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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – December 4th

Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center, 2935 North Druid Hills Road. We gather at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and lunch is served at 12:00 noon. The cost of the meal is \$15 per person. This is a small increase in cost; due to the increase in food costs and all related services. Petite Auberge contributes a gift certificate for dinner-for-two which is given as a door prize at the Christmas luncheon. **Ms. Mary Morris**, R-8 Deputy Regional Forester for Operations, Recreation & Engineering, will be our speaker.

Reservations are required by **Monday, December 1st** and can be made by calling Nancy Sorrells at (770) 469-5799 or Joyce Keith at (770) 277-5841. Leave a message on their answering machine if you do not reach one of them. This luncheon is always well attended and a very festive event – as well as a fun way to stay in touch with your fellow retirees – and the door prizes are great! In addition to the dinner certificate, there will be a certificate for a year's SFSRA membership dues which will be won by a lucky person.

Region 8's new Regional Forester is ELIZABETH (LIZ) AGPAOA who had been serving as Acting Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region until appointed by Chief Gail Kimbell. Liz will oversee the 14 national forests in 13 southern states and Puerto Rico. She succeeds Chuck Myers who recently became Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System in Washington, D.C.

"Liz brings a wealth of experience in forest management and cooperating with state and private forestry programs," said Chief Kimbell. "She has a deep belief in public service and conservation management that will serve her well in this new assignment." Liz began her Forest Service career in 1979 as district biologist on the Willamette National Forest. She has since served as a line officer at the district, forest and regional levels, and has served as Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C. Her forest management experience includes line officer assignments in Oregon, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. She holds a B.S. degree in wildlife management and an M.S. degree in natural resource management from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. Her husband, Dan Crittenden, also has a career with the Forest Service.

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President's Corner

Hope everyone has had a healthy 2008. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our 369 members. The best to all in 2009 for a healthy and prosperous year.

2008 may not have been the most prosperous (especially October 2008) year of our lives. But thanks to most of our government pensions, I would hope that most of us survived this wild year for the economy. The good news, as most of you have probably heard, is that effective December 1, and to be reflected in the January 2009 annuity payments is a 5.8 % COLA for Civil Service retirees and 4.8 % for FERS retirees over the age of 62. FERS retirees will receive a 5.8 % adjustment to their Social Security benefit.

The can-do Forest Service, Region 8 and other Forest Service Regions, came through once more during a time of disaster when they committed resources to the rescue and relief efforts in the recent hurricanes that hit the Southern US. Region 8 is currently doing restoration work on the National Forests that were damaged by the storm.

On the bad news side, this year has been a very tragic year for wildland firefighters. The information we have shows 25 fire-related deaths on local, state, and federal wildland fires, including 9 in a helicopter crash on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests.

The Forest Service budget, as well as other federal agencies, is being constrained due to the current economic conditions and the demands on the federal budget. The Forest Service is currently working on continued funding at the 2008 level for the first half of 2009 and it's impossible to predict whether an appropriation will be passed for the second half of 2009. The tightly constrained budget situation makes it imperative that the costs of fire suppression be separated from the regular Forest Service budget.

Most of you have probably heard that we have a new Regional Forester in the Southern Region. She is Liz Agpaoa and comes to us from Region 6. We plan on having her speak to us at our June 2009 luncheon. She had a conflict with the National Leadership meeting in December. She did call me to introduce herself and tell me she was extremely interested in working and collaborating with the Southern Region retirees. She asked what opportunities were available for her to meet with retirees across the Region. I told her of the ones listed in the Dixie Ranger. Consider contacting your local Forest Supervisor so you can all meet her when she's on the Forest. I know she was very active with the retirees in R-6. She will be attending the "John McGuire Award" presentation in South Carolina on Nov. 14th. See related article for details, page 12.

The new initiative of giving members e-mail notification of time-sensitive Forest Service news appears to be working very well and has been well received by the members. Let Secretary Sonny Cudabac at scudabac@mindspring.com know how you feel about it and if you have any ideas on how to make it more useful to you the member.

Jean Paul Kruglewicz, President

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything;
they just make the best of everything they have. Internet

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

ROBIN SHADDOX - Arkansas - Sorry I am late with my dues. Omar Carroum called me about your address and I suddenly realized I was delinquent. Thanks for your work with SFSRA. I really enjoy reading the personal stories and also keeping up with people and places.

