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Philanthropic Fire Starters

Submitted by: Karlie Shaughnessy, Information Officer, Wildfire Mgmt. Branch

When not fighting wildfires this summer, the Monashee unit crew was able to raise $6,000 for charitable causes by holding their fourth annual firefighters hard labour auction.

"It went well," says unit crew leader Ryan Chapman who thought it would be a good way to get involved in their new community and show support.

After holding a silent auction in July, the highest bidder won a full day's work by the 20 strong and willing individuals of the crew. Impressed by the winning bidder's job list, Chapman says, "It was the first time we had enough work to keep all 20 of us busy for the full eight hours."

It was also the first time that two different bidders won the auction. The first job involved painting a barn, cutting and splitting a whole logging truck full of firewood, fixing a fence and replacing the top boards on a deck. "They definitely kept us busy," says Chapman.

Although not completed yet, the second job involves landscaping, stone work and some other odd jobs around the property.

"We already have people calling us and asking us if we are doing this again next year." Chapman says they will definitely continue the tradition next year.

As soon as he heard what they were doing, Southeast Fire Centre Manager, Alan Bond emptied his wallet for the cause. "That's the kind of teamwork you feel proud to support," says Bond who recognizes and respects the crew's efforts.

This year the crew's profits are being split 50/50 with half going to the Rick Hansen Foundation and the other half being donated to fellow crew member Jeff Scott who is currently recovering in Vancouver after a severe snowboarding accident on Revelstoke Mountain.

Originally from Houston BC, four years ago the crew wanted a way to get involved and show support within their community and they came up with the idea of an annual firefighter's hard labour auction fundraiser. Luckily for the community of Revelstoke, they brought their traditions with them.

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"True to our proud history, informing the Forest Service family through balanced and timely communication"

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Tilley Family Trust Fund

The tragic circumstances this past summer involving the crash of Tanker 448 and the loss of our pilot, Tim Whiting and co-pilot, Brian Tilley has touched the hearts of many involved in wildfire management and the Forest Service family.

The need to do something tangible for the very young family left behind by Brian was felt by many.

So on September 15, 2010, staff at the Kamloops Fire Centre hosted a benefit B.B.Q. to raise money for the Tilley Family Trust Fund.

There was an overwhelming response as more than 160 'Forest Service family members' arrived to raise money for our fallen comrade's family.

There were representatives from the Kamloops Forest District, Southern Interior Forest Region, First Nations partners, pilots and staff from various aviation companies and numerous staff from the KFC Zones, Centre and Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre. Many businesses donated items that were raffled and auctioned off to raise additional funds to support the Tilley Family.

On this day over $12,500 was raised to support the Tilley family as they move forward from this summer's tragedy.

Thank you to everyone that organized and facilitated this extremely successful event and all that came out to show their support.

Special recognition needs to go to Elaine Biffert, Michaela Swan, Gary Horsman and Jeff McDonnell for their efforts as the key event organizers.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be made at any HSBC Bank of Canada in the name "Tammy Annette Tilley in Trust." Or cheques can be mailed to HSBC Bank of Canada 10250-101 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3P4.

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Roy Crawford 1967-2010

Submitted by Randy Aitken, RPF, Coast Forest Region

Roy Crawford, the Coast Engineering Group Leader, was taken from us suddenly and tragically on June 13, 2010.

Roy, was a beloved husband to Vanessa, and devoted Daddy to their two beautiful daughters Elizabeth and Rebecca.

Roy attended the University of New Brunswick where he met Vanessa and graduated as a Forest Engineer. Roy joined the Coast Forest Region in 2008. In two short years, Roy made a mark and touched a lot of people across the Forest Service.

To quote Larry Duke of the Haida Gwaii Forest District, "I liked Roy's style. He took regular phone calls from me and Tyler as a pair of green horns in the engineering team with questions and concerns. We called him the "Can Do Man" up here. No matter how crazy or odd the issue, Roy was able to bring a sort of clarity to the situation and give you the ability to figure it out on your own. We knew Roy had our back up here and that he put himself out there for us. Just knowing this gives us the ability to push forward, work with confidence and challenge the status quo."

