignation  
 FIFIELD, NORM, frstr tech, Wise River RD, retirement

## BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

ANDREWS, KEN, civ eng tech, SO, belt buckle award  
 KIESSLING, JULIE, clk typ, Stevensville RD, belt buckle award  
 LUSK, SCOTT, rge con, Sula RD, promotion  
 RYKE, NANCY, wildl biol, SO, promotion  
 SMITH, JEANETTE, occupational health nurse, Trapper Creek CCC, resignation  
 SPRADLIN, HERB, supvry frstr, West Fork RD, temp promotion, dist ranger

## CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

WAY, LONNIE, frstry tech, Palouse RD, cash award  
 MCWILLIAMS, THOMAS, frstry tech, Palouse RD, cash award  
 SAZMA, DEAN, budg & acctg anal, SO, cash award  
 HINDS, LINDA, acctg tech, SO, cash award  
 SEARLE, KEVIN, frstry tech, Lochsa RD, cash award  
 ANDERSON, LYNNANN, frstry aid, Pierce RD, cash award  
 HENSLEY, BRIAN, frstry tech, North Fork RD, cash award  
 PRESTON, JOHN, frstry tech, North Fork RD, cash award  
 GERING, CHRISTINA, clk, North Fork RD, cash award  
 KEMPER, DONALD, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award  
 KEE, EDWARD, biol tech, Pierce RD, cash award  
 COLE, GARY, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award  
 DOBSON, EDWARD, frstry tech, Pierce RD, cash award  
 JOHNSTON, ROBBIN, archeologist, Palouse RD, cash award  
 MITCHELL, KELLY, frstry tech, Palouse RD, cash award  
 BALLARD, BLAKE, supvry frstr, Palouse RD, cash award  
 LEE, KRISTINE, fish biolgst, Powell RD prom to RO, R-4  
 FEE, JEFF, archeologist, SO, comp prom

## CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

BAIER, ZONA, computer assistant, SO, promotion  
 DEKKER, JASON, rge tech, McKenzie RD, award  
 O'ROURKE, LISA, realty spec, McKenzie RD, award

## DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

COFFIN, CLAUDE, frstr, Hebgen Lake RD, cash award  
 HARCHARIK, DALE, appraiser, SO, cash award  
 SCHOFIELD, GORDON, lands frstr, SO, cash award  
 MICHAEL, THELMA, convync exam, SO, cash award  
 BACHMAN, TONY, land survyr, SO, cash award  
 FALLANG, BOB, civ eng tech, SO, cash award  
 VANAUSDOL, MARTY, survyr tech, SO, cash award  
 SMITH-RILEY, JACKIE, cart tech, SO, cash award  
 WILLIAMS, MIKE, supv frstr, SO, cash award  
 TAYLOR, CHERYL, hydrol tech, SO, cash award  
 PARAC, WADE, business mgmt clk, Bozeman RD, cash award  
 METZGER, SHERRY, computer clk, Zone Timber, 2 cash awards  
 GAHAGAN, GINA, frstr tech, Zone Timber, cash award  
 CLARK, STEVE, frstr, Zone Timber, cash award  
 DENNY, ROSS, paralegal spec, RO, reassign, SO

## HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

CLARK, GREG, frstry tech, Lincoln RD to Caribou NF, reassign  
 CROWDER, JUDY, computer assistant, Helena RD, promotion  
 ELLIOTT, NINA, SSS, Helena RD, promotion  
 HAMERS, LAURIE, contract spec, SO, promotion  
 ROBERTS, RAY, telecomm spec, SO, promotion  
 TOBOL, SHARON, resour assist, SO, promotion

## IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

BEHRENS, PATRICK, frstr, promo, frstr, Bonners Ferry RD  
 DAY, HAROLD, reassign, frstr tech, Feman RD  
 DUTTON, LEANN, pers clk, promotion, pers assistant, SO  
 GOETZ, LENORA, biol aid, promotion, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery  
 HOOD, EDWARD, reassign, frstr, Feman RD  
 HOUGHTON, JANE, Indscp archt, stu trainee, promotion, Indscp archt, SO  
 LAVERDURE, MARIE, biol aid, prom, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery  
 NORLANDER, BETTY, biol aid, prom, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery  
 STANFIELD, JOANN, SCSEP, Feman RD  
 SULLIVAN, SUSAN, biol aid, prom, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery  
 SUMNER, MARTHA, biol aid, prom, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery  
 UPCHURCH, JIM, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD  
 WRIGHT, JOANNE, biol aid, prom, biol tech, Cd'A Nursery

## KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ADAMS, PAMELA, comp clk, Fisher River RD, promotion  
 ALLDER, KATHRYN, Ind frstry tech, Cabinet RD, appt  
 ANDERSEN, TED, frstr, Libby RD, reassign, SO, LMRC  
 ARMSTRONG, DARRELL, frstry aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 BARBAT, CAROLYN, biol tech, R4, Payette NF, prom, wildl biol, Cabinet RD  
 BEADLES, MARK, frstry tech, Fortine RD, special act  
 BECK, DENISE, frstry tech, Fisher River RD, cc appt  
 BECKMANN, PATRICIA, frstry tech, Fortine RD, reassign, frstry tech, R6, Malheur NF  
 BOIIN, BLAIR, frstry aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 BOHN, BRYCE, stu trainee (frstry), Fortine RD, promotion  
 BROCKMANN, DAVID, supvry frstr, Fortine RD, spec act  
 CALIHOON, CAROL, fleet asst, SO, ES, promotion  
 CHANEY, DONALD, autmtv wrkr, Fortine RD, special act  
 CUMMINGS, JUDY, sup res tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion  
 DAVIS, KENNETH, summer aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 DEYOUNG, LINDA, supp srvc supv, Fisher River RD, prom  
 DICKERSON, JOAN, frstr, Libby RD, reassign, frstr (NEPA), SO, PS  
 EBY, JANE, surv tech, SO, ES, resignation  
 EDGMON, BARBARA, res clk, CSSC, promotion  
 ERBA, ANTHONY, frstry tech, R5, Klamath NF, reassign, frstr, Rexford RD  
 FANSLER, MARY, reinstatement, res clk, SO, AS  
 FLANNIGAN, JAMES, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
 GANTER, LEILANI, frstry aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 GHORMLEY, LORRI, pers asst, R4, Targhee NF, prom, pers mgmt spec, SO, AS  
 GOESER, DAN, rd mnce wrkr, E Zone Eng, special act  
 GROB, LAVERNA, res techncn, Fortine RD, special act  
 HARTMANN, SUSAN, frstry aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 HAYES, ALICE, comp asst, SO, AS, promotion  
 HENDERSON, ROBERT, frstry tech, Fortine RD, spec act  
 HILL, KATRINA, res clk, Fortine RD, special act  
 HOLT, RAY, frstry tech, Libby RD, temp promotion  
 JOHNSON, JULIE, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, special act  
 LAMOTTE-IIIAGEN, KAREN, stu trainee (hydro), SO, RS, reassign, stu tr (hydro), Lolo NF, SO  
 LEACH, GAIL, frstry tech, Libby RD, reassign, forstr, R8, Cherokee NF  
 LOCKE, KIRSTEN, stu trainee (frstr), Rexford RD, promotion  
 LUNDIN, ALLISON, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion  
 MANZO, ELIZABETH, frstr, Fortine RD, promotion  
 MCFARLAND, LIZ, geol, SO, LMRC, reassign, geol, Deerlodge NF  
 MOORE JR., ROBERT, cet, E Zone Eng, reassign, cet, W Zone Eng  
 NESBITT, DAVID, frstry tech, Fortine RD, special act  
 NEWTON, ANGELA, bus mgmt clk, NSSC, reassign, compr clk  
 NIX, JANET, info recep, NSSC, promotion, bus mgmt clk  
 NIX, JANET, bus mgmt clk, Fortine RD, special act  
 ODOR, ANN, frstry tech, Libby RD, cc appt  
 OFARRELL, MIKE, rge con, Rexford RD, prom, range con, R4, Sawtooth NF  
 OSLER, TAMARA, frstry aid, Fortine RD, special act  
 PARKS, JERRY, frstr, SO, TS, temp promotion, Helena NF  
 PATTERSON, DAVID, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
 PERRY, PATRICIA, bus mgmt clk, Fortine RD, special act  
 RASMUSSEN, KAREN, paralegal spec, R1, RO, reassign, frstr, Rexford RD  
 REBO, SANDRA, comp clk, SO, AS, promotion, comp asst  
 RICKARD, DONALD, SCSEP, Fortine RD, special act  
 RODE, DIANE, frstry tech, Fisher River RD, spec act  
 ROSAEN, DONALD, laborer, Fortine RD, special act  
 RUSSELL, BARBARA, compr prog anal, SO, AS, retirement  
 SCHMIDT, TERRY, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
 SCUSSEL, JEFF, supvry frstr, Fisher River RD, temp prom, frstr, SO, TS  
 SHIRA, MICHAEL, frstr, Three Rivers RD, special act  
 SLAVEN, SHAUNA, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, special act  
 SMITH, GREG, frstr, Libby RD, reassign  
 SPANG, WADE, frstr, Fortine RD, special act