CLYDE TODD - Louisiana - I noticed my date was 07 – this should bring us up to date. Mary (YLT & KNF) and I are doing fine. We are involved with a slew of our fellow retirees here in Pineville. Thanks for the Dixie Ranger. I remember Dick (Merlin) Dixon talking about it many years ago. We love it! Enjoyed the July issue. The front cover is great. Thought I would send this Christmas 2007 photo of some of our retirees from the Kisatchie. In case you have trouble recognizing this young group, they are, from left to right: standing - Shirley Wilhelm, Carl Wilhelm, Nellanne Davis, Marq (Bubba) Webb, Judy Burton, Mike Miller, Bobby Sebastian, George Barnett & Bill Mertens. Middle Row: Carl Davis, Jim Burton, Clyde Todd, Elinor Barnett & Shirlene Mertens. Sitting: Gail Cardwell, Ann Miller, Mary Todd, Laura Webb & Abigail Sebastian. Stretched out in front: Jim Caldwell. Keep up the good work.



Lewis Kearney - Tennessee - Since retirement in 2005, I have been teaching courses in Texas, North Carolina and Tennessee and have enjoyed fire details to Oregon, Georgia, Florida, Montana and Texas. Have really enjoyed working with other retirees: Bill Damon, Don Corben, Larry Ford, Ivan Cupp, George Martin, John Ramey, Sam Brocafo, Alan Alsobrook, Marq Webb, John Bellemore, Mick Michelsen, Willard Worley, Lucy Nix, Larry Mars, John Byars, Dave Hammond, Bobby Kitchens and many more. Our three grandchildren get much time from us and are a true blessing!

Martha Wilkey Cook - North Carolina - A special thanks to you for the great job you do with *The Dixie Ranger*. I enjoy getting all the news about retirees my Dad (Elbert Wilkey) and I knew and worked with over the years. He always looked forward to each issue! I was cleaning off my desk and realized the last issue showed "07" after my name. Here is a check for this year and 2 more years. Also enclosed is a copy of the obituary for my Mother, Ola Wilkey, who passed away in November, 2007.

Joe Moore - North Carolina - A note to go with my late dues. Laverne and I are well. We continue working at being grandparents. Our oldest son with two is in Delaware. Our middle son with three is about to be in Columbia, SC. It is his second call up in the Army reserves. We see very little of old friends and look forward to the Ranger. Enclosed are \$30 for last year and the next two years.

GERALD WARD - Arkansas - I see I am behind on my dues for *The Dixie Ranger*. I enjoy it very much. However, the names of people I worked with and people I knew are getting to be fewer and fewer. I do enjoy the stories retirees write in from time to time. They bring back so many memories of similar experiences. I'll write and tell the story about Lewis Smith nearly smothering a staff officer from the RO by setting a tire on fire in Blanchard Caverns. Jack Welsh referred to it sometime ago when he wrote in. I might recall a story on Jack while I'm at it too. I've been sick a lot recently but hope I'm about to get straightened out. Here are dues for two years. Keep up the good work.

JOEL NITZ - Arkansas - Irene and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, and I recently got a pacemaker implant to keep the old ticker going.

MARV MEIER - Wisconsin - You do good work! Hope to send a couple paragraphs on our early days in the Forest Service on the Dixie National Forest. It's on my list!

NATHAN BYRD - Tennessee - Thanks for the great job you are doing with *The Dixie Ranger*. Enclosed is payment for three more years. The photos on the front and back covers were great. For those retirees who have worked in the eastern mountains and who visit again, expect to see a very sick Hemlock forest community. When we moved to East Tennessee six years ago, I began hiking in the Smokey Mountain National Park and the Pisgah, Nantahala and Cherokee National Forests. In this short time, the Hemlock woolly adelgid has defoliated, killed or weakened thousands of trees of all sizes. In the past year, I have not seen one area devoid of this pest except where the Park Service sprays alongside roads and in high use areas. This devastation brings to mind visits as a young boy to my Uncle Jackson's farm in Southeast Alabama to gather chinquapins (small Chestnut-like nuts) from several large trees. By the time I was in high school, these trees were dead from the Chestnut blight. Although many efforts are being made to stop the adelgid, so far these efforts are losing ground to the fast spreading adelgid. Seeing Vickie Sell's name in the new retirees section makes me feel a few years older. She's my son's age. Congratulations Vickie! I enjoy the photos like the one from the Cherokee in the 60's showing many old friends and always look for Jim McConnel's writings.