Dave Southam, from Squamish, offered these thoughts to give the district perspective of how great it was to have Roy as our engineering leader. "Roy was a man who defined integrity. He was one of those guys who comes from a strong moral background where a person's word or handshake still means something. Roy was courageous. He was able to wade through all the self imposed rule set we have as an organization and find a way to regularly turn an apparent impasse into a green light to proceed with an engineering project. Roy was fair, open and transparent. Having to balance all of the district needs across the Coast Forest Region, he managed to somehow do this in a manner that was best for the corporate needs while ensuring a consistently even playing field. He continuously supported his team and trusted that they would not let him down and gave credit where credit was due. Roy was open and accountable. If he needed to have a difficult conversation, he would but at the same time he would support you to the best of his abilities. Finally, he had a good dry sense of humour. He appreciated a good laugh and if you weren't too intimidated by his stature, he could even stand a good ribbing at his personal expense. All of these qualities clearly demonstrate that Roy was an excellent leader, all round good person and will be missed by everyone who knew him."

2010 PJJ Hemphill Award

Submitted by Brian Chow, Chief Engineer, Engineering Branch

The P.J.J. Hemphill Award for Excellence in Engineering is presented annually to an individual in recognition of their excellence, ability and leadership in delivering Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR) engineering initiatives and activities. Ministry individuals are nominated by their peers for outstanding performance within engineering and the nominations are reviewed by a committee of peers.

The award, first presented in 2001, is named in honour of Peter Hemphill who demonstrated leadership, innovation and excellence in engineering in leading the "old" Engineering Branch as a director. Peter commenced his career, as a summer student, with the Forest Service in 1938. He retired from the Forest Service in 1980. Through his career, he contributed much to the formative years of the Forest Service

Cont. PJJ Hemphill Award...

and in particular, the Engineering Section. More on Pete's career can be found at the following link: Peter Hemphill.

Recipients of the award have demonstrated significant contributions to Forest Service engineering initiatives and activities through leadership, innovation and excellence. Achievements may include contributions in engineering leadership, administrative improvements, delivering of engineering activities, developing and completing specific projects or in recognition of career contributions to the MFR engineering programs.

This year, 39 submissions were received nominating 7 ministry staff. The committee's task was difficult as all of the nominees have contributed to excellence in engineering in the Forest Service. The selection committee would like to recognize Roy Crawford, P. Eng., and Martin Fennell, RFT, who were finalists for this year's award.

Roy Crawford was with the ministry for two years in the capacity of Engineering Group Leader in the Coast Forest Region. Roy was not just another engineer, but a respected supervisor, mentor and communicator. Roy was someone you could count on to cut through the red tape and develop the relationships to get the job done. He continuously supported his team and trusted that they would not let him down. Within the Coast Forest Region, he was primarily responsible for fostering a high level of cooperation and engagement between districts, region, and BC Timber Sales. Roy co-chaired the Provincial Engineering Working Group that has focused on improving working relationships and efficiencies between engineering groups in Field Operations (BCTS, branch and districts). He was key in the coordination of many of the collaborative initiatives with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) that are currently being undertaken by MFR personnel. Roy's time with the Forest Service was cut short with his passing in June 2010. His full contribution to the ministry will never be realized, but during the brief period Roy was with us, he made an indelible impression on those people that he worked with.

Martin ('Marty') Fennell is an Engineering Specialist with BCTS in Prince George. Marty has been at the forefront of developing, educating and supporting engineering and BCTS staff locally and throughout the organization. Marty has demonstrated leadership and affected positive change in moving forward with collaboratively streamlining engineering processes, playing a key role in the Mackenzie Forest Road Management Committee's development of a set of comprehensive road use - safety rules, and embracing innovative techniques, resulting in cost savings and improved engineering practices. Marty has proven to be a huge asset and is viewed as a "go to guy" for expert advice in engineering related matters by staff at all levels.

