



The Montana Forester

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Michael Goergen Visits Montana

Michael Goergen, SAF's executive vice president and CEO, recently visited Missoula, Montana. While he was here, Goergen took some time to meet with the state's SAF members.

TMF: What brought you to Montana?

MG: I was in Missoula to talk to a group of people concerned with forest ownership changes in their communities. These are people living in and with forests that are faced with real change due to a number of factors that are changing who owns forests in the United States. I gave a talk describing pressure from Wall Street, Timber Investment Management Organizations, and US industry competitiveness. I wanted to let people know why this change is occurring and perhaps introduce them to new options and new ways of working with very different neighbors.

TMF: Was it your first visit to Montana?

MG: I have had the wonderful fortune of visiting Montana a number of times. I find myself in Kalispell more often than Missoula. If I get the time I love to visit Montana's forests and rivers. I find the landscape inspiring. One of my favorite things to do is rent a cabin in the Many Glacier area of Glacier National Park, hitchhike to the Divide, hike the Highline Trail, and then down into the Many Glacier Valley. It can be a 20 mile hike if you hit some of the side trails. It's an amazing way to see the Park.

TMF: What role do you see SAF playing in community forestry?

MG: It's a very simple one, and something I have stressed for a long time. SAF is its members, and we live in communities. As professionals I have always felt we have a certain responsibility to be good citizens. We have a lot to offer our neighbors. Informa-

tion about forestry is just one thing we can contribute. I volunteer back here for some civic activities. People get to know me and that I am a forester. You can change peoples' minds by showing what you value.

TMF: How does the forestry you observed in Montana compare to other parts of the country?

MG: One thing that the public doesn't understand is that forestry is so different all across the country. I have had the good fortune of visiting just about every forest type we have in the United States (I haven't seen the tropical forests in Puerto Rico or Hawaii) and it is remarkably to see the differences in practices, sometimes within the same forest type, sometimes within a watershed.

Forestry in Montana has a unique set of challenges. First the ownership mix. You have all the major types of owners: industrial, family, state, federal. But some owners certainly dominate certain landscapes. I think it makes it hard when people compare the Forest Service with local landowners. The foresters in the Forest Service do a remarkable job when you consider just how tied up they are when it comes to implementing forest management. Another issue in Montana is the species. The silviculture of lodgepole pine in particular isn't always socially acceptable. I have been most impressed at the way Montanans come together to solve problems. I suspect few folks know that the idea for stewardship contracting on federal lands came from Montana. Community leaders, foresters, and environmentalists wanted some additional tools to accomplish some group agreed goals, and found they couldn't achieve what they wanted because the law stopped them. Some of those folks talked to SAF about it and together, with the help of a number of



folks, we got the House of Representatives to adopt some ideas that were discussed over a few beers at the Great Northern.

TMF: What new and exciting things are happening at SAF?

MG: There is a lot going on these days. The improvements in the *Forestry Source* help cement its position as the best newspaper on forestry in the country. We have added content by Steve Wilent, a forester and writer based in Oregon. This provides us more in-depth reporting on issues that affect field foresters. The *Journal of Forestry* has gone through a transformation both in design (it is simpler and more user friendly) and includes direct member involvement in editorial decisions. Because of the design change, we are getting more substance in each issue as well.

The Fort Worth SAF Annual Convention has a great deal of promise. If folks are able to attend, I believe they will be impressed by the quality of speakers and presentations, but I think they will also walk away from the meeting with a new sense of commitment for their profession. I say this because one of the presentations will tell a particularly moving story about what foresters can achieve. It is the story of the tragedy of the Space Shuttle Columbia and the response of foresters and forestry agencies

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in Texas and across the country. It really is worth coming to Texas to hear.

At the end of the year I hope to announce a truly exciting new product from SAF. I cannot say much now as I don't want to over commit, but please check SAF news sources toward November and December.

TMF: What goals do you have for SAF in the next five years?

