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PSW Joins R-5 in Hosting Chief's Review

The Station and FS Region 5 co-hosted Chief Mike Dombeck's program review of the two organizations, held May 20-21, in the San Francisco Regional Office.

After overviews by Station Director Hal Salwasser and Regional Forester Lynn Sprague, the 1-1/2-day review focused on four sessions. Assistant Station Director for Planning and Operations Carol DeMuth moderated one on "One Forest Service" and another on "Building an Outdoor Recreation Portfolio for the 21st Century"; and Assistant Station Director—Research Enoch Bell moderated the session on "Forest Planning."

Sprinkling his remarks with frequent references to FS research, Mike addressed employees the afternoon of the opening day. He reiterated the four emphasis areas outlined in his "Natural Resource Agenda for the 21st Century" announcement released in March: Watershed restoration and maintenance, sustainable forest ecosystem, forest roads, and recreation.

The Chief called for a greater integration of basic and applied research, and for providing delivery systems to users and linkages to information sources. He cited several Station scientists whose work exemplifies this melding of scientific studies with on-the-ground application: Connie Millar, Forest Genetics Research Unit, Albany; Bob Ziemer, Hillslope Processes/Fishery Research Unit, Arcata; Greg McPherson, Urban Forestry Research; Davis; Debbie Chavez, Recreation/Urban Culture Research, Riverside; and Mike Haverty, Insect Chemical Ecology Research, Albany.

In his overview remarks, Hal said the Station's role is to create and deliver to "public and private natural resources managers, extension agents, and educators a continuous stream of science-based knowledge and technologies useful for sustaining beautiful scenery, healthy watersheds, clean water, clear air, and abundant wildlife in our ecosystem." The Station's research seeks to sustain "multiple benefits from those ecosystems through natural resource goods and services that enhance human well-being," he continued.

"We believe that science creates enduring value," said Hal. "We believe that the present is in large part 'the future that was created by the science of the past.'" He listed five top organizational priorities for the Station:

- * Assist the Pacific Southwest Region in implementing the Pacific Northwest Plan and complete the Plan's amendments in the Sierra Nevada, using the Sierra Nevada Ecosystems Project assessment.

- * Further integrate FS research and development with the National Forest System, State & Private Forestry, and

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New to PSW

Patricia Pepin is PSW's new Librarian, having joined the staff at Albany on June 1, but she is far from new to her field. Pat began her Federal career 27 years ago, as a librarian for the Department of the Army at Letterman Army Medical Center, at the Presidio of San Francisco, from 1971 to 1974; and then worked in the medical library for the Medical Department of Japan at Camp Kue, Okinawa, from 1974 to 1976; as a cataloger at the Academy of Health Sciences at Ft. Sam Houston, Tx., from 1976 to 1979; as Chief of Technical Services, Chemical Systems Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in 1979; librarian, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, from 1980 to 1990; and, most recently, as Senior Reference Librarian, Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, from 1990 to 1998.

She was born in Paola, Ks., where she lived until she was 13. Her family then moved to Daly City, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she attended high school. She earned her B.A. degree from San Francisco State University, and her Master of Library Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Pat lives in Daly City for now, and says that, "Because I am currently without a car, I am commuting by public transit. After being used to a 30-minute drive in the country to work, I am really gaining an appreciation of what a lot of people have to go through to get to work each day." She is also engaged to "a very nice retired chemist in Maryland," who is looking after her 16-year-old dog, Benjamin. Outside of work, Pat enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, and theater. "I am also a beginning quilter, although I have done more piecing than quilting up to now," she says.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

- * Debbie Chavez, Wildland Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, made several presentations at the Seventh International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, held May 27-31 in Columbia, Mo., including "Will they pay to play on National Forests? Perceptions of customers in the enterprise zone"; "Voices across the United States: Opinions from National Forest customers about recreation fees." Debbie also co-authored, with Jan Anderson and Dale Blaha, of Utah State University, another paper, "Accommodating cultural values in management strategies: Fern picking on the San Bernardino National Forest."

- * Marcia Narog and Bonni Corcoran, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, attended the 1998 Desert Research Symposium at the San Bernardino County Museum,

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International Forestry programs in the Region to improve organizational effectiveness as one FS in Region 5.

- * Pioneer in FS reinvention efforts with enterprise and financial management.

- * Rebuild the Station's research and development capacity through sharper focus on issues of the day, commitment to interdisciplinary ecosystem science, improved delivery of R&D services to customers, and stronger ties to universities and other collaborators.

- * Maintain the Station's position in the agency as the top field unit in progress toward a multicultural organization and commitment to human and civil rights."

Both Hal and Lynn stressed that the Chief's Review provided the Station and Region "an excellent opportunity to display and discuss how the two organizations are working together in California, Hawaii, and the western Pacific islands to bring Forest Service programs to the people." Their intent, they said, was to show the Chief that in California, "there is one Forest Service." Hal said that subsequent "feedback from the Chief and other members of the Review Team was positive about the direction of our programs."

Members of the Review Team included Deputy Chiefs Robert Joslin (National Forest System), Robert Lewis (Research and Development), and Ron Stewart (Policy and Legislation); Ann Loose, representing new Chief Operating Officer Francis Pandolfi, who was unable to attend; Larry Paine, representing the Deputy Chief—State & Private Forestry; Director of Civil Rights Luther Burse, and Counselor to the Chief Al Ferio.

Job Vacancies

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April 24-25 in Redlands, Calif. Marcia presented a paper, "Unburned fuels in an Arizona upland saguaro-shrub community," which was written by Ruth C. Wilson, Marcia, and Bonni. Bonni presented a poster from the same paper.

- * Hal Salwasser, Station Director, was a member of a four-person panel on "New resource management philosophies in the west," at the American Water Resources Association's Specialty Conference on Rangeland Management and Water Resources, on May 28 in Reno, Nev.

- * Pat Winter, Wildland Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, presented a paper, "Conducting research in the Hispanic community," co-authored by Debbie Chavez, at the Seventh International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, held May 27-31 in Columbia, Mo.

Personnelly Speaking

Quality-Step Increase

- * Marcia Narog, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, "for outstanding performance."

Extra Effort Awards

- * Dave Olson, Wildland Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, "for the extra effort he has given to his Unit in making the transition from the Data General computer system to the IBM and in assisting other Units in their transition to the IBM."

- * Bob Tissell, Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside "for diligence under pressure in integrating computer hardware and software required for the 1998 remote sensing deployment to Brazil."

Spot Awards

To the following members of the Prescribed Fire/Fire Effects Research Unit, Riverside, "for responsibility in conducting field work without direct supervision and accomplishing repetitive lab work carefully and conscientiously":

- * Todd Brownlee
- * Richard Gearhart
- * Erika Huddleston

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