

Northern Region News

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75 Years and the Legacy of Public Service Lives On

Mark Sant, Archaeologist and Jack deGolia, PAO, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

More than 100 people attended the 75th anniversary celebration of the Civilian Conservation Corps on Saturday, August 2. The event was held at the Birch Creek Center located 22 miles northwest of Dillon on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

The Birch Creek facility was built in 1935 as CCC "Camp F-60." This is only one of two CCC camps remaining in Montana. The 75th anniversary event included lectures by Dr. Harry Fritz, University of Montana history professor, Stan Cohen, author of *Roosevelt's Tree Army* and Col. Joel Cusker, vice chief of staff of the Montana National Guard.

Those attending witnessed horse packing demonstrations and learned the history of the CCC in Montana. They were also treated to music from the Old Time Idaho Fiddlers. Lunch included boiled potatoes and roast beef that came from right off a 1937 CCC menu.



Kirby Matthew, Region 1 Preservation Team and AmeriCorps members working on Birch Creek CCC building preservation project.

Right : Dr. Harry Fritz, lecturing on the history of the CCC.



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Archives Update

The Region One archives are located in the USFS Regional Headquarters in downtown Missoula. The archives have books, artifacts, historical documents and over ten thousand photographs representing every forest in the region. Books may be checked out for a period of two weeks and paper and/or digital copies of materials may be obtained by contacting the archivist.

Online Exhibits

Currently on view at the Northern Region website *Views of the National Forests*. The slide show features images and text from an early promotional album. To view the exhibit go to www.fs.fed.us/r1.shtml.

Coming soon! The history of the Region One Camera Point Program 'A Stiff Brimmed Stetson' *The Story of the Most Famous Hat in the Northern Region* by photographer KD Swan. An interactive exhibit featuring photographs and important documentation about the Camera Point Program.



Region One Historical Photo I.D.

The Region One Archives has thousands of photographs. This 1923 photograph by KD Swan features one of the more dangerous ways to cross a river. The "Z" Canyon Bridge pictured here original spanned what river? If you want to view more historical images of the Northern Region please contact the Region One Archives.

ANSWER The "Z" Canyon foot bridge crossed the Clark Fork River.

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New Deputy Regional Forester Announced

Rose Davis, PGR, Regional Office

Northern Regional Forester Tom Tidwell recently announced changes to key leadership positions in the Missoula, Montana regional office. Current Deputy Regional Forester Kathy McAllister retired after 33 years of government service and current Nez Perce Forest Supervisor Jane Cottrell assumed the deputy position.



Deputy Regional Forester Jane Cottrell.

"While I enjoyed working on the Nez, I'm really excited to be in the regional office. There are lots of new challenges to take on in supporting the folks in the region working with the land and the people we serve," said Cottrell.

Tidwell commented, "Our leadership team believes Jane's background and leadership skills will provide a continuity of experience and dedication to the Northern Region's stakeholders and employees."

Originally from Tacoma, Washington, most of Cottrell's first 27 years with the Forest Service were spent in Oregon and Washington. She attended Washington State University, earning Bachelor of Science degrees in Forest Management and Outdoor Recreation Management and began as a forester on the Okanogan National Forest in Washington. Cottrell also served as a district ranger on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah, where she was extensively involved in the Forest Service's 2002 Winter Olympics support programs. She went on to become Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Oregon before becoming the Forest Supervisor on the Nez Perce Forest in Idaho in 2005. Cottrell and her husband David Henifin have two daughters, Amanda and Miranda.

Recycled Glass Demo at Lake Como

Christine Romero, PGR, Regional Office

The Bitterroot Green Team held a demonstration on August 21 at Lake Como to sift recycled glass/sand sample mix that was currently on display for the public in the "sandbox" at Lake Como.



The forest partnered with the Montana DEQ to look at the feasibility and public acceptability of using recycled glass to help replenish the sand on the beach of Lake Como. Volunteers hand sifted the sand/glass mix with 1x2' screened frame boxes, to catch the larger pieces of glass that were part of this initial test load.