The selection committee has determined that **Ray Tardiff**, Senior Engineering Technician, Engineering Branch is the 2010 PJJ Hemphill award recipient.

Ray was nominated for being an outstanding leader, being a committed team contributor and demonstrating engineering excellence in engineering project delivery. Ray's efforts were vital to the success of the Bobtail Overpass project, a complicated overpass spanning Highway #16 to improve safety for workers and the public. The project was a cooperative effort between MFR and MTI and was primarily lead by MFR through Ray's leadership, project management and technical skills and knowledge. The project was the largest single engineering capital project ever administered in the Northern Interior at the time, requiring innovative approaches to melding MFR

Dave Peterson and Ray Tardiff

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and MTI standards, working with numerous MFR and MTI staff, consultants and contractors, and taking 3 years to complete. The project was a finalist for a 2009 Premier's Award.

Never backing down from a challenge, in 2009 Ray agreed to temporarily assume the role of the Fort St. James – Mackenzie Connector project manager. Ray put in many hours above his regularly scheduled hours in getting this large $10.75 million dollar project started in the right direction. Ray's efforts on the project, including his focus on the "team," have been instrumental in the ongoing success of the project.

Ray is a mentor and has gladly and frequently shared his ample knowledge with staff at all levels. He has been a promoter of others obtaining knowledge and experience to allow them to "do it for themselves." He always has time to lend a hand to whoever needs it. He is seen as a leader in engineering contracts and constantly receives positive feedback and response from staff. Ray leads by example and continues to show his dedication to engineering excellence and shows everyday what an outstanding employee is.

Ray is a worthy individual as the recipient of the 2010 PJJ Hemphill Award for Excellence in Engineering. The award was presented to Ray by Dave Peterson, ADM, Field Operations on August 18th in the Prince George regional office.

Trevor Schmidt
1960 - 2010

Submitted by Noelle Kekula, MTCA

It is with intense sadness that we inform the Forest Service family of Trevor Schmidt, Service Technician, for the Cascades, Kamloops and Southern Interior Region, passing. He lost his brief battle with cancer on June 29, 2010.

Trevor spent most of his years in the Kamloops/Merritt area. He graduated from Norkam Senior Secondary. He joined the Forest Service in 1985, where he worked in various programs and offices.

Trevor will be deeply missed by his wife, Lisa and 3 children, Shaina, Natalie and Eric.

Trev was an active community member in Merritt, whether it was playing mens slow pitch and curling or coaching minor softball, hockey and curling. Trev was also the president of the Merritt Minor Hockey for several years. One of his favourite passions was to watch his son Eric as he participated in various sporting activities. Trevor was an avid hunter. Every fall, he could be found in the Chilcotin and Merritt area with his brother and friends, looking for the big one.

Trevor saw Forest Service employees as part of his family. He would look after us from Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 and during some times of the year 24 hrs a day. He was our go-to guy, the one who made sure we had all the proper gear to do our jobs, that our vehicles were safe, our offices were the proper sizes and in the right locations! Trevor put his heart and soul into his job.

Fun loving, funny, happy, dedicated is how people saw him. You could hear Trevor's voice and laugh clearly whenever you were in the warehouse or compound. He was always smiling and kind and had a real warmth about him. He would always find the time to chat, give a shoulder massage or provide us with that "something" that would make our jobs that much better. He had a unique way of letting each one of us feel that we were important to this organization.

We can all thank Trev for teaching us about kindness, how to laugh at ourselves, and how to make everyone feel GREAT!

Ministries Pull Together!

Submitted by Paul Knowles, RPF, Resource Management Coordination

Twenty-five Children and Family (C&F) employees came to work on Monday July 26, 2010, to find their space uninhabitable. The Port Alberni office suffered a fire over the weekend of July 24th and the damage was mostly smoke, but it was extensive.

