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MEDIA RELEASE

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOREST SERVICE HISTORY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Missoula, MT – The National Museum of Forest Service History (NMFSH) welcomes five new members to its board of directors. The expansion comes as the organization is planning the construction of the National Conservation Legacy and Education Center in Missoula, Montana.

“These individuals are highly respected in their various disciplines, from policy to natural resource management to American history,” said Gray Reynolds, NMFSH president. “Their expertise will add additional breadth to our board as we engage in our most ambitious project to date.”

The five new board members are:

- **Keith Argow**, Chairman of the Forest Fire Lookout Association
- **Larry Craig**, retired Senator from Idaho
- **Patricia Limerick**, Faculty Director and Chair of the Board, Center of the American West and Professor of History, University of Colorado
- **Mark Rey**, former USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment
- **Ted Stubblefield**, Owner of Crest Enterprises

These new directors will give voice to a number of important constituencies involved in telling the story of the nation’s conservation legacy. Education is a key component of the Museum’s mission. Dr. Limerick will aid the board’s efforts to engage the education community and guide the development of both local and national conservation education programs.

The important work of federal agencies in making natural resource policy is a central theme to be presented at the Center. Through the Center, the Museum will promote discussion about conservation history and lessons we can apply to policy decisions we make today. Retired Senator Larry Craig and Mark Rey will bring their years of policy experience on natural resource issues to support the Museum’s goals in this arena.

Keith Argow and Ted Stubblefield contribute their direct experience with forestry and resource management. Mr. Argow is a forester and woodland owner and chairs an

association dedicated to restoring forest fire lookouts across the nation. Mr. Stubblefield retired after a 37-year career with the U.S. Forest Service and now consults on natural resource management. Their perspectives on issues confronting foresters today will provide valuable input towards the development of the Center.

The NMFSH Board, volunteers, staff and partners have just completed three years of site preparation, building design and exhibit planning for the 30,000 square-foot national repository, exhibit and event space and conservation education center. As a showcase for combined collections of more than 40,000 objects, the Center will encourage visitors to explore the cultural, ecological, economic, political, and social history of the lands and people that have defined the nation and gave meaning to the term conservation.

“The history of the US Forest Service is the very history of conservation. We look forward to working with our newest board members to transform the stories, the research and the collections into a comprehensive Center that provides a forum for education and meaningful debate about conservation,” said Max Peterson, board member and chief emeritus of the US Forest Service.

About the National Museum of Forest Service History

The National Museum of Forest Service History, a national nonprofit organization founded in 1988, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the entire national history of the USDA Forest Service for the education and enjoyment of the general public, scholars, and historical researchers. For more information, visit www.nmfs-history.net
