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2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION

The National Museum of Forest Service History is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Our mission is to preserve the history of the US Forest Service and to interpret the conservation story, giving due consideration to the roles and partnerships that have enriched the forest and grasslands of the United States, and to present this historical information with integrity.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Museum advanced our mission to preserve and interpret the history of the U.S. Forest Service and its partners and cooperators in 2012. We developed our first traveling exhibit and virtual galleries: *Minerals We Use Every Day: Mined from our National Forests*. The exhibit was unveiled at the MINExpo Convention, in Las Vegas. Following its debut in Las Vegas, the exhibit will travel for at least three years to Forest Service Visitor Centers, museums, universities and other public spaces throughout the nation.

In September the Museum was pleased to co-sponsor the 2012 Rendezvous in the Rockies, National Forest Service Reunion in Vail, Colorado with the Rocky Mountain Forest Service Reunion Association.

The Museum proactively reached out to students, Forest Service employees and the general public across the nation. We produced and distributed a publication for high school students on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math studies. We partnered with the Forest Service Knowledge Management Office on a webinar for Forest Service employees. We participated in a Forest Service open house at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and introduced local elementary school students to Forest Service history through our collection.

We recognized excellence in conservation and in dedication to the Museum's ideals. The Museum's leadership presented the Conservation Legacy Award to Arch Coal, Inc. in honor of their commitment to protect natural resources on public lands. We also recognized long-time Museum volunteers John Sandor and Lynn Biddison with the Gary G. Brown Founder's Award.

Most importantly, we continued to gain new partners who support and endorse our vision, underscoring the need for conservation education, historical preservation and the Forest Service's impact on our society today and into the future.

Gray Reynolds

President

Dave Stack

Executive Director



Lower Left: Smokey Bear; Left: Dave Stack, Executive Director; Right: Gray Reynolds, President

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INTERPRETIVE PLANNING - OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

VISITOR EXPERIENCE PLANNING

The story of the Forest Service is expansive, and the Museum campus with its viewsheds, relocated historic structures, and natural settings will complement the exhibit experience in the museum building. Outdoor exhibits will give visitors the opportunity to travel through time to experience the lives of Forest Service employees and their families in the field.

In 2012 the Museum prepared for review by the Regional Forester a comprehensive Master Site Development Plan for the 36-acre museum site that includes interpretive trails, public spaces and outdoor exhibits. The outdoor exhibits are planned around three themes:

1920s Ranger Station

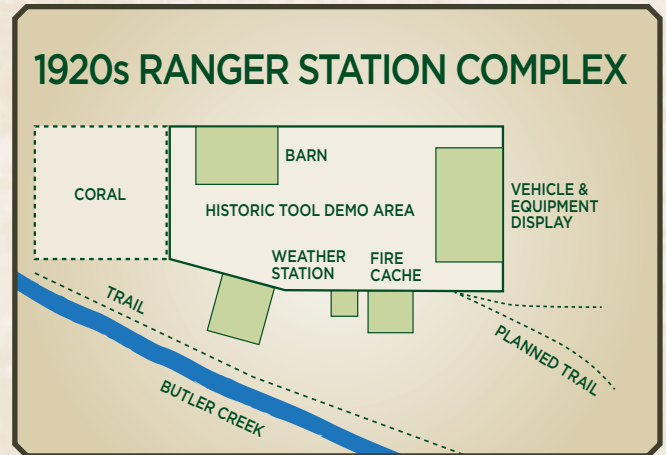
Visitors will experience the work of a ranger station that relied on horses and mules for transportation, grounded telephone lines, and hand tools to get the job done.

1940s Bungalow Ranger Station

Visitors will experience the life of a Ranger's wife on a remote Ranger Station. Radios, new fire equipment and motorized equipment were used by the Rangers. Children will learn about Smokey Bear in a cabin built just for kids!

