



# National Museum of Forest Service History

## Annual Report

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

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 began a capital campaign in September 2005 at the national Forest Service Reunion in Portland Oregon. In July 2006 we raised the goal to \$6 million in recognition of increasing construction costs. Almost \$700,000 has been contributed to the campaign. The largest single contribution was a \$500,000 Forest Service grant approved by Chief Dale Bosworth. We hired an engineering consulting firm to design roads, parking, and sewer and water systems to support the planned museum building. A contract was advertised and awarded to construct the sewer and water utilities for \$398,152. The work will be completed this construction season. Membership increased by 122. We have cataloged almost 14,000 historical items using museum software in the last two years. We received a favorable report from independent auditors following their audit.

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

- Conduct a capital fundraising campaign
- Increase membership
- Complete construction of sewer, water and roads at the museum site
- Develop the museum interpretive plan
- Prepare the museum building design.
- Cooperate with the Forest Service to develop a History Website for historical information accessible to Forest Service employees and general public.

### Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign Committee co-chairs are R. Max Peterson, Chief Emeritus, USDA Forest Service and Robert Model, Chairman of the Boone and Crockett Club. Printed campaign literature has been prepared. Regional coordinators are assisting in the campaign.

Financial gifts will be solicited from Foundations, corporations, state and federal government, Forest Service employees and retirees and Individuals or organizations that have a

particular interest in natural resources or conservation.

All gifts will be recognized. A Wall of Honor will recognize gifts over \$1,000. Major donors will also receive membership and bronze medallion.

### Gifts Received

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Individuals    | \$107,178     |
| Pledges to pay | 60,875        |
| Corporate      | 5,000         |
| Forest Service | 500,000       |
| In-Kind        | 2,292         |
| Prior Gifts    | <u>23,848</u> |
| Total          | \$ 699,193    |

### Infrastructure Construction

On May 11, 2006 the bids were opened in the offices of DJ&A. Three bids were received. Western Excavating, Inc. of Missoula, MT was the low bidder at \$398,152.00. On June 21, 2006 Western Excavating, Inc. was given notice of contract award. Construction is expected to start September 5, 2006. The contractor has 60 days to complete the project.



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**Financial Statement**

Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2005

**Income**

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Donations   | 12,770        |
| Dues        | 22,030        |
| Merchandise | 20,558        |
| Grants      | 24,287        |
| Other.      | <u>2,5954</u> |
| Total       | 82,240        |

**Expenses**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Programs     | 28,799        |
| Depreciation | 2,046         |
| Membership   | 2,501         |
| Newsletter   | 2,911         |
| Office       | 2,237         |
| All Other    | <u>12,667</u> |
| Total        | 69,466        |

**Museum Exhibit Planning**

The interpretive themes of the museum will reflect the wide scope of Forest Service history, spanning more than one hundred years. Major subject areas include: Research, Forest Products Laboratory, Equipment Development Centers, State and Private Forestry, National Forest Systems and International Programs. The role of cooperators who have assisted in developing and delivery of programs will be part of the story. Cooperators range from Universities and State Forestry organizations to recreation providers and commodity industries. The history of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Job Corps and similar programs will also be interpreted.



**Museum Planning**

**Exhibit Construction at Seeley Lake Montana**

The exhibit theme will be the 1907, 50 Million Board Feet Big Blackfoot Milling Company timber sale at Seeley Lake. Associated topics include information about Jim Girard, pioneer Forest Service timber cruiser, Forest Service timber sale procedures, and transportation of the logs by river drives to the sawmill. This exhibit is being developed in partnership with the Seeley Lake Historical Museum. The exhibit will initially be located in the Seeley Lake and then moved to other locations. The museum's historical archival information and artifacts will be used to develop the exhibit. This work is supported by a grant from the Montana Cultural Trust. A secondary project objective is learning work with partners. The museum goal is to undertake similar project with groups in all sections of the country.

**Administration**

The Museum is a non-profit 501 C (3) corporation. Current Membership is 746.

*Audit* — *Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P. C.*, independent auditors, audited the financial position of the National Museum of Forest Service History, as of December 31, 2005. In the opinion auditors, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Museum of Forest Service History. In 2005 12% of the income was spent on administration and fundraising. Total Assets of \$ 322,960 and Total Liabilities & Net Assets of \$ 322,960

*Staff* – Executive Director Dave Stack is a volunteer. The museum has two part-time employees. Curator Beth Humble is employed for 10 months this year. Beth is responsible for the care of historic items in the repository, accessioning newly donated items and cataloging items in the Past Perfect Museum software. She supervises volunteers involved in artifact cataloging. Administrative Assistant Dale Fears is employed one day per week. Dale is responsible for financial management and membership service.

*Financial Statement (in left margin)* does not include capital campaign income.