WALT FOX - Georgia - Here is a check for \$50 - 2 years dues and a \$30 contribution. I'm in the process of putting my forestry business to bed. I'll then have more time to tell TALES. I intend to write a history of the National Wild River program in the South Eastern US.

BILL LEICHTER - Virginia - wrote to ask if it would be possible to list all the ranger districts that ceased to exist due to consolidations over the last ten or so years.

Does anyone know of a source for this information? It would be of interest to many of our readers.

Those of you who wrote to say you have stories and tales to tell – please send them in. These letters and articles from our members are the backbone of *The Dixie Ranger*. *The Editors*

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

IN MEMORIAM

Rich Emmick, 57, passed away September 24, 2008. Rich was an engineer and served in the Supervisor's Office on the Ouachita National Forest about 20 years ago. He retired from the Forest Service early this summer as Forest Engineer on the Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forests. He participated in civil war reenactments, and he and his cannon were in the movie "Glory". Rich and his wife, Nancy, were living in Wenatchee, Washington where he was very active in Boy Scouts.

Denny Duane Berry, 66, of Booneville, Arkansas passed away September 9, 2008 in Paris, Arkansas. A graduate of the University of Monticello, he was retired from the Forest Service following a career of more than 30 years. After retiring, he worked as a consultant. Denny was a Deacon in the First Baptist Church in Booneville. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; two daughters, Missi Pittman and husband Mark of Bella Vista and Cindy Eiler and husband Chad of Bentonville; one son, David Berry and wife Jennifer of Booneville; two sisters; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Ola Moody Wilkey, 93, passed away on November 2, 2007 at Pisgah Manor Health Care Facility after a long illness. She was the devoted wife of Forest Service retiree Elbert C. Wilkey who passed away September 21, 2006. Ola and Elbert were married almost 75 years. Surviving are her daughter, Martha Joan Cook and husband Frank "Bud" of Asheville, North Carolina; son, Rick and wife Connie of Castle Rock, Colorado; sister, Ruth Colvard of Andrews, North Carolina; brothers, Donald and Ray Moody of Robbinsville, North Carolina; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dinnie Lambert, 74, passed away July 6, 2008 in Jackson, Mississippi. Having earned a BS degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management and a Master's degree in Forestry from Louisiana State University, he retired after 31 years with the U.S. Forest Service where he worked in the following locations: Kistachie National Forest; Atomic Energy Commission; Cherokee National Forest; Ocala National Forest; George Washington National Forest (as congressional liaison for 6 years); and on the Homochitto National Forest. Dinnie was a member of the Forest Service National Training Team-Environmental Education and received twelve awards for superior service. He was also a certified meeting planner, designer and director; a woodworker, hunter and fisherman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary and son, Dinnie. Survivors include son, Nevin and wife Karen; two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Karen all of Bridgewater, Virginia; brother, Donnie and his wife Cherry of Branson, Mississippi.

Estelle Mason, 96, died August 10, 2008 in Atlanta. Mrs. Mason was a graduate of Girls High School in Atlanta and attended Oglethorpe University. She retired from the U. S. Forest Service where she worked for many years as a secretary. After retirement, her family and church were the center of her life. Preceded in death by her husband, Fred Charlton Mason, Jr. and son, Fred C. Mason III, she is survived by daughter, Lynn Mason and her husband, Allen McLeod Young; daughter-in-law Jane Mason D'Andrea; and eight grandchildren.

Willie Freeman Godwin, 86, died August 12, 2008 in Ocala, Florida. He was a WW II Navy veteran and retired from the U.S. Forest Service where he was a C&M foreman on the Lake George and Seminole Ranger Districts of the Ocala National Forest. He and his late wife, Edna Peebles Godwin, donated the cornerstone "cracker" house and church named in his honor at Silver River Museum's Florida pioneer exhibit. Willie served for over 35 years on the board of Camp E-Kel-Etu of the Eckert Youth Alternatives. He taught Sunday School at Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church for almost 60 years. Preceded in death by his wife, Edna, he is survived by ten children, Celeste Viale, Willard, Judy and Iren Collier, all of

Marion County, Mary Etta Crocker of Tallahassee, Gerald and Bryan Godwin of Marion, KY, Brenda Collier of Cocoa, Stephanie Collier of Lake City, Debra Collier of Dallas, TX; one granddaughter and four great-grandsons.

