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Message From the Chief

Welcome to the Chief's Volunteers Program National Awards—*Volunteers in the National Forests: A Decade of Excellence*. Here we honor the “best of the best” among the thousands of men, women, and children who have donated their time, energy, and *passion* from 1990 to 1999 to help the Forest Service meet its continuing mission.

Margaret Mead, the world-renowned anthropologist, once wrote, “*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*” I am a firm believer in what committed citizens can accomplish when working closely with our professional staffs. Witness the rich variety of projects and services our volunteers have contributed: leading cave surveys, researching a variety of wildlife and plant species, hosting campgrounds, patrolling wilderness trails, building accessible boardwalks, recording abandoned mine shafts, restoring historic buildings, staffing information desks, and coordinating fishing derbys for kids with disabilities—just to name a few. It is no wonder that our volunteers are justifiably called “the heartbeat of the Forest Service!”

To honor exemplary service on an annual basis, Chief F. Dale Robertson presented the first Volunteers Program National Awards in 1987. Chiefs Jack Ward Thomas and I have carried on this fine tradition. In 1999, the program has grown to 78 awards in 15 categories due to the diversity of volunteer projects and services! Over 400 plaques have been awarded during the 1990's—a tribute to the “best of the best.”

The volunteer service and leadership exhibited in this publication is most commendable and exemplifies “caring for the land, and serving people.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Dombeck". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Mike" and "Dombeck" being capitalized and prominent.

Mike Dombeck
Chief

Preface

As Chief Dombeck has said, volunteers are the “heartbeat” of the Forest Service. Forest Service managers have found that the types of work a volunteer can perform are as diverse as the people who come to our assistance. The only tasks that a volunteer can not legally perform are those associated with law enforcement. As an agency, we continually strive to match the interests, skills, and work preferences of our volunteer friends with a role that best fulfills the mission of the Forest Service and the United States Department of Agriculture.

A great diversity of projects and commitments of service—almost as diverse as our volunteers themselves—received awards during the 1990’s. The individuals, groups, and employees honored here are just the tip of the iceberg because there are thousands more like them working day after day to meet the mission of the Forest Service.

The programs, projects, and special duties outlined in each category have been laid out to serve as a *reference database* of great ideas that Forest Service managers and volunteers can use in their own units. For each category, activities and projects are listed alphabetically in chronological order. If you are looking for a particular activity or project heading or to see if your favorite national forest has hosted an award winner, then please refer to the index at the end of this publication. For readers who wish to obtain additional information about a specific volunteer effort, please contact the unit associated with the description.

We hope you enjoy these examples of service and find some ideas useful.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clyde Thompson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Clyde Thompson
Deputy Chief for Business Operations

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Chief's Volunteers Program National Awards

There are now 15 award categories highlighted each year. They include:

1. ***Individual Volunteer Service.*** Individual who has assisted the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.
2. ***Sponsored Volunteer Service.*** Organized group of individuals from private-sector associations, foundations, institutions, and organizations or a unit of State or local government who have worked together to assist the Forest Service as volunteers.
3. ***Corporate Sponsored Volunteer Service.*** Organized group of individuals from corporations, businesses, companies, firms, and so forth, who have worked together to assist the Forest Service as volunteers.
4. ***Campground Host Volunteer Service.*** Individual or couple who has assisted the Forest Service as a volunteer campground host.
5. ***Retiree Volunteer Service.*** Individual over the age of 55 years who has assisted the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.
6. ***International Volunteer Service.*** Individual from a foreign nation who has assisted the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.
7. ***Youth Volunteer Service.*** Individual youth or organized group of youths under the age of 18 years from community groups, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and so forth, who cooperated to organize volunteer youth service or work to assist the Forest Service in its mission.
8. ***Forest Service Employee—National Forest System.*** National Forest System employee of the Forest Service who has made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

9. ***Forest Service Employee—Research.*** Research employee of the Forest Service who has made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
10. ***Forest Service Employee—State and Private Forestry.*** State and Private Forestry employee of the Forest Service who has made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
11. ***Forest Service Employee—Other.*** Other employee of the Forest Service who has made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
12. ***Forest Service Unit—National Forest System.*** National Forest System unit of two or more Forest Service employees who, as a group, have made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
13. ***Forest Service Unit—Research.*** Research unit of two or more Forest Service employees who, as a group, have made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
14. ***Forest Service Unit—State and Private Forestry.*** State and Private Forestry unit of two or more Forest Service employees who, as a group, have made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.
15. ***Forest Service Unit—Other.*** Other unit of two or more Forest Service employees who, as a group, have made a significant contribution to advance the Forest Service mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Volunteers in the National Forests: A Decade of Excellence

1. Individual Volunteer Service

The following individuals were honored for assisting the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.

Mike Huber 1999
Cave of the Madonna Survey Project
Lincoln National Forest, R3

The Cave of the Madonna is located in a remote section of a Wilderness Study Area and is one of more than 120 caves inventoried on the Guadalupe Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico. Just getting there is a challenge. Horrendous backcountry roads, a hike involving traversing sheer cliffs, then hundreds of feet of tight crawlways and vertical drops! Mike Huber has served as the project leader for the survey of this complex cave, coordinating numerous survey expeditions that sometimes lasted more than 18 hours each, then carefully writing up all notes and records. Approximately 75 other volunteers were recruited for this team effort, but Mike personally provided more than \$21,000 worth of personal time over 5 years for the district's cave resource program. A strong partnership has resulted between the Forest Service and the caving community.

Paul Kaletta 1999
Annual Fishing Derby and JAKE Events for Children with Disabilities
Uinta National Forest, R4

Paul Kaletta has been instrumental in the success of the annual fishing derby for children with disabilities and the annual Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Sportsmanship (JAKES) event. Partners included Albertsons, National Wild Turkey Federation, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Tooele Wildlife Federation, Utah Hunter Education, and others. The fishing derby provides 300 children with disabilities the opportunity to spend a day fishing. The JAKES event is designed to help youth develop appreciation, knowledge, and respect for nature. Beyond the obvious benefits to the children, the event has improved public understanding of Forest Service recreational offerings and the role of the Uinta National Forest in the local community.

Joel Knowles 1999
Carson Pass Information Station Construction Project
Amador Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest, R5

The new Carson Pass Information Station is a unique log cabin structure located at the highest point (8,753 feet elevation) along California

Highway 88 (a major National Scenic Byway and east-west route over the Sierra Nevada). Joel Knowles donated more than 1,200 hours in recruiting and supervising more than 70 volunteers in constructing the new station. The new station will serve more than 40,000 visitors annually, providing vital information for the adjacent Mokelumne Wilderness, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, Mormon-Carson Emigrant National Historic Trail (now California Highway 88), and other regional attractions like Lake Tahoe. Joel is continuing his contributions by providing maintenance work on the new station.

Wil Kohlbrenner 1999
 Trails System Improvements
 Lee Ranger District, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8

Wil Kohlbrenner coordinates the activities of 25 different volunteer trail groups on more than 300 miles of district trails, as well as contributing thousands of hours of time on a variety of trail projects with little or no supervision. He has worked to improve trail inventories, mapping, and layout; identify maintenance concerns; and provide invaluable information to the public.

C.J. Meitner
 Monarch Butterfly Research
 Rapid River Range District, Hiawatha National Forest, R9 1999

C. J. has been a model volunteer. Not only has she been instrumental in helping the Hiawatha National Forest recognize the unique phenomena of monarch migration and our role as land managers in the phenomena; but C.J. has singlehandedly made the Hiawatha a leader among national forests in researching the monarch. The scientific data will help the Hiawatha National Forest better understand the relationships between our management of the Peninsula Point Lighthouse and Picnic Area and its use by the monarch. In addition, her contributions have enhanced our relationships with our existing partners (such as Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County) and other cooperators and volunteers.

Doug Wood 1999
 Tahquitz Peak Lookout Reopening
 San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Tahquitz Peak Lookout is located in the San Jacinto Wilderness. Doug Wood's efforts resulted in the lookout being reopened in 1998 after being closed for 5 years (this lookout had operated continuously from 1917 to 1993 but had to be closed due to budget cuts). Doug worked with the San Bernardino National Forest Association's Fire Lookout Host Program and

the San Jacinto Ranger District's Forest Service Volunteer Association to restore and reopen the lookout. Doug recruited volunteers and packed supplies and materials to the site while adhering to wilderness restrictions on using minimum tools. The project was completed in less than 2 months.

Betty and Harlan Brock 1998
Brush Creek Visitor Center
Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National
Forests, R2

Betty and Harlan have run the Brush Creek Visitor Center for 5 years. They have also served the district as campground hosts, assisted in historic building restoration, helped design interpretive exhibits, and conducted numerous interpretive programs. They maintain the interpretive sales outlet at the visitor center (Rocky Mountain Nature Association). They have even returned to the district every winter to sell Christmas tree permits.

Douglas and Ursula Cripps 1998
Tallac Historic Site
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, R5

Since 1988, Doug and Ursula have donated all of their summers to restore the Tallac Historic Site, home of some of the finest summer resort homes being protected nationally by the Forest Service. Together, they have contributed more than 25,000 hours to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit! Doug has used his skills as an architect to assist with State Historic Preservation Office consultations and has been diligent in documenting the dozens of historic structures along the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Ursula has acted as Assistant to the Director of the Tallac Historic Site, supervising many others in the Restoration Volunteer Program. She has shown a special skill at touring the media and visitors around the site. They have both rolled up their sleeves on many exterior and interior restoration projects and public festivals over the years.

Nathan Eddy 1998
Creede Oral History Project
San Juan-Rio Grande National Forests, R2

Nathan, under the 1997 Wesleyan University Dana Summer Intern Program, conducted oral histories in the town of Creede, Colorado, for 10 weeks in the summer of 1997. He recorded exhaustive oral histories from a number of people in the town, then created text documents for the historic record files of the interviews. He then conducted interpretive programs for the town based on the content of the interviews.

Debbie Lewis 1998
Legal Advice and Litigation Support
Renewable Resources Staff, Rocky Mountain Region, R2

Debbie is an attorney who gave up practice in a private personal injury firm to seek employment in the natural resources area. Debbie came on staff with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) as an intern, and she enjoyed the work so much she took on a full-time volunteer position. She has since conducted research on Forest Service authorities to regulate boating in Colorado, presented regional training regarding road law, and represented the agency in winning a grazing permit suspension case. Her position is unique to the Forest Service and OGC.

John O'Dell 1998
River-to-River Trail Development in Southern Illinois
Murphysboro Ranger District, Shawnee National Forest, R9

John formed the River-to-River Trail Society in 1991 to develop a trail through southern Illinois from the Ohio River to the Mississippi River. He worked with the Forest Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), private landowners, and hundreds of volunteers for more than 7 years to construct and maintain the 146-mile trail. John has also helped publish a trail brochure and obtain a \$20,000 IDNR grant for trail improvements. He has contributed more than 10,000 hours on this trail that now receives more than 150,000 visits per year.

Robert Reiswig 1998
Equestrian Trail Patrols and Maintenance
Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, R5

Robert has volunteered to conduct equestrian patrols and trail maintenance on district trails every weekend of the field season for 12 consecutive seasons! This has included a particular focus on 34 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. He and other volunteers have donated the use of their own horses and equipment to pack into remote areas to repair storm damage, remove fallen trees, and contact visitors.

Mike Titus 1998
Great Western Trail Association
Pleasant Grove Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

Mike has served as president of the Great Western Trail Association. In this capacity, he encouraged Congress to fund a feasibility study of granting national status to the Great Western Trail. The trail has brought thousands of volunteers to the forest to work, as well as established partnerships with both equestrian and off-highway vehicle groups.

George Vogel 1998
Tree Falling and Recreation Program Leadership
Hebo Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, R6

George has served as a district volunteer for 15 years, contributing more than 21,000 hours to the Siuslaw National Forest! He specializes in tree falling in recreation facilities, keeping campgrounds safe for the approximately 300,000 visitors who use district facilities every year.

Gary Grocholski 1997
"Leave No Trace" and "Bear Use in Mind" Programs Instructor
Beartooth Ranger District, Custer National Forest, R1

Gary has presented numerous "Leave No Trace" and "Bear Use in Mind" programs during the summer and fall seasons. Over an 8-year period, Gary has contributed more than 2,000 hours in presenting 280 formal programs to more than 10,000 people. He also represents the Forest Service at fairs, scout shows, Montana Outdoor Recreational Expositions, and the National Association of Interpretation's National Workshop.

Gilbert Handley 1997
Construction, Maintenance, and Viticulture Projects
Monterey Ranger District, Los Padres National Forest, R5

Gilbert first volunteered for the Forest Service back in 1950, and over the years has assisted in trail maintenance and other construction and maintenance projects. He has been involved in viticulture at historic Indians Ranch and Santa Lucia Adobe since 1983.

Lynn M. Kelley 1997
Common Loon Management Program
Lolo National Forest, R1

Lynn began working on common loons on the Lolo National Forest as a thesis project for her master's degree at Montana State University. She has since been a leader in the Loon Management Program. She designed a management plan, installed signs in the field to protect loon habitat and nesting, and conducted summer interpretive programs on the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Carolynne Merrell 1997
Recording Native American Pictographs and Petroglyphs
Bitterroot National Forest, R1

Carolynne, a professional photographer, is systematically recording pictograph sites on the Bitterroot National Forest. She also uses digital

computer enhancement to increase the visibility of faded areas not visible to the naked eye.

Kevin Pritchett 1997
Annual Fishing Derby for Children with Disabilities
Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

Kevin has been instrumental in starting and continuing an annual fishing derby for children with disabilities. The event is an annual outing for more than 140 children and more than 100 volunteers who become their fishing buddies.

Mike Pritchett 1997
Annual JAKE Events for Children with Disabilities
Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

For over 5 years, Mike has volunteered as a partner in coordinating the annual Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Sportsmanship (JAKES) Event. The JAKES program was designed to help youth develop appreciation, knowledge, and respect for nature. The event teaches youth about wild turkeys and their habitat. Mike has championed the cause of wild turkeys and has used the JAKES event to educate the public on hunting and habitat issues. The event attracts about 50 youth and their parents each year. Mike has also spearheaded wildlife habitat improvements such as guzzler installations, watershed improvements, and habitat enhancement actions in cooperation with local sportsmen groups.

Selina Robinson 1997
Schenck Job Corps Center
National Forests in North Carolina, R8

Selina was instrumental in helping establish the Community Relations Council of Brevard, North Carolina. The council is comprised of community leaders who serve as advisors to the Schenck Job Corps Management Team, which helps students at the Job Corps Center make an easier adjustment to their new environment and promotes the Job Corps Program in the community. Selina has contributed more than 10,000 hours in volunteer service to the students and staff of Schenck over a 31-year period!

Jim Evans 1996
Summer Seasonal Attendant, Hard Creek Guard Station
New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest, R4

As of 1996, Jim had spent 13 years as the volunteer summer seasonal attendant at the Hard Creek Guard Station. He also had provided

personal horse stock, tack gear, and personal skill in annually maintaining more than 60 miles of trail and collecting high mountain lake data for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in more than 15 backcountry lakes in the area.

Elizabeth A. Glasser 1996
Visitor Information Services
Forest Service Information Center; Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness
Resources Staff; Washington Office

Elizabeth regularly volunteered in the Forest Service Information Center at the Washington Office. She provided superior service to "walk-in" visitors and greatly assisted Forest Service staff members.

Kathy Kempa 1996
Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor Center
Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, R4

Kathy began working for the Forest Service in 1987 as a seasonal employee until other commitments interrupted her Forest Service work. She returned as a volunteer in 1989. She has provided excellent visitor service, helped design visitor center displays and brochures, and assisted in training new employees and volunteers. She acted especially coolly in emergency situations and was a highly valued member of the volunteer staff.

Janie Lynch 1996
Schenck Job Corps Center
National Forests in North Carolina, R8

Janie contributed more than 12,000 hours to the Education Department at Schenck Job Corps Center between 1986 and 1995. Her main desire has been to assist underprivileged youth—she has been a strong advocate for education. She directly assisted 100 students in attaining their General Education Equivalency Degrees in 1995. Some of these students went on to college because of her help.

Noel and Shelly Newhouse 1996
Guide to Accessible Meeting, Lodging, and Dining Facilities
Human Equality Advisory Resource Team, Idaho Panhandle National
Forest, R1

Noel and Shelly were instrumental in development of the forest's *Guide to Accessible Meeting, Lodging, and Dining Facilities*. Disability access information was lacking before Noel and Shelly took on this project. They donated about 490 hours in putting the guide together. The finished

product was shared with the Chamber of Commerce to assist visitors and residents alike.

Mike and Steve Nash 1996
Campsite, Portage, and Trail Maintenance
Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Kiwishiwi Ranger District, Superior
National Forest, R9

Mike and Steve were stationed at a remote location in the wilderness, providing maintenance of trails, portages, and campsites. They also provided interpretive programs with an emphasis on storytelling, crafts, music, and lasting environmental messages. They have contributed more than 10,000 hours of volunteer work.

Adrienne Allison 1995
Schenck Job Corps Center
National Forests in North Carolina, R8

Adrienne served as a volunteer at the Schenck Job Corps Center for more than 28 years! She served as the President of the Community Relations Council at Schenck for 18 years. Adrienne was viewed by students at the center as "mom." She provided thousands of hours of counseling and assistance to underprivileged youth. It is estimated that she donated more than 30,000 hours to the center.

