

Recruitment Period for Resource Advisory Committees Extended

If you are interested in applying for one of two Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) for the Forest as part of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, you now have until May 4 to apply.

The committees will develop collaborative relationships and review and recommend proposed forest management projects. If you would like to help shape the expenditure of up to \$3 million on Forest projects, call Tom Knappenberger (360) 891-5005 or Linda Turner (360) 891-5195. You can also find the RAC application and legislation on website www.fs.fed.us/r6.

Celebrate Migratory Bird Day May 5 in Trout Lake, Washington

Bring your family and binoculars to help celebrate the return of migrant songbirds to Trout Lake on May 5. Meet in front of the Mt. Adams Ranger Station, 2455 Hwy 141, at 8:30 a.m. The Forest will provide bird checklists, identifications sheets, and nest box kits. We will guide one-hour walks at the marsh and local bird feeders to share the beauty of birds. A nest-box talk and assembling session will take place following the walks, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This event is especially made for children.

Thank You Volunteers



Boy Scout Troop #709 from Bellvue, with leaders Mike Carr, Ed Schandl, and John Sheasley, cleaned up the area around the Ape Caves.

The **Lewis County Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington** received the Chief's Volunteer Award for many hours of clearing and maintaining trails and facilities. Other groups nominated for this award were the **Junco Snowmobile Club** for building the warming shelter at Orr Creek, and the **Southwest Washington Off-Road Riders** for trail maintenance and reconstruction of bridges.



Martin Price of the United Kingdom received the international volunteer Chief's award for studying the current distribution and habitat of the Mardon skipper butterfly, a sensitive species. Others nominated for individual awards were **Walt Doan** for providing map-making services for Mount St. Helens, and **Tom Saubion** from Graham, Washington and his associates for maintaining trails and packing in supplies via horses and mules.

We would like to express our gratitude to these and the countless other individuals who have given hundred of hours of their time to improve the national forests.

Congressman Baird Comes for Lunch



Congressman Brian Baird took time out from his busy schedule to join employees for lunch on April 9. He spoke briefly about his view of the new administration and gave some insights of the current Congress. Questions and answers followed this briefing. The current energy situation is a concern of the Congressman, who drives a dual-powered automobile. Congressman Baird has been very supportive of the Forest and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Mount St. Helens Institute Offers Summer Classes

The Mount St. Helens Institute will be offering a series of classes this summer. For further information on upcoming classes and events, check the web site: www.mountsthelensinstitute.org, phone (360) 891-5095, FAX (360) 891-5045, email: mshi@teleport.com or write to Mount St. Helens Institute, P.O. Box 820762, Vancouver, WA 98682.

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Johnston Ridge Observatory
Located at MP 52
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Internet: www.fs.fed.us/gpnf

Upcoming Events

May 18th Anniversary: Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mount St. Helens Institute, the USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory, Cowlitz County, and the Forest will be sponsoring special 21st anniversary activities on May 18 and 19. The focus will be for school visits on May 18, when admission to Forest Service Visitor Centers will be free. On May 19, there will be special displays, activities, guided walks, and talks by experts. Call or visit the Forest website www.fs.fed.us/gpnf for details.

Pedal the Pinchot, scheduled for July 21, provides bike rides from 30 to 88 miles with spectacular views of Mount St. Helens. Ride hotline is 360-891-5151 or website www.pedaltheinchot.com.

Fishing Clinics, a family event, are scheduled for June 9 during National Fishing Week. Call the districts for specific site information.

National Public Lands Day, scheduled for September 29, will provide opportunities for you to help with a project on your public lands. Stay tuned.

The *2001 Volcano Review* is available and provides a wealth of information to activities at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument this year. Copies are available at all Forest facilities.

Northwest Forest Pass

Do you have your pass yet? This per-vehicle pass is good for one day (\$5) or for one year (\$30) at trailheads and dispersed recreation areas throughout the Forest. It will also allow the pass holder admission to MSH visitor centers and Ape Cave. If you bought an annual pass last year, it's good through the month of purchase. And they make great gifts for outdoor enthusiasts!

Heritage Program Update



Fred Hemenway was a "CCC boy" at Camp Cispus in 1940. Hemenway was recently interviewed as part of a joint Portland State University/Forest Service oral history project. Among those interviewed are men who were employed on the Forest during the period from 1929 to 1949. Some of these oral histories can be viewed on website www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/heritage.

Information about other local community oral history projects can be found on the Center for Columbia River History website www.ccrh.org.

Passport in Time has two programs on the Forest this summer. From May 27-June 1 and June 3-June 8, more volunteers are needed to restore the Government Mineral Springs Guard Station. Archaeological forecasting will take place in the upper reaches of the Cowlitz River drainage on August 5-10. Call Rick McClure (509) 395-3375 for more information.

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