1950 - 1960 Ranger Station

Visitors will see and experience a larger ranger station designed for more diverse tasks. Fire and Aviation took on greater importance during this time period and Fire Research helped understand fire behavior better. The station will also provide a window into the Forest Service response to insect and tree disease issues, and how the Forest Service, states and rural fire departments work together. Large equipment associated with these themes will be displayed.



The Museum's site infrastructure is now in place - municipal sewer and water; the sub-base for the roads and parking area sub-base and design of the museum building.

OUR INTERPRETIVE PHILOSOPHY

Our goal is to have interpretive exhibits and programs that are motivating, exciting and educational for the family.

We will interpret the role of multiple use forest and grassland management supporting the development of America.

The exhibits will tell the story of how the Forest Service has evolved over time because of lessons learned, changes in law, societal needs and values, and innovations in science and technology.

The exhibits must be accurate historically, unbiased and nonjudgmental, and tell the complete story.

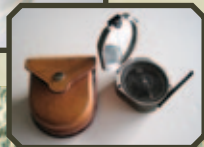
We will seek to become an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. We will work with the Museum's Panel of Historians and Social Scientists and our partners to fulfill our interpretive goal.



CONTRIBUTIONS ADD DEPTH TO COLLECTION

To date over 27,000 items have been cataloged on a searchable database of an estimated 42,000 historical items in the Museum Collection and the Forest Service Harvey Mack Collection. Members and friends continue to donate important historical items. In 2012 we received collections including:

- Sam S. Alfano donated recreation management papers; articles on the impact of the 10th Mountain Division on ski area development
- Barbara Wardsworth donated photographs and papers about the Northern Region Blister Rust Control program
- Robert Wolfskill donated the Trail Beetle Crawler Tractor
- Mary Huntt donated sheet music for "Cross the Great Divide" copyrighted 1908
- Bobbie Bevington donated documents and photographs from Daisy Priscilla Edgerton's career from 1909 to 1938 with the Forest Service and the Mississippi Commission of Forestry
- James Brown donated a clay turpentine pot found in northern Florida
- David R. W. Hoefler donated a pair of caulk boots
- National Advanced Fire & Resource Institute donated older field radios, Venezuelan protective fire shirt, CCC baker's hat
- Donald Campbell donated a lantern and Colorado National Forest sign
- Dave Scott donated a 1965 photograph album of Alaska recreation facilities



FULFILLING OUR MISSION: TRAVELING EXHIBIT PROGRAM

The Museum undertook a number of initiatives to utilize our collection for interpretive programs, reach the public, assist research efforts, and develop engaging educational and visitor experience concepts to support our interpretive and educational mission.



BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Traveling exhibits are an important component of the Museum program. These exhibits broaden the Museum's reach and bring conservation history and education to people across the country. In 2012 the Museum launched its first traveling exhibit: *Minerals We Use Every Day: Mined from our National Forests*. This exhibit is linked to virtual galleries to increase public awareness to the connection between the minerals found on National Forest System lands and the American standard of living. It highlights how mining sites are restored, and explains the science and technology used by resource specialists in management of public lands today. The exhibit will tour Forest Service visitor centers, museums, universities and other venues for the next three years.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT SUPPORTERS

Thanks to financial donations and in-kind support, the exhibit was constructed by Condit Exhibits of Denver, Colorado and unveiled at MINExpo International in Las Vegas, NV September 2012.

Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation | The Charles Engelhard Foundation | Lambda Bioremediation Systems | Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation | The Forest History Society | National Mining Association | Stan and Judy Dempsey Fund | USDA Forest Service

PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

STEM CONNECTIONS WITH FOREST SERVICE CAREERS AND HISTORY

To encourage students to pursue college degrees and select careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), the Museum launched an online STEM Career Center featuring nine careers in conservation. The Museum also developed a STEM publication which was distributed to 250 high school and elementary students in Eagle and Avon, Colorado.

We want to encourage the next generation to continue the tradition of stewardship set forth by the people and partners of the Forest Service, and STEM education plays a vital role in conservation. By choosing a career in conservation, these young adults can help shape the future of public and private lands.

