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New to PSW

Eldorthy Galloway last week started work as the new Secretary to the Assistant Station Directors for Research, at Albany headquarters. She began her Federal career 17 years ago, starting with the National Labor Relations Board, in 1980, in Seattle, where she worked as a secretary; and then transferring in 1985 to the Naval Supply Center, in Oakland, where she became a program analyst. Born in Lockesburg, Ark., she moved with her family at the age of 5 to Berkeley, but now lives in Richmond, Calif. Eldorthy attended schools in Berkeley and Oakland, and in 1996, earned a Certificate in business administration at the University of California Extension at Berkeley. She has four sons—Aaron, a chemical engineer in Houston; Darrel, a computer specialist in Denver; and Anthony and Kenneth, who are partners in a local trucking firm. Eldorthy's hobbies include walking, reading, shopping, and, naturally, playing with her 12 grandchildren.

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

* Phil McDonald, Forest Growth Team, Redding, spoke on "Regeneration of Native California Oaks in the Forest Zone." at the Seventh Workshop on Seedling Physiology and Growth Problems in Oak Plantings, Sept. 28, at South Lake Tahoe.

* Rochelle Selvin, Personnel Management Group, Albany, attended the FS Civil Rights Committee national meeting, Oct. 19-23, at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, representing PSW and the Pacific Northwest Research Station

* Debbie Chavez, Recreation/Urban Cultures Research Unit, Riverside, presented two papers at the National Trails Symposium on Trails and the American Spirit, Nov. 13-17, in Tucson, Ariz. She spoke on "Trail Management Issues and Actions" and on "'America's Best Kept Secrets: National Recreation Trails," a paper she co-authored with Joanne Tynon, James Harding, and Bryan Bowden.

* Station Director Hal Salwasser and Program Manager—Tropical Forestry Jack Ewel attended a meeting of the Advisory Council of the Station's Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, Nov. 2-4, in Kona, Hilo, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

* Marion Page, Insect Chemical Ecology Research Unit, Albany, and Nancy Rappaport, Soil Productivity Research Team, Redding, attended the National Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Nov. 8-13, Las Vegas. Nancy presented three posters: "Phylogeny of Cone Beetles (Coleoptera: Scolytidae: Conophthorus spp.) Reconstructed with Mitochondrial Cytochrome Oxidase I Sequences," prepared with

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Friday Awarded Resource Agenda Grant

Katie Friday, associate Pacific Islands forester, won a \$14,000 grant from the FS Natural Resource Agenda grants program. Her award, as was the \$7,000 grant to Jan Byers, Fire Effects/Prescribed Fire Research Unit, Riverside, was announced at the agency's National Leadership Conference on Oct. 29, in Mesa, Ariz. They were among the more 100 made public that day.

Based in Hilo, Hawaii, Katie a member of the Forest Management Services Team of the Station's Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry. The title of her grant proposal was "Hawaiian Internships in Watershed and Ecosystem Management." Her grant will be used to help increase the number of now underrepresented native Hawaiian professionals employed in forestry and conservation in Hawaii, and to expand the University of Hawaii's Hawaiian Internship Program to include applied research and land management in watershed health and restoration, native forest restoration, and control of non-native forest weed species. The FS grant, along with contributions from cooperators, will fund three summer interns and partial support for the University's program coordinator.

"The interns will present their project results in November 1999. The Institute and the University will maintain contact with them at least until graduation to encourage them in seeking additional forestry-related employment or graduate studies," says Katie.

Riverside Staff Donates to Hurricane Victims

The Recycling Committee at the Station's Forest Fire Laboratory, at Riverside, donated \$150 to the relief fund for FS employees who were victims of Hurricane George, which struck Puerto Rico on September 21. The money was generated by the local recycling program and represents both the recycled products, including paper, glass, aluminum, and cardboard, and the volunteer labor that made the program work. Members of the committee included Pete Wohlgenuth, recycling coordinator, Steve Sackett, John Regelbrugge, and Evelyn McCaffery.

Nearly 90 percent of the Caribbean National Forest employees suffered losses from the hurricane. About 15 percent of them lost all or part of their homes and personal property. It will take up to 3 months to restore fully power and water in Puerto Rico. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Aid to Employees of the Caribbean National Forest, c/o National Forest Foundation, 1099 - 14th Street, N.W. Suite 5600, Washington, D.C. 20005. The Foundation will match every dollar contributed.

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Peter de Groot and Felix Sperling; “Comparison of Sampling Methods to Assess Effects of Forest Structural Diversity on Litter Beetles,” with Sean O’Keefe and Sylvia Mori; and “Response of Cone Beetles and Selected Nontarget Insects to Semiochemicals in California and Mexico,” with Jack Stein, Sylvia Mori, and Adolfo del Rio Mora.

* Jackie Yerger, Group Leader—Budget/Fiscal Management, and Anne Ellison, Budget/Financial Management Group, attended the FS National Coordination Meeting, Nov. 17-19, in San Diego.

* Station Director Hal Salwasser talked about “Integrating Sciences and Conservation Policy: Examples from the Sierra Nevada” at the Environmental Policy Forum, Stanford University, on Nov. 19, at Stanford.

Personnelly Speaking

Extra Effort Award

To Gladys Evans, Civil Rights Unit, Albany, award from the FS Washington Office: “for providing and coordinating Facilitator Training to successfully provide training to all permanent employees within required timeframes set by USDA, and by providing excellent support to the FS in meeting the Department’s requirements for such training.”

Appointments

* Scott Conroy, from Natural Resource Specialist, Range Management Staff, FS Washington office; to Forest Supervisor, Modoc National Forest, Alturas, Calif.

* Steve Eubanks, from Forest Supervisor, Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, Minn.; to Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest, Nevada City, Calif.

* Ben Del Villar, from Deputy Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; to Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora Calif.

Transfer

* Danny Lee, research fish biologist, Aquatic/Watershed Ecology Research Unit, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Boise, Idaho; to Team Leader—Sierra Nevada Science Integration, Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 9.

Haverty Serves on State Pest Control Board

Mike Haverty, Project Leader—Insect Chemical Ecology Research, Albany, is now a member of the California Department of Consumer Affairs’ Structural Pest Control Board. Committee members assess the use of bait stations to trap pests, and recommend any necessary changes in policy to the Department. Issues handled by the Board include certification of property, treatment of live infections, and labeling requirements for pesticides used.

Native American Month Observed at PSW

National Native American Heritage Month was observed in November by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Forest Service with appropriate programs and activities. The theme for the observance was “American Indians: Then and Now.”

Rates Increased for Official Travel

The mileage rates for travel by FS employees was increased, effective September 8. The increases are as follows: use or privately-owned vehicles—from 31 cents to 32.5 cents per mile; privately-owned motorcycles—from 25 to 26 cents per mile, and privately-owned airplanes, from 85 to 88 cents per mile.

Job Vacancies

Computer Specialist, GS-0334-12. Albany 12-21-98
Technical Publications Editor (Biological Sciences), GS-1083-11, Albany (not to exceed 1 year) 12-7-98.

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