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PSW Home Page Gets New Address

It's time to update your online bookmarks, because the Station home page, formerly located at <http://www.pswfs.gov>, has a new residence on the Internet. PSW's page, which includes electronic versions of *FYI* in both PDF and HTML formats, can now be found at <http://www.psw.fs.fed.us>.

Riverside Contributes Most to 1996 CFC

The PSW Forest Fire Laboratory, Riverside, was awarded the Silver Eagle award and the Highest Per Capita award for the 1996 Combined Federal Campaign. The plaques will be displayed in the reception area. Dave Hamilton, Air Pollution/Global Change Research Unit, was the key worker. Dave presented awards to contributors for their special efforts in the CFC.

Pins were awarded to George Durst, Research Support Services; Arlee Montalvo, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit; and Irene Powell, Research Support Services. Pins and coffee mugs were awarded to John Benoit, Fire Meteorology Research Unit; Armando González-Cabán, Fire Management Research Unit; Francis Fujioka, Fire Meteorology Research Unit; and Paul Miller, Air Pollution/Global Change Research Unit. Plaques were awarded to Jan Beyers, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, and Andrzej Bytnerowicz, Air Pollution/Global Change Research Unit. Crystal Eagle awards were presented to Dave Randall, Statistics Group, and Steve Sackett, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit.

Station Takes Health Month to Heart

PSW employees have been participating in a variety of healthful activities in April, as part of the Station's recognition of National Health Month. At Albany headquarters, a hike was held at the Hillside Natural Area in nearby El Cerrito. Workshops and events also planned include popular presentations on an holistic approach to increasing your energy and acupressure, chi kung, and meditation, as well as a fresh juice sampling, talks on osteoporosis and nutrition; fitness in America—how are we doing?; reducing stress through better communication; and beta-carotene and health. Albany employees will also host a healthy potluck. At Fresno, an exercise activity chart is posted, and employees are planning to have a speaker on self-protection and -defense, in addition to planning a healthy picnic. And at Riverside, thrice-weekly walks are being held, in addition to hikes and "bike hikes" to Mt. Rubidoux, the Botanical Gardens, San Jacinto Wildlife Preserve, and Sycamore Canyon. Other activities at Riverside will include a month-long "healthful habits

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Joslin Appointed FS Deputy Chief for NFS

Robert Joslin has been selected by FS Chief Mike Dombeck as the new Deputy Chief, responsible for managing the 191-million-acre National Forest System. Bob will assume his new post in May.

"Bob has more than 32 years as a natural resource manager for the Forest Service," Mike said. "He has demonstrated an exceptional conservation ethic, typified by his leadership to restore salmon and steelhead habitat in the Pacific Northwest. He is well respected by his peers and Forest Service employees, as well as conservation and industry leaders. He is an excellent addition to my team, and will be of great service as we work with the American people to conserve and restore the health of the land. He is the right person for the job."

Bob will leave his assignment as Regional Forester of the Southern Region in Atlanta, Ga., a position he has held since March 1994. Prior to his job in Atlanta, Bob was Deputy Regional Forester in the Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah.

He is a 1964 graduate of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, and a 1987 graduate of the Senior Executive Fellowship program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Bob began his FS career as a temporary employee on the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona.

Visitor to PSW

Francis Pandolfi, Chief of Staff to FS Chief Mike Dombeck, visited PSW headquarters in Albany on March 19 in conjunction with a visit to Region 5 Headquarters in San Francisco. While at PSW, he was taken on a tour of the facilities and also heard several presentations. Station Director Jim Space discussed budget matters with the Chief of Staff, and Assistant Director Garland Mason gave a Station overview. Steve Sackett, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, gave presentations at both Albany and Placerville. Malcolm North, Sierra Nevada Montane Ecosystems Research Unit, Fresno, also gave a presentation at the Placerville unit. Dave Neale and Claire Kinlaw, Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany, gave a presentation on their DNA research.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Assistant Station Director Enoch Bell, Albany, Francis Fujioka, Project Leader—Fire Meteorology Research Unit, Riverside, and David Weise, Project Leader—Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, reported on PSW Forest Fire Laboratory research activities and accomplishments to

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challenge” with prizes for winners; a CPR/first aid class, noon-time instructional videos, health assessments, and a healthy potluck.

Personnelly Speaking

Appointments

* Christine Pytel, Associate Deputy Chief—Administration, FS Washington Office; to Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture—Administration, USDA, Washington.

* Clyde Thompson, Associate Deputy Chief—Administration, FS Washington Office; to Acting Deputy Chief—Administration.

* Gilbert Espinosa, from Deputy Regional Forester—Administration, FS Region 5, San Francisco; to Acting Associate Deputy Chief—Administration, FS Washington Office.

* Ron Stewart, Associate Deputy Chief—Programs and Legislation, FS Washington Office; to Acting Deputy Chief—Programs and Legislation.

* Sandra Key, Forest Supervisor, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson, Wy.; to Acting Associate Deputy Chief—Programs and Legislation, FS Washington Office.

* Jack Blackwell, Deputy Regional Forester—Resources, FS Region 4, Ogden, Utah; to Acting Associate Deputy Chief—National Forest System, FS Washington Office (to April 25).

* Lyle Laverty, Director of Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Management, FS Washington Office; to Acting Associate Deputy Chief—National Forest System (effective April 28).

Job Vacancy

Biological Science Technicians (Fisheries),
GS-0404-05, Gasquet, Bridgeville, or Pollock
Pines (seasonal)

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approximately 20 representatives at the Washington Office, March 18. Representatives included those from FS Research, Fire and Aviation Management, and Policy Analysis staffs, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Interior, American Forest Association, and members of Senator Jon Kyl’s (Arizona) staff.

* David Weise and Jon Regelbrugge, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, and Jack Cohen of the Intermountain Research Station, Missoula, Mont., led a Chaparral Fuel Modeling Workshop on March 11-12 at Riverside. The workshop was designed to both reacquaint fire and fuels specialists in southern California with fuel modeling concepts and with the Test Model (TSTMDL) program developed by Burgan and Rothermel and to develop custom fuels models to describe chaparral fuels that produce expected fire behavior. Approximately 20 fire and fuels specialists from the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests participated, as did representatives from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Executive Calendar

April 14-18

Space.....M: Sacramento; Tu-F: Albany
Aune.....M: San Francisco; Tu-F: Denver
Bell (Backup).....M: AL; Tu: Albany; W-Th: Boise; F: Albany
DeMuth.....M-F: Albany
Ewel.....M-F: Honolulu
Mason (Acting)..M-Th: Albany; F: Woodland

April 21-25

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