Explore the conservation career center at:
<http://www.nmfs-history.net/STEM.html>

Students - Eagle and Avon, Colorado

The Museum's STEM publication was distributed to 250 high school and elementary students as part of a presentation by an actor portraying Theodore Roosevelt during the 2012 National Forest Service Reunion.

Students - Divide, Montana Elementary School

Executive Director Dave Stack hosted the Divide Montana Elementary School students at the Museum office. Dave talked with the children about Forest Service history and the Museum's effort in preserving this history. Dave asked the students to identify objects from the Museum collection and then discussed how the objects were used.

Public - Panhandle National Forest, Idaho

Executive Director Dave Stack presented a talk on White Pine Blister Rust War to local residents invited to the Snyder Guard Station as part of the Bonners Ferry, "The Way We Worked," Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit.

Forest Service Employee Webinar

The Museum participated in a webinar "Preparing Forest Service Employees For Career Advancement." organized by the Forest Service Knowledge Management Office. About 120 Forest Service employees participated. Panel members included Dave Stack and Lynn Sprague from the Museum; Pete Griffin, retired ranger in Alaska and Jane Cottrell, Deputy Regional Forester in Missoula.

Meetings Attended by Museum Staff

Lynn Sprague, Executive Fellow, represented the Museum at meetings and conferences of the Northwest Mining Association, Society of American Foresters, National Coal Council, California Forestry Association, Safari Club International and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Lynn and Steve Mealey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for its dedication and tireless work in partnership with the Forest Service over the course of its 28 year history on behalf of elk and other wildlife habitat

Information Requests

As a resource and repository for historical information, artifacts and documents, the Museum responds to information requests from Forest Service employees and citizens throughout the year.

The Fremont-Winema National Forest archaeologist researching the history of Pine Beetle infestation and Forest Service control efforts for an interpretive sign requested information about past control efforts. The museum provided copies of an article in the 1917 USDA Yearbook on a beetle outbreak in Oregon.

The Ottawa National Forest needed photographs of 1930s uniforms to make uniform replicas for children and adults to use in skits performed about Forest Service History. The Museum provided photographs to the Forest.



Artifacts on Loan

The Museum loans historic objects to Forest Service units for public display and to promote Forest Service employee awareness of agency history. In 2012 the Museum loaned objects from the Harvey Mack Collection to the Angeles National Forest in California for display in the Supervisors' Office. 2,500 visitors to the Ravalli County Fair in Montana saw a folding canvas bucket carried by early foresters in case of a fire. The Museum provided photographs taken inside a 1940s lookout to the Idaho State Historical Museum for a children's exhibit.



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of the Museum. All board members, regional directors, national council members and the panel of historians are volunteers. Volunteers contributed over 6,300 hours, 15,000 miles and paid \$13,000 out-of-pocket expenses. The Bungalow Ranger's Residence trim was painted and the shingles stained by volunteers.

Intern Michael Dax, a master degree history candidate at the University of Montana, wrote research papers and articles on the 1900 Appalachian Forest Reserve proposal, the 1906 Homestead Entry Law and Gifford Pinchot's 1907 meeting with cattlemen in Denver. The August newsletter featured Michael's article on Pinchot's Denver meeting.

The larger than life "Ranger" wood carving is coming to life in the Missoula workshop of Chuck Kaparich with the help of Jerry Covault, Alex McDonald, Steve Weiler and Phil Bain. The volunteer group meets every Thursday. The "Ranger" will be a feature in the museum building.