Michael Bargelski 1995
"Targhee Trails" Television Program
Palisades Ranger District, Targhee National Forest, R4

Michael was the first person to adopt one of the more than 1,200 miles of trails on the Targhee National Forest. He maintained 24 miles himself, specializing in removing fallen trees, clearing rocks, and repairing damaged water bars. Michael also recruited several hundred other volunteers who went on to maintain more than 450 miles of forest trails. He has been instrumental in helping develop one of the best Adopt-A-Trail programs in the National Forest System.

James "Bronco" Grigg 1995
Water Diversion Ditch Project and Backcountry Skills
San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

"Bronco" acted as Forest Service representative at a water diversion ditch being reconstructed by a contractor in a remote wilderness location. He applied engineering skills and ensured a quality project.

Frank C. Handoe, Sr. 1995
Wolf Creek Job Corps Center
Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, R6, Glide, Oregon

Frank provided driving services to the center on a voluntary basis. He was always available to transport students for a variety of trips, plus made runs for supplies and pickups at local vendors. He freed up professional staff to do other critical duties.

Carl Transue 1995
Volunteer Service at the Supervisor's Office
Wasatch-Cache National Forests, R4

Carl is a disabled Vietnam veteran who made significant contributions by serving at special Smokey Bear appearances at parades and rodeos, assisting as a volunteer driver on emergency fire incidents, and handling many miscellaneous tasks for the staff of the supervisor's office.

Harlon Cauthron and Sandra Ellis 1994
Accessibility Surveys and Training
Apache-Sitgraves National Forests, R3

Harlon and Sandra conducted accessibility surveys of all recreation and administrative sites on the Apache-Sitgraves National Forest. They also participated as speakers in three classes at the Regional Consolidated Recreation Training. They provided the Forest Service with transition plans for all of the sites that were surveyed.

Buddy Lyons 1994
Volunteer Coordination
Spring Mountain National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, R4

Buddy served as the Volunteer Coordinator on the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area for almost 10 years, contributing more than 10,000 service hours. He supervised the contribution of more than 60,000 hours of volunteer group work on a variety of projects, including trail construction and maintenance, campground and picnic area repairs, wildlife habitat improvements, visitor center staffing, and snow removal.

Shirley Muse 1994
Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute
Pacific Northwest Research Station

Shirley helped found the Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute with the mission of enhancing the long-term economic and social benefits derived from the area's natural resources in an ecologically sound and

sustainable manner. She was also active with the Umatilla National Forest Stakeholders Group and the "Guiding the Course" Consensus Group.

Donald Stroup 1994
Bird Populations Surveying and Monitoring
Manistee Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forests, R9

Don worked as a volunteer monitoring bird populations on the Manistee Ranger District. He contributed more than 3,500 hours of service, inventorying raptor and heron nesting territories. An active member of the Audubon Society, Don made significant contributions to the Forest Service's knowledge of raptors in Michigan.

Hank Dodderidge 1993
Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Sequoia National Forest, R5

For more than 30 years, Hank has been active in improving wildlife habitat in California. He has specialized in installing water guzzlers, planting aspen, installing meadow fences, assisting in prescribed burns, and assisting in obtaining funding for multiyear projects. Hank has also been president of the Central California Sportsmen's Council and the Fresno Sportsmen's Club.

Kenny Frost 1993
Native American Tribe Liaison
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, R2

Kenny worked as a liaison between the Routt and White River National Forests and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and the Uintah/Ouray Ute Tribes, providing the necessary contract for National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) scoping and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) section 106 consultation. Kenny was most helpful to the Routt in the NEPA scoping and NHPA section 106 compliance on a very large land exchange project. He also assisted the Routt in its outreach interpretive efforts by presenting the Ute culture to students.

Dan Funderburg 1993
Access Evaluation Surveys
Hiawatha National Forest, R9

Dan was actively involved in the Hiawatha National Forest's 1992 access evaluation survey, training university students to evaluate forest facilities for needed access improvements. He helped create new survey forms for types of facilities not found on standard forms.

Charles "Mac" McGrory
Soil Database Establishment
Bridger-Teton National Forest, R4

1993

"Mac" developed the Relational Soil Pedon Database System (RSPEDS) using Oracle computer software. Because of its integrated resource inventory program, the Intermountain Region adopted RSPEDS as its corporate soil database in 1992. RSPEDS is the basis of the Forest Service's national ecosystem database. Mac also produced the first user's guide and data dictionary for the database. This project has enabled the Forest Service to capture its soil and integrated resource inventory data into computer format without the need to recode existing data and develop additional data entry forms.

George Regan
Campground Maintenance
Bitterroot, Gallatin, and Lolo National Forests, R1

1992

George contributed thousands of hours of volunteer labor between 1984 and 1991, assisting the Forest Service with campground maintenance and host duties, law enforcement and investigations, sign construction, public information and reception duties, and many others. He volunteered on three different national forests over this time period.

James T. Spencer
National Trail Boss Program Developer
Arroyo Seco Ranger District, Angeles National Forest, R5

1992

By 1991, James had been serving as a volunteer on the Arroyo Seco Ranger District for almost 20 years. He was instrumental in developing the forest's Trail Boss Program, eventually turning it into a national interagency program! He and local Boy Scouts that he recruited had donated more than 200,000 hours of time managing more than 165 miles of trails (including the Pacific Crest Trail and three National Recreation Trails). He also served for 4 years on the District Volunteer Program Board of Directors.

Veva Stansell
Botany Assistance
Siskiyou National Forest, R6

1992

Veva spent thousands of hours as a volunteer assisting in botany and plant resources work. She helped establish 19 new botanical areas in the final forest plan for the Siskiyou National Forest. Veva also played a significant part in the preparation of three editions of the *Guide to the Sensitive Plants of the Siskiyou National Forest*.

Barry spent 10 years advising and assisting the Los Padres National Forest on issues of accessibility for persons with disabilities. His efforts over this period of time have greatly enhanced how the Forest Service delivers programs and services to the disabled.

James E. and Frances Mathis, Sr.
Chattahoochee-Oconee Heritage Association Partnership
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, R8

1991

James and Frances were leaders in developing the Chattahoochee-Oconee Heritage Association in association with the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. Many thousands of hours of volunteer labor resulted from this interpretive partnership. The association was generating revenues exceeding \$300,000 per year by 1991. Each year more than 400,000 visitors come to the facilities run by the association. James and Frances also organized school outings and art shows.

Athalie "Mac" Neely
Interpretive Programs and Materials
Mt. Hood National Forest, R6

1991

In 1990 "Mac" was 70 years young, and she turned her professional skills in nursing, teaching, writing, and communication toward helping the Forest Service meet its public service goals. She volunteered to produce brochures, guides, education programs, and interpretive programs; helping create partnerships and make the forest a place people can come to enjoy and learn. Mac worked on a number of different national forests, including the Dunes National Recreation Area and the Tonto, Willamette, Deschutes, and Mt. Hood.

George Palmiter
Design and Fabrication of Structures and Furniture
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, R6, and Lolo National Forest, R1

1991

George completed an incredible array of carpentry and maintenance projects in two regions of the Forest Service. He was instrumental in designing, fabricating, and erecting elegant outdoor furniture for the Multnomah Falls Visitor Plaza on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and remodeling Civilian Conservation Corps-era ranger stations on the Lolo National Forest in Montana. He also remodeled an old farm house to support summer forest volunteers, refurbished campground picnic tables, and installed wooden campground gates.

2. *Sponsored Volunteer Service*

The organized groups of individuals from private-sector associations, foundations, institutions, and organizations or a unit of State or local government listed below have worked together to assist the Forest Service as volunteers.

Bitterroot Backcountry Horsemen 1999
Trail and Facility Construction and Maintenance
Bitterroot National Forest, R1

The Bitterroot Back Country Horsemen have accomplished a list of projects exceeded by no other volunteer organization on the Bitterroot National Forest over a 23-year period. The club plans and participates in the construction and maintenance of trails, trailheads, and backcountry facilities, donating their time, horses, mules, vehicles, tools, and excavating equipment.

Bog Research 1999
Rare Plants and Habitats
Resource Unit, Kisatchie National Forest, R8

Working under their volunteer organization, Bog Research, Michael and Barbara provided field review for rare plants and habitats of much of the Kisatchie National Forest. They published at least 19 scientific journal articles documenting their findings, along with color drawings and descriptions of many sensitive plant species. Their field work more than *doubled* the number of documented rare plant sites on the forest and served as much of the basis for Geographic Information System map layers that now flag those rare habitats. Michael and Barbara—without the benefits of support from a university or other organization—worked under hot, humid field conditions and mounted and labeled many specimens in their own home. They have contributed almost a decade of their lives assisting the Forest Service.

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association 1999
Carson Pass Information Station
Amador Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest, R5

The Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association has provided volunteer summer staffing at the Carson Pass Information Station for more than 10 years. This accounts for more than 1,500 volunteer hours per season. They personally contact more than 40,000 visitors each year, providing vital information for the adjacent Mokelumne Wilderness, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, Mormon-Carson Emigrant National Historic Trail (now California Highway 88), and other regional attractions like Lake Tahoe.

Friends of the Forest—Sedona, Arizona 1999
 Resource Management
 Beaver Creek and Sedona Ranger Districts, Coconino National Forest, R3

The Friends of the Forest is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization that assists the Forest Service in resource management activities by providing volunteer service. Over a 4½-year period, they have contributed more than 10,300 hours completing tasks such as reconstructing and maintaining trails, staffing the Forest Service front desk and remote visitor centers, patrolling wilderness trails, testing water quality, constructing signs, monitoring aircraft, and even counting bats. The group serves as a model for new startup groups interested in helping other national forests around the country.

Lakeridge Junior High School Honors Biology Classes 1999
 Great Western and Bonneville Shoreline Trails
 Construction
 Pleasant Grove Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

The honors biology classes from Lakeridge Junior High School, Orem, Utah, under the leadership of teacher Donnel Willey and principal Dr. Randy Honaker, have assisted with construction of the Great Western and Bonneville Shoreline trails in Provo Canyon. Other partners included Provo City, Utah County Parks and Recreation, Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources, and Utah State Division of Parks and Recreation. Lakeridge Junior High students contributed more than 2,000 hours in constructing and maintaining the trails, plus donated more than \$1,000 from the school's Earth First environmental club to assist in trail construction projects on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

Mountain Trails Youth Ranch 1999
 At-Risk Youth Resources Work
 San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

Mountain Trails Youth Ranch is a nonprofit youth service organization that targets at-risk youth through a variety of natural resource-related work experiences. Almost 500 youths have participated in the program on the Rio Grande National Forest, donating 39,000 hours of work on 12 trail projects covering 56 miles of reconstruction and maintenance. The Rio Grande National Forest estimates they have saved approximately \$500,000 in trail construction costs since the initiation of the partnership!

National Speleological Society 1999
Cave Resources Initiative
Guadalupe Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, R3

Members of the National Speleological Society contributed invaluable volunteer labor and expertise to the Cave Management Program on the Guadalupe Ranger District. They have brought expertise in restoration, cave survey, photomonitoring, and other cave management techniques to the Guadalupe Ranger District.

North Superior Ski and Run Club 1999
Pincushion Trails Maintenance
Gunflint Ranger District, Superior National Forest, R9

For more than 20 years, the North Superior Ski and Run Club has maintained the 15-mile Pincushion Trail system for the public. This has included clearing windfallen trees, installing and repairing bridges, brushing, grooming, signing, and mapping. The club has solicited more than \$130,000 to implement a long-term plan for the area; these funds have come from other Federal, State, county, city, business, and individual sources. They have been successful in an area with a small population base and limited resources. They are a model for similar situations on national forests around the country.

Ocoee Whitewater Center Volunteers 1999
Ocoee Whitewater Center Partnership
Ocoee Ranger District, Cherokee National Forest, R8

This project involved the formation of a volunteer program, in partnership with local Chambers of Commerce, to staff the Ocoee Whitewater Center, site of the 1996 Olympic canoe and kayak competition. Since October 1996, with more than 8,500 volunteer hours logged, the center has helped more than 225,000 visitors and become an international tourist destination. Regional and forest recreation-information is the main draw to the center today.

Oregon Dunes Volunteer Dunes Patrol 1999
Oregon Dunes Management Plan
Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Siuslaw National Forest, R6

This volunteer effort was made by a 45-member organization assisting managers in the implementation of the Oregon Dunes Land Management Plan.

San Jacinto Ranger District Lookout Tower Team Leaders 1999
Fire Lookout Rehabilitation and Operation
San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Pam Morey, Doug Wood, and Eileen Phillips volunteer with the San Bernardino National Forest Association's Fire Lookout Host Program as team leaders for three lookouts (all designated as National Historic Lookouts) located on the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest. They have supervised and coordinated the repairs needed to reopen the lookouts, helped to recruit and train volunteer lookout hosts, obtained supplies and materials through contacts with local organizations and individuals, and managed the operations of the lookouts once they were opened.

Stream Watch Program 1999
Russian and Kenai Rivers
Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, R10

The Stream Watch Program is an innovative partnership of local organizations, members of the public, and government agencies who have developed an educational program protecting the habitat along world-class sockeye salmon fisheries in Alaska. Thousands of people use the Kenai and Russian Rivers, with major impacts occurring to the resources. The program features a volunteer cadre who "walk the rivers" and educate anglers about the need for streambank restoration and fish habitat protection.

Backcountry Horsemen of Nevada 1998
Trail Construction, Environmental and Wilderness Education
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, R4

The Backcountry Horsemen of Nevada have contributed to Forest Service efforts in environmental education, wilderness education, wilderness management projects, and construction of the Tahoe Rim Trail around Lake Tahoe. They have adopted the High Sierra Resource Workshop (an 8-day residential environmental education experience for Nevada high school students) by contributing thousands of dollars and hours in packing services, as well as food. They have been instrumental in making "Wilderness Riders"—a volunteer effort to provide equestrian patrol, backcountry use education, and monitoring in wilderness areas—work. They have also been invaluable in performing trail maintenance and packing services in the Carson-Iceberg, Mokelumne, Alta Toquima, Mt. Moriah, Table Mountain, and Hoover Wildernesses.

Mace-Kingsley Ranch School 1998
Rehabilitation of Troubled Teens While Providing Essential Resource
Development Projects
Reserve Ranger District, Gila National Forest, R3

Mace-Kingsley Ranch and Chuck Oliver of the Forest Service have worked together to develop a program that offers work on the Gila National Forest to troubled youth. The ranch has contributed to a variety of resource management projects, including fence removal, construction of check-dams, tree thinning to check meadow encroachment, tree planting, trail construction, and road clearing. In return for their hard work, the Forest Service has provided resource seminars to the youth on a variety of resource topics. The seminars count as credit toward the students' graduation.

National Nordic Ski Patrol 1998
Pinecrest and Lake Alpine Units, Far West Division
Backcountry Emergency Assistance
Summit Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, R5

The all-volunteer Pinecrest and Lake Alpine Units of the National Nordic Ski Patrol have marked and set track, cleared obstacles, and patrolled backcountry trails with an emphasis on assisting lost and injured skiers. They provide ski patrol services each weekend at Calaveras and Summit Ranger Districts from November through May each year. They have also provided invaluable public information services by staffing the information booth at the Lake Alpine Sno-Park as well as distributing maps and brochures at other trailheads.

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers 1998
Wilderness Management
Estes/Poudre and Redfeather Ranger Districts, Arapahoe and Roosevelt
National Forests, R2

The Poudre Wilderness Volunteers provide a volunteer ranger cadre for forest trails and wilderness areas. They have contributed more than 10,000 hours in backcountry visitor services over the past 2 years. They have specialized in providing visitor education and conducting trail maintenance.

San Juan Mountains Association 1998
Educational Programs and Publications
San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

The San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is a nonpartisan, nonadvocacy partner of the Forest Service. In 1997 alone, SJMA

volunteers donated more than \$195,000 to the Forest Service in a variety of programs, such as interpretive services, wilderness information, National Public Lands Day events, and volunteer projects.

Sitka Recreational Trail Riders 1998
Safe and Legal Access to Ride All-Terrain Vehicles
Tongass National Forest, R10

Sitka Recreational Trail Riders (SRTR) have volunteered since 1995 to provide safe and legal areas to ride all-terrain vehicles (ATV's). SRTR and the Forest Service developed the Starrigavan ATV Trail and associated parking area at a cost of approximately \$98,000. SRTR arranged for the donation of heavy equipment and skilled labor to complete the project.

Urban Forest Council of Washington, D.C. 1998
Urban and Community Forestry Program Delivery
Northeastern Area

The Urban Forest Council (UFC) of Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit organization comprised of local volunteers, community groups, and other nonprofit organizations. The UFC has been instrumental in developing and implementing the Urban Forestry Program in the District of Columbia, which, in turn, supports the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The UFC has specialized in community tree planting, community grants, and special projects/programs like "Fishin' Buddies."

Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Association 1998
Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Preservation and Interpretation
Yankee Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest, R4

The Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Association (YFGDA) was formed in 1979 to preserve, restore, and interpret the historic Yankee Fork Gold Dredge. YFGDA has expended more than \$145,000 to restore the dredge, and its membership of more than 250 members conducts tours of the dredge each year from June to Labor Day.

Angeles Volunteer Association 1997
Volunteer Services
Mt. Baldy Ranger District, Angeles National Forest, R5

The Angeles Volunteer Association is an umbrella organization that provides a wide variety of volunteer services to the Mt. Baldy Ranger District, the San Dimas Experimental Forest, and the Angeles National Forest. These services include staffing visitor centers and forest exhibits, patrolling in wilderness areas and on trails, providing mountain bike patrols, presenting wilderness education training to teachers and

students, training volunteers, publishing a monthly newsletter, and recruiting new volunteers. A specialty of the group has been to provide the Angeles National Forest with a Wilderness Trailhead Education Trailer to make public contacts at trailheads around the forest. The group has donated more than 33,000 hours of volunteer service since its inception.