I received a call Monday afternoon from Rod Bergen from MFR Property Services asking if we could accommodate any of the C&F staff temporarily. Of course I said we could, and I asked Mary Bauto, Operations Manager to be their contact. She invited them over and showed them the space we had to offer.

To meet their business needs, the best space we had was our Compliance and Enforcement section (C&E). It is a separate unit that has allowed our C&E staff to operate in a semi-private environment. Mary asked Dean Stewart, who is our C&E Officer, but acting as Operations Manager at the time, to lead the transition for our staff and work with the C&F staff to ensure they had what they needed.

Turns out Dean is an office fire victim himself. He was working at the Burns Lake District in 1989 when it burned to the ground. He'd been in a very similar position—no desk, no chair, and worst of all, no business continuity plan to get set up and operating quickly after such an event. Dean's charred University Graduation Diploma somehow survived the office fire.

Dean worked with the C&E staff who were very helpful and understanding. Office moves are kind of like pulling wisdom teeth, but I can tell you no anaesthetic was necessary—they were great! Not to mention the people who welcomed them into their work space on the other side of the office—we had a couple of people move their offices to have the C&E staff in somewhat of a cohesive unit, albeit blended in with everyone else. Rena McKamey, Records and Facilities Clerk, took charge of all the physical move requirements and worked over the weekend to make it happen. A great show of teamwork and flexibility to support the office fire victims. People directly impacted or leading the move were from Field Operations Division, Resource Management Coordination Division, Corporate Services Division, Resource Tenures Branch and the Ministry of Tourism Culture and the Arts.

Unfortunately, without a business continuity plan in place the C&F staff lost about a week of work time, but we had 12 of them moving into our office the following Monday and they were very appreciative of the efforts of the people in the district to accommodate them. They were devastated by the fire, but very happy to find a refuge while their office is being restored over a 6 month period.

In their first week the office held a lunchtime BBQ for people to get acquainted, as well as enjoy the fresh Port Alberni salmon, crabs, some moose kabobs and cake!

Have a Story idea?
Send The *FS News* Advisory Group your ideas!

Growing Up Forest Service

Submitted by Jeff Holitzki, Engineering Technician, Kootenay Timber Sales Office

Lt-Rt: Jeff (BCTS), Paul (FS retired), Russ (BCTS) and brother-in-law Kevin Melanson (C&E)

My brother Russ Holitzki and I are 2nd generation FS employees.

My dad, Paul Holitzki began his career in 1956 on a marking crew in the Kamloops District and retired in 1988 after 32 years in the FS. He worked at various ranger stations and "regions" in the interior and is now happily retired in Nelson.

When I was born, our family lived at the 100-Mile House Ranger Station. We moved 11 times as dad worked his way from Cruiser to Assistant Ranger to Deputy Ranger to Ranger, until retiring as a Fire Suppression Coordinator in Nelson. In those days staff could be relocated at the employer's discretion. I can still recall the family dinners where it was announced that we would be moving again... to Chase, or Ashcroft or Williams Lake or Likely... the Holitzki's were the new kids in town once again.

In most cases we lived in supplied trailers and houses in FS compounds. In Williams Lake, a 14 x 68' "trailer" was home for the 6 of us—cozy accommodations helped keep the family close.

Dad's career highlights include:

- working on the "Mag" fire in the Magna Bay / Shuswap area in 1967 and writing the final fire report;
- being appointed the first Ranger in the Likely District;
- attending training or "Ranger" school at Green Timbers in Surrey where the three FS instructors packed a 2-year course into 9 months; and
- working with great people.

The Forest Service was like a family—staff developed strong and lasting friendships and were involved in community activities. As families moved from office to office, other FS families were helpful and welcoming.

Since I did my moving from town to town as a kid, I've kept my FS career in Grand Forks. No more moving for me. I have also been fortunate to work with staff that worked with my dad as family paths have crossed and re-crossed. I began as an Initial Attack crewman and, after a variety of technical positions; I am now an Engineering Technician for BC Timber Sales (BCTS).