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Green Team News

Christine Romero, PGR, Regional Office

The Regional Office Green Team announces its new website full of green information you can use at work and at home. Visit the website located on the regional office intranet site – just click on the link on the right side of the page. Besides viewing the team's accomplishments, you can also learn important information on sustainability and how you can play your part at home and in the office.

By visiting the website, you'll learn about green purchasing, driving tips that can help you save on fuel, where and what to recycle, agency sustainability efforts and so much more. You'll find a list of recycling centers throughout our region, so that the next time you're traveling or at a fire camp you'll know where to haul your recyclables. You'll also learn important information about recycling batteries and fluorescent light bulbs.

Before you head out on your next road trip or visit to a ranger district or supervisor's office, check out the complete list of E-85 and biofuel stations in Idaho, Montana and North Dakota so you'll know where to fill up with environmentally friendly fuel.

Green purchasing is becoming a priority in our agency and the website provides pages of information on how and where to buy green products for the office. You can print the green purchasing brochure from the website to have as a handout in your office as well as print off posters that list what's recyclable and what's not.



Green Tip

Your vehicle may be equipped to go longer between oil changes. The common notion of oil being changed every 3,000 miles may be excessive and unnecessary with your vehicle. Some new vehicles can go 5,000 before an oil change. Please check with your owner's manual

2008 Sustainable Operations Summit

The 2008 Sustainable Operations Summit will be held November 17-21. This summit is unlike any other our agency has experienced. The summit will be done through video and phone conferencing.

Each region designated its own video conferencing sites for employees attend and be apart of the summit. This will help cut down on travel costs, but not limit people to attending the summit and being apart of the conversation and discussion. In Region One, satellite sites will be in Missoula and Bozeman. So, you don't have to travel far to be apart of this amazing summit!!!

Region One will be hosting a special speaker, Dr. Steve Running on Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. mountain time. Dr. Running is a leading expert on climate

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Connecting Kids to Nature

Steve Kratville, PGR, Regional Office

Over the past decades, children have had less and less contact with the natural world than any generation of children before them. On September 23 representatives from the Forest Service and other local, state and federal land and recreation resource managers gathered in Helena for the *Montana Children & Nature Summit*. The purpose of the summit was to develop collaborative strategies to reconnect kids to the outdoors and improve the health of communities.



Summit presenters included Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer, Dr. Cheryl Charles, CEO, of Children and Nature Network and the Missoula Coyote Children's Choir. Regional Forester Tom Tidwell spoke about the importance of connecting kids with the outdoors to grow tomorrow's conservationists. Participants of the summit have agreed to work together to create a Montana Children and Nature Network. For more information on the *Montana Children & Nature Summit* visit www.mtrpa.info/summit.php.

Avue eMeetings

Human Capital Management and Avue have joined forces to host Avue eMeeting training sessions for applicants and managers. The schedule and descriptions of the eMeetings are outline below:

MANAGERS

Will focus on the manager's role in using Avue to advertise and fill positions.

October 15 — 1000-1230 MDST
November 5— 1300-1530 MDST

APPLICANTS

Will focus on the process for applying for Forest Service positions using the Avue system, with emphasis on how to complete the on-line application.

October 16 — 1300-1530 MDST
November 6 — 1000-1200 MDST

The call-in information for each eMeeting will be sent out 7-10 days prior to the session.

Fall Color Hotline

If your frustrated by aimless Sunday drives spent searching for scenic views of changing foliage, then pick up the phone or hop on the internet. The Fall Color hotline is up and running through October. Reports are updated weekly on the changing views in each area and offer suggestions for scenic drives.

1-800-354-4595 www.fs.fed.us/r1/news/fallcolors.shtml



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Capitol Christmas Tree Countdown to November

Christine Romero, PGR, Regional Office

Years of planning has come down to the last two months of final preparations for the Capitol Christmas tree campaign. But, there's still plenty of work to be done before the final send-off to Washington, D.C.

So far, the committee has collected two thousand ornaments, just short of the five thousand needed for the 60-foot tree. The deadline for people to donate ornaments was extended to October 15 to help meet the goal.