Mothers for Clean Water
Arizona Water Resources Protection and Conservation
Tonto National Forest, R3

1997

Mothers for Clean Water is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and conserving Arizona's water resources. Since 1988, the "Mothers" have worked with the Tonto National Forest, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and three other national forests in Arizona on riparian area revegetation, restoration, and monitoring projects. This has included planting willows, constructing trash catchers in gullies, removing exotic plants, and installing streambed structures. They have also specialized in monitoring more than 400 permanent photopoints on grazing allotments and major riparian areas.

Indian Peaks Working Group
Indian Peaks Wilderness
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, R2

1997

The Indian Peaks Working Group is a nonprofit group formed to help the Boulder Ranger District manage the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. Since 1984, they have run a backcountry host program to assist with wilderness education through on-the-ground contacts. They have been able to place 50 to 60 volunteers in this program every year. The group also contributes to trail maintenance and reconstruction.

Indiana Trail Riders Association
Equestrian Trail Management
Hoosier National Forest, R9

1997

The Indiana Trail Riders Association has provided invaluable assistance in supporting trail management on the Hoosier National Forest. This 2,000-member equestrian group has donated the use of horse, tack, and trailers to start the forest's first equestrian patrol program. They maintain wilderness trails using mule-drawn sleds, arrange trail cleanups, assist in trail planning with Forest Service staff, and conduct raffles to raise funds for trail maintenance.

IDAWA Project 1997
Wilderness Rehabilitation Projects
Lochsa Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, R1

"IDAWA" stands for "Iowans in Idaho," a group of 18 Iowa teachers who have volunteered their summer vacations to come to Idaho to learn about wilderness and assist in rehabilitation projects. These Iowa residents pay their own way to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness to assist in Forest Service projects, asking only for limited training, stock, and packing support into the wilderness. The IDAWA project represents a coordinated effort between the Iowa Department of Education, Environmental Protection Agency, Forest Service, Idaho Fish and Game Department, University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State University's Extension Youth and 4H Program. More than 1,500 hours per year are donated by the group for on-the-ground wilderness rehabilitation projects. In the following years, the teachers have conducted wilderness training, back home in Iowa, to citizen and student audiences that might otherwise never receive instruction on wilderness use ethics.

Nantahala Hiking Club 1997
Appalachian Trail Construction and Maintenance
Wayah Ranger District, National Forests in North Carolina, R8

The Nantahala Hiking Club helps to maintain the Appalachian Trail and its system of connecting trails. The group has reconstructed portions of the trail as well as trail shelters. Of particular note was the club's contribution to trail cleanup after the 1995 passing of Hurricane Opal, when they removed more than 400 trees from 50 miles of the Appalachian Trail in a 6-week period. The club has contributed more than 22,500 hours in volunteer service to the Forest Service since 1983.

Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council 1997
Urban and Community Forestry
Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry

The Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council was one of the first in the Nation to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. This 400-member organization has been instrumental in designing the State's 5-year plan, developing community partnerships, and shaping the structure of program delivery of urban and community forestry programs.

Clearwater Country Road and Trail Committee 1996
Recreation and Trails Construction and Maintenance
North Fork Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, R1

Over a period of 4 years, this group has contributed approximately 3,000 hours of labor to haul about 30,000 pounds of lumber and supplies 7 miles on ATV's to Fish Lake. Planked trails around meadows and two vault toilets are the result! The group has also assisted in trail reconstruction, litter removal, hazard tree falling, and rehabilitation of campsites.

Lancaster, Ohio, Genealogical Society 1996
Payne Cemetery Historic Research Project
Athens Ranger District, Wayne National Forest, R9

Under the Passport in Time program, the Lancaster, Ohio, Genealogical Society spent 2 years researching the historic Payne Cemetery, the resting place of many freed slaves and eventual veterans of the Ohio Regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War. The genealogists researched courthouse records and deeds and even made a trip east to find the original plantations that freed blacks may have come from. As a result of their research (and newspaper articles on their work), descendants of three of the families buried in the cemetery came forward.

Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association 1996
Habitat Restoration Projects
Descanso Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest, R5

The Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association has 224 members who donated, in 1995, more than 17,800 hours of service to the Cleveland National Forest. They have planted countless trees and shrubs that have come from the Forest Service nursery, maintained 52 miles of trails on the district, staffed a visitor center, presented living history programs, restored an old schoolhouse, and conducted extensive wilderness patrols.

Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol 1996
Ski Patrol
Androscoggin Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, R9

The Mount Washington Ski Patrol has served visitors continuously for the past 57 years. They have prevented accidents by providing information and education to visitors via personal contact. They have conducted rescues and administered advanced first aid that has saved the lives of many visitors.

Southern Four Wheel Drive Association 1996
Maintaining Motorized Recreation Opportunities
Tusquitee Ranger District, National Forests in North Carolina, R8

The Upper Tellico Off-road Vehicle Area is a nationally recognized area among off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. The Southern Four Wheel Drive Association has been instrumental in providing volunteers to maintain more than 40 miles of designated trails in this remote and rugged area. The group has also constructed bridges, installed culverts, removed about 50 tons of garbage, installed more than 250 trail signs, and reseeded 50 acres of old logging roads. The volunteers have donated more than 10,000 hours of their time over 10 years in maintaining the area.

The Choctaw's 1995
Recreation and Trails Construction and Maintenance
Tell City Ranger District, Apalachicola (**National Forests in Florida**) and
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8, and Hoosier
National Forest, R9

The Choctaw's of the Roosevelt Wilderness Outdoor Therapeutic Program from Warm Springs, Georgia, adopted the Two Lake Loop Hiking Trail (a National Recreation Trail). They contributed 1,800 hours reconstructing the trail and correcting severe erosion problems on more than 12 miles of trail.

Oregon Grotto of the National Speleological Society 1995
Cave Management
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pinchot National
Forest, R6

The Oregon Grotto began helping the Gifford Pinchot and other national forests manage caves in 1968. They have participated in a variety of special projects, such as installing entrance gates, providing interpretive naturalists for presentations, cleaning graffiti from cave walls, picking up litter, constructing trails, sponsoring cave management and bat management workshops, setting brass caps with cave identification numbers, and surveying and mapping miles of cave systems.

Philmont Scout Ranch 1995
Resource Conservation and Habitat Restoration Projects
Questa Ranger District, Carson National Forest, R3

More than 1,000 Boy Scouts visiting Philmont Scout Ranch took time from their adventure treks to participate in a unique partnership with the Carson National Forest. These scouts participated in building 15 stream enclosures within a grazing allotment, plus built 400 feet of log fencing around a spillway and enlarged a parking area for recreational vehicles. Their work saved the Forest Service more than \$23,000 in labor costs.

Santa Maria Valley Sportsmen's Association 1995
Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
Santa Lucia Ranger District, Los Padres National Forest, R5

The Santa Maria Valley Sportsmen's Association has contributed more than 20 years of volunteer service to the Los Padres National Forest. They have specialized in building wildlife water guzzlers in dry areas for deer, quail, and other animals. They have also cleaned target shooting areas on a bimonthly basis.

Cave Research Foundation, Desert Research Institute and 1994
Washington University
Cave Research
White River National Forest, R2

In 1989, cavers from the Cave Research Foundation discovered a high-altitude cave on the White River National Forest that contained ancient human remains. A special partnership was developed between Washington University, the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the Forest Service, and the Ute Tribe. The human remains, approximately 8,000 years old, were discovered at the highest elevation ever for North American human remains dated so old. More than 4,000 hours of volunteer time were donated as part of the Hourglass Cave project.

RSI (Residential Services, Inc.) 1994
Campground Cleaning by Disabled Adults
Duchesne Ranger District, Ashley National Forest, R4

The RSI group contributed more than \$7,500 worth of labor as partners with the Forest Service. They provided disabled citizens a chance to learn new maintenance skills and gain self-esteem. They concentrated on Yellowpine Campground and significantly improved the facility's appearance. The public gave great reviews of the program.

Ellsinore Willing Workers, Southeast Missouri Sportsmen's 1994
Association, and U.S. Department of the Interior
Mingo Job Corps Center
Accessibility Development and Construction
Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest, R9

The Ellsinore Willing Workers, an organization of primarily retired citizens from the community of Ellsinore, Missouri, initiated a special project by constructing a 124-person capacity picnic shelter, two 20-vehicle parking lots, and a sidewalk suitable for people with disabilities. They contributed more than \$20,000 of labor and materials for these projects within the Pinewoods Lake Recreation Area.

Old Pueblo Chapter of Trout Unlimited 1993
Cold Water Fisheries Improvements
Springerville Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, R3

The Old Pueblo Chapter of Trout Unlimited provided numerous hours of volunteer labor to improve habitat conditions for Apache trout. In 1991, they approached the Forest Service with an innovative proposal for managing a stream on the forest as a quality, blue-ribbon type of cold water fishery. This proposal developed into a progressive plan for the West Fork of the Black River in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The group organized a volunteer workforce that completed 40 in-stream structures, a project worth more than \$14,000. Three other State fishing clubs soon entered the arena, helping on other significant projects.

Tallac Restoration Volunteers 1993
Historic Site Restoration and Interpretation
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, R5

The Tallac Restoration Volunteers are a Forest Service-sponsored group of citizens from all over the United States who volunteer their time and talent to the restoration, maintenance, and interpretation of the Tallac Historic Site on the south shore of Lake Tahoe (near South Lake Tahoe, California). More than 100 volunteers have contributed more than 100,000 hours of their time between 1986 and 1992. The Tallac site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 for its historic and architectural significance. It consists of 150 acres, including three large summer estates with more than 28 buildings and structures plus the archaeological remains of a luxurious lakeside resort (a very unique holding for the Forest Service). Over the years, the Tallac Volunteers have reroofed buildings; replaced ancient plumbing fixtures; repaired foundations, walls, and floors; accessioned artifacts; and provided countless interpretive walks, talks, and tours. They have saved the Forest Service hundreds of thousands of dollars while creating a true historical showcase for the agency.

Timpanogos Emergency Response Team 1993
Environmental Education and Interpretive Programs
Uinta National Forest, R4

The Timpanogos Emergency Response Team is a voluntary emergency search and rescue organization that places teams of well-organized, highly qualified medical, communication, and mountaineering specialists at key locations in the Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness Area each summer. They provide emergency assistance to stranded hikers and provide information related to wilderness ethics, area regulations, and mountain safety precautions.

Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists 1992
Interpretive Programs Sabino Canyon Recreation Area, San Geronio
Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, R3

The Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists (SCVN) are a group of 90 people dedicated to providing high-quality environmental education and interpretive programs in the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area. In 1991, the SCVN volunteered more than 11,000 hours to guide school groups on field trips through the canyon. Their interpretive programs for the general public reached more than 19,000 people.

San Geronio Volunteer Association 1992
Wilderness Patrol, Trail Maintenance, Visitor Center Operations,
and Fire Prevention
San Geronio Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

The San Geronio Volunteer Association (SGVA) greatly increased the magnitude of partner participation in the volunteer program for the San Geronio Ranger District. SGVA is an interpretive association that has branched out into all areas of forest management. In 1991, the group included 80 volunteers providing wilderness patrols, trail maintenance, operation and maintenance of the Barton Flats Visitor Center, interpretive programs, and visitor center staffing. There was a noticeable reduction of litter, illegal campfires, and destructive use in the wilderness due to their efforts.

The Issac Walton League, Washington County Chapter 1992
Campground Restoration
Clackamas Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, R6

In 1992, the Washington County chapter of the Issac Walton League had contributed more than 20 years of service on the Clackamas Ranger District. They completely built nine campgrounds on the district. They also built or repaired trails, developed barrier-free access, and restored vegetation at 11 other campgrounds!

Anasazi Chapter of PAW
(Physically Challenged Access to the Wood) 1991
Accessibility Evaluations and Training
San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

Anasazi PAW's goal is the promotion and development of outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands for the disabled in southwest Colorado. Their activities involve implementing a facility accessibility evaluation process for developed recreation sites, serving as a facilitator between the public and private sectors in the development of accessible

recreation projects, and organizing and presenting awareness and evaluation training sessions and forums for government, private, and civic organizations.

Benton MacKaye Trail Association 1991
Trail Construction
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, R8

The Benton MacKaye Trail Association was formed in the late 1980's with the expressed purpose of developing a hiking trail across Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The project involved constructing a 78-mile-long hiking trail with bridges through the Blue Ridge Mountains of northern Georgia. The trail affords views of whitewater rivers, access to two wilderness areas, and opportunities to experience solitude. The association gathered 723 individuals who contributed a total of 13,754 hours to the project. The value of their contributions exceeded \$500,000.

Rim of the World Interpretive Association 1991
Environmental Education Program
Arrowhead Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Rim of the World Interpretive Association (ROWIA) is dedicated to environmental education activities for forest visitors. The interpretive sites managed by ROWIA serve approximately 100,000 visitors per year. Over a 5-year period, ROWIA contributed more than 36,000 hours in volunteer assistance to the San Bernardino National Forest. The group has developed nature trails, interpretive signs, and public information brochures. ROWIA raises funds for these activities through interpretive outlet sales, plant and wildflower seed sales, recycling drives, public speaking engagements, and soliciting interested organizations.

3. Corporate Sponsored Volunteer Service

The organized groups of individuals from corporations, businesses, or companies listed below have worked together to assist the Forest Service as volunteers.

BHP Copper LTD, Robinson Project 1998
National Public Lands Day
Ward Mountain Recreation Area, Ely Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, R4

BHP Copper is a national sponsor of National Public Lands Day events. They have made a particular mark in the Ward Mountain Recreation Area, a joint partnership between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. BHP Copper has coordinated volunteer efforts to build a

new trailhead parking lot, maintain trails and signs, build a winter warming hut and interpretive kiosk, and pick up litter.

Columbine Systems, Inc. 1998
Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, R2

Columbine Systems, Inc., employees have contributed to a variety of special projects, including installation of floating puncheons on the Mitchell Lake Trail in the Indian Peaks Wilderness, reconstruction of the Diamond Lake and Sourdough Trails, and maintenance on the Hessie Trail using funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Corsair Trail Council, Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce and Iosco County Community 1998
Cross-Country Skiing and Hiking Trail System Servicing
Tawas Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forests, R9

As a committee of the Tawas Chamber of Commerce, members of the Corsair Trail Council have worked more than 23 years in developing and maintaining the Corsair Trail System on the Tawas Ranger District. This 26-mile cross-country ski trail system is now recognized as a premier destination for the State of Michigan. More than 24,000 skiers use the system each winter.

Big Wood Landscape 1996
Trail Construction and Maintenance
Ketchum Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, R4

Drew Nosworthy has donated more than 200 hours of his employees' time to the Ketchum Ranger District's trail program. His crews have constructed new trails, saving the Forest Service about \$25,000.

Pacific Gas and Electric 1996
Reforestation After 1987 Complex Fire
Groveland Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, R5

For more than 6 years, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) employees have volunteered in a project called "Operation Phoenix" to plant more than 50,000 trees on 136 acres of land devastated by wildfires in 1987. The company has provided crews of up to 300 volunteers to complete this work, and it has provided all of the tools and supervision to complete the work.

KIFI TV-8 and Broadway Ford 1995
"Targhee Trails" TV Program
Palisades Ranger District, Targhee National Forest, R4

A partnership between the Targhee National Forest, Michael Bargelski of KIFI TV-8, and the Broadway Ford auto dealership resulted in the "Targhee Trails" television series. This program informed recreationists of opportunities available on local national forest trails and has helped move some visitor use to trails less frequently visited, thereby reducing resource problems. A total of 12 viewing segments are filmed each year and are viewed by tens of thousands of households over a wide area.

Storage Tek Sportsman Club 1995
Recreation Reconstruction and Maintenance Projects
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests,
Pawnee National Grassland, R2

The Storage Tek Sportsman Club has been instrumental in helping the Boulder Ranger District complete a variety of recreation reconstruction projects such as rebuilding picnic areas, trailheads, and host facilities. They have also donated significant funds and volunteer labor.

Upper Loft Design, Inc. 1995
Appalachian Trail Shelter Design and Construction
Tallulah Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, R8

John Koenig, owner of Upper Loft Design, Inc., designed and constructed two Appalachian Trail shelters through the use of his business workshop. He used techniques similar to those that local Civilian Conservation Corps used in the 1930's. The project received special notice in National Geographic magazine and the Appalachian Trail Way News. His volunteer effort sparked a collaboration of many other volunteers and organizations to enhance the management of national forest land.

Motorcycle Industry, Inc. 1994
Under-Advantaged Youth Summer Employment and Self-Development
Recreation, Cultural Resources, and Wilderness Management Staff,
Washington Office

Project Opportunity is an innovative program that combines the resources of the National Recreational Trails Fund Act, the Job Training Partnership Act, and private in-kind donations to provide summer employment and self-development opportunities for nearly 80 under-advantaged youth while building and maintaining trail facilities in two national forests in Georgia. The project was initiated by the Motorcycle Industry Council, Inc., (MIC) through the efforts of Wayne Reece, an agent of MIC in

Atlanta, Georgia, who served as the local project coordinator, and John English, an employee in MIC's government relations office in Arlington, Virginia. Others brought into this partnership included the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia 4-H Program, National Park Service, Sautee-Nacoochee Community Center, Georgia Forestry Association, C&S Paving Company, Georgia Recreational Trail Riders Association, America Honda, Young Harris College, Georgia Wilderness Federation, Friends of the Mountain, Georgia Mountains Private Industry Council, North George Private Industry Council, and Bell South. The partnership resulted in reconstruction on 111 miles of trail in eight different ranger districts, saving the Forest Service almost \$140,000 in expenses.