My brother Russ started with the FS in 1991 and has worked for both the Arrow and Kootenay Lake Forest Districts. He currently works for BCTS on the Kootenay Lake Field Team in Nelson. His roots are firmly planted in the Kootenay Lake area.
Not to be out done, my sister Janice kept one foot in the FS family when she married our brother-in-law Kevin Melanson. Kevin is currently a Compliance and Enforcement Specialist working out of Nelson.

Looking back on a childhood of helicopters, boat trips on the Quesnel River, two-room schools, mobile home parks, ball tournaments and bonspiels it was great to grow up in an FS family.

HOW ARE YOUR SUDOKU SKILLS!

Let us know if this is something that interests you or would you like to continue with Word Search or the Crossword?

FS Generations Work Under the Same Roof!

Submitted by Jennifer Reid, Practices Forester, BCTS Merritt Field Team

For the past five years, the Cascades Forest District in Merritt has seen father Rich Hodson, and daughter Jenn (Hodson) Reid, working under the same roof.

Rich and Jenn skiing – Kane Valley near Merritt, 2010

Fresh out of UBC forestry in 1971, Rich headed to Victoria to begin his Forest Service career with the Inventory Division. In 1973, Rich and his new bride, Iris, headed to Fernie to live in an Inventory camp until the snow started blowing under the tent door. A year later Rich and Iris headed to Prince George to a new job as a tenures forester. The family was started with the births of son Jeff and me. Then it was off to Fort St. John for two fire seasons as district manager before making a move south to Kamloops and into a new job with industry. Son Greg was born shortly after. The family moved one more time to Merritt in 1989 where they have remained since. Rich went back to the Forest Service in 1991 as Integrated Resource Officer. In 2003, he moved to the consulting world, but in 2005 he returned to the Forest Service, again as a tenures forester. Rich and Iris continue to live in Merritt where they enjoy biking, golfing and skiing and spending time with their grandchildren.

I followed in my father's footsteps, graduating from UBC forestry 30 years after him. I spent several years working in industry and consulting in Princeton and Penticton. In 2005, I returned to Merritt for a brief stay and a temporary auxiliary job with BCTS before moving to the district working in the stewardship and tenures department. In 2006, I moved back to BCTS full time in the role of practices forester where I remain. My husband Ryan and I have happily integrated ourselves back into the Merritt community and hope to stay for a long while. We are expecting our first child later this summer.

My father inadvertently influenced me to follow in his footsteps in a forestry career through his demonstrated enthusiasm for his chosen profession. I remember countless hours in the car enroute to the family cabin filled with my father's conversation about biodiversity, mountain pine beetle and other exciting forestry topics. I count myself lucky to have my father as a mentor and only just a short walk across the office away.

Hodson Family Ski Trip - 1987

2nd Generation Forest Service Member?

Are you a 2nd generation Forest Service member, or maybe a 3rd?
If you are, or know of someone who is, we would like to feature your story in the Forest Service *News*.
Please submit your suggested story to ForestServiceNews@gov.bc.ca.

Welcome New FS News Advisory Group Member

Kimm Magill-Hofmann, Tenures Forester, Okanagan Shuswap Forest District

I am very happy to be joining the Forest Service Newsletter team. I have been full time with the Forest Service since 1990 (auxiliary since 1984) and have been fortunate to try on several hats over the years, including silviculture, revenue, engineering, woodlots, major tenures and some contingency work with Wildfire Management Branch. Under the Road Ahead Initiative, I became both a Continuous Improvement and Learning Organization practitioner, which I continue to practice and promote.

Prior to joining the Forest Service I was a consultant with Amabilis Forestry Services out of Vernon. I graduated from the Natural Resources program at BCIT in 1983 and gained my RPF status in 2000 after 10 gruelling years in the pupil program.

My husband and I have two sons (aged 18 and 15) and we live in Salmon Arm where I grow vegetables and flowers for the birds and rodents, play soccer, run, ski and read.