The Montana and cross-country travel route was finalized and the community celebrations along the way are in the planning phases. The final schedule is available on the website, www.capitolchristmastree2008.org.

The cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 1. After the tree is cut, the committee will spend about a day wrapping the tree to prepare it for the long haul to Washington, D.C. The tree will leave the Bitterroot Valley on November 4 and make its way through Stevensville heading north to Missoula where it will spend the night before traveling across the state.



R-1 Forest & Grasslands Roundup

Moose Creek Ranger District Hosts Wilderness Interns

Nez Perce National Forest

For six weeks in June and July of 2008, Sara Schmidt (Missoula, MT) and Ben Collette (Jacksonville, NC) were immersed in wilderness. The Moose Creek Ranger District started a new Wilderness Internship Program in 2008 to compliment the Chief's emphasis on "Kids in the Woods" and to give select college students a chance to experience living and working in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

Despite the recruiting bulletin for the internship which stated that, "The work will be hard and you will be tired," Ben and Sara, along with many other applicants, wanted the chance to experience wilderness the way a wilderness ranger would.

They began their internship by participating in the annual spring meeting of all the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness rangers. Then they put on their boots and made their way up the Selway River to the remote and historic Moose Creek Ranger Station.

While at Moose Creek, the interns conducted campsite inventories, made educational contacts with visitors about wilderness and the Leave No Trace program, helped with administrative site maintenance, and cleared trails.

When reflecting on the experience, Sara said, "I can imagine no better way to spend a summer than backpacking through the gorgeous country of the Selway Wilderness, gathering



Interns Sara Schmidt of Missoula, Montana and Ben Collette of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

knowledge of Forest Service wilderness management practices along the way. I'm studying Environmental Policy & Resource Management in college, so gaining some exposure to the real world of public lands management was an ideal opportunity." Ben, a newcomer to the West, said, "I learned a lot about the Forest Service. It was good to have this type of internship available because it allows people who aren't exposed to wilderness and huge forests to get out of the city. I want to thank you for letting me experience Idaho. It was a blast."

Thanks to Moose Creek Wilderness Rangers Amanda Parker and Raina Phillips for sharing their backcountry knowledge with Sara and Ben to make the program a success. Suzanne Cable, Wilderness Manager for the Moose Creek District, plans to continue and possibly expand the internship program next summer. If you know any students that might want to apply for the opportunity to live and work at Moose Creek next summer, contact the Nez Perce National Forest.

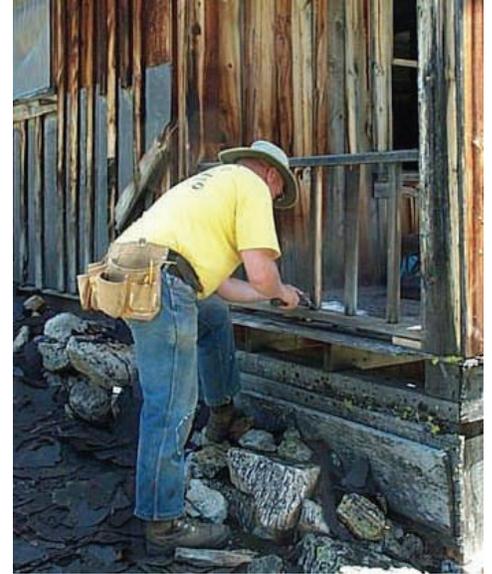
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Partners Help Forest Complete Preservation Project

Mark Sant, Archaeologist, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Following the principles of First Lady Laura Bush's Preserve America Initiative, a small group of local Wise River residents led by history buff Matt Stanchfield formed the Coolidge Preservation Association (CPA). The focus of the group is to assist the Forest Service in preserving and interpreting the historic Elkhorn Mine and the ghost town of Coolidge in the East Pioneer Mountains.