Mountain Fuel and Questar Corp.
Accessible Amphitheater and Boardwalk Construction
Wasatch-Cache National Forests, R4

1994

The Mountain Fuel and Questar employee volunteers constructed the 250-seat accessible Mirror Lake Amphitheater and 350 feet of boardwalk for the Mirror Lake accessible nature trail. They paid particular attention to not impacting sensitive resources while constructing these facilities.

Telephone Pioneers of America
Accessibility Evaluation
Monongahela National Forest, R9

1994

The Telephone Pioneers of America provide invaluable assistance in developing universal design on accessibility improvement projects. They assisted on construction and maintenance projects (including the Whispering Spruce National Trail at Spruce Knob, West Virginia), attended universal design workshops, and coordinated the forest access evaluation surveys.

Chevron USA, Inc.
Restoration Projects
Salt Lake Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, R4

1993

A partnership of Chevron USA, Inc., and the Salt Lake County Job Training Partnership's Youth Employment Program resulted in the restoration of the popular Storm Mountain Amphitheater. The amphitheater, located adjacent to Storm Mountain Picnic Area in Big Cottonwood Canyon, was a beautiful stone structure constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's. The facility was falling apart by the 1980's. Chevron donated \$15,000, and its employees contributed more than 450 hours of volunteer labor to construct barrier-free access, install projection equipment, rebuild the stage, landscape the grounds, and complete an informational brochure. Job Training Partnership Act crews rebuilt benches, stairs, and retaining walls.

Inward Ventures, Inc.	1993
Maintenance for Geological Areas and Trails	
Wakulla Ranger District, Apalachicola National Forest (National Forests in Florida), R8	

Scott Jenkins, Tom Harris, and Frank Hutchison of Inward Ventures, Inc., and their student enrollees provided invaluable volunteer services in recreation development and maintenance starting in 1987. In 4 years, the group dedicated more than 6,000 hours of service on projects such as Leon Sinks Geological Area and the Florida National Scenic Trail. Inward Ventures is a private family counseling program that works with middle school youth and their families. In addition to group therapy and counseling sessions with the adolescents and their families, Inward Ventures works on community service projects with the Forest Service. These projects have provided the Forest Service valuable assistance while giving young adults a chance to build personal skills and avoid the juvenile justice system.

John Rollin of John Hancock Insurance (The Campbell Group)	1993
Fish Habitat Improvement	
Mapleton Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, R6	

John Rollin, manager of lands and timber for The Campbell Group (an affiliate of the John Hancock Insurance Company) based out of Mapleton, Oregon, was a key partner and cooperater for the 1992 Knowles Creek Restoration Project. John worked with the Forest Service, Oregon Rivers Council, The Hancock Timber Resource Group, the State of Oregon, and local volunteers to build huge log and boulder log jams as a part of stream restoration. More than \$12,000 was donated to the Forest Service in this valuable project.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI),	
Sacramento, California, Branch Store	1992
Adoption of Robbs Hut Lookout, Trail Construction,	
and Weekly Seminar Programs	
Pacific Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest, R5	

The Sacramento branch store of Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI) teamed with the Pacific Ranger District to offer volunteer opportunities to the public through REI's annual service project. REI also invited district staff to participate in their in-store seminars. Robbs Hut Lookout was the initial cooperative venture between REI and the ranger district. REI adopted the hut in 1986 and took on the task of making needed repairs and upgrading the garage to serve as a rentable mountain hut via a Forest Service permit (Granger-Thye Act). REI volunteers also built the Gerle Creek Interpretive Trail.

In 1989, Chevron USA undertook a Challenge Cost-Share project to build the barrier-free Yellowpine Nature Trail. They also provided for interpretive signs for the visually impaired, an audio tape tour, and a brochure. The company contributed more than \$15,000 cash plus more than 800 hours of time to actual trail construction.

4. Campground Host Volunteer Service

The following individuals or couples have assisted the Forest Service as volunteer campground hosts. Talk about long-term commitments!

Herman and Marjorie Dragt
Devil Creek Campground
Flathead National Forest, R1

1999

Herman and Marjorie have contributed 8 years of host service at Devil Creek Campground, providing campers with outstanding recreational experiences. Because grizzly bears proved to be a special problem at this campground, they took extra measures with regard to visitor safety, site cleanliness, food storage, and visitor etiquette.

Jim and Audrey Hamrick
Atlantic Guard Station and Campground
Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest, R4

1999

Jim and Audrey have served for five summers/falls at the Atlanta Guard Station. They maintained a critical communication link between the Forest Service, the community of Atlanta, and Forest visitors while caring for the historic Atlanta Guard Station, five campgrounds, two rental cabins, and numerous dispersed recreation sites.

Hayden and Jane Glenn
Howard Lake and Pete Creek Campground
Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, R1

1999

Hayden and Jane have served for 7 years as campground hosts—four summers at Howard Lake Campground and three summers at Pete Creek Campground. They have a reputation of outstanding rapport with the public and for keeping the facilities and grounds spotless.

William and Mary Lafrance 1999
Big & Little Therriault Lake Campground
Fortine Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, R1

William and Mary serve as hosts at Big Therriault Lake and Little Therriault Lake Campgrounds, both extremely remote sites near the U.S.-Canadian border. Despite trapping bears and being intimidated by gun-toting locals, they have stayed to make the campgrounds a safe and pleasant place to visit. They have been commended for their high degree of public service, courtesy, and helpfulness.

Gordy and Thelma Oakland 1999
Onegume Campground
Deer River Ranger District, Chippewa National Forest, R9

The Oaklands have spent 17 years at Onegume Campground. Like all good hosts, they make a sincere effort to greet every camper that comes to the campground. An entire generation of campers has grown up, returning each summer to see the Oaklands!

Frank and Norma Sullivan 1999
Houston Recreation Area
Bankhead Ranger District, National Forests of Alabama, R8

Frank and Norma serve as campground hosts at the Houston Recreation Area, located at Smith Lake. They are a great example of good host attitudes. Their energy, common sense, and friendly demeanor have proven to be an excellent image to the visiting public.

Jerry McBee 1998
Oakridge and Rigdon Ranger Districts, Willamette National Forest, R6

Jerry is the campground host at Kiahanie Campground, but also maintains the Skookum and Blair Lake Campgrounds and Salt Creek Falls Observation Point. He has been continuously complemented by the public on his genuine good host attitude.

Gene R. Smith 1998
Brandywine Recreation Area, George Washington and Jefferson
National Forests, R8

Gene has been the campground host at the Bradywine Recreation Area for 9 years. In addition to making the recreation area users feel welcome and secure, Gene does an outstanding job of performing maintenance and assisting in repairs after flooding.

Lloyd Stewart, Larry Cunninham, and Jim Hilbert 1998
Taylor River/Cebolla Ranger District,
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, R2

Lloyd, Larry, and Jim have served as campground hosts in the Taylor Park area for a combined 27 summer seasons. They have contributed more than 17,200 hours with an estimated savings to the forest of \$121,000, and all accident-free!

Joe and Frieda Ladd (Trailhead Hosts) 1998
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, R2

Joe and Frieda have been volunteers for more than 12 years, contributing more than 7,600 hours at the Long Lake Trailhead in the Brainard Lake Recreation Area. This entrance to the popular Indian Peaks Wilderness sees more than 85,000 visitors annually. Few, if any, of these visitors would be contacted by the Forest Service if not for Joe and Frieda.

Bob and Lillian Fisher 1997
Dry Wolf Campground
Judith Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, R1

Bob and Lillian have spent every summer since 1991 hosting at Dry Wolf Campground. Over a 5-year period, they had contributed more than 18,700 hours in volunteer service. They have excelled at maintenance and visitor services and in hosting the annual cleanup day at Libby Dam.

Jack and Gloria Chavez 1997
Duran Canyon Recreation Area
Camino Real Ranger District, Carson National Forest, R3

Jack and Gloria have served as hosts at Duran Canyon's 2 campgrounds and 32 dispersed camping sites for 10 years. Their familiarity of the forest has made them especially suited for providing a quality visitor experience. Like all good long-term hosts, they have made a number of close friends among the district's visitors.

John and Joyce Morgan 1997
Doyle Campground
Buffalo and TenSleep Ranger Districts, Bighorn National Forest, R2

John and Joyce have served for 5 years as hosts on the Bighorn National Forest. They have hosted at Doyle Campground and have also spent two summers at Tyrrell Work Center. They specialize not only in campground maintenance, but in children's programs at the campground.

Bill and Lauree Peck 1997
Spring Creek Campground
Musselshell Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, R1

Bill and Lauree started serving as the hosts at Spring Creek Campground in 1988. For over nine seasons, they have provided superior visitor service in a heavily used facility. The Pecks also maintained facilities at six other dispersed sites in the Little Belt Mountains.

Ravena Carlson (Trailhead Host) 1997
Buchanan Pass Trailhead
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, R2

As of 1997, Ravena had volunteered over 11 summers as the trailhead host at the Buchanan Pass Trailhead, a major portal for the Indian Peaks Wilderness and Red Deer Lake area. She also assisted when district campgrounds were reconstructed, helping direct visitors away from areas being rebuilt by contractors to sites where visitors could still recreate.

Erv and Sharon Drabek (Wilderness Ranger Hosts) 1997
Sylvania Wilderness
Watersmeet Ranger District, Ottawa National Forest, R9

Erv and Sharon have served since 1992 as volunteer wilderness rangers in the Sylvania Wilderness. Erv is a Leave No Trace master and has used this knowledge in numerous visitor encounters. They have provided the bulk of Forest Service presence in the Sylvania Wilderness.

Jay and Lyn Fisher 1996
Dorr Skeels Recreation Area
Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, R1

Jay and Lyn were campground hosts at Dorr Skeels Recreation Area for 5 years. They took a problem site and kept it spotless. They also got compliance from many of the problem users and turned the campground into a nice family recreation experience.

John and Marge Hawksworth 1996
Nelder Grove Campground
Mariposa Ranger District, Sierra National Forest, R5

As of 1996, John and Marge had volunteered for 20 years as hosts at Nelder Grove Campground. They not only served as hosts in the campground, but they also led tours of the Nelder Grove of Giant Sequoia trees on a regular basis.

Bill and Jo Klass 1996
Childs Glacier Recreation Site
Cordova Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, R10

Bill and Jo served as hosts at the Child's Glacier Recreation Site on the Copper River Delta in Alaska. They served at the end of a 48-mile road for 4 years (as of 1996), donating more than 5,700 hours to the Forest Service. They ran into problems not usually encountered on national forests in the "lower 48," such as marauding brown bears, calving glaciers that washed waves into the campground, and "bird-sized" mosquitoes!

Jim and Lynn Lake 1996
Toccoa Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, R8

Jim and Lynn served for 6 years in two popular campgrounds. They recruited additional hosts for service on the district and sponsored work trips to rehabilitate facilities around the forest to members of the Holiday Rambler Trailer Club .

Debra C. Stalter 1996
Pine Creek Work Center
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, R6

Debra had donated more than 2,000 hours to Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument as of 1996, providing security and assistance at the Pine Creek Work Center. Debra performed routine maintenance on diesel generators that provided the site's only electricity. She also mowed all lawns, maintained the site landscaping, staffed the visitor information center, and acted as the "mayor" of Pine Creek.

Tony and Lad Coyne 1995
Priest Lake Campground
Priest Lake Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, R1

Tony and Lad assisted as "Island Hosts" at Priest Lake Island, serving during a time of greatly reduced budgets and extreme fire danger.

Lou and Ann Guerrini 1995
Ward Mountain Recreation Area
Ely Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, R4

Lou and Ann served as campground hosts on the Ward Mountain Recreation Area. They were instrumental in providing a Forest Service presence in a remote area. They greatly assisted local Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau work while hosting at campgrounds.

Ralph Peters 1995
Schiefer Campground
McCall Ranger District, Payette National Forest, R4

Ralph served as the campground host at Schiefer Campground while living in and maintaining the South Fork Guard Station. As of 1995, he had been a campground host for 11 years.

Richard and Pat Thune 1995
Seeley Lake Campground
Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, R1

Richard and Pat had served since 1990 as model hosts at the Seeley Lake Campground. They were instrumental in greatly lowering vandalism and providing superior information services.

Carl Parker 1994
Willow Flat Campground
Montpelier Ranger District, Caribou National Forest, R4

Carl served as a Campground Host at Willow Flat Campground on the Caribou National Forest. He had volunteered more than 2,500 hours of his time by 1994, handling all aspects of campground administration and maintenance to ensure that customers enjoyed their stays.

Max and Nila Peel 1994
Mallard Marsh Campground
Bend Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, R6

Max and Nila were campground hosts at Mallard Marsh Campground on the west shore of Hosmer Lake (where they had been since 1964!). Max specialized in leading canoe trips on Hosmer Lake as well as tending to the maintenance needs of the developed facilities.

Warm Springs Ranger District Volunteers 1994
Bolar Mountain Recreation Area
Warm Springs Ranger District, George Washington and Jefferson
National Forests, R8

The volunteers at the Warm Springs Ranger District contributed almost 18,000 hours in 1993, assisting the district in the operation of its recreation program. They handled all campground host duties, staffed the entrance station, collected fees, and conducted numerous maintenance projects.

Pat and Ginny Doherty 1993
Broken Arrow Campground
Diamond Lake Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, R6

Pat and Ginny had been the campground hosts at Broken Arrow Campground on Diamond Lake for 11 years by 1992. They had contributed more than 17,000 hours (worth about \$130,000 in GS-4 wages!) to the Forest Service. They demonstrated true good host qualities by contacting tens of thousands of campers over the years.

Ruth L. Gaida and Kurt (Deceased) 1993
Manistee Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forests, R9

Ruth and Kurt worked as campground hosts on the Manistee Ranger District for more than 12 years, and each contributed more than 10,000 hours of service during that time. Kurt died in 1991. Ruth continued as a host in 1993.

Al and Lucy Rudes 1993
Rocky Bluff Campground
French Broad Ranger District, Pisgah National Forest (National Forests in North Carolina), R8

By 1992, Al and Lucy had served as campground hosts for 6 years. They hosted the Rocky Bluff Campground at a time when the Forest Service had a hard time recruiting hosts to the area due to its remoteness. They went beyond their normal duties by assisting stranded motorists, cleaning portions of the highway of litter, and conducting repairs and improvements to area facilities.

Howardine Smelcer 1993
Kit Price Campground
Wallace Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, R1

Howardine was one of the Wallace Ranger District's original volunteer hosts. She and her husband Charlie spent years returning as valued hosts until Charlie's death in 1991. Howardine's daughter then agreed to join her each summer to carry on the family hosting tradition!

Harold and Genevieve Levings 1992
Thirty Mile Campground
Creede Ranger District, San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

Harold and Genevieve began serving as campground hosts in 1982 at Thirty Mile Campground on the Creede Ranger District. By the end of the 1992 summer season they had completed 11 full seasons as hosts, contributing more than 14,000 hours of volunteer service to the public.

Alice Wheaton	1992
Whispering Falls Campground	
Detroit Ranger District, Williamette National Forest, R6	

By 1991, Alice had been a volunteer host for 14 years, all of it on the Detroit Ranger District. She specialized in public relations, public information, and campground maintenance. Like many hosts, she provided a steady presence at district facilities and was a major reason many visitors returned year after year.

5. Retiree Volunteer Service

The following individuals over the age of 55 years have assisted the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.

Geraldene Bergerson (Forest Service retired) (posthumous)	1999
Heritage Resource Program	
Flathead National Forest, R1	

"Gerry" provided long and devoted service to the Flathead National Forest's Heritage Program. After 16 years as business manager on the Spotted Bear Ranger District, she contributed an additional 6½ years volunteering for heritage projects, donating more than 5,000 hours of her time. She had a particular interest in Passport in Time projects.

Dr. Franklin T. Bonner (Forest Service retired)	1999
Revision of Woody Plant Seed Manual	
Southern Research Station	

Dr. Franklin T. Bonner devoted himself to the revision of Agriculture Handbook 450, *Seeds of Woody Plants in the United States*, following his retirement in 1996 after 37 years with the Forest Service. This extensive revision includes 235 chapters written by 120 authors. Dr. Bonner served as overall technical coordinator plus wrote or coauthored 48 chapters. He has completed several long-term seed storage studies (20 or more years) and a cooperative soil seed bank study since his retirement. He has also reorganized and expanded the seed herbarium, arranging the collection of 720 species by family.

"The Motley Trail Crew" (Forest Service retirees)	1999
Trail Restoration and Cleaning	
Umpqua National Forest, R6	

Many thanks go to a special seven-member crew of Forest Service retirees: Ned Davis, Ken Jensen, Steve Sand, James Talburt, Frank

Walter, Lou Wolf, and Chuck Young. This group of volunteers donated more than 1,400 hours of service in the 1998 season restoring 75 miles of trail. They also restored a Civilian Conservation Corps shelter and adjacent accessible trail. The repairs helped disperse visitor use within the popular Boulder Creek Wilderness.

Dr. Thomas H. Nicholls (Forest Service retired) 1999
Technical Research Report Editing
North Central Research Station, Ecology and Management of Riparian
and Aquatic Ecosystems Unit

Dr. Nicholls has contributed countless hours of time since 1994, completing personal research on birds, coordinating cooperative agreements, serving as a consultant to the Forest Disease Unit at the North Central Research Station in St. Paul, and serving as the managing editor of "Biology and Conservation of Owls in the Northern Hemisphere: Second International Symposium."