## Personnel Actions

TOSH, LARRY, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, special act  
 TUCKER, DONNA, cet, W Zone Eng, reassign, E Zone Eng  
 UZOH, ROSANN, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, special act  
 WARNER, MARCELLA, frstry tech, Fortine RD, special act  
 WEGNER, STEVEN, hydrol, SO, RS, promotion  
 WILLIAMS, MARTY, frstry aid, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
 WILSON, LAURIE, res clk typ, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
 WOODGER, CRAIG, frstry tech, Rexford RD, promotion

### NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

ALBERTSON, JOLENE, frstr tech, Elk City RD,  
 reassign from Wenatchee NF  
 BLOEMEKE, HARTMUT, lead frstr tech smkjmpr, SO,  
 cash award  
 BRUCE, DEE, frstr, Elk City RD, conv, career cond appt  
 COOK, MICHAEL, supv civ eng, SO, cash award  
 DRUSCHKE, SUSAN, purch agnt, SO, promotion  
 GOOSMAN, WILLIAM, supv rge conserv, Moose Creek RD,  
 cash award  
 LACKLEN, BARBARA, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, cash  
 award  
 MILLER, CHERYLE, pers mgmt spec, SO, reassign, from  
 Tongass NF  
 MOELLER, DEBRA, frstr tech, Red River RD, cash award  
 MOORE, MARY, civ eng tech, SO, promotion  
 MOYNIHAN, MEGAN, frstr, Salmon River RD, reassign,  
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 PETERSON, LOIS, eng data clk, SO, reassign from Elk City RD  
 POLLWORTH, MANSUETA, info clk, SO, cash award  
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 SOLEM, STEPHEN, frstr adm, Clearwater RD, cash award  
 THOMPSON, RICHARD, automotive worker, Clearwater RD, promo  
 WASHICK, DENISE, wildl biol, Clearwater RD, promo  
 WILLIAMS, STEVE, frstr adm, Red River RD, cash award  
 WASSMUTH, DEBRA, resour clk, SO, promotion

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 CHAMBERS, LORETTA, conr spec, Adm, cash award  
 CLAAR, JAMES, wildl biol, W&F, cash award  
 COLLING, GENE, audio vis prod spec, IO, promotion  
 COMBES, JOHN, forester, trans to WO, reassignment  
 DAVIS, MERRILL, frstr, TCFPM, reassignment  
 DONAHUE, JOHN, civ eng, PP&B, cash award  
 EVENSON, SANDRA, frstr tech, A&FM, cash award  
 GYLES, ROSELYN, secy, RFO, promotion  
 HABER, JONATHAN, frstr, R6, to frstr, PP&B,  
 reassignment  
 HEIST, ED, frstr, PP&B, cash award  
 HOGEN, DORIS, proc asst, Adm, promotion  
 HUGUET, DONNA, secy, W&F, cash award  
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 KOTECKI, JEANETTE, purch agt, Adm, cash award  
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 LARSEN, RON, proc anal, Adm, cash award  
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 MORRISON, JIM, paralegal spec, PP&B, cash award  
 MUNTHER, SHERRY, pub afrs spec, PP&B, promotion &  
 cash award  
 NELSON, KENT, frstr, PP&B, cash award  
 PATERNI, MIKE, frstr, PP&B, cash award  
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 SATER, JACK, conr spec, Adm, cash award  
 STEVENSON, DON, frstr, TCFPM, cash award  
 TOMASCAK, WALT, frstr, A&FM, cash award  
 WAGENFEHR, JOE, supvry frstr, A&FM, cash award  
 WEBER, MARK, geol, M&G, cash award  
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## In Memoriam