John Lynwood Waters, 69, died October 9, 2008. He was a Georgia native and a long-time resident of Marietta. He retired from the U.S. Forest Service where he worked in the Regional Office's former Office of Operations, Computer Science Branch, now known as the Information Technology Division. John is survived by his wife, Julianne; daughter, Lynanne and her husband, Edward Granado; and two grandsons, Michael and Jake.

Lois Davis passed away August 16, 2008. She and her husband Wayne lived in Marietta, Georgia. They were married 36 years. Lois worked in Region 8, Wildlife and Range and retired from the Forest Service around 1990. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Sharon Jourdan, and two grandchildren.

Eugene Jennings - Reported by Joel Nitz. No details.

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IRISH WISDOM

by JIM McCONNELL

These words of wisdom came from my genuine 365-day Irish calendar. They usually impress me because they are so "un-modern". As you probably know, the Irish are full of BS. However, I read the other day that modern Ireland is one of the most educated nations in the world. Note, it didn't say best educated. Lord help us.

"Pity those who nature abuses; never those who abuse nature." Richard Sheridan, Playwright

"There is no sin except stupidity." Oscar Wilde, Poet and Dramatist

"What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never Mind." George Berkeley, Philosopher

"Happiness is no laughing matter." Richard Whatley, Archbishop of Dublin

"I often sit back and think, 'I wish I'd done that' and find out later that I already have."
Richard Harris, Actor

Senior Moment

sent in By Donna McLain Reynolds

My world and welcome to it! The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am", said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until Sunday." There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition. I'll bet that's why no one was in church today too."

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RETIREE GET-TOGETHERS

Northeast Atlanta - Retirees meet the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at Matthews Cafeteria in Tucker at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Spouses are welcome. The address is 2299 Main Street. The cafeteria is next to the railroad tracks. Main Street is in front of Tucker High School. If you get lost, just ask anyone - everyone in Tucker knows where Matthews Cafeteria is located.

Cobb County Georgia - Retirees are now meeting at "My Country Kitchen", 2740 Summers Street, Kennesaw, Georgia. Same day (last Tuesday of the month) and same time (9:00 a.m.). Good time for all with great fellowship.

Ouachita National Forest - Retirees, spouses and friends meet the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in the Cornerstone Shopping Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The December Christmas Breakfast will be followed by joining with Ouachita active employees at their Annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon held at the Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, beginning at 11:30. There will be entertainment, the "White Elephant" gift exchange and plenty of good food and fellowship.

Jefferson National Forest - Retirees get together at noon on the second Wednesday of **even** numbered months at the Roanoker Restaurant in Roanoke, Virginia. They have been meeting for the last 16 years. No dues are collected and only rarely are there programs or expressions of professional concerns. For information, contact Charles Blankenship at (540) 774-6272.

George Washington National Forest - Retirees, spouses and friends meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of **even** numbered months at the Village Inn Restaurant. This is located on U.S. 11, a short distance off of I-81 at Exit 240.

Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests - Retirees meet the third Wednesday in April and October of each year. You may e-mail Vicki Scott at cyberfogie@aol.com or call Glenda Wood at (864) 445-4751 for further information.

NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE RETIREES REUNION - September 7 - 11, 2009
Headquarters – Hilton Garden Inn
3720 North Reserve Street
Missoula, MT



FRANCIS MARION-SUMPTER NATIONAL FORESTS RETIREES FIELD TRIP

by Glenda Wood

The regular FM&Sumter retiree semi-annual meeting was a hosted field trip, which former Forest Supervisor Don Eng had arranged with SO staff. The trip took place on October 15, which was a lovely fall day. Retirees in attendance were: Ron Boozer, Tommy and Janet Kinard (Enoree District); Bill Gause (Wambaw District); Dave and Liz Adams, Paul Meyers, Colette Phillips, Dave Rosdahl and Jim and Glenda Wood (S/O). We renewed friendships with familiar personnel in the S/O and enjoyed the coffee they had waiting for us when we arrived. We then left via caravan at approximately 7:30 a.m. and traveled to the Long Cane District, our scheduled destination.

Upon arrival at the Forks Area Trail System Trailhead on the District, we were treated to home-made coffee cake, hot coffee and cold drinks; and given a briefing on the FATS mountain biking trail. This 38-mile trail was recently completed, in conjunction with SORBA (Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association) and SCPRT (South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism).