Jack and Emma Wengert (Forest Service retired) 1999
Program Support in Arizona, North Carolina, and Virginia
Savannah River Institute, R8

Jack and Emma Wengert donated their time in support of Forest Service programs and projects in Arizona, North Carolina, and Virginia in 1998. They assisted incident command teams in managing Rainbow Family Gatherings and incidents related to hurricanes and fires. They saved the agency thousands of dollars in salary by operating the supply and logistics units on these incidents.

Alex Gillars 1999
Visitor Information Desk
Stanley Ranger Station, Sawtooth National Forest, R4

Alex has staffed the information desk at the Stanley Ranger Station, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, since 1996. He has contacted thousands of visitors, selling maps, firewood tags, interpretive materials, and new recreational user passes (part of the new Recreation Fee Demonstration Program).

Curtis Hardie 1999
Pacific Crest Trail Projects
Deschutes National Forest, R6

Curtis has contributed more than 2,000 hours per year in the winter and summer trails program for 7 years. He has specialized in maintenance and signing of nordic ski trails and hiking trails in central Oregon. He has

coordinated the backcountry work of hundreds of other volunteers in reconstructing and maintaining the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail through Oregon.

Geanne Hill 1999
Social and Economic Values Program
Pacific Northwest Region and Experiment Station

Geanne Hill, a retired forest products company worker, is a deaf volunteer who has donated more than 18 hours per week cataloging publications, filing, and assisting with data processing. She has specialized in transferring old written data to electronic form so that scientists can use her input for major synthesis analysis.

Ruth Ittner and Sam Fry 1999
Iron Goat Trail Project
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, R6

Ruth and Sam have worked to convert the abandoned Iron Goat Trail from an old railroad grade to a restored interpretive trail. They have supervised the donation of more than 26,000 hours and \$500,000 of materials and services in this project. They coordinated surveys, reconstruction, purchase of key properties along the trail to ensure permanent public access, historical research, development of an education curriculum, and seasonal hikes. They have also coordinated with the Wing Luke Asian Museum.

Barbara and Robert Morrison 1999
Interpretation at Visitor Center
Roosevelt Lake Visitor Center, Tonto National Forest, R3

Barbara and Robert have donated years of service at the Roosevelt Lake Visitor Center in interpretive programs, trail maintenance, and general site maintenance.

Clifford L. Stransky 1999
Minerals Management
Tahoe National Forest, R5

Clifford has contributed more than 10,000 hours in support of the Tahoe National Forest's Minerals Management Program. He has researched Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, county, and other records in a continuing effort to identify, locate, and map many thousands of unpatented mining claims located on National Forest System lands. Based upon his findings, he has developed basemaps that are being incorporated into the forest Geographic Information System program for use by all resource management areas.

Bern Stirland 1999
Sign Maintenance
Stanislaus National Forest, R5

Bern Stirland, age 77, has contributed more than 250 hours to implement the Calaveras Ranger District's sign plan. Bern completed inventories of all existing signs, then spent months installing more than 175 signs around the district. He also repainted about 100 older signs already in place. He saved the district thousands of dollars in salary and material costs.

Harry White 1999
Global Positioning System for Trail Location
Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, R3

Harry White, a 72-year-old retired greeting card salesman, hiked more than 500 miles between 1997 and 1998 with a Global Positioning System unit to record the Glenwood District's trail system, both in and outside of designated wilderness. He also researched old maps to identify trails dropped from newer maps. He hiked these "dropped" trails to evaluate the benefits for putting them back into the system.

Woody Woodbury 1999
"Traveling" Host and Patroller
Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

Woody has volunteered for more than 8 years, donating thousands of hours serving as a traveling host and patroller, providing information to campers in developed and dispersed sites along the Nebo Loop. Woody also cleans sites, repairs fences and other barriers, and maintains signs.

William Hamilton (Forest Service retired) 1998
Writer/Editor
Southern Research Station

Bill has provided a great range of writing and editing assistance to the Southern Research Station, including revising color brochures; editing nationally acclaimed publications, interpretive signs, and exhibits; and working on a variety of other projects.

George Krajnak (Forest Service retired) 1998
Heritage Restoration
Athens Ranger District, Wayne National Forest, R9

George, a retired forest engineer, has assisted the forest archaeologist in stabilizing the Walter Ring House, an 1846-era stone house on the National Register of Historic Places. George wrote contract specifications, developed design drawings, and inspected work at various stages.

Allen Bloomquist 1998
Recreation and Wilderness Program
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests, R2

Allen has served as a volunteer for more than 8 years in a variety of duties, including visitor information, trail maintenance, wilderness host, visitor use collection, and vehicle maintenance. His most significant contribution has been with the Electronic Trail Use Counter Program started in 1992. This program provides important statistical data on visitor use on the Indian Peaks Wilderness, North St. Vrain Research Natural Area, and popular dispersed recreation trails.

Nathan (Nate) S. Bolding 1998
Wildlife and Recreation Management
Kisatchie National Forest, R8

Nate has contributed nearly 8,000 hours of volunteer labor in a variety of duties, including teaching Leave No Trace ethics, supervising Youth Conservation Corps personnel on maintenance projects, conducting maintenance on backlogged trails, and promoting the annual youth Fishing Derby.

David and Lynda Bennett
Jack and Joyce Cornelius 1998
Recreation and Wilderness Program
Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, R2

The Bennetts and Cornelius' have been instrumental in locating and signing wilderness boundaries and collecting Global Positioning System data to create visitor trail maps. Their invaluable assistance has paid off with vastly improved data for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. They have also operated the "J&L Sign Shop," creating numerous routed redwood signs for district trails. These four individuals have donated more than 4,000 hours of their time (worth more than \$48,000) in just 3 years on the district.

Richard and Doris Pettigrew (Forest Service retired) 1998
Passport in Time Projects
Salmon-Challis National Forests, R4

Richard and Doris donated more than 800 hours of labor while working on nine Passport in Time projects. They provided professional mapping and other services for five historic mining towns, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, an 1880's-era brickyard, a Native American bighorn sheep trap, and a site occupied by Chief Joseph in 1877.

Dean Sims 1998
Backcountry Ranger Patrol, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8

Dean has been a volunteer backcountry ranger on the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area since 1989. He has donated more than 500 hours per year performing trail maintenance, patrolling wilderness, and conducting visitor education. Dean is a skilled carpenter and has completed repairs and additions to several trail shelters and backcountry cabins. He works with the Konnarock Appalachian Trail Volunteers and is instrumental in trail maintenance projects.

Dorothy Fotheringham (Forest Service retired) 1997
Barton Flats Visitor Center
Big Bear and San Geronio Ranger Districts, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Dorothy volunteered as center manager of the Barton Flats Visitor Center, relieving the district of staffing a facility where no further funds were available. Wilderness permits, interpretive programs, and general forest information are all available at this facility.

Jack Horton (Forest Service retired) 1997
Rural Community Fire Protection
Northeastern Area and Washington Office Fire and Aviation

Since Jack retired in 1994, he has given numerous hours of service to the Forest Service. He has helped complete an interagency desk guide for use in the Rural Community Fire Protection Program and has been involved in other interagency fire coordination and mobilization efforts.

Harry J. Taylor (Forest Service retired) 1997
Lands and Minerals Program
Salmon River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest, R5

Harry retired from the Forest Service in 1978 as a forest staff officer for the Klamath National Forest. He has been a volunteer on the Salmon River Ranger District since 1988, contributing more than 4,000 hours of assistance to the Lands and Minerals Programs.

Charles C. Van Sickle (Forest Service retired) 1997
Ecosystem Management
Southern Research Station and Southern Region

As a volunteer, Charles completed the Southern Appalachian Assessment. He participated in a congressional hearing on ecological

assessments and provided information to the Chief of the Forest Service and the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Dr. John Fedkiw 1997
Book Author on National Forest Management
Public Affairs, Washington Office

John researched and developed a definitive work on national forest management: *Managing Multiple Uses on National Forests: A 90-Year Learning Experience and It Isn't Finished Yet!* His book reviews 90 years of managing national forest multiple uses and its connection with the ecosystem approach to ecosystem management. The entire project was completed as a volunteer effort.

Hazardous Abandoned Mine Finders 1997
Hazardous Mine Inventory
Coronado National Forest, R3

The "Mine Finders" consists of nine retired professionals, all aged from 75 to 80 years! The group spent many weeks traveling to selected locations within the Coronado National Forest to post warning signs at all open mine shafts and dangerous workings. They collected specific mine information like water production, water contamination evidence, dump size, and history. They also took Global Positioning System readings to more accurately map these sites. About 6,000 mines have been treated since the group's founding in 1989! This special group includes members Al Balwin, Don Blickwede, Tony Bussman, George Fielder, John Frame, Pete Ribotto, Ray Smith, Fred Fielder, and Lloyd Sebring.

Carol and Orville "Mutt" Mousley 1997
Kenai Lake Work Center
Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, R10

Carol and "Mutt" assisted in managing the Kenia Lake Work Center while the district's facility worker was on sick leave for nearly 2 years. They maintained facilities and coordinated the various groups using the work center for their meetings and field camps.

Robert J. Sherman 1997
Fire Management Database
Deschutes National Forest, R6

Bob completed a variety of special projects for the fire program on the Deschutes National Forest. He updated the large fire history database and entered it in the Geographic Information System; installed the FARSITE, PCHA, and ITRDB programs; and worked with Cyberdyne and

Izee Labs to evaluate and debug for Skeleton and Park Meadow fire documentation. As a retired university professor, he has brought discipline, research methodology, and study design to his work.

Dr. Walter F. Mueggler (Forest Service retired) 1996
Research Projects
Intermountain Research Station

Dr. Mueggler has donated more than 10,000 volunteer hours over an 8-year period. He has been involved with ecological restoration research plots and in field research studies related to disturbed land reclamation.

Dr. Gene L. Wooldridge (Forest Service retired) 1996
Meteorological Research
Rocky Mountain Research Station

Dr. Gene Wooldridge, Professor Emeritus, Utah State University, conducted meteorological research as a volunteer with Rocky Mountain Station scientists for 8 years (as of 1996). He tackled research problems at the interface between the atmospheric sciences and ecological sciences, including quantifying wind throw and tree deformation to assess wind speed and direction in remote wilderness areas, examining wind flow models, evaluating degree-day methods to estimate snow melt, using Froude numbers to represent air flow patterns, and quantifying stratospheric ozone intrusion into high-elevation wilderness areas. His work has been internationally recognized via scientific papers and books.

John Haas (Forest Service retired) 1996
Historic Cabin Restoration
Helena National Forest, R1

John retired from the Helena National Forest as assistant forest engineer in 1981. In 1990, he began a 3-year process of restoring three historic ranger stations in quite remote areas, including the Indian Flats, Kading Cabin, and Barr Gulch facilities. He replaced flooring, roofs, and doors; hand-built new cabinets, bunk beds, and cupboards; and installed new gates and fences around the buildings. The cabins have now been added to the Forest Cabin Rental Program and future rental receipts will ensure the cabins' survival. None of this would have been possible without John's initiative and drive.

Ralph Hazelwood (Forest Service retired) 1996
Personnel Management
Eldorado National Forest, R5

Ralph retired from the Eldorado National Forest in 1986 but was soon volunteering for the forest. He has routed and filed forest manual updates, researched missing manual elements, and kept all firefighter and law enforcement retirement packages complete.

Robert Brady (Forest Service retired) 1996
Public Affairs Office
Angeles National Forest, R5

Robert retired from the Angeles National Forest in 1989. He soon was volunteering for the Public Affairs Office and other forest units in a variety of ways. He has provided quality visitor information and has had excellent relations with local media, especially on incidents of wildfire. He took special interest in preparing a "Fire Information Van" to be used on the wildfire incidents so common to southern California. Robert commutes about 154 miles round trip each day he works for the forest, and he often works weekends.

Sal Elizondo (Forest Service retired) 1996
Merle Ranch
Monterey Ranger District, Los Padres National Forest, R5

Sal has donated more than 2,400 hours per year as a volunteer caretaker on the Merle Ranch (acquired by the Forest Service in 1992). In this capacity he packs riding stock and works to preserve the historic adobe structures on the property, as well as the guard station nearby. His volunteer contributions have been valued at more than \$128,000.

Dorothy "Dot" F. Goodrich 1996
Host Coordination, Historic Darby Ranger Station
Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, R1

Dot began her volunteer service at the tender age of 82! She has been an integral part of the development of the historic center, the restored and renovated Darby Ranger Station. Dot and other volunteers received a National Take Pride in America Volunteer Award in 1992 for their superior work in converting the old, broken-down station into a new visitor center.

Robert H. Andrew 1996
Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pinchot National
Forest, R6

Robert worked more than 1,000 hours from 1993 to 1996 at the Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center. He provided interpretive presentations and roving interpretive contacts, presented environmental education programs at local schools, and operated the book outlet for the Northwest Interpretive Association.

Joan and Elton Knutson 1996
Cape Perpetua Visitor Center
Waldport Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, R6

Joan and Elton had contributed more than 3,000 hours of volunteer time at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center as of 1996. They have conducted hundreds of interpretive walks, operated the information desk and sales area, and completed numerous special projects related to signs and grants.

Al and Virginia Dietz 1996
Cradle of Forestry in America National Historic Site
Pisgah Ranger District, National Forests in North Carolina, R8

As of 1996, Al and Virginia were volunteer coordinators at the Cradle of Forestry in America National Historic Site. They were instrumental in recruiting, training, and supervising more than 120 frontline interpreters. They have donated more than 10,000 hours of personal service.

Laura and Guy Waterman 1996
Franconia Ridge Trail
Pemigewasset Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, R9

Laura and Guy are world-class mountaineers and were among the first trail adopters working with the Forest Service. They adopted the Franconia Ridge Trail in 1979; they reconstructed the trail and have made at least 15 to 20 trips every season to ensure the trail's safe condition. They have also strove to educate local hikers on wilderness ethics through the publication of several classic books.

Volunteer Ski Naturalist Program 1996
Alpine Ski Naturalist Program
Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, R4

A cadre of more than 40 volunteer ski naturalists has contributed more than 4,000 hours to the Forest Service, conducting interpretive programs for local, national, and international visitors.

William F. Adams
Poplar and Butternut Tree Disease Research
North Central Forest Experiment Station

1996

William had volunteered 2 days per week over a 7-year period (as of 1996) to the North Central Forest Experiment Station. He had undertaken a variety of research roles, including studying forest pathogens growing on artificial media, maintaining experimental plants, and conducting field trips to plant trees and collect data.

Ed Husted
Water Monitoring, Cultural Resource Investigation, and Wildlife Inventory
Sweet Home Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, R6

1996

Ed, a retired United Airlines employee, has contributed more than 9,000 hours of volunteer service in water monitoring, cultural resource investigation, and wildlife inventories. He is considered an expert in elk telemetry investigations and water monitoring of turbidity, temperature, pH, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen.

Raymond J. Hoff, Ph.D. (Forest Service retired)
Whitebark Pine Ecosystems Management Recommendations
Intermountain Research Station, Moscow, Idaho

1995

Dr. Hoff is a retired research plant geneticist and volunteers his time to develop management recommendations for whitebark pine ecosystems. Through his volunteer efforts, management recommendations for whitebark pine ecosystems are being developed, research needs are being identified, and demonstration areas are being installed.

Dr. Elbert L. Little, Jr. (Forest Service retired)
Tree Species Characteristics, Habitat and Natural Ranges
Forest Management Research, Washington Office

1995

Dr. Little has served as an active volunteer for Forest Service Research for more than 20 years. In the capacity of a retired chief dendrologist, he has written 18 books and 11 articles and has had 4 books reprinted. Many of these are major contributions dealing with tree species characteristics, habitat requirements, and natural ranges.

Donald O'Brien (Forest Service retired)
Pathfinders—Helping Disabled Employees
Multicultural Management Unit, Southwestern Region, R3

1995

Donald assisted in the development of the Pathfinders, an association of people with disabilities. He was one of the sponsors of the help line to

assist disabled employees and disabled family members of employees within the Forest Service.

Gene Johnson 1995
Buffalo Gap Campground Reopening
Medora Ranger District, Custer National Forest, R1

Gene was the driving force in the reopening of the Buffalo Gap Campground, which was closed for 3 years due to a lack of funding to meet health and safety needs. Gene organized a workforce of volunteers who provided heavy equipment, time, and materials. This group completed leveling and replumbing of a restroom, mowed roadsides and around campsites, cleaned up debris, and provided a campground host throughout the summer season.

Dr. Louis "Doc" Larsen 1995
Trail Maintenance
Tujunga Ranger District, Angeles National Forest, R5

Doc has been working on hiking and equestrian trails for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in completing volunteer projects on 86 miles of district trails and in helping host the 25th anniversary of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

Glenn Peterson 1995
Volunteer Program Coordination
Ogden Ranger District, Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, R4

Glenn serves as volunteer coordinator for the Ogden Ranger District. He was able to recruit more than 1,900 people on 174 projects. This resulted in more than 21,000 hours of volunteer labor being donated for campground cleanup, trail maintenance and construction, tree planting, sign construction, and visitor center assistance.

Robert Porter 1995
Interpretive Program Coordination
Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, R3

Bob is actively involved with interpretation programs as a member of the Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists, the Friends of Sabino (charter member), and the Mount Lemmon Volunteer Interpreters. He recruited more than 100 volunteer members dedicated to providing high-quality environmental education and interpretive programs in the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area. Each year they contribute more than 10,000 hours leading these programs.

Mary Ware 1995
Historical and Cultural Resources
Lake Wenatchee Ranger District, Wenatchee National Forest, R6

Mary had been a volunteer for more than 17 years as of 1995. She devoted her energies toward sharing information on the history of the local forest area. She is a well-known community leader and has provided briefings to current district employees on how policies and procedures will affect local residents.

