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“CCC BOYS” ARE REMEMBERED ON FOREST SERVICE NATIONAL HONOR DAY

A gathering of Fishlake National Forest employees and citizens and volunteers from Salina dedicated a sign on May 3, 2005 honoring the memory of young men who contributed so much to the area. The ceremony was held at the site of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp F-32 in Salina. The sign that drew them together was made by Tom McCullough, one of the “CCC boys” as they were called, who was a member of that camp. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

The date chosen for the dedication was important to local Forest Service employees. Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, set aside May 3, 2005 to remember all those who had come before and established the tradition of service the agency strives to carry forward today. This year the Forest Service celebrates its centennial anniversary.

The CCC boys worked on many projects on the Fishlake NF, including the Maple Grove Campground, Fish Lake Guard Station and Twin Creeks Guard Station. They refurbished Gooseberry, the Kanosh Ranger Station and many others on the forest. They worked on Beaver Creek Road and the Bowery Creek Campground. The CCC also constructed dams in Salina Canyon and contoured the Pahvant to prevent erosion.

Mary Erickson, Fishlake Forest Supervisor, said to those who attended the dedication ceremony that, “The young men who lived in this camp left quite a legacy on the Fishlake National Forest, and

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today we are very grateful for what they accomplished. The contributions of the CCC are not only evident on the Fishlake, but they still stand in many of the western states.”

Established by President Roosevelt in 1933 to provide jobs for impoverished young men, the CCC was put to work on public lands. Utah had between 30–35 camps at any given time during the nine years of the CCC, from 1933 to 1942. More than 22,000 young Utah men were employed in these camps, but men from all over the U.S. were assigned to Camp F-32 in Salina.

One of those CCC boys, Ellis Sheehan, Salina, attended the ceremony with his wife, Beulah. Tom McCullough, Las Vegas; Charles Cooke, Salt Lake City; and Clarence Hicks, West Valley City, Utah, are the only other surviving members of Camp F-32. Also in attendance were Florence Squires, Virginia Dickert, and Inez Criswell, all widows of men who were assigned to the Salina camp. Marilyn Anderson, Mayor of Salina, presented each of them with a bouquet.