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LARSEN RETIRES FROM THE FOREST SERVICE

Fishlake District Ranger Fred Houston recently announced the retirement of Max L. Larsen. Larsen began his career with the USDA Forest Service 38 years ago as a seasonal Range Aid on the Salina Ranger District. He also worked in Fire during his tenure with the national forest, and was a Recreation Technician on the Richfield Ranger District when he retired.

Over the years, Larsen and his crews have been responsible for the installation of many of the comfort stations on the Fishlake National Forest, and for building and maintaining many miles of trails. He was the kind of supervisor we all wish we had – he was never too busy or too good to lend a helping hand or teach newcomers the tricks of the trade. His mentoring was especially critical to new wildland firefighters, and those who worked with him attested to his capability in many areas of fire suppression and safety.

Larsen is married to the former Katherine Johanson. They are the parents of Belinda, Salina, Utah; Sherry, Edmonton, Canada; and Matthew, Smyrna, Georgia. Max and Katherine are grandparents to seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He spent many years working at the Gooseberry Administrative Site, which made it the perfect place for his retirement luncheon. Many of those who have worked with him throughout his career attended to wish Larsen and his family a happy retirement. His expertise will be greatly missed on the Fishlake National Forest.