Tony Jinotti (Forest Service retired) 1994
Shop Work and Materials Ordering
Missoula Technology and Development Center, Washington Office
Engineering

Tony had contributed more than 13,500 hours in volunteer labor since 1988, handling general maintenance and shop work plus transporting equipment.

Marge Parker (Forest Service retired) 1994
Office and Field Duties Assistance
Custer Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, R2

Marge had contributed more than 12,000 hours of volunteer time since 1987. She specialized in serving as a receptionist, mapper, and copier and in helping to staff a fire lookout tower. Marge also assisted with snow removal, range reports, allotment improvements, and helped out whenever she was needed.

Kenneth H. Wright (Forest Service retired) 1994
Alaska Research Programs
Pacific Northwest Experiment Station

Ken retired as assistant station director in 1987 and had donated more than 5,000 volunteer hours back to the station by 1994. He provided considerable assistance in developing the station history committee into a more viable entity and greatly assisted in publishing a history of Forest Service research in Alaska.

June Glenn 1994
Fire Lookout Administration
Arrowhead Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

June had served as a fire lookout volunteer for more than 10 years by 1994, earning the Chief's Award for her thousands of hours of service. She recruited and trained some 40 other volunteers for the San Bernardino's extensive lookout program.

Richard Dow Roberts, Sr. 1994
Trail Construction, Maintenance, and Design
Pisgah Ranger District, Pisgah National Forest (National Forests in North
Carolina), R8

Dick Roberts was 74 years old in 1994 when he received his award for being a volunteer on the Pisgah National Forest. He had spent 13 years as a volunteer, specializing in the construction of 62 trail shelters, bridges, and related structures. He had contributed more than 10,000 hours of individual volunteer service on a variety of projects.

Fred and Helen Swanson 1994
Archaeological Site Surveys
Nicolet National Forest, R9

Fred and Helen both joined the Nicolet National Forest's Passport in Time Program in 1989. They have contributed hundreds of hours of work, assisting the archaeological program with site evaluations, excavations, surveys, and curation preparation.

Fred H. Chiles 1993
Volunteer Program Assistance
Human and Community Development Branch, Human Resource
Programs, Washington Office

Fred had been a Forest Service volunteer for more than 10 years by 1992, contributing more than 4,350 hours in a variety of duties, including responding to prospective volunteer applications; maintaining an inventory of pamphlets, brochures, and maps; and assisting in the management of the Volunteers in the National Forests "National 1,000 Hours Award Program." Fred also found time to volunteer as a White House Liaison for the National Park Service, serve as an administrative assistant for the Smithsonian Institute, volunteer for the National Museum of Health and Medicine (Walter Reed Army Medical Center), serve as a vice president emeritus of the Popular Library Cluster (Martin Luther King Library), and participate as a member of the Interagency Committee for Voluntarism!

Charlie Crail (Forest Service retired) 1993
Fire Tower Restoration
Morehead Ranger District, Daniel Boone National Forest, R8

Charlie retired as the public affairs officer on the Daniel Boone National Forest in 1988. Since that time he has remained active as a Forest Service ambassador to the local and State news media, plus has been the driving force behind the Tater Knob Fire Tower Restoration Committee. His efforts resulted in the donation of \$8,000 toward the restoration project.

Walt Doan 1993
Cartography and Editing
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pichot National
Forest, R6

Walt contributed more than 1,500 hours of volunteer labor over a 2-year period, monitoring 260 miles of trail on the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. He also worked as the monument cartographer, developed a filing system for historical maps for the monument archaeologist, revised Recreation Opportunity Guides for publication, and worked with local television stations to introduce the monument's trail system and recreational opportunities to residents in the Pacific Northwest.

Harvey Mack (Forest Service retired) 1993
Historic Center Construction
Trabuco Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest, R5

Harvey had a dream of creating a forest historical center to preserve Forest Service history. His vision was realized by his donating more than 1,500 volunteer hours overseeing the renovation of a bare warehouse into an interpretive center filled with Forest Service memorabilia, exhibits, and displays. He contacted more than 800 Forest Service alumni to ask for loan items of historical significance.

Leland J. Prater (Forest Service retired) 1993
Historical Photo Collection
Public Affairs, Washington Office

The Forest Service Historical Photographic Collection provides a valuable record of the agency's accomplishments since 1905. In 1967, the agency was directed to transfer the bulk of this collection to the National Archives and to provide a searchable data record for each negative. Photo collection information was always on file cards until Lee Prater, who had 25 years worth of photography in the collection, developed the rudiments of a computer data base for it. By January 1993, at the age of 84, he reached his goal of completing the computerized system, a goal many thought could never be reached!

Anton "Tony" Mertens 1993
Youth Vocational Training Program
Timber Lake Job Corps Center, Mt. Hood National Forest, R6

"Tony" retired from private industry and became a full-time volunteer, primarily as a driver to transport students for medical appointments, driver license exams, job interviews, court appearances, and bus and airline travel connections. Disadvantaged youth aged 16 to 21 have benefited greatly from his assistance.

Mont E. Lewis (Forest Service retired) 1992
Curation for Intermountain Forest Service Herbarium
Intermountain Research Station

Monte contributed more than 36,000 hours of volunteer service to the Forest Service between 1971 and 1991. He served as a curator for the Intermountain Forest Service Herbarium, as well as a volunteer botanist. He is credited with discovering two new plant species, one of which is named after him—*Astragalus montii*. As a volunteer he also completed a 275-page report: *Changes in the Vegetation of the Wasatch Plateau—1912 to Present*.

Georgia M. Sherman (Forest Service retired) 1992
Personnel Management
Pacific Northwest Region, R6

Georgia retired from her position as the chief of classification in 1978. Between 1978 and 1991, she contributed more than 7,000 hours of her time helping with classification studies. She was an invaluable source of historical perspective in this specialized field, having more than 51 years of experience!

Ben Mayger and Al Adams 1992
Trailhead Construction and Historic Site Restoration
Helena National Forest, R1

Ben Mayger and Al Adams donated more than 3,000 hours between 1989 and 1991. They specialized in a number of areas, including constructing equestrian facilities, marking the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, restoring the Whaley Homestead (part of the R1 Cabin Restoration Program), and assembling a 63-page training manual as part of the East Side Horse Clinic.

Jim McQuiston 1992
Interpretive Programs
Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, R3

As a full-time volunteer naturalist, Jim shared his love of conducting environmental programs with more than 10,000 children. He developed all of his own programs and props and visual aids. His programs were highly interactive. Jim also conducted summer programs in campgrounds and led trail tours.

6. International Volunteer Service

The following individuals from a foreign nation have assisted the Forest Service through service as a volunteer, either working alone or with others.

Simon Daws 1999
Landscape Architect
Malheur National Forest, R6

Simon, who is from Dover, England, has worked as a volunteer landscape architect for more than 2 years. Significant projects have included the Bear Valley Ranger District Scenery Management Analysis, Magone Lake Barrier-Free Interpretive Trail, and Arch Rock Interpretive Trail.

Elena Gallinaro 1999
Natural Resource Management
Stanislaus National Forest, R5

Elena Gallinaro is a 25-year-old graduate of La Sapienza University of Rome. She was sponsored by the USDA/FAS/ICD Research and Scientific Exchanges Division to come to the Stanislaus National Forest to gain field experience in the natural resource disciplines. She contributed 320 hours assisting in programs like recreation, hydrology, wilderness, wildlife, heritage resources, range, timber sale administration, silviculture, and fire prevention.

Neil Gibson 1999
Trail Maintenance
Moose Creek Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest, R1

Neil Gibson is a native of Sussex, England, and became a volunteer through the Student Conservation Association. He was the only volunteer on the seasonal trail crew. He spent the entire summer living inside the wilderness area, not coming out for 3 months!

Susanne Guehne and Andrea Kock 1998
Wildlife and Fisheries Projects
Saco Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, R9

Susanne and Andrea, studying wildlife and forestry in Germany, worked during the summer of 1997 monitoring wildlife and fish populations on the White Mountain National Forest. They also were involved with assisting in wilderness trail maintenance, electroshocking for fishery population estimates, sampling for sedimentation, and taking stream flow measurements.

Nicholas Legon 1998
Photography and Mycological Assistance
Forest Products Laboratory, Puerto Rico

Nicholas, who is from England, volunteered as a photographer and mycological assistant to the Basidiomycetes of the Greater Antilles Project, for the Center for Forest Mycology Research, Forest Products Laboratory, on the Caribbean National Forest in Puerto Rico. He captured images of fungi, including many undescribed species, under rugged field conditions.

Debbie Barton 1997
Soils and Hydrology Programs
Prospect Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest, R6

Debbie came from Experience International, volunteering over an 18-month period to assist with mapping and Geographic Information System documentation of watershed conditions. She assisted in watershed inventory work by conducting watershed improvement needs surveys in the Elk Creek watershed.

Paul Kennington 1997
Starkey Research Project
Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Sciences Laboratory

Paul was a long-term volunteer on the Starkey Research Project. He was placed via the Oregon State University program, Experience International, as a research assistant. His duties included supervising hunts, making public contact, maintaining fences, constructing facilities, trapping deer and elk, and collecting and analyzing vegetation data.

Dr. Jorge L. Frangi 1996
Hurricane Damage to Palm Forests Research
International Institute of Tropical Forestry

Dr. Frangi, an Argentine professor of botany at La Plata University, began his relationship with the institute in 1980 under a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship. He studied palm floodplain forests in the Caribbean National Forest. After Hurricane Hugo, Dr. Frangi returned to the island three times and published manuscripts on palm forests, as well as starting up the chemistry laboratory of the institute.

Aaron M. Maddox (posthumous) 1996
Endangered Species and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Gifford Pinchot National
Forest, R6

Aaron's primary job as an Experience International volunteer (from New Zealand) working at the monument was surveying for endangered species and other wildlife and habitat improvement. He specialized in public service, spotted owl surveys, and Geographic Information System functions.

Dr. Ernesto Medina 1996
Ecophysiology of Mahogany, Mangroves, Dry Forests, and Cloud Forests
International Institute of Tropical Forestry

Dr. Medina is a world-renowned Venezuelan ecophysiologicalist, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and a recipient of all major science awards in Venezuela. For more than 10 years, Dr. Medina has been a volunteer with the International Institute of Tropical Forestry, spending about 10 percent of his work time in Puerto Rico working on such issues as the ecophysiology of mahogany, mangroves, dry forests, and cloud forests. He has helped overview quality control in the chemistry laboratory, trained personnel in new field and lab techniques of ecophysiology, and reviewed Institute manuscripts.

Dr. Fernando Seixas 1996
Harvest Impacts—Mitigation on Soil Physical Properties and
Worker Safety and Health
Southern Research Station, Alabama

Dr. Seixas teaches and conducts research in forest operations and engineering at the University of Sao Paulo-Piracicaba in Brazil. He served as a visiting scientist and volunteer with the Engineering Research Unit at Auburn, Alabama, from 1994 to 1996. During this period as a volunteer, he fostered collaboration between United States and Brazilian research organizations, contributed to Forest Service research programs, and made some outstanding research achievements. He worked on the unit research program by assisting in modeling and mitigating harvest impacts on soil physical properties. He also helped assess and improve wood extraction ecological performance—a common goal of both countries.

Paul B. Kennington 1995
Big Game Management and Habitat Research
Pacific Northwest Research Station

Paul, a native of England, took over the duties equivalent to a full-time project biologist or range conservationist on an intensive research project studying the interaction of deer, elk, and cattle within forest environments.

He supervised public contacts with hunters, trapped deer and elk, and collected and summarized research data.

Corinna S. Wernet 1995
Tree Growth Evaluation Research Project
North Central Forest Experiment Station

Corinna, a German student working on her master's degree at Eastern Illinois University, contributed more than 500 hours of volunteer service on a variety of projects, including summarizing data from demonstration plots and studying soil modification, vegetation management, fertilization, hardwood genetics, and seedling establishment. She also collected climatological data and completed numerous statistical reports.

Jane Beattie 1994
Interpretive Programs
Zigzag Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, R6

Jane came to the Forest Service from New Zealand through Experience International in 1992. She specialized in information and interpretive services at the Zigzag Ranger District. Jane was responsible for the "Wy'East Scout," a 12-page newspaper listing area recreational opportunities; handled PC graphics and editing; and supervised 10 volunteers while developing interpretive programs and displays for Timberline Lodge and the Oregon Trail's 150th anniversary celebration.

David Brown 1993
Spatial Analysis for Implementing Vegetation Management
Middlebury Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest, R9

David, a recent graduate of Edinborough University, Scotland, spent 1 year on the Middlebury Ranger District conducting a district-wide spatial analysis of implementing the vegetation management program over a 10-year period (as directed in the forest plan). He prepared compartment and stand maps that were tranfered to the U.S. Geological Survey base maps, which were essential to the successful presentation of this analysis within the agency. David also spent a lot of time assisting on wildlife habitat improvement projects, fish habitat restoration, and trail maintenance. He is also probably the only Smokey Bear to have a Scottish accent—he donned the famous "bear suit" for the Addison County Fair Parade!

Mirka Vasutova, Miroslav Divis, and Zdenek Kralicek 1993
Trail Construction Projects
Cordova Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, R10

These three volunteers from Czechoslovakia spent 5 weeks working on district trail construction projects. They overcame incredible bureaucratic, logistical, and financial obstacles to make Cordova Ranger District's International Volunteer Month a great success.

Rosaleen Ward 1992
Recreation Maintenance
Selway Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest, R1

Rosaleen, from New Zealand, served on the recreation management team of the Selway Ranger District. She participated in the inventory and maintenance of recreational facilities, evaluated user information, planned and designed interpretive projects, and took on special projects for the regional office.

7. Youth Volunteer Service

The following individual youths or organized groups of youth under the age of 18 years from community groups, nonprofit organizations, and businesses have cooperated to organize volunteer youth service or work to assist the Forest Service in its mission.

4-H Ecology Club 1999
Community Projects
Mena Ranger District, Ouachita National Forest, R8

The 4-H Ecology Club donated more than 2,300 hours of volunteer service to community projects. They specialized in fire tower restoration, urban forestry events and projects, trail maintenance, wildlife management projects, and work with wilderness areas.

Boy Scout Troop 323, Freeland, Michigan 1998
Round Island Lighthouse Restoration
St. Ignace Ranger District, Hiawatha National Forest, R9

Boy Scout Troop 323 from Freeland, Michigan, worked on restoration of the Round Island Lighthouse for 3 years. They replaced windows, painted portions of the interior and exterior, and removed about 3 *tons* of debris from the interior of the structure. They also participated in fundraising, public relations, and safety awareness.

Erik Fridell (Eagle Scout), Ramona, California 1998
Amateur Telescope Pads Installation
Palomar Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest, R5

Erik completed his Eagle Scout project by planning, raising funds, and constructing five concrete pads for amateur telescopes in the Observatory Campground of the Cleveland National Forest. He spent months raising funds from astronomy clubs, private individuals, businesses, and other organizations, then organized other scouts into work parties to build the pads. Erik saved the agency approximately \$10,000 by completing his Eagle project.

Stephanie L. Keevil, Indianapolis, Indiana 1998
Hardin Ridge Recreation Project (Girl Scout Gold Award)
Hoosier National Forest, R9

Stephanie is a Senior Girl Scout and completed her Gold Award project on the Hoosier National Forest by conducting interpretive programs at the Hardin Ridge Recreation Area (Twin Oak Visitor Center and Blackwell Cabin on the border of the Charles C. Deam Wilderness). She organized two Girl Scout troops to assist in these programs, which included nature hikes, building bird feeders, natural crafts, sing-a-longs, leaf prints, and Native American folk stories and crafts.

Missoula Youth Home 1998
Recreation and Trail Projects
Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, R1

Youth from the Missoula Youth Home have provided valuable resource management assistance over a 4-year period. Crews of 10 to 12 young boys and girls have repaired flood-damaged trails; built and removed fencing; restored picnic tables; and cleaned up campgrounds, picnic areas, and trailheads around the Missoula area. They have provided their own transportation and supervision, saving the Missoula Ranger District thousands of dollars in maintenance costs per year.

Explorer Post 919, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 1997
Interpretive Services
Caribbean National Forest, R8

Explorer Post 919 has provided 20 volunteers over 3 years to provide interpretive services at the El Portal Visitor Center. They have participated in talks, information fairs on environmental awareness at local schools, and government expos on youth in natural resources.

Pinecrest Elementary School	1997
Environmental Education—6th through 8th Grade Docents	
Mi-Wok Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, R5	

In 1995, the North Fork Interpretive Trail was initiated as a unique interactive environmental education program presented by 6th through 8th grade students from Pinecrest School and assisted by Forest Service resource specialists. The students, well-versed in forestry, silviculture, botany, and historical and wildlife management practices, presented hands-on activities to more than 350 elementary students ranging from 3rd through 5th grade.

Future Farmers of America Chapter, Ravenna High School	1997
Environmental Projects	
Bessey Ranger District, Nebraska National Forest, R2	

The Ravenna Future Farmers of America chapter at Ravenna High School is part of a rural community with a population of 1,300 in central Nebraska. This chapter has been active over a 7-year period in helping with various projects on the Nebraska National Forest and the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest at Valentine, Nebraska. The group works annually on wildlife or recreation projects.

Los Alamos Middle School, 8th Grade Students and Staff	1996
Community Service Projects	
Española Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, R3	

The Los Alamos Middle School provided more than 300 students and 60 teachers and parents to construct a fuelbreak around the perimeter of the town of Los Alamos. Under the supervision of the Forest Service and the Los Alamos Fire Department, volunteers constructed fireline and piled slash along 3 miles of the new fuelbreak that was cut the previous year by the Forest Service. More than 1,500 hours were donated in this effort.

