



National Museum of Forest Service History

Annual Report

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

We are proud of our role in preserving the traditions and history of the U. S. Forest Service. We have accomplished important projects that position the Museum toward the future.

We are beginning a national capital campaign September 2005 at the Forest Service Retiree Reunion in Portland, Oregon. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth approved a \$500,000 grant to the Museum. Max Peterson, Chief Emeritus, USDA Forest Service and Robert Model, President of the Boone and Crockett Club were named Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen. Hired an engineering firm at a cost of \$49,000 to design roads, parking, and sewer and water systems to support the planned museum building. We assisted the Intermountain Region centennial heritage project to publish the Region's *Camp Cooking, 100 Years* cookbook and sold over 3,500 books to date to support Museum programs.

Please review the Museum goals and accomplishments. A more detailed version is available upon request. We appreciate your thoughts and comments.

Gray Reynolds
President

Goals

- Advocate a strong Forest Service History program.
- Provide programs to preserve agency history.
- Conduct a Capital Fundraising Campaign.
- Membership Growth.
- Financial Support.
- Public and Agency Visibility.

Program

1) Construct a museum and national headquarters on a 36 acre site in Missoula MT. Staff and volunteers use the building. The museum will be fun and educational for visitors. *Accomplishments:*

- ❖ Revised the museum site plan.
- ❖ Hired an engineering consulting firm to design museum site roads, parking, and sewer and water systems Cost \$49,000.
- ❖ An evening public program about a 1915 era Ranger complete with horse and mule at the museum site. Event was part of Missoula's Forest Service Centennial days.
- ❖ Twenty smokejumpers completed a training jump prior to the evening program.



June 15, 2005 Museum Program

2) Develop a national repository in Missoula to augment other Forest Service repositories across the country to care for Forest Service artifacts.

Accomplishments:

- ❖ Curator Beth Humble and volunteers cataloged 7,148 items using Past Perfect Museum software. Total Items cataloged is 9,245
- ❖ Signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Region One on June 16, 2004 to establish repository procedures and requirements.



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Financial Statement

Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2004

Income	
Donations	20,922
Dues	17,690
Merchandise	14,366
Grants	20,781
Other.	1,539
Total	75,298
Expenses	
Programs	20,778
Capital Exp.	5,995
Exec Director	19,854
Membership	1,538
Newsletter	2,287
Office	2,191
All Other	9,971
Total	62,614

Collections continued....

❖ Harvey Mack Collection from the Cleveland National Forest, California arrives in Missoula, September 2004.

3) Cooperate with other forest history sites across the country for the purpose of exchanging information, sharing artifacts and providing technical curation advice. Traveling exhibits, seminars and presentations of all types will be shared. *Accomplishments:*

- ❖ *Camp Cooking, 100 Years* cookbook received national newspaper coverage.
- ❖ Formed two committees to assist Forest Service units' efforts to preserve agency history – Lolo and Bitterroot national Forests.
- ❖ Provided information and loaned historical artifacts to organizations in Alaska, Arizona, California, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

4) Offer conservation education to a national audience. *Accomplishments:*

- ❖ Cosponsoring with the Northern Region a lecture by the Gifford Pinchot historian Dr. Char Miller on September 29, 2004 at the University of Montana. This event is part of the 2005 centennial observance.

5) Honor people and groups who have contributed to the mission of the Forest Service. *Accomplishments:*

- ❖ 182 persons are now recognized in the Forest Service History Memorial.

Administration

The Museum is a non-profit 501C(3) corporation. Current Membership is 634.

Grants – Completed the \$45,000 Forest Service grant, which supported collection cataloging, museum information literature and the summer visitors program. We received a Max and Betty Swanson Foundation Grant of \$825 to support the Char Miller lecture.

Capital Campaign – We have printed 250 campaign folders and 10,000 campaign information cards. The folder includes a DVD with Max Peterson and Gray Reynolds introducing the campaign.

Membership – A new membership three-fold brochure has been printed in color. The brochure describes the importance of preserving Forest Service history and museum programs.. The theme of the brochure is “JOINING TOGETHER TO REMEMBER AND PRESERVE OUR HISTORY”

Initiated a one--year complimentary membership for new retirees.

Volunteers – Volunteers are critical to the success of the Museum. Volunteers are working to catalog the archives, maintain the museum site and Bungalow Cabin, staff public displays, and write articles for the newsletter.

