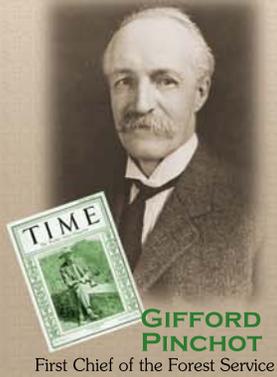


NATIONAL FORESTS A CENTURY OF SERVICE



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COMMEMORATIVE SURVEY MARKER

In celebration of the National Forest Centennial in 2005, this survey marker was installed in 17 national forests across the country in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Geodetic Survey.

The survey marker is now included in the NGS National Spatial Reference System of high-accuracy reference points for transportation and communication systems. The location is accurate to within 1 centimeter.



Hauling railroad ties, Foxpark Station



Loading railroad ties, near Foxpark Station

The Medicine Bow Forest Supervisor from 1908-1911 was P.S. Lovejoy. He oversaw timber sales to the Carbon Timber Company, which included a sale along the right-of-way of the Laramie, Hahns Peak and Pacific Railroad.

During this period construction began on the Snowy Range Road, a new station at Foxpark, and many roads and trails.

RAILROADS BRING CHANGE

The arrival of the railroads profoundly impacted the region. It brought settlers and a heavy demand for timber and railroad ties, it increased cattle production by providing opportunities to haul cattle to market, and it increased mining activity by transporting coal and minerals from local mines.

RESERVING THE RESOURCES

In 1899, many area citizens petitioned President McKinley to protect the resources in the Medicine Bow area citing the “wholesale stealing of timber by the companies.” The action was delayed until 1902 when the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve was established to: “improve and protect the forest within the boundaries...”



Foxpark Ranger Station

AN AMERICAN LEGACY

Today, legislation continues to reinforce the Forest Service's responsibility to manage outdoor recreation, range, timber, water, wildlife and fish for future generations.



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