Additional topics/sites included: update on the goals and developed/dispersed/backcountry recreation for the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River; threats from insects or disease, such as the southern pine beetle and hemlock wooly adelgid; key bridge restoration project; equestrian use on the Sumter NF; land ownership adjustment; timber program and biomass; RENEW Project (including use of prescribed fire); stewardship agreement with NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation); partnership activities with NWTF (Wheelin' Sportsmen, fishing rodeos, women in the outdoors); current Sumter LRMP goals for each of the areas in which we were briefed; and an overview in the NWTF conference room related to the coordinated efforts of the FS/NWTF. A tour of the NWTF followed, with interesting commentary by their Interpretive Programs Coordinator. Presenters included the Forest Supervisor Jerome Thomas, Anne Kiser, Edgefield District Ranger; Glen Kansanback, District Natural Resource Specialist; Jay Purnell, S/O Silviculturist; Peggy Nadler, S/O Lands Program Manager; John Dent, S/O Timber Sales Forester; Donny

Ray, District Biological Technician; Steve Wilhelm, District Forester; Gary Peters, S/O Wildlife Program Manager; and NWTF representatives.

Our noon-time lunch was a delicious boxed lunch, which we enjoyed at the Lick Fork Lake Recreation Area. It was a full and very interesting one-day trip for retiree participants....agenda for the field trip was well planned and executed, selection of the various sites we visited was excellent and presenters were articulate. Presentations peaked the interest of retirees, as well as their spouses (who had no Forest Service related background/experience). It was clearly evident the Francis Marion and Sumter is blessed with visionaries and excellent leadership. At the end of the day, attendees appeared to have a confident sense of predication that the Forest Service will continue to be a progressive and exemplary organization.

STEVE McCORQUODALE - Louisiana - We really appreciate each issue, especially the addition of the color photos, and Dave Jolly's call to support the National Museum in the last issue.



This summer we spent nearly six weeks visiting and camping in several national forests in the northwest. In route, we had the opportunity to visit the site of the National Museum of Forest Service History located adjacent to the Missoula Smoke Jumper Base and the Missoula Fire Science Laboratory. John Drake, who is a member of the museum Board of Directors and was in R-8 in Mississippi during the 70's, gave us a tour of the site which already includes outside exhibits; the old Bungalow Ranger District Ranger's residence from the Clearwater National Forest that had been moved onto the site as well as a replica of a nearby fire tower. We also got to see the architect's drawings of the museum.

To be honest, last year we probably would not have included this stop in our trip. However, last winter a friend who was a curator for a local museum dropped off a large box of old Forest Service publications dating back to 1908 through the CCC period. I spent about a week browsing through these old documents and was just plain overwhelmed. All of these early employees' detailed research and their dedication that shaped our nation's forests was right there in front of me. We had read about the plans for the National Museum in *The Dixie Ranger* and I knew right then that the documents belonged there and that I wanted to be a part of it. The cost for annual membership is actually quite a bargain, less than half a tank full at the gas pump.

Some of these early publications were about nursery practices, protecting the forests from fire, grazing practices, identification and grading of trees, instructions for CCC instructors, and congressional hearings on plans for American forestry, and early land purchases such as the YLT. It reinforced to me how

important it is to have such organizations as the National Museum, Cradle of Forestry, Civilian Conservation Corp Legacy, Forest History Center in North Carolina, as well the Southern (and other) Forest Service Retirees Associations to preserve the history of the Forest Service for our retirees, public, and especially our current employees. It also made me appreciate (even more) the fine job that Jim McConnell does as historian. We are very pleased to see things are progressing at the museum like the timber posts for the structure coming in from across the country. We look forward to returning again soon.

FREE MEMBERSHIP

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) needs your support during the next year to insure that the Forest Service can maintain its leadership and to help support the work to which we devoted our careers. Please fill out the application below, write **free first year** on the form, receive a one-year free membership in NAFSR and support the mission of NAFSR. It is important that George has the benefit of a large membership when he is talking to people about the value of ongoing programs of the FS.

In a letter to NAFSR members, George Leonard, Chair, writes, "I am writing to urge you to continue your support of the NAFSR, Our National Forests and Grasslands, and forest lands of all ownerships, face serious challenges in the next few years. Budgets for all agencies are going to be tight. NAFSR can play an important role in telling the Congress of the need for adequate funding without being encumbered with the need to support the Administration's budget.

Some progress has been made in getting understanding of the problems that the current system of funding fire suppression is causing for other programs, but the issue has not been resolved. Many of us are concerned about the implementation of new fire policies, such as Appropriate Management Response and Wildland Fire Use. We need to help insure that these policies are implemented in ways consistent with the statutory multiple-use mission of the agency and that the policies meet the mandate to protect and improve the forest.

