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Station's Name Becomes "Official"

Since 1990, PSW has called itself the "Pacific Southwest Research Station." And now that change has become official and has been codified in statutes, effective June 19.

Under 36 Codified Federal Regulations 200.2d, all six FS stations are now "Research Stations." PSW was established in 1926 as the California Forest Experiment Station, was later redesignated as the California Forest and Range Experiment Station, and, in 1959, became the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station. Headquarters were maintained in Berkeley, and then moved to Albany in 1992.

PSW Leads Educators' Tour at Kings River

Academic representatives from four California forestry schools toured the Kings River Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Project, on the Sierra National Forest, on June 23-24, as part of an Educators' Tour sponsored by PSW and Region 5.

Jerry Verner, Project Leader—Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research, conducted the tour for some 25 participants from the Fresno laboratory, Station headquarters, Regional Office, Sierra National Forest, and the Kings River Ranger District. Participants included Station Director Jim Space, Assistant Station Directors Enoch Bell and Garland Mason, and Larry Fox (Humboldt State University), Keith Gillis (University of California, Berkeley), Norm Pillsbury (California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo), and Michael Reid (University of California, Davis). The "Deans Tour," as it is commonly known, had not been held for some time, although it was once a regular, periodic event. Station administrators plan to put the tour back on track.

The first day was spent at the Sierra National Forest's Supervisor's Office, for an orientation of the Kings River project. On the second day, participants toured one of the project's two watersheds, Big Creek, which covers about 32,000 acres.

"After getting a birds-eye view of the watershed from an overlook at the ridgetop at its headwaters, we moved into the watershed," said Jerry, "and visited an area that was underburned to prescription late last winter and early this spring, as well as one of Fresno wildlife biologist Kathy Purcell's bird study sites, a Protected Activity Center for the California spotted owl—in which some mechanical thinning and, later, underburning will occur to manage heavy fuels—and some recently logged areas in the first on-the-ground management operation since the project began."

FS Reorganizes the Washington Office

The long-pending reorganization of the FS Washington Office became effective on June 16, upon approval by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It reduces the number of Deputy Chiefs by one (International Forestry) and the number of Associate Deputy Chiefs by two (International Forestry, and Research).

Three Deputy Chiefs receive new titles: the Deputy for Administration becomes Deputy Chief for Operations; the Deputy for Research becomes Deputy Chief for Research and Development; and the Deputy for International Forestry becomes Director of International Programs.

The six Staffs that were in the agency's Research Branch have been consolidated to four, and their Directors are: Science Policy, Planning, and Information: Rich Guilden; Resource Valuation and Use Research: Fred Kaiser; Vegetation Management and Protection Research: Bill Sommers; and Wildlife, Fish, and Watershed Research: Dick Smyth. And Barbara Weber continues as the sole Associate Deputy Chief—Research and Development.

In another major change, what were formerly three separate Staffs—Ecosystem Management, Land Management Planning, and Environmental Coordination—have been combined into the Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, whose Director reports to the Deputy Chief for National Forest System. In all, eight Staffs were renamed, changing their names from:

- * Procurement and Property, to Acquisition Management
- * Fiscal and Accounting, to Financial Management
- * Human Resources Programs, to Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs
- * Personnel Management, to Human Resources Management
- * Information Systems and Technology, to Information Resource Management
- * Timber Management, to Forest Management and
- * Forest Pest Management, to Forest Health Protection.

In another name change, the Public Affairs Office becomes the Communications Office, which reports to the Chief, along with the International Programs Office, Civil Rights Staff, and Law Enforcement and Investigations Staff.

The Washington Office oversees a field organization of nine Regions, six Research Stations, one State and Private Forestry Area, the Forest Products Laboratory, and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry.

Harcksen Leads FS, Teacher Partnership

Kathy Harcksen, Western Forest Management Research Program, Redding, has been chosen to lead an effort to provide coordination between the Forest Service and the National Science Teachers Association, in a new partnership between the organizations. Kathy was selected in part because of her dedication to the establishment and continued development of the Forestry Institute for Teachers in California. She will begin a detail on this project at a starting date which has yet to be determined, and remain with it until it is completed.

Robertson Given Woodward Award

Jackie Robertson, who retired from PSW on March 28, was presented the C. W. Woodward Award at the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America's Pacific Branch, on June 23, in San Jose, Calif. The award is given by the Society to the person "who has made outstanding contributions to entomology during the past decade." During her 30-year career at the Station, Jackie rose from biological technician to Project Leader—Insect Population Research. She conducted research in many areas of entomology, including the western spruce budworm, Douglas-fir tussock moth, light brown apple moth, and mountain pine beetle. And for 15 years she edited the *Journal of Economic Entomology*.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Jim Allen, Pacific Islands Forestry Research, Honolulu, presented a paper "Mangroves as alien species: the case of Hawaii," at the Association for Tropical Biology meeting in Costa Rica, June 20.

Personnelly Speaking

Extra Effort Cash Awards

* Tony Gomez, Air Pollution Research Unit, Riverside, "for highly valuable contributions in achieving the goals of the USDA-funded study 'Open N Cycling in Xeric Forests: A Western N "Saturation" Hypothesis.'"

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funded study 'Open N Cycling in Xeric Forests: A Western N "Saturation" Hypothesis.'"

* Dave Jones, Air Pollution Research Unit, Riverside, "for sustained leadership and efforts in accomplishing the herculean tasks of establishing field experiments of the USDA-funded study 'Open N Cycling in Xeric Forests: A Western N "Saturation" Hypothesis.'"

* Susan Schilling, Air Pollution Research Unit, Riverside, "for highly valuable contributions in achieving the goals of the USDA-funded study 'Open N Cycling in Xeric Forests: A Western N "Saturation" Hypothesis.'"

* Virginia Schilling, Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, "for extra effort and creative initiative in improving the unit's productivity and quality, exceeding expected performance."

Job Vacancy

Biological Science Technician, GS-0404-09, Davis 7-17-97

Closes

Executive Calendar

July 7-11

Space M: Albany; Tu: Sacramento; W-F: Albany
Aune M-F: Redding
Bell (Backup) M-F: Albany
DeMuth M-F: Albany
Ewel M-F: Honolulu
Mason (Acting) M-F: Albany

July 14-18

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