Special Mention to leadership volunteers for their important support of the Museum in 2012:

- *Patty Limerick chaired the Panel of Historians and Social Scientists, leading the Panel's review of the draft interpretive themes.*
- *Volunteer Rich Stem and Regional Director Tom Hamilton introduced forest industry members in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan to the work of the Museum.*
- *Regional Director Lynn Biddison reached out to the Fire and Aviation Industry.*
- *Board member James Marsh met with the Department of Defense and Forest Service representatives to discuss historical connections between the agencies*
- *National Council member Bob Bibb attracted several new capital campaign partners*
- *Board members Tom Thompson, Jim LaBau, Lyle Laverty, Beryl Johnston, Larry Gadit and Pat Lynch and Regional Director Bjorn Dahl worked to make the 2012 Forest Service Reunion a success-for the attendees and for the Museum.*
- *Board member Tony Schoonen supported partnership building between the Museum and the Safari Club International and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation*
- *Board member Steve Anderson supported development of the Museum's first traveling exhibit.*



Regional Directors Connect the Museum to Communities Nationwide

Region 1: Dave Wright, Idaho

Region 2: Bjorn Dahl, Colorado

Region 3: Lynn Biddison, Arizona

Region 4: Dick Smith, Idaho

Region 5: Jerry Gause, California

Region 6: Steve Mealey, Oregon

Region 9: Tom Hamilton, Wisconsin

Region 10: Jim Labau, Alaska

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The capital campaign has attracted \$3.8 million or 27 percent of our \$14.5 million goal. These contributions have fully funded the Planning Phase and seeded the Construction Phase of the Museum.

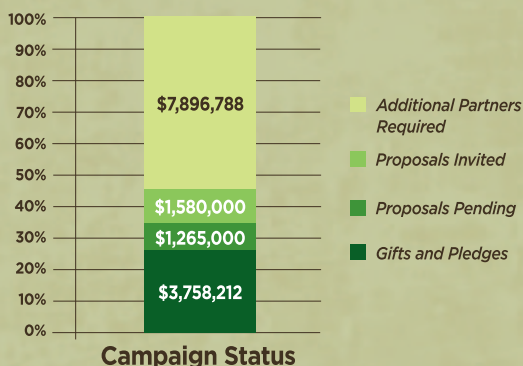
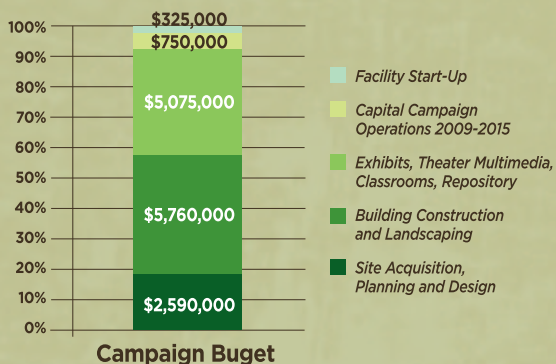
The Museum has attracted more than 260 capital campaign partners. Their generous gifts have supported site acquisition, planning and preparation, architectural design, exhibit and visitor experience planning and partnership development.

The Museum continues to seek investments in construction to leverage Planning Phase donations and to attract grants and gifts in support of exhibits and multimedia.

New Capital Campaign partners in 2012 included: Jackson Hole Mountain Resort; Los Compadres Retirees Group; Perkins Coie Charitable Foundation; Kiewit Power Engineers; Great Northern Midstream LLC; Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation; Lambda Bioremediation Systems, Inc. and the Rocky Mountain Forest Service Reunion Association.

CAMPAIGN BUDGET

Following a review of Capital Campaign expenses in 2012, the Board of Directors adopted a revised capital campaign goal in February 2013. The goal increased 14% from \$12.7 million to \$14.5 million. The increase was necessary because of cost inflation in building and road construction since the original 2009 construction cost estimates. The cost to design interpretive museum exhibits was also increased after review of the 2007 cost estimates and the Museum's experience with the traveling exhibit design costs in 2012.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOREST SERVICE HISTORY

