

Gary G. Brown

Gary G. Brown was born in Hay Springs, Nebraska, July 10, 1933, graduated from Whitehaven (Tennessee) High School, 1951, and attended the University of Montana, Missoula, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, June, 1960. In 1963, he completed Administrative Leadership Training at the University of Montana. Gary attended the Government Operations Institute, Washington D.C., 1983 and the Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, Executive Seminar Program, 1989 – 1990.

He served four years in the United States Air Force, 1951 to 1955. Between 1960 and 1981 He held the following positions with the State Forester's Office:

- Assistant on Swan State Forest
- Timber Management Assistant, Kalispell, MT
- Supervisor, Clearwater State Forest, Sperry Grade, Lincoln, MT
- Supervisor, Swan River State Forest, Swan Lake, MT
- Forest Management Assistant, Projects and Planning, Missoula, MT
- Management Forester, Missoula,
- District State Forester, Helena, MT
- Area Forester, Helena
- Forest Use Supervisor, Missoula
- Resigned from Montana State Forestry, went into private business, Brown and Worth Electronics, Butte, MT, 1973 to 1975
- Unit Forester, Clearwater Unit, Sperry Grade
- Cooperative Projects Bureau Chief, Missoula
- Deputy State Forester/Assistant Administrator, 1978 to 1981

Approved as Montana State Forester/Administrator July 1, 1981. The State Forester's position was directly responsible for planning and directing the development, use, protection and conservation of the State's forest and non-forest watershed resources. Products and services were provided statewide, and received by forest industry, forest and range landowners, government agencies (federal, state and local), and a large segment of the general public.

Partner with Forest Service and other Natural Resource Agencies and Organizations through the Forest Service State & Private Forestry Program.

Gary Brown served as the first President of the National Museum of Forest Service History from 1988 to 2002. Gary provided countless hours of dedication and leadership to the National Museum of Forest Service History. Through Gary's leadership the Museum moved from an initial concept to an organization with a Museum site, an initial building and a growing collection of memorabilia of the history of the Forest Service.

Gary joined the Society of American Foresters in 1960 and became a Fellow in 1991. He served on the National SAF Council 1985 to 1987. He served as chair of on the Dean's Advisory Committee, College of Forestry Conservation, University of Montana, Missoula from 1983 to 1984. Gary participated in the National Association of State Foresters from 1981 to 1992. He was the association's Western Representative, 1983 to 1984 and Chairman of the Water Resources Committee,

1988 - 1990 Other Memberships and Accomplishments:

- Montana Woodland Council
Chairman, 1979 – 1983
- Montana Governor's Advisory
Committee on Forest Resources
- Montana Governor's Representative
McIntire-Stennis Program
- Montana State Rural Areas
Development Committee (RAD) and
Past Chairman, Forestry Sub-
committee
- University of Montana, School of
Forestry Alumni Association
Executive Committee President 1984
– 1985
- Distinguished Alumni Award – 1989
- Northern Montana Forestry
Association
- Blackfoot Forest Protective
Association (Montana)
- Board of Directors and Secretary-
Treasurer Keep Montana Green
Association, 1982 1992
- Western Forestry and Conservation
Association Trustee, 1985 – 1989
- Montana Flathead Basin
Commission, 1985 – 1992
- Regional Forester's (R-1)
Partnership Award (Watershed
Cooperative, Grizzly Bear Activities,
National Museum of Forest Service
History)