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Region 2 Retiree and family,

Dear Region 2 Retiree and family:

The Memorial Grove Committee has developed preliminary plans for the annual Memorial Grove field day event scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Monument Fire Center in Monument, Colorado.

This year's event will include placing the newest plaque and planting a tree in memory of all Region 2 employees who passed away during 2008. Part of the day will be devoted to improving and maintaining the site and sharing a potluck meal with family members, retirees, and fellow employees.

Nearly 850 deceased Region 2 employees have been honored by having their names engraved on a plaque at Memorial Grove. To be recognized, the person had to have been a current employee or must have retired from Forest Service employment in Region 2. The 2008 list of honorees is not fully compiled; we need your help in completing the list.

If you are aware of anyone who passed away in 2008 who should be recognized and is not on the list included in this letter, please let us know no later than April 10. As soon as the list is completed, we will have the year 2008 plaque prepared for the ceremony. For names you submit, please provide as much information as possible about their Forest Service history and family addresses so we can recognize their work and invite their family members to the event.

If you are aware of people who passed away before 2008 and who have not been inducted, we would like their names and family contact information so they can be part of the "Not Forgotten Ceremony" at this year's event. A list of everyone currently inducted can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/pp/grove/>.

Please make a special effort to keep this tradition going. Past participants have found it to be a great way to show respect for those who dedicated their lives to public service in the Rocky Mountain Region of the Forest Service.

We look forward to greeting many of you at the Memorial Grove event. Together we'll honor those who served before us, build relationships, and strengthen ties among all levels of the organization as well as with those who have retired.



We welcome contributions from employee associations, current employees, and retirees to help pay for plaques and other event materials. Checks should be made out to **Pikes Peak Employees Association** and sent to **Pikes Peak District Ranger, 601 S. Weber Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903-4026.**

The 2008 Honoree names we presently have for this year's ceremony are as follows:

Sara Mae (Sally) Allen
*Rosemary Chandler
Robert J. (Bob) Geick
*Betty L. Griggs
John D. Grover
Robert Grover
Leonard (Len) Hendzel
Ella L. Hollabaugh
John W. King, Jr.
Amos F. Klein, Jr.
*Marlene A. Kotich
*Margaret (Margo) Lamphere
Anita Proctor
Sylvia Ann Trout
*Mary J. Westlake

The names for the 2008 Not Forgotten ceremony are:

*We need a family member contact for this person; if someone knows of one, please provide.

Please verify the spelling and correct form (initial vs. full middle name, Jr., etc.) of these names and send to Brent Botts (bobotts@fs.fed.us). We also need family members' names and addresses or phone numbers to invite them to the event.

If you have questions, please contact Brent Botts at 719-477-4202 or Gwen Ernst-Ulrich at 303-275-5348.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Regional Forester,
Operations

cc: Brent O Botts