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION | DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	60,966	58,255
Pledges receivable	11,363	52,649
Inventory	27,472	24,247
Total Current Assets	99,801	135,121
Fixed Assets and Construction In Progress		
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$17,157 and \$16,061	4,930	6,026
Non-depreciable assets	81,863	81,759
Construction in progress - museum	851,142	823,907
Net Fixed Assets & Construction In Progress	937,935	911,692
Other Assets		
Pledges receivable - long term		10,800
Charitable Remainder Trust receivable, net of discount	107,039	
Investments		
Investments	11,651	16,020
Restricted cash and investments for capital campaign	272,570	245,682
Endowment assets	45,542	41,821
Total Investments	329,763	303,523
Total Assets	\$1,474,538	\$1,361,136
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$7,070	\$6,651
Wages and payroll taxes payable	4,782	4,661
Total Current Liabilities	11,852	11,312
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,026,172	998,872
Temporarily restricted	408,828	323,266
Permanently restricted	27,686	27,686
Total Net Assets	1,462,686	1,349,824
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,474,538	\$1,361,136

The Museum's audited statements are available upon request.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

The National Museum of Forest Service History gratefully accepts cash, checks, securities and real estate in support of the Challenge Campaign and to carry out our mission to preserve and interpret the history of conservation in the U.S. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Donate securely online at www.NMFS-History.net or donate by check to NMFSH P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, MT 59806.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

Honor current, former or retired employees or persons or groups of persons who have contributed to the mission of the Forest Service.

Planned Gifts

Planned gifts ensure the conservation legacy of the Forest Service is passed on to the next generation.

Contact Executive Director Dave Stack for information 406-541-6374.

ANNUAL MEETING AND FOREST SERVICE REUNION, VAIL COLORADO



ARCH COAL RECEIVES CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARD

A highlight of the 2012 Forest Service Reunion in Vail was the presentation by Gray Reynolds of the Museum's Conservation Legacy Award to Arch Coal, Inc. The award was given in recognition of the company's commitment to protecting and restoring natural resources on public lands. Kenneth D. Cochran, Senior Vice President accepted the award on behalf of Arch Coal, receiving a standing ovation from Reunion banquet attendees. Mr. Cochran expressed the company's great appreciation of this recognition and thanked the Museum for its good work preserving and interpreting the conservation history of forests and grasslands.

The Museum board saluted Arch Coal for passing on a conservation legacy through its outstanding actions to restore landscapes, safeguard wildlife and enhance the public lands where the company operates.

Vail, Colorado was the place to be in late September, renewing friendships and making new friends during the 2012 Rendezvous in the Rockies, National Forest Service Reunion. The Museum's annual meeting, display and award presentations were part of the Reunion festivities.

The annual meeting and luncheon was attended by 120 people. Executive Director Dave Stack reported on Museum progress. Doug Leisz discussed the importance of increasing Museum memberships.

During the annual meeting, we were proud to honor Lynn Biddison (above, top left) and John Sandor (above, right) for their enthusiasm in carrying out the Museum's mission and unwavering dedication to telling the history of the Forest Service and its cooperators. As Museum volunteers and life members, both gentlemen have contributed to our success in collecting, preserving and interpreting the conservation legacy of the U.S. Forest Service, its partners and cooperators. Lynn and John each received the Gary G. Brown Founder's Award in recognition for their outstanding volunteer service.

We also presented a plaque to recognize Dave Stack's work as Executive Director. Stack was serenaded by Annual Meeting attendees with "Our Mr. Stack", sung to the tune of the Smokey Bear song, and accompanied by Jane Leche of the "Fiddling Foresters" on guitar, with lyrics by Liz Madison and Jane Hanson.



Kenneth D. Cochran, Arch Coal (right), accepts the Museum's Conservation Legacy Award from Museum President Gray Reynolds



Museum Board Members and Regional Directors attending Vail Museum Board meeting:

(left to right) *Beryl Johnston, Lyle Laverty, Max Peterson, Doug Leisz, Gray Reynolds, Bjorn Dahl, Jim LaBau, Ted Stubblefield, John Drake, Larry Gadt, Lynn Sprague, Steve Anderson, Dave Stack, Lynn Biddison and Patty Limerick*

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