Catlin Gabel School	1995
Community Service Projects	
Barlow Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, R6	

The Catlin Gabel School's Senior Classes of 1991 through 1995 selected to do special community service projects on the Mt. Hood National Forest. They have contributed more than 5,000 hours of their time completing fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects such as installing log structures, constructing and installing bird boxes, adding woody debris to streams, and scattering slash in riparian areas. They also constructed miles of barbed wire and buck and pole fences, mapped off-highway vehicle trails, identified seed sources for native plant propagation, and conducted amphibian surveys.

Anthony Valdez 1995
Naturalist Contributions
Holy Cross Ranger District, White River National Forest, R2

Anthony volunteered 5 days per week as a naturalist at the Beaver Creek Nature Center in 1994. He led nature hikes and helped staff the center.

Casey Family Program and Team Adventures 1994
Wilderness Work Projects
Red River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest, R1

The Casey Family Program and Team Adventures groups completed a variety of special projects, including trail maintenance, building restoration, campground maintenance, backcountry and wilderness rehabilitation, fence and bridge construction, rental cabin repair, and spring development.

Grace Cole 1994
Computer, Mailing and News Projects
FIERR, Washington Office

Grace began her volunteer work with the Washington Office Staff in 1992 as part of the requirements for her high school government class. She maintained mailing lists, generated computer graphics, produced slides, and entered data using a variety of software packages. She proved how much a 16-year-old student can contribute to the Forest Service!

MacLaren School for Boys 1994
Resource Project Work
Ochoco and Mt. Hood National Forests, R6

The MacLaren School for Boys provided students—aged 16 through 18 via their anger management and cooperative work study program—for a variety of Forest Service projects. The young men in the program participated in recreation, range, and wildlife projects with a value of more than \$60,000. They became very self-sufficient and needed very little supervision.

Shawona Cannon 1993
Interpretive Programs and Resource Projects
Tuskegee National Forest (National Forests in Alabama), R8

Shawona, a 15-year-old high school sophomore, volunteered for three summers on the Tuskegee National Forest. She assisted in implementing interpretation and education programs for many school children, worked with Youth Conservation Corps enrollees on an 8½-mile long hiking trail,

and participated in litter cleanups and maintenance of recreation sites. Shawona also gained experience in wildlife seeding, fertilizing food plots, and assisting a timber crew during marking by serving as a tally person.

Ryan Righetti 1993
Fire Prevention Activities
San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Ryan, age 16, contributed more than 630 hours over a 2-year period working with a fire prevention technician and enthusiastically accepting any task given to him. He also helped with sign maintenance, campground cleanups, hazard reduction, and fuelbreak maintenance. He is perhaps the youngest person to ever complete the basic 32 hours firefighter training, even though he couldn't participate in actual firefighting operations!

Boy Scouts of America-Shoshone District 1993
Fisheries, Trails, Brushing, and Stream Sediment Projects
Wallace Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, R1

Over a 6-year period, the Shoshone District of the Boy Scouts of America donated thousands of hours, participating in fisheries improvement projects, trail construction and maintenance, roadside brushing, stream sediment control projects, bridge construction, and interpretive signing. The Forest Service received more than \$53,000 in work that could not have otherwise been accomplished.

Boy Scout Troop 620, Salmon, Idaho 1993
Fishing Derbies, Road Erosion Control, and Other Projects
Salmon-Challis National Forest, R4

Scouts from Troop 620 cosponsored several "Hooked on Fishing" youth fishing derbies, cleaned out stream sediment, assisted on road erosion control projects, performed historic preservation activities for pioneer grave sites, adopted 2 miles of Highway 33 for litter control, assisted in local community food drives, and helped with tree planting. Their activities were greatly appreciated by the Forest Service and the local community.

"The Crew"—including Jeff Brown, Chris Braach, Don Edmsten,
B.J. Robertson, and James D. Lane— 1992
Resource Work Projects
Sheridan Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest, R1

This group of volunteers—including Jeff Brown, Chris Braach, Don Edmsten, B.J. Robertson, and James D. Lane— assisted in a variety of special projects, including constructing fences, maintaining campgrounds, reconstructing the Mill Gulch Trail, and building the South Fork Mill Creek Bridge.

8. Forest Service Employee—National Forest System

These National Forest System employees of the Forest Service have made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Barbara Dalton 1999
Assistant Volunteer Coordination, Roosevelt Lake Visitor Center
Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, R3

Barbara is the assistant volunteer coordinator on the Tonto Basin Ranger District and directly supervises 42 volunteers at the Roosevelt Lake Visitor Center and campground host volunteers in the developed recreation sites around Roosevelt Lake.

Sarah Flinders 1999
Volunteer Coordination, Special Events and Environmental
Education Activities
Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

Sarah coordinated more than 6,000 volunteers on the Spanish Fork Ranger District while initiating several new events and environmental education programs. Her emphasis has been to reach out to teachers and youth of the central Utah area. She created a "Scouting Ahead" Program—in partnership with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service—with emphasis on Leave No Trace ethics for the Uinta that has become a model for other national forests in Utah. Sarah also coordinated more than 600 volunteers during the annual "Take Pride in Utah" volunteer day at Diamond Fork Canyon.

Brad Orr 1999
Volunteer Trail Projects
Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, R3

Brad repaired a section of the Arizona Trail through the Four Peaks Wilderness; and for more than 8 years, he has organized more than 35 volunteer trails projects on the district over. He has been responsible for more than 2,000 volunteer hours being donated to district projects.

Art Marcilla, Jody Fairchild, and Ronnie Day 1999
Volunteer Coordination
Divide Ranger District, San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

Art, Jody, and Ronnie are responsible for coordinating more than 100,000 hours worth of volunteer services on the district. Groups working with the

Divide Ranger District include Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Student Conservation Association, Colorado Trail Foundation, Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, Deer Hill Youth Group, Colorado Trail 500 Club, Continental Divide Trail Alliance, Rock Creek Ski Club, and many others!

Gary Hawkins 1998
Recycling and Fire Tower Restoration
Mena Ranger District, Ouachita National Forest, R8

Gary guides two volunteer coordinators as part of the district recreation program. He was instrumental in getting a community recycling program started; restoring an historic fire tower; reconstructing a visitor information station on the Talimena Scenic Byway; and organizing the creation of the Wolf Pen Gap, an ATV trail complex with 41 miles of system trails.

Chuck Oliver 1998
Rehabilitation of Troubled Teens—Resource Development Projects
Reserve Ranger District, Gila National Forest, R3

Chuck supervised the Mace-Kingsley Ranch School on a variety of work projects in the Gila National Forest.

Robert J. (Jeff) Saley 1998
Volunteer Program Development
Human Resources Staff, Los Padres National Forest, R5

Jeff's marketing and recruitment techniques have resulted in the Los Padres National Forest receiving more than 288,000 hours of volunteer labor, valued at more than \$3,400,000! He is regarded as having the lead forest program in R5 for providing innovative and creative community partnerships. His volunteers have improved wildlife habitat, interpreted historic resources, provided visitor information, and patrolled nordic ski trails.

Alan Clingenpeel 1997
Water Quality Awareness
Ouachita National Forest, R8

Alan, a forest hydrologist on the Ouachita National Forest, has been instrumental in the development of the Arkansas Water Education Team Program. His efforts have been a major factor in the program's success. The program is designed to teach hydrological principles and stream monitoring techniques in Arkansas to school children. Alan has trained children at 51 schools. A key element in the program's success is the strengthened relationship between the Forest Service and the State's water quality agencies.

Melody Herbert
Volunteer Program Coordination
Nebraska National Forest, R2

1997

Melody serves as the forest grants, agreements, and partnerships coordinator. In this capacity, she worked with employees on the Nebraska National Forest to identify opportunities to use volunteers, co-op students, interns, workstudy students, and individuals in hosted programs to help accomplish forest work. As a result of her work, the forest doubled the number of volunteers in just 2 years to 436 individuals. She also completed a new Volunteer Opportunities Handbook that has become a model for other forests in the region.

Thomas R. Keeney
Volunteer Program Coordination
Bessey Ranger District, Nebraska National Forest, R2

1997

Tom was instrumental in developing an outstanding volunteer program on the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest. Tom, a forestry technician on the forest for 33 years, recruited 524 volunteers who have contributed 4,800 hours of work on the forest. He has used church groups, sportsmen clubs, Future Farmers of America, and nonviolent criminal work camps to complete resource management work.

Byron N. Loosle
Heritage Program Activities
Ashley National Forest, R4

1997

For more than 5 years, Byron has been instrumental in expanding a summer intern program in heritage resources, resulting in 17 Passport in Time projects, 5 major Uinta Basin Archaeology Club projects, 3 to 5 Elderhostel programs per year, and numerous heritage surveys and excavations.

Jake M. Spritzer
Recreation Program Coordination
Taylor River/Cebolla Ranger District, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forests, R2

1997

Jake has served as the recreation manager for the Taylor River Ranger District for 16 years. He supervises the overall operation and maintenance of 33 campgrounds, along with numerous dispersed campsites. Jake has recruited 60 volunteers to serve as his workforce. These individuals have donated approximately 48,000 accident-free hours *annually*, with an estimated value of \$336,000. There is no way the district's facilities could be open without this kind of help!

Irby Downes 1996
Winter Dispersed Recreation Program
Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests, R2

Irby has been a seasonal employee of the Boulder Ranger District for more than 24 summer seasons. He has served as the trail crew foreman, supervising a mix of seasonal employees and Student Conservation Association volunteers who maintain more than 168 miles of trail. Irby also volunteers for the Forest Service each winter by maintaining and signing cross-country ski trails, meeting skiers, and collecting visitor use data.

Jessie Foster 1996
Volunteer Program Coordination
Mena Ranger District, Ouachita National Forest, R8

Jessie manages the district volunteer program, which consists of about 125 volunteers. She began her own career as a volunteer and SCSEP enrollee in 1985. She has been instrumental in recruiting numerous volunteers for a variety of projects and service positions. These projects have included campground hosts, adopt-a-trails, wildlife monitoring, visitor information station staffing, fire tower staffing, and the wilderness ranger volunteer program.

Linda Cole 1995
Historic Building Restoration
Tallac Historic Site, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, R5

Linda created the Tallac Restoration Volunteer Program in 1986 to assist in the restoration, maintenance, and interpretation of the Tallac Historic Site along the southern shore of Lake Tahoe. Since the inception of the program, more than 100 people have contributed more than 100,000 hours to the Forest Service! As the site manager, Linda has been forced to operate on a shoestring budget for years, and the only way she has been able to complete the Forest Service mission at the site is through the contributions of her talented volunteers. She has been effective in recruiting volunteers with special skills in architecture, plumbing, roofing, interior cabinet work, painting, and landscaping. By restoring the site, the volunteers have also enabled the Forest Service to host annual historic interpretive festivals, Native American presentations, and cultural arts programs.

Michael Davis
Volunteer Program Coordination
Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee
National Forests, R8

1995

Mike, a recreation technician and wilderness ranger on the Cohutta Ranger District, has served as the district volunteer program coordinator since 1990. He has been instrumental in recruiting volunteers for duty in the Cohutta Wilderness. Mike has been very effective in retaining volunteers and has written a monthly volunteer newsletter called "Trail Talk" that has been very effective in keeping volunteers updated.

John Hendrix
Volunteer Program Coordination
Pleasant Grove Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

1995

John has been coordinating the Pleasant Grove Volunteer Program since 1987. He works very closely with local schools, Boy Scouts, and church groups, as well as individual volunteers. He has worked especially close with the Boy Scouts, having sponsored more than 700 Eagle Scout projects as of 1994!

Chris Sabo
Volunteer Program Coordination
Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, R6

1995

Chris manages a complex dispersed recreation workload on the highest use district on one of the top three recreation-use national forests in R6. He works directly with volunteers on a variety of special projects, including campground hosts, trail projects, shelter construction, and trailhead maintenance.

John Linch
Volunteer Program Coordination
Wallace Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, R1

1994

John established an effective human resource program that has resulted in more than 16,800 hours being contributed by voluntary workforce members. He was instrumental in developing the "Upward Bound" program with the Flathead Reservation, the "Pathfinders" youth program with the Washington/Idaho 7th Day Adventist and Scout Troop 326, and the "Silver Valley Good Sams" and "Backcountry Horsemen" groups. These groups contributed many hours in trail maintenance and related land cleanup activities.

Linda J. Strain 1994
Volunteer Program Coordination
Weiser Ranger District, Payette National Forest, R4

Linda had completed projects worth \$76,000 since 1990 using 192 volunteers. She specialized in creating a volunteer fire prevention program for local first graders, restored an historic Forest Service cabin, constructed trails, organized fishing derbies for local children, supervised campground hosts, and organized senior center projects.

Lea Wofford 1994
Interpretive Program Coordination
Chattahoochee Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee
National Forests, R8

Lea coordinated interpretive programing at the Pat Thomas Visitor Center at Anna Ruby Falls near Helen, Georgia. She recruited and supervised more than 20 volunteers per year at the center (which serves more than 300,000 visitors annually), saving the Forest Service more than \$172,000.

Miles C. Brown 1993
Volunteer Program Coordination
Sulphur Ranger District, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests, R2

Miles, a retired forestry professor, served as the district host coordinator. He annually took care of the needs of the district's many volunteer hosts and went "above and beyond the call" on numerous occasions to see that hosts were well cared for and meeting the public's diverse needs.

Kenneth Kunert 1993
Volunteer Recruitment and Utilization
Los Padres National Forest, R5

Ken played a key leadership role in helping the Los Padres National Forest advance its mission of caring for the land and serving people. He implemented an effective program of using volunteer landscape architects to create partnerships with people with disabilities. His program involved more than 300 volunteers at a value of well over \$500,000. Ken personally received recognition via the Forest Service National Access Program.

Lawrence H. Mullins, Jr. 1993
Cave and Karst Management
Wayne and Hoosier National Forests, R9

Larry provided management—where no real management had taken place before his arrival—for almost 100 known caves on the Hoosier

National Forest. He enlisted the assistance of local karst groups, using these volunteers to map and inventory the cave resources. As a result, the Hoosier National Forest now has one of the best cave inventories in the National Forest System.

Hans Vonrekowski
Volunteer Program Coordination
Sitka Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, R10

1993

Hans was serving as the district staff officer for recreation, wilderness, lands, and minerals in 1992. He provided an outstanding volunteer program as well. Hans recruited a number of new volunteers who constructed seven rental cabins that are now available to access via boats. He also worked with local youth via the Southeast Alaska Guidance Association, Student Conservation Association, Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, Sitka Community Schools, and International Volunteer Youth Groups.

Loyal Clark
Volunteer Program Coordination
Uinta National Forest, R4

1992

Loyal consistently demonstrated dynamic volunteer program abilities while running the forest volunteer program. Work accomplished in 1991 totalled 51.1 person-years of work valued at \$1,236,000!

Jeff Hovermale
Volunteer Program Coordination
Yampa Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, R2

1992

As an individual and professional, Jeff made an incredible commitment to volunteering. He administered the volunteer program, contributing more than 1,000 hours of time to the effort. He designed a cross-country ski trail system and used local high school students to help sign and groom the system. He also organized a major Passport in Time project, assisted as a volunteer in the supervisor's office, and worked with the American Hiking Society on several projects.

Jay R. Wahrenburg
Volunteer Program Coordination
Creed Ranger District, San Juan-Rio Grande National Forest, R2

1992

Jay initiated a volunteer program on a remote ranger district. In 1991, he recruited 55 volunteers who donated more than \$133,000 worth of work in a variety of areas. Jay also conceived the idea of developing a 16½-mile self-guided interpretive auto loop through a portion of the Creede Historic Mining District.

James A. Bruce 1991
Volunteer Recruitment
Hiawatha National Forest, R9

James brought individual volunteers and volunteer groups—many of which had previously been in “adversarial” positions with the Forest Service—to the district. He specialized in creating broad public support for activities and wildlife habitat projects.

Robert Easton 1991
Volunteer Program Coordination
Pleasant Grove Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, R4

Robert recruited more than 6,200 volunteers, which resulted in the accomplishment of more than \$300,000 of work on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest. In 1990, his volunteers contributed more hours than any other ranger district in the country. He organized tree planting projects, organized the Timpanogos Emergency Response Team, and supervised the construction of a portion of the Great Western Trail.

Patricia Ann Hart 1991
Volunteer Program Coordination
Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, R1

Pat was the human resources program manager in 1991. She was able to increase participation and production over 9 years. By 1990, the district volunteer program had 185 frequent volunteers who contributed work valued at \$311,000; this did not include Earth Day projects where an additional 453 people participated in special activities. Pat developed productive relationships with cross-country skiers and snowmobilers, the American Hiking Society, the Sierra Club, the Youth Conservation Corps, the Rocky Mountain Academy, and local Boy Scouts.

Kay Lanasa 1991
Human Resource Programs
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8

Kay was a year-round volunteer for the George Washington National Forest for 6 years. She promoted the human resources programs on the forest, including participation with the Forest Natural Resources Career Camp and environmental education activities. Kay was also honored with the 1989 Conservation Educators Award from the Virginia Wildlife Federation.

George coordinated the construction of fishways in remote areas of Alaska using volunteer labor. This created access to new habitat for thousands of anadromous fish, thus increasing the harvestable supply of fisheries resources for commercial, recreational, and subsistence users. George worked closely with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Student Conservation Association in these projects.

