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## Chief Urges Restoration of Land Health Legacy

Following is the second in a series of excerpts from FS Chief Mike Dombeck's speech on "Protecting and Restoring a Nation's Land Health Legacy," which he delivered on Feb. 3, in Missoula, Mont.

The FS's agencywide Committee of Scientists will issue their final recommendations on forest planning soon. I expect that they will suggest that we:

- \* Focus our planning efforts on the long-term sustainability of watersheds, forests, and grasslands and the ecological, economic, and social benefits they can provide.

- \* More effectively link forest planning to budget and funding priorities.

- \* Practice collaborative stewardship through use of diverse and balanced advisory groups and adaptive management through monitoring.

## Watershed Protection and Restoration

The cleanest and largest amount of surface water runoff in the nation comes from forested landscapes. Mindful of this fact, a year or so ago, Jay Cravens, a retired Forest Service employee offered me some advice. He said, "Mike, just take care of soil and water and everything else will be OK." That sage counsel guides our approach to watershed management.

Multiple use does not mean we should do everything on every acre simply because we can. We must protect the last best places and restore the rest. Many areas are simply not appropriate for certain activities, such as hard rock mining. For many years, Congress has been unable to reach consensus on updating the 1872 Mining Law. Their inaction does not, however, diminish our responsibility to use the best science to protect the most scenic, the most diverse, the most special places. One such place is the Rocky Mountain Front.

I have asked the Secretary of Interior to withdraw the Rocky Mountain Front from hard rock mining for two year while we evaluate the long-term future of the area in an open and public process.

The Forest Service has a long and storied history of working to protect the incredible fish, wildlife, cultural, and scenic resources of this area. From Bob Marshall's efforts to protect the wilderness memorialized by his name to Gloria Flora's decision last year to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the area, I intend to continue that tradition.

The Rocky Mountain Front, is only one of the hundreds of thousands of great places under our care and supervision. Within

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## Janik New FS Chief Operating Officer

Phil Janik today assumed duties as the FS's new Chief Operating Officer. He replaced Francis Pandolfi, who is returning to private life after 2 years in the FS, first as Special Assistant to the Chief and later as the agency's first Chief Operating Officer. Phil had been Deputy Chief—State and Private Forestry, and will continue to oversee that branch of the FS in his new position. Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief—State and Private Forestry, has been named Acting Deputy Chief. Before joining the FS Washington Office staff, Phil headed the Alaska Region as Regional Forester.

As Chief Operating Officer, Phil oversees three other Deputy Chiefs besides the one for State and Private Forestry: Business Operations, Programs and Legislation, and Chief Financial Officer. Until now, the Deputy Chief—State and Private Forestry had reported to the Associate Chief—Natural Resources, a position yet to be filled on a permanent basis since it was established last April. In another change, the Director of International Programs, who until now had also reported to the Associate Chief—will now report to the Chief Operating Officer

## Poth Appointed Air Pollution Project Leader

Mark Poth, soil microbiologist, has been appointed permanent Project Leader—Air Pollution/Global Change Research, at the Station's Forest Fire Laboratory, Riverside. For the past 5 years, three scientists with the unit have been Project Leader—each serving a 1- to 2-year term. They are Paul Miller, Andrzej Bytnerowicz and Mark Fenn. Mark Poth had been Project Leader at the time of Paul's appointment.

## In Memoriam

Clarence J. DeMars, who retired from the FS and PSW on May 3, 1988, after a career of nearly 35 years, died on Feb. 12,, after a long illness. A forestry graduate of the University of Georgia, C. J., as he was widely known, earned his doctorate in forest entomology at the University of California at Berkeley, in 1966. He had joined the Station research staff in 1957. C.J. contributed significantly to the use of photo-based methods for integrating insect population estimates as means of evaluating pest control tactics, and to the development of ground-based sampling methods to estimate bark-beetle populations. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; a daughter, Monica DeMars-Tilly; and a son, Michael, of El Cerrito. Burial services were held in Richmond, Calif.

*(Chief's address, continued)*

the next five years, over 65 pct of our forest plans, representing over 150 million acres of land, are scheduled for revision. In keeping with Clean Water Action Plan commitments, likely recommendations from the Committee of Scientists, and consistent with our mandates from the Organic Act through the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts, watershed health and restoration will be the overriding priority in all future forest plan revisions

Forest Service-managed lands truly are the headwaters of America, supplying river systems, and recharging aquifers. They contain riparian, wetland, and coastal areas that are essential for the nation's water supply and prosperity. Our forested landscapes contain the coolest and cleanest water in the nation. We must protect these precious resource.

All future forest plans will prioritize specific watersheds for protection and restoration. Accomplishing these priorities will be linked to annual budget requests and employee performance evaluations.

### **Sustainable Forest and Grassland Management**

In the State of the Union, President Clinton announced new initiatives to protect open space, benefit urban forests, and improve the quality of life for the 80 pct of Americans living in urban and suburban areas. The Forest Service will play an essential role in the accomplishment.

With proposed increases to our budget, we plan to

- \* Collaborate with State foresters and others to develop conservation and stewardship plans for an additional 740,000 acres of non-industrial private forestland.

- \* Help States protect an estimated 135,000 additional acres of forestland through acquisitions and conservation easements. Emphasis will be given to protecting critical areas such as in the Northern Forests of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts.

- \* Acquire environmentally sensitive lands through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- \* Include nearly 800 more communities in efforts to conserve urban and community forests. In addition, 300,000 more hours of conservation training will be provided to local communities.

*(To be continued in next issue of FYI)*

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## **Creator of Smokey Bear Dies at Age 89**

Harry Rossoll, a FS illustrator who created the Smokey Bear for the agency's fire prevention campaign, died last week in Atlanta, at age 89. He created the rough draft for Smokey Bear in 1944. Smokey became one of the most widely recognized characters in advertising, and the promoter of one of the most successful public relations campaigns in American history. In 1950, the name "Smokey" was given to an injured, motherless bear cub found after a forest fire in New Mexico.. The cub spent the rest of its life in the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

## **Meetings, Conferences, Seminars**

- \* Nancy Rappaport, research entomologist, Soil Productivity Research Team, Redding, presented a seminar to the FS Region 6 Natural Resources Staff on Jan. 4, in Portland, on "Development of Sampling Protocols for Soil and Litter Arthropod Biodiversity Assessments: Case Study at Blacks Mountain Experimental Forest." Jeff Lemieux, who is a doctoral student working with Nancy, spoke on "Arthropod-Mediated Wood Decay as Influenced by Silvicultural Regimes."

- \* Neil Berg, research hydrologist, Albany, briefed interagency representatives at the FS and U.S. Environmental Agency Washington offices, on Jan. 12, on his work in developing improved approaches to assessing cumulative watershed effects.

## **Personnelly Speaking**

### **Transfer**

- \* Jennifer Nielsen, research fisheries biologist, Hillslope Processes/Fishery Research Unit, Arcata; to supervisory fishery biologist, Biological Resources Division, USDI Geological Survey, Anchorage, Alaska, January 31.

## **Job Vacancies**

## **Closes**

Chemist, GS-1311-09, Riverside

3-18-99

Ecologist, GS-0408-13/14, Hilo

3-1-99

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