We want to be able to participate in the revision of Forest Land Management Plans under the new planning regulations. We need to help insure that the Forest Service has adequate funding for this activity and the associated monitoring.

In every cutback in agency budgets in the past, Research, State and Private, and International Forestry programs have always been prime targets. We need to be advocates for these programs that are vital to successful protection and management of our Nation's forests.

NAFSR members are entitled to a special rate for a subscription to the weekly, email **Public Lands Newsletter**. Ordinarily over \$250 per year, NAFSR members can get the newsletter for \$30 per year. If you are interested, add \$30 to your annual dues payment and make a note on the form that the \$30 is for the Public Lands Newsletter.

Membership in NAFSR allows us to continue to support the work to which we devoted our careers – the protection and improvement of our Nation's forest resources. It allows us to continue our commitment to supporting the multiple-use mission of the U.S. Forest Service. NAFSR needs your continued support if it is to play a meaningful role. Please take the time to renew your membership now."

Please complete the information requested below and return it along with your tax-deductible dues to NAFSR, P.O. Box 793, Lincoln, CA 95648. Please make the checks payable to NAFSR.

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Contributing member - More than \$50
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Regular membership - \$25 covers both eligible members
Sustaining membership - \$50 where at least one of the eligible members is a sustaining member

If there is any way you would like to participate in the Association, please indicate: _____



Chief Gail Kimbell, Regional Forester Liz Appao, District Ranger Beth LeMaster
Forest Supervisor Jerome Thomas and George Leonard, Chair NAFSR

JOHN MCGUIRE AWARD

Presented to the Enoree Ranger District, Sumter National Forest

For outstanding achievement in restoring grassland habitat and forest health on some 16,000 acres of National Forest and private land with the Indian Creek Wildlife Habitat Restoration Initiative. A cooperative effort involving nine partners including federal and state agencies and conservation organizations, using cost-share programs for private landowners, facilitated selective harvesting, prescribed burning, herbicide application and native warm season grass establishment, resulting in improved habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species. This initiative can serve as a model for public and private land partnerships. Congratulations from the National Association of Forest Service Retirees and the Chief of the Forest Service November 14, 2008.

COLOR PHOTO PAGES – A Huge Success! Everyone seemed to enjoy the color photos on the cover pages of our July issue of *The Dixie Ranger*. However many of you expressed your wish to have the members identified – time has a way of changing our looks! Since it's been a long time since many of our members have had contact with each other, we thought we could provide a key guide to the two pages. First, let me say, the color photos

were all taken at the last two luncheon meetings in Atlanta, December 2007 and June 2008. Historian, Jim McConnell, does a good job of covering our gatherings. There is a lot of interest in having more color pages, and we are in the process of checking with the printer as to cost, etc. In addition to the cost, we need a source of photos. Maybe some of you who attend retiree gatherings in other areas could take photos and send them to us. Also, individual members who celebrate special occasions might want to send a photo to us. Then when we have enough to fill two pages, we could do so.

Using your July covers, relate the numbers on these photos to match the identities as listed, below. There were a few we were unable to identify.



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As many of you know, there were serious mailing problems with the last issue of *The Dixie Ranger*. Most members received their copies in good condition and in a reasonable length of time; however, there were many who did not. After much e-mailing by our secretary, Sonny Cudabac, and phone calls by your editors, we believe everyone finally received a copy. If you did not receive the July issue, with the photos, let us know. There are a few copies left.

In March 2009, we will send out a new membership directory. If you have had any changes since the last issue of the directory, March 2008, please send them to us for inclusion in the new directory. You can either e-mail the changes to djollysr@comlinkinc.net or send them to SFSRA, 128 Wind Trace, Alexander City, AL 35010.

2009 will be the 5th year of our commitment to serve as editor/treasurer for SFSRA. Please give serious thought to volunteering to assume this position. We would be willing to work with you on the July and November 2009 issues to pass along information from our own experience and that which we received from Betty and Bert Bray who did the job for so many years.

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“And That’s How the Fight Started”

sent in by Mike Sparks

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver’s license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, “Unbutton your shirt.” So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, “That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me.” And she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, “You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too.” – *And that’s how the fight started...*

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, “Do you know her?” “Yes,” I sighed, “She’s my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn’t been sober since.” “Well,” said my wife. “Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?” – *And that’s how the fight started.*

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