The group's first project was to replace the roof on the Tyro House and repair the front and rear porches. The Tyro house is named after Frank H. Tyro the bookkeeper and town postmaster who lived in it while employed by the mining company. With funds from a grant provided by the Madison-Beaverhead Resource Advisory Committee, the Wise River District purchased the necessary materials and supplies to complete the project.



Matt Stanchfield making repairs to a rail along the front porch.

Forest Service staff and CPA volunteers completed the preservation work at the Tyro house July 7-10, 2008. It took the volunteers about 250 hours to complete the project. In addition to assisting with the Forest Service's preservation efforts, the CPA will also assist in developing an interpretation program at the site.



CPA Volunteers and Forest Service employees work on roof of the Tyro House.



Tom Triscik puts the finishing touches on the roof.

R-1 Forest & Grasslands Roundup

National Trails Day *Mark Sant, Archaeologist, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest*

On June 7 the Dillon Ranger District hosted a National Trails Day project on the Continental Divide Trail. Centennial Divide is located on the Continental Divide between Idaho and Montana on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Volunteers removed hazardous barb wire, remnants of an old allotment fence and re-established trail markers and signs. Mules and horses packed in trail posts and tools and packed out the remnant fence wire that was collected. Partners included the 3 Rivers Back Country Horsemen and avid backcountry stock users.



Scott Calvert and Mark Sant



Gordon Ash, Dan Pence and a volunteer help prepare a sign.



Right : Dan Pence, Scott Calvert and Mark Sant cover wire for packing.

75th Anniversary of the CCC

Dedicated Volunteers Restore Historic Nursery

Sydney Bacon, Missoula Technology and Development Center

Every summer for the past 13 years, Passport in Time (PIT) volunteers and Forest Service staff have spent a week at Savenac nursery located on the Lolo National Forest to make necessary improvements to a nearly century old nursery.

This summer, PIT volunteers and Lolo National Forest staff focused their efforts to replace the metal roof on the bunkhouse and restore the deteriorating Mullan/Yellowstone Trail/Old Highway 10 Bridge. Other projects included repairing an entryway destroyed by heavy snow, replacing the walls of a leaky bathtub, scraping and painting the rails at the nursery's entrance and construct benches for the CCC-built fire pit. Grounds keeping happens year round and general maintenance occurs when projects arise.

Savenac was originally constructed 101 years ago by the Forest Service as the Northern Region's first tree nursery. Seedlings were grown and stored here and later shipped throughout the Region to be planted in forests across Montana and northern Idaho.



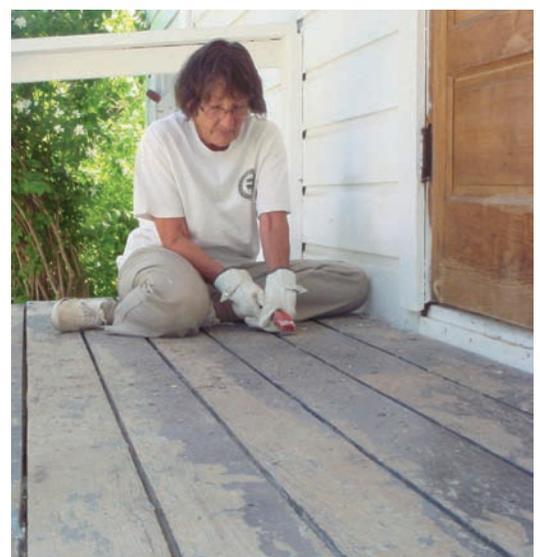
PIT volunteer Frankie Gartner painting the Nursery's entryway railing.

The nursery was destroyed in the catastrophic fires of 1910, but rebuilt soon after. The buildings that exist today were constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

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Historic Savenac Nursery Visitor's Center.



PIT volunteer Izzy Washburn scrapes the porch of the bunkhouse.

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Nursery operations at Savenac shut down in the 1960's and moved to Coeur d'Alene, ID. Since then Savenac has hosted youth gatherings, environmental education camps including the Young Adult Conservation Corps during the '70s and '80s and Passport in Time projects. Passport in Time is a program for dedicated volunteers from different states to meet and boast their skills at historic preservation, archaeology and interpretation.