FS Vessel "Coast Ranger" - Update to June edition's Ex-FS Vessel

Submitted by Rob MacLaren, Geomatics Technician, Cascades FD

The FS vessel 'Coast Ranger' has been sold at government auction.
The Forest Service no longer have any wooden-hulled boats from the early years of the Forest Service. It was the last one built by the FSMD in Vancouver and sold for ~$50,000 to a person from the Duncan area. Look for it at future Vessel meets.

Mackenzie Forest District Run, Walk, or Crawl and Fundraiser

Submitted by: Paula Walbauer, Resource Clerk, Mackenzie FD

The Mackenzie Forest District and BCTS office signed up for the 12th Annual Run, Walk, Bike, Crawl Challenge and decided to add our own unique spin to the event this year.

One of the employee's in our district is currently battling Male Breast Cancer so we decided to do a fundraiser as well, to support this form of cancer. We sold wrist bands (blue in color) in the office for Male Breast Cancer and raised $172.00.

Staff who were brave enough, wore bra's outside their shirts—men too—and met at the famous Mackenzie Tree Crusher and walked the 4 km to the office on June 21. Everyone enjoyed the walk and even received a few honks and waves on our way to work.

Run, Walk, or Crawl to Work Summer Solstice Event

From Victoria, Richard Dominy

The 12th Annual Run, Walk, or Crawl to Work fun event has just been concluded.

Thank you to all district, regional and branch offices who participated in the Annual Provincial Run, Walk, or Crawl Challenge held June 21, 2010.

The intent of this event is to get out and "Participate!" Be creative and above all have FUN!!

This event was started by the Invermere Forest District 12 years ago and has grown to a provincial event. The Invermere Forest District no longer exists, but many of us (the staff) are scattered throughout the Forest Service family across the province. We all have a strong belief in this event and will work to keep it alive and strong.

All offices have a similar chance of winning at "most participation" levels.

The following link tracks the results of the event for 2010.

http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/dpg/Health/provchallenge.htm.

It also showcases photos, stories, successes of the event. There are some phenomenal stories and photos from past years, for example, crawling through the salal, competing in the dugout canoe, kayaking and the early morning lake jump.

This next year it would be extremely fun to have full representation from all members of the Forest Service family. As you can see from the results on the web link there has been good participation around the province. This year recorded a great increase in participation from our Victoria colleagues – good on them and hope there is more to come!

Our new distribution list for this event, type in "RunWalk" in Outlook to examine if your office or location has a contact, worked well this year for getting updates and sending out updates. Please forward any updates or additions for this list to Richard.Dominy@gov.bc.ca. This year I wasn't able to be in Victoria during the solstice, but was able to contribute from the deck of the Holland America cruise ship the MS Vollendam—I added on 10 km on the deck that morning just north of Hectate Strait with a strong wind and a little liquid sunshine!

Congratulations to everyone on their participation, and thanks for your superb efforts! A great big thank you to the team of volunteers that coordinate and make sure this event happens at solstice every year.

Let's look forward to more participation in 2011—remember June 21st is the day—it is summer solstice!

The results are:

Location	Participation (%)	Kilometres	Kilometres / FTE
Northern Region	31	1740	2.8
Southern Region	23	2591	3.0
Coastal Region	23	810	1.9
Victoria	7	148	0.6
Fort Nelson	88	255	15
Mackenzie	58	168	3.9
Columbia	55	142	4.9

Farthest Distance: Okanagan Shuswap - 785 kilometres—way to go folks!
Best Participation: Fort Nelson Forest District - 88%!
Highest Kilometres/FTE: Fort Nelson Forest District – 15!

Individual Winners

Star Performers	Location	Kilometres
Ian Clay	Okanagan Shuswap	162
Glen Buhr	Skeena Stikine	75
George Edney	Kootenay Lake Forestry Centre	71

Forest Service *News* Readers!