9. Forest Service Employee—Research

These Research employees of the Forest Service have made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Dr. Paul B. Hammel, Research Wildlife Biologist
Volunteer Coordination, Bird and Mammal Studies
Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research, Southern Research Station

1999

Dr. Hammel developed volunteer assistance from traditional and nontraditional sources. This has been essential to completion of work on winter bird communities and small mammal restoration sites. Dr. Hammel has recruited students from numerous universities from the United States and Canada, as well as Sunflower Landing, a resident adolescent drug, alcohol, and behavioral problem treatment center of the Mississippi Department on Mental Health.

David P. Pilz
Studying Chanterelle Mushroom Harvesting on the Olympic Peninsula
Pacific Northwest Corvallis Forest Health Monitoring Team

1997

Dave became part of an interdisciplinary team to study the biological, socioeconomical, and managerial concerns of harvesting chanterelle mushrooms on the Olympic Peninsula in 1993. Dave used volunteers to help harvest at research sites because funds were not available for paid staff to complete the research work.

Dr. Andrew B. Carey
Volunteer and Intern Coordination
Pacific Northwest Research Station

1996

Under Dr. Carey's leadership, the station team expanded its intern and volunteer program from about 200 donated hours per year to more than 7,000 hours donated per year. The program included research and environmental education programs for community schools.

Dr. Jerry W. Van Sambeek
Volunteer Recruitment
Carbondale Forestry Sciences Laboratory
North Central Forest Experiment Station

1996

Dr. Van Sambeek has expanded the volunteer program since becoming the project leader in 1989. He specialized in recruiting local forestry graduate students in developing research projects as well as developing partnerships with universities and local community groups. This resulted in more than 4,400 hours per year being donated to the station.

Suzanne M. Wilson and David R. Thysell
Volunteer Recruitment
Pacific Northwest Research Station

1995

Suzane and Dave have been responsible for an exceptional volunteer and intern crew. They have advertised locally for volunteers using community newspapers and used connections with intern programs on college campuses. They have recruited 55 volunteers and 14 interns to assist in laboratory work in mycological, botanical, silvicultural, and wildlife research.

10. Forest Service Employee—State and Private Forestry

These State and Private Forestry employees of the Forest Service have made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Karl Brauneis
Community Projects and Activities
Shoshone National Forest, R2

1993

Karl worked with the Chamber of Commerce and State Forestry Division to get Lander designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. He also served on the Lander Tree Board and Lander Beautification Committee and worked with the State Forestry Division to inventory the town trees. Because of his efforts, the Forest Service has maintained a very positive image in the local community.

11. Forest Service Employee—Other

These "other" employees of the Forest Service have made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

William Reed
Chemical and Biological Noxious Weed Control
Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, R4

1998

Will's noxious weed control program provides both chemical and biological control for project areas on the Sawtooth National Forest and, by request, on both the Boise and Challis National Forests. Will supervises four to six seasonal Forest Service personnel, as well as six volunteers from the Student Conservation Association. Their project work includes application of chemical sprays for noxious weed control, biocontrol insect collecting and release (flea beetles for leafy spurge), and monitoring. They have also used Global Positioning System mapping to record weed locations.

Barbara Merlin
Human Resource Program Coordination
Deschutes National Forest, R6

1994

Barbara was assigned as the human resources coordinator in 1992. She supervised a program that involved more than 1,200 volunteers and other participants contributing more than \$750,000 worth of work in 1993 alone! Barbara showed innovation by setting up a partnership with the local community corrections department to use inmates in nontraditional ways.

Jacqueline Robinson
Volunteer Recruitment
Tuskegee National Forest (National Forests in Alabama), R8

1993

Jacqueline was an active recruiter for the district's volunteer program. A primary resource program using volunteers was the interpretation and education program—more than 4,200 school children were contacted via fire prevention and environmental education activities targeted at local schools.

Gene Watson
Volunteer Coordination for Region 4
Intermountain Region, R4

1992

Gene had been the volunteer coordinator for the Intermountain Region for 15 years by 1991. He supervised a regional volunteer program that contributed 30,552 volunteers, one-third of the total volunteers in the Forest Service, by 1991! He developed a strong relationship with the American Hiking Society, organized volunteer training conferences, and was always available to assist forests with their volunteer programs.

12. Forest Service Unit—National Forest System

These National Forest System units of two or more Forest Service employees have, as a group, made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Krassel Ranger District 1999
Volunteer Field Work
Recreation/Wilderness and Soil/Water Branch, Payette
National Forest, R4

The Recreation/Wilderness Branch and the Soil/Water Branch of the Krassel Ranger District have shown exemplary initiative over a number of years in utilization and recruitment of volunteers to accomplish field work in remote areas of the Salmon River Mountains of central Idaho. Estimated savings to Forest Service programs are \$294,000. They have sponsored Student Conservation Association crews for trail work in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, used groups like Pacific Crest Outward Bound and Backcountry Horsemen, and coordinated with State agencies like the Montana Conservation Corps.

Heritage Resource Section, Modoc National Forest 1999
Heritage Program Training
Pacific Southwest Region, R5

Gerry Gates and Vicki Adkison have managed a Service-wide national volunteer trainee program in the Heritage Resources Section. On average, 15 national and 20 international persons are placed throughout the Forest Service annually. Over the past 5 years, more than \$500,000 worth of donated labor has been contributed.

San Bernadino National Forest-Forest Dispatch Staff 1999
Volunteer Fire Lookout Hosts
San Bernardino National Forest, R5

Dave Edgar, Kelli Willbond, and Tom Sensintaffar, members of the San Bernardino National Forest Dispatch Staff, have worked closely with the San Bernardino National Forest's Volunteer Fire Lookout Host Program. These hosts have contacted thousands of visitors annually, plus assisted the agency by reporting smoke. The dispatch staff members coordinated the restoration of historic fire lookouts and trained many volunteer hosts.

Sisters Ranger District
Volunteer Program Management
Deschutes National Forest, R6

1999

The Sisters Ranger District has benefitted from more than 500 volunteers in the past year, with work valued at more than \$75,000. Over the past decade, strong relationships have been developed with such diverse groups as the Oregon Equestrian Trails Club, Outward Bound, the Central Oregon Nordic Club, the Northwest Rafter's Association, and numerous State agencies.

Crescent Ranger District
Hosting Fishing Clinics
Deschutes National Forest, R6

1998

For more than 8 years, the staff of the Crescent Ranger District have teamed up with Shelter Cove Resort, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the local community, and several private sponsors in hosting a fishing clinic during National Fishing Week. Children "of all ages" in central Oregon have benefitted annually from this event, which is an excellent example of working with local communities.

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area
Volunteer Program Management
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8

1998

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area has annually benefitted from more than 15 person-years worth of volunteer service. The diverse volunteers serve as trail maintainers, wilderness rangers, interpreters, environmental educators, and campground hosts. The area has sponsored special projects with the American Hiking Society (Volunteer Vacation Program), Student Conservation Association internships, and Sierra Club week-long projects; and it has hosted more than 20 international students via the Council on International Educational Exchange.

Uinta National Forest
Volunteer Program Management
Uinta National Forest, R4

1998

The Uinta National Forest has the largest volunteer program in Region 4. During FY 1997, the Uinta contributed 45 percent of the region's volunteers! It has a reputation with the local communities as a national forest that groups or individuals can turn to for a service project. This willingness to use alternative methods to complete resource work has resulted in the Uinta providing a continuing quality program.

Mena Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Ouachita National Forest, R8

1997

The Mena Ranger District manages approximately 125 active volunteers who now average the total of about 6,000 hours donated per year. These volunteers have contributed to such diverse programs as campground hosting, adopt-a-trail, wildlife monitoring, fire tower staffing, and the wilderness ranger program.

Brownstown Ranger District
Forest Enhancement Day
Hoosier National Forest, R9

1996

Brownstown Ranger District has conducted an annual cleanup and forest enhancement day using a large pool of volunteers and contributions from local businesses. They average 15 separate projects during each annual event. These projects have included recycling abandoned vehicles, reconstructing trail, removing trash along lakeshores, maintaining a dam site, and planting thousands of tree seedlings.

Heritage Resource Section
Site Steward Program
Los Padres National Forest, R5

1996

The "Partners in Preservation" program focuses on archeological site protection and monitoring and the collection of visitor use information. The forest program has more than 200 members, contributing more than 23,000 hours per year to historic preservation projects.

Headquarters Visitor Center
Volunteer Program Coordination
Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, R4

1996

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor Center hosts thousands of visitors per year, and running it would be impossible on current budgets without the assistance of a dedicated staff of volunteers. The Sawtooth has recruited volunteers to staff the information desk, provide a sales outlet for daily and seasonal cross-country passes, help staff the nearby Stanley and Sawtooth Chamber of Commerce desk, gain the assistance of outfitters and guides in staffing the Galena Overlook, and provide daily radio broadcasts on KECH Radio.

Spanish Fork Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Uinta National Forest, R4

1996

The Spanish Fork Ranger District completed a variety of projects that would not have been possible without the help of their many volunteers. These projects included constructing bird and bat boxes, planting trees and shrubs, restoring a recreation area, constructing trails, painting, hosting a kids' fishing day, sponsoring Eagle Scout projects, and building fences.

Jackson Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Bridger-Teton National Forest, R4

1995

The Jackson Ranger District placed a high value on developing a high-quality volunteer program. The district was successful in recruiting more than 1,500 volunteers who contributed thousands of hours of their time on a variety of projects, including constructing trails, cleaning up along 75 miles of rivers and streams, presenting hundreds of interpretive programs, and working with the Teton Science School on various projects.

National Forests in North Carolina
Volunteer Program Coordination
National Forests in North Carolina, R8

1995

The National Forests in North Carolina have been successful in recruiting more than 5,800 volunteers to assist in critical resource management work. These volunteers have made significant contributions in hosting campgrounds, cleaning up recreation sites, serving as information specialists, and assisting in offices. The volunteers made contributions valued at more than \$2.2 million dollars in 1994 alone!

Snow Mountain Ranger District and Burns Ranger District
Environmental Education Program
Ochoco National Forest and Malheur National Forest, R6

1995

These two ranger districts have worked together as a team to ensure that every student in grades kindergarten through eight in the community gets the opportunity to contribute and make a difference in the environment. They developed an environmental education program in which more than 300 youth participated in projects on national forest land in recreation, range management, timber management, and fisheries and wildlife management.

Bend Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Deschutes National Forest, R6

1994

The Bend Ranger District volunteer program involved 240 individuals in FY 1993. These volunteers contributed almost 24,000 hours valued at more than \$400,000 in a variety of projects, including staffing wilderness trailheads, conducting extensive interpretive programs, assisting in archaeological excavations, and hosting a mentoring program with two local high schools.

National Forests and Grasslands of Texas
College "Spring Break" Program
Southern Region

1994

The National Forests and Grasslands of Texas started a very unique program in which 34 students were recruited from 5 target schools and placed in resource management assistant positions during their spring break periods. The students contributed hundreds of hours of work in a variety of jobs, including endangered species habitat enhancement, trail rehabilitation, stream surveys, tree planting, campground maintenance, map updates, and public affairs activities. The Department of Agriculture newspaper, USDA NEWS, ran a feature story on this unique program.

Santa Catalina Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Coronado National Forest, R3

1994

The Santa Catalina Ranger District was honored for its leadership in recruiting volunteers from local, national, and international levels. The district used individuals and private nonprofit organizations to complete a vast array of projects in recreation, facilities, trails, wilderness, range, wildlife, fuel reduction, interpretation, and environmental education. Volunteers contributed more than 300,000 hours of labor worth more than \$1,200,000 between 1989 and 1993.

Cohutta Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, R8

1993

The Cohutta Ranger District made maximum use of volunteers by recruiting, training, and using their services to compliment regular Forest Service Staff functions and to provide a higher standard of service to the public than would have otherwise been possible due to limited funds and personnel.

The monument's human resources program accomplishments in the areas of partnerships and volunteer programs were recognized in 1992 by Chief Dale Robertson in a statement to the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. The monument accounted for 10 percent of the entire National Forest System's partnership accomplishments in FY 1991! Under the direction of partnership coordinator Phil Dodd, the monument developed 89 partnerships that accomplished nearly \$2.2 million in appraised value of work. The unit had 290 volunteers work more than 27,000 hours over a 1-year period.

Soda Springs Ranger District
Accessibility Improvements
Caribou National Forest, R4

1993

District employees and local volunteers participated in the Trail Canyon Project in FY 1992. This resulted in a multiple-use recreation site that was barrier free. Volunteers helped move more than 3 tons of gravel, installed accessible toilets, constructed ramps and stairs to a warming hut, and cleared more than 40 miles of snowmobile trails.

Mesa Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Tonto National Forest, R3

1992

In 1991, volunteer partnerships on the Mesa Ranger District provided more than 22 person-years of labor, valued at more than \$320,000. Special project accomplishments included the Saguaro Lake fish habitat improvement project, the Lower Salt River annual cleanup, and river education specialist program, as well as campground hosts and special projects with the Boy Scouts and Arizona Boys Ranch.

Volunteer Coordinators
Volunteer Program Coordination
Wasatch-Cache National Forests, R4

1992

Clare Chalkey, Bobbie Cleave, Patty Klein, Glen Peterson, Liz Schuppert, Rick Schuler, and Lee Skabelund all contributed to continuous growth of the volunteer program on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. They supervised a variety of volunteer projects in a variety of forest and urban settings. Some of the annual programs and projects they coordinated include ski interpreters, campground hosts, wilderness rangers, adopt-a-trail programs, and environmental education programs for schools and scout groups.

George Washington National Forest 1991
Volunteer Program Coordination
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, R8

The George Washington National Forest worked with local volunteer agencies and organizations that donated more than \$1,118,000 in cash through Challenge Cost-Share projects. These important partners included the Shenandoah County Historical Society, James Madison Geography Department, Powell's Forest Organization Camp, Appalachian Trail Conference, Wild Turkey Federation, Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District, and Community Design Assistance Center of Virginia Tech University. Local volunteers also contributed more than 5 person-years worth of their time to forest projects.

Leadville Ranger District 1991
Volunteer Program Coordination
Pike-San Isabel National Forests, R2

The Leadville Ranger District was successful in recruiting a large and diverse population of volunteers for a variety of special projects, including planting thousands of tree seedlings, using campground hosts at 15 free campgrounds, filling wilderness ranger positions with volunteers to cover 116,000 acres in three separate wilderness areas, hosting four international student interns from the Netherlands to help manage developed and dispersed recreation sites, and conducting trail maintenance on the Colorado Trail. Volunteers were also used for fish habitat improvement projects, vegetative treatment programs, and the seeding of unstable soil slopes.

Mt. Hood National Forest 1991
Volunteer Program Coordination
Mt. Hood National Forest, R6

The Mt. Hood National Forest volunteer program grew by 50 percent between 1986 and 1990. The forest management team took the lead by committing funds off the top of the annual budgets to support volunteer activities such as upgrading campground host sites, putting up Challenge Cost-Share funds to make partnerships possible, hosting an annual Mount Hood volunteer recognition picnic, and adapting a *Handbook for Supervisors of Volunteers* for forest use. The forest also put emphasis on developing barrier-free recreation facilities.

South Platte Ranger District
Volunteer Program Coordination
Pike-San Isabel National Forests, R2

1991

The South Platte Ranger District organized a successful volunteer program that provided barrier-free recreation facilities, major group campgrounds, interpretive signs, wildlife habitat improvement projects, auto tour brochures, promotional videos, and wilderness inventories, all using volunteer labor to assist Forest Service staff. The district was averaging 10,000 hours of volunteer labor per year in 1991.

13. Forest Service Unit—Research

These Research units of two or more Forest Service employees have, as a group, made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Southern Research Station
Volunteer Research Projects
Center for Bottomland Hardwood Research, Southern Research Station

1999

This research work unit has the broad mission to provide the scientific basis for sustainable management of the endangered bottomland hardwood ecosystem. The center has used volunteers, including retired Forest Service employees and international volunteers. These volunteers have been invaluable in field studies of neotropical migratory birds, small mammals, and native fishes and freshwater mussels.

Urban Tree House Staff
Urban Tree House Education Program
Southeastern Forest Experiment Station

1993

The Forest Service Urban Tree House Staff organized a wide variety of volunteers to contribute in a number of ways to the Urban Tree House, from constructing the structure to teaching special lessons to neighborhood children.

Research Work Unit 4151
Volunteer Program Coordination
North Central Forest Experiment Station, Carbondale, Illinois

1992

The Research Unit at Carbondale, Illinois, maintained an active volunteer program for more than 3 years using more than 33 volunteers helping to advance its research mission. Volunteer-related service has included assisting in measuring research plots; keyboarding and performing data

analysis; performing laboratory tests; and assisting in plot, building, and equipment maintenance.

14. Forest Service Unit—State and Private Forestry

These State and Private Forestry units of two or more Forest Service employees have, as a group, made significant contributions to advance the agency's mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

Washington, DC, Initiative 1998
Urban Environment Improvement
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry

Gracie Joy and Terry Hoffman conducted projects that joined the Forest Service and Department of Agriculture volunteers with local resident volunteers, improving environmental resources in Washington, DC. A total of 134 Department of Agriculture employees contributed 490 hours that were matched by 385 private citizens contributing more than 3,000 hours on five Urban Environmental Resource Initiative projects that included tree planting, community cleanup days, Fishin' Buddies aquatic education programs, and the national Make a Difference Day.

Durham Field Office 1996
Lynn Woods Reservation
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry

The Durham Field Office was instrumental in designing the Lynn Woods Trail project. Volunteers helped evaluate trail erosion and general condition on the 2,000-acre tract.

15. Forest Service Unit—Other

These “other” units of two or more Forest Service employees have, as a group, made significant contributions to advance the agency’s mission through volunteer-related service, such as effective recruitment or utilization of volunteers.

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