The year 2008 marks three significant events for Savenac Nursery. Not only is it the 100th anniversary of nursery operations, it is also the 75th anniversary of the CCC as well as the 30th anniversary of the Young Adult Conservation Corps, both of which played an integral part in the history of the place.

Savenac Nursery is located in Haugan, MT, just east of Lincoln's 50,000 sliver dollar restaurant and gift shop. From Missoula, travel west on I-90 for about 85 miles to Mile marker 16. From Lookout Pass, ID, travel east 16 miles to the Haugan exit.



Becky Doyle wheels a load of shingles from the bunkhouse roof to the dumpster.



Roxann Baumgartner and Linda Vaughn scrape moss off the Old Highway 10 bridge.



Cathy Bickenheuser works on the chimney of the West Cottage.

75th Anniversary of the CCC

Bitterroot National Forest & Trapper Creek Job Corps Celebrate CCC Anniversary

Julie Schreck, Bitterroot National Forest

The Bitterroot National Forest and Trapper Creek Job Corps hosted an array of summer activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC.

In July, the forest provided a "Lunch and Learn" presentation. Thirty community members snacked on their lunches while listening to forest historian, Mary Williams share the history of the CCC on the forest. She also talked about the historical sites still evident on the Forest. Participants were honored to have one CCC enrollee at the event who shared funny stories about his experiences.

The forest and job corps also hosted a lakeside full-moon evening presentation as part of the forest's summer interpretive program series, "Walk by the Light of the Moon." A moonwalk pin was created in honor of the anniversary and available for participants to receive for donating to the program.

The culmination of the 75th anniversary celebration was a daylong guided bus tour of the CCC sites in the Bitterroot Valley. Thirty-eight participants boarded a Trapper Creek Job Corps bus and listened to Mary Williams narrate the history of the area. The tour traveled along the beautiful Magruder Corridor to the historic Magruder Ranger District where a picnic lunch was provided by the culinary art students at Trapper Creek Job Corps.

The CCC was established March 19, 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. From 1933 to 1942, more than 25,000 Montana men performed conservation and reforestation projects as members of the CCC. Some CCC projects included planting trees and fighting forest fires. Others included constructing trails, bridges, campgrounds and buildings. Eventually more than 4000 camps were established in all 50 states. By the time the CCC disbanded after World War II, more than three million men participated in the CCC.



Job Corps is a no-cost education vocational training program administered by the Department of Labor. It offers low-income youth, ages 16 through 24, vocational training, on-the-job training, career planning, job placement, residential housing, driver's education, GED and high school diploma programs, health and dental care and a basic living and clothing allowance.

What's the CCC ?

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was created in 1933 as a part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. The purpose of the CCC was to get Americans working again and to protect the nation's natural resources. Corps members lived in camps and worked on projects in National Forests and National Parks all across the country. The CCC was abolished in 1942.

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In August of 1910 fire destroyed several buildings at Savenac Nursery. The white structures, seen in the distance, are actual tents set up later that fall.

*Photograph by RH McKay
RO Catalog Number 99-9516*



*Left. Elers Koch took this photograph of two men working at Savenac Nursery in 1912.
RO Catalog Number 99-9516K*

*Below. Savenac Nursery land cleared in August of 1941 by members of the CCC.
Photograph by KD Swan
RO Catalog Number 99 9552*



Awards

Forest Employee Receives “Silver Smokey” Award

Gail Aschenbrenner West, Idaho Panhandle National Forest

A national Silver Smokey Bear award for outstanding work in wildfire prevention was presented to Sandra Groth, Idaho Panhandle National Forests fire prevention specialist, in a special ceremony on June 17.

“It is an honor to present Sandra Groth with this coveted award,” said Rick Prausa, Deputy Director of Fire and Aviation Management for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C. “Sandra is in a very select group of individuals who have distinguished themselves by their dedication and professionalism in wildfire prevention.”

Staff representatives from Idaho’s Congressional Delegation; members of local, state and national fire responders; Forest service employees; and Groth’s family were present at the award ceremony.