Time to get out and snap some photos! The Forest Service *News* Advisory Group increasingly requires good quality digital photos for the quarterly newsletter. We acknowledge that there are skilled photographers among Forest Service staff and would like to showcase your photos in each quarterly edition.

Categories

Photo's can consist of:

- Workplace images – individuals or groups / teams in office and field settings; health, wellness and social activities; ensure picture is "safety" first.
- Community involvement;
- Wildlife; or
- Scenic.

Submission Details

- Deadline for submissions is changed with each edition and will be noted on the previous edition.
- Images can be submitted to:

ForestServiceNews@gov.bc.ca;

- The contest is open to all Forest Service employees and retirees;
- Interested staff can make submissions to as many editions (season/category) as they want, but there is a limit of five images per category.
- We are looking for recent photos, please limit your entries to shots taken within the past 2 years.

Prizes and Judging

- There will be an overall 'Best' image in each category.
- Judging will be done by the Advisory Group;
- Images will be judged on composition, clarity, exposure, creativity, relevance to FS *News* and category fit;
- The winner of the 'Best' image in each category will be sent a prize for their photo;
- Individuals can win only one prize; and
- All winners will be announced with their photo in the edition of the newsletter.

Technical Specifications/Requirements

The following specifications and requirements have been established to ensure that images can be used in a variety of applications.

1. All images must have relevance to the Forest Service *News* and be submitted in digital format.
2. All images must be in full colour or black and white.
3. Photo dimensions (image size) should be at 300 dots per inch (DPI) and preferably in a jpg format and sent to *ForestServiceNews@gov.bc.ca.*
4. Images can be digitally enhanced (i.e., colour / exposure adjusted composite photos are okay), but not digitally altered (i.e. NO "Photo-Shop" images must portray subjects and / or material in photo as they were captured).
5. When submitting images, some descriptive information should also be included – category of image and location.
6. All images submitted, whether or not selected as a winning image, may be published in future issues of Forest Service *News*.

For further information, contact:

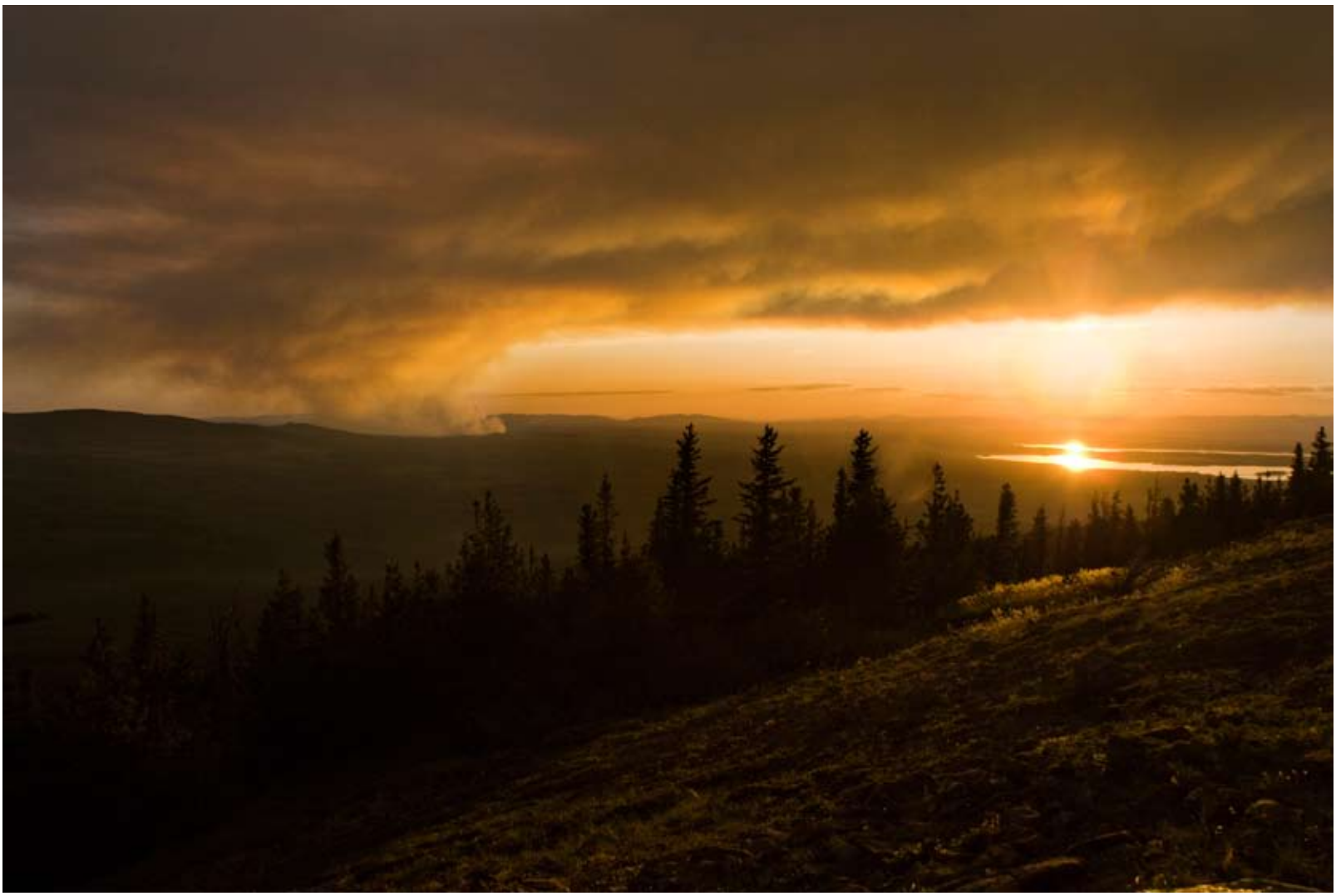
Sonia Donison: (250) 953-3859 or
ForestServiceNews@gov.bc.ca