Monica E. Hobe, one of the first clerks on the Clearwater National Forest, died October 2 in Missoula at age 78. She also worked in the Alaska Region in the 1950s; she retired in 1969 after 36 years with the Forest Service.

Theresa M. Seiffert, Support Services Supervisor for Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, died of cancer October 15 at age 55. Theresa had worked for the U.S. government for 35 years.

Nita Monroe, former visual information specialist for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, died November 2 at Sandpoint, after a lengthy illness. Nita worked for the Forest Service from 1975 until her retirement from the Idaho Panhandle NFs in 1989. She was 59.

## Retirements

Donald G. Stevenson, timber valuation forester for TCFPM in the Regional Office, retired in October after 35 years with the Forest Service. Stevenson was instrumental in initiating a change in the Region from residual value timber appraisal to the transaction evidence timber appraisal system.

Stevenson was a smokejumper for three summers at the Missoula Aerial Fire Depot. He worked for a year for the Bonita District, Lolo National Forest, then transferred to the Alaska Region, where he served on the Sitka Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, and on the Chugach National Forest in Anchorage. He returned to Region One in 1965 to serve as district ranger for Sula District, Bitterroot National Forest, and in 1969, for Missoula District, Lolo National Forest. Stevenson has been at the Regional Office since 1975.

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- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.
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## A Back-Country Trip For The Specially-Challenged

by Bob Casey, Forester

**A** back-country trip for people with special challenges was recently sponsored by the Lewis and Clark National Forest. Representatives of the four leading back-country recreation-providing agencies in Montana — the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks joined members and clients of a little-known Minneapolis organization called Wilderness Inquiry. This group, formed a few years ago by Greg Lais, is dedicated to facilitating partnerships between specially-challenged people in the enjoyment of back-country recreation.

Rocky Mountain Ranger District hosted a three-day horse trip in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, while the Judith Resource Area of BLM led the group on a three-day canoe trip on the Missouri River. The Forest Service contingent consisted of Director of Public Affairs Beth Horn, Wilderness Specialist Liz Close, Acting Rocky Mountain District Ranger Patti Johnston, Photographer Ken Blackbird, and Accessibility Coordinator Genie Ott. Bert Lindler of the Great Falls Tribune and free lance writer Lilly Tuholske joined the group to chronicle the



*Region 8 Access Specialist Genie Ott, who is hearing-impaired, introduces Collene Byrn of Richfield, Minnesota, who is sight-impaired, to signing.*

event.

The most unique aspect of the trip was a temporary partnership that was formed between the agencies and Wilderness Inquiry.

It wasn't long before so-called impairments in sight, hearing, and mobility that seemed apparent at the beginning of the trip just seemed to melt away. By the third or fourth day the sight of Liz Close assisting one of the attendees with a piggyback ride, or another rushing through camp under the able guidance of her guide dog, didn't even rate a second glance.

Evening discussions centered around ways to dispell myths associated with handicapped access, such as the notion that specially-challenged people are fragile or are not covered by outfitters liability insurance.

The result of the trip was a firm belief that everyone can enjoy the rugged backcountry. The theory that wilderness recreation is an elitist activity can be broken if everyone is willing to share with a friend. All agreed that even economic, racial, age, experience, or ability barriers can fall if more experienced back-country travelers are willing to apply this principle.

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