The Smokey Bear awards are the highest national honor one can receive for outstanding work and significant program impact in wildland fire prevention. These merit awards have been bestowed on well-deserving groups and individuals since 1957. The National Association of State Foresters, the US Forest Service, and The Advertising Council sponsor the Awards and nominations are considered and voted upon by the members of the Cooperative Forest Fire Protection (CFFP) Committee. All three sponsoring organizations have representation on the CFFP Committee.

The 2007 Silver Smokey Bear award presented to Groth is given to organizations or individuals that have provided sustained outstanding contributions throughout multiple states in wildland fire prevention over a period of at least two years.

Groth’s work in wildfire prevention spans more than 20 years and includes the development of educational fire prevention programs for schools. Groth also served as a trainer for national fire prevention classes and designed an array of educational materials for wildfire prevention



awareness in multiple regions across the country. Her grant writing skills funded the multi-media campaign, “I’m Concerned about Campfires” for two northern Idaho county fire cooperatives. As part of Smokey Bear’s 50th birthday celebration, Groth designed a quilt that is a candidate for public display in the National Smokey Bear Museum in Capitan, New Mexico. Smokey Bear’s appearances at Spokane Indians baseball games are due to Groth’s relationship developed to spread information about wildfire prevention.

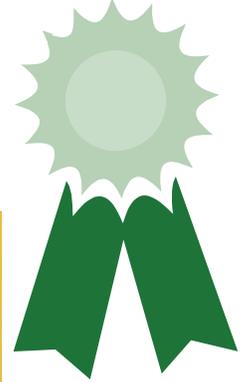
Groth’s fire prevention career includes participation as a cadre member for the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Fire Prevention conferences; the Northern Rockies/Great Basin Interagency Working Group; the Pacific Northwest Coordination Group; the Oregon Fire Marshalls Association; and as president of local Idaho fire cooperatives.

Awards

2008 Regional Forest Award Winners

The Regional Forest Award Ceremony was held June 17, 2008 in Missoula. This annual event honors and recognizes Forest Service individuals or work units for their achievements in several different categories.

Two new awards were introduced this year to recognize the region's sustainability efforts. The Leadership in Sustainability Leadership Partner in Sustainability were established to recognize an individual or group, internal and external, who through their efforts, have made outstanding contributions to reduce the Forest Service's environmental footprint in any of the following areas: energy, water, green purchasing, facility or site design/green buildings, electronic stewardship, fleet and transportation, and waste prevention/recycling.



Partnership Award
Elkhorn Working Group



Technology Transfer Award
State and Private Forestry
Forest Health Protection
Carol Bell Randall



Partnership Award
Jocelyn Dodge,
Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF
and Bruce Bailey, AmeriCorps



Natural Resource Stewardship Award
Idaho Panhandle National Forests
White Bark Pine Restoration Group



Leadership Partner in Sustainability Award
Northern Region Engineering

Memoriam

William H. Frandsen, 76 passed away August 28, 2008. Frandsen earned a masters degree in physics from the University of Oregon in Eugene. In 1967 he and his wife, Diane, moved to Missoula. Frandsen worked at the Fire Sciences Laboratory until retiring in 1996. During his career Frandsen earned a Ph.D. in forestry from the University of Montana, Missoula.

Dr. Robert W. Steele, 88 passed away May 25, 2008. Steele was born in Denver, Colorado and attended Colorado State University. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II Steele attended graduate school at the University of Michigan. In 1975 he received his doctorate in forest fire science from Colorado State University. Steele worked as a forest researcher at the Wind River Experiment Station in Washington for ten years.

Dale S. Thacker, 81 passed away July 5, 2008. Thacker entered the U.S. Navy on June 7, 1945. He returned home and worked for the Forest Service. Thacker spent 33 years working for the Forest Service in Missoula and Stevensville.

John Robert Wilson, 87 passed away August 31, 2008. Wilson served in the U.S. Navy. In 1961 he returned to the Bitterroot Valley and began working for the Forest Service. Wilson retired after 21 years in 1982.