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10, 2010

September Edition Photo Contest Winners!

Scenic Category:

Summit of Sinkut Mountain near Vanderhoof, BC. The Greer Creek Fire was in its second day and had burned at Rank 5 for most of the day, spreading to over 60 square kilometres in size over the next week. Bill Dobbs, Woodlands Manager, Vanderhoof



Have a photo for the next "Photo Contest?"
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Wildlife Category: Butterfly on thistles taken at Lazy Lake. Gary Dolynchuk, Rocky Mountain Forest District.

Have a Story idea?
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Community Category: National Forest Week Increment Borer Lesson with Grant Neville.

Photographer - Denis Petryshen - Rocky Mountain Forest District

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Workplace Category: From L to R: Kevin Wagner, Sheila Crombie, Eric Lytle, and Daniel Stanyer; four of the C&E Technicians from the Vanderhoof Field Unit of the Omineca Sub-Region conducting an RMCP old mine inspection. Taken in the SW portion of the Vanderhoof FD, down the Kluskus-Malaput FSR. I used a tree branch to hang camera, and set the timer so I could be in the photo as well. Daniel Stanyer, Resource Technologist, C&E

BERG'S EYE VIEW by Shane Berg

Forest Service News is a quarterly newsletter for all Forest Service employees and former FS employees.

Sonia Donison provides management and coordination for the newsletter. Questions or comments about Forest Service *News* should be directed to Sonia at 250-953-3859 or via email

Call for Stories/Ideas

The success of Forest Service *News* depends upon the active engagement of staff throughout the organization. One way for people to support the newsletter is to share your ideas, news, stories, successes, experiences with revitalization and learning, celebrations and photos for use in future editions of the newsletter. People are asked to check with Sonia at 250-953-3859 or via email about their idea or ideas before writing a story. Stories are to be submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to each quarterly edition—deadline for December articles is

December 10.

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Shane Berg, Lynda Currie, Steve Dodge, Richard Dominy, Sonia Donison, Brian Hawrys, Kathy Leeman, Kimm Magill-Hofmann, Kim Steinbart

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