MG: My goals really are the members' goals. If you look at the SAF Strategic Plan, I think that is a good guidepost. But if you don't want that detail, the simple version is that we want to achieve financial stability for SAF, maintain SAF's voice in Washington, provide value to our members for their hard earned dues dollars, grow our membership, and continue to lead the profession forward. We have so much to accomplish together in these next five years, and the fifty after those!

Council Notes — June, 2005

By Marlin Johnson, Council District IV

The Volunteer Organization Structure (VOS) Task Force Report is still a priority and many are reviewing and developing comments. For over a year, several members have volunteered a lot of time to development of recommendations on how SAF should best be organized to achieve our goals as a professional society. This Task Force looked at our structure, from the number of Council Districts to different Convention configurations and many other things about how SAF functions. Decisions made by Council from this report and the comments that members make about it will be critical to the functioning of SAF for a number of years into the future. It is still available on the web site at <http://www.safnet.org/who/structure.cfm> and

<http://www.safnet.org/who/VOS1204.pdf> Comments are due by November 9. Keep in mind that this is not a “yes” or “no” vote on each recommendation, but that it would be very useful to have your thoughts on the pros and cons, other options, etc. Give us your ideas on ways to invigorate SAF at the local level, make science and technology mainstream, and involve students more.

The Council asked the Policy and Science Committees to look into the old-growth issue. Other action taken included approval of a position statement titled Use of Silviculture to Achieve and Maintain Forest Health on Public Lands (See the web site for all current position papers). I encourage your policy committees to be familiar with the positions

taken nationally and develop State/local positions consistent with these.

On the policy front, SAF has recently presented testimony on Community Wildfire Protection, Reforestation, Forest Service Planning Regulations, FY 2006 Interior and Related Agencies budgets, on FY 2006 Ag Appropriations, Wildfire Suppression funding, EPA’s Rule on Pesticide Application, and on old-growth.

The Leadership Academy in May was an outstanding event for those who participated, but attendance was down. Council will have to decide if this can be continued on an annual basis or if we will have to go to bi-annual in the future.

The 2005 Convention in Fort Worth on Oct. 19 – 23

is shaping up to be a great one. National Conventions are confirmed for Pittsburgh in 2006, Portland Oregon in 2007, and Reno in 2008. Hopefully these will provide each of you opportunity to participate in one or more of these professionally rewarding events.

I have greatly enjoyed knowing and working with many of you for the past 2 plus years. Your annual meeting in Helena was inspiring and educational! But now my term on Council is ending, and I encourage anyone willing to take their involvement in SAF to a higher level to run for District IV Council Representative. You won’t regret it, I sure don’t.



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Media Moments—Holly McKenzie recognized for SAF award

by Constance See. *This article originally appeared in the May 19, 2005 issue of the Tobacco Valley News*

Taking her four-year old son Ian and his two best friends on a guided nature walk through the family's 14 carefully thinned, forested acres, is an average afternoon for the citizen! forester of the year for 2004, Trego resident Holly McKenzie.

The Montana State Society of American Forester's highest state award was presented to McKenzie by the organization's national president Dr. John Helms on March 19 in Helena, while she was attending one of their educational meetings. "It really was a surprise because as far as I remember they've always chosen someone who was working in the field full-time, and I just work part-time as a forester," McKenzie said. McKenzie left her position at the Stillwater State Forest four years ago when her son Ian was born and became a forestry consultant, allowing her to work and volunteer part-time.

Beverly A. Yelczyn, communications chairperson for M.S.S.A.F., said the decision to give the award to McKenzie was based on her years of volunteer and dedicated service with the Stillwater State Forest, Family Forestry Expo, Tree Farmers of America, Montana Women in Timber and Federated Women in Timber. "Holly has been an M.S.S.A.F. member since 1992 and served as the Montana state secretary treasurer for the last two years." Yelczyn said, adding, "that's quite a bit of involvement in her profession." Yelczyn equated the award to the American Bar Association recognizing an attorney, one of the highest awards in the field.

Active on both state and national levels, McKenzie is heading to Washington, D.C., this spring with Women In Timber to bring timber access issues to national attention. "We do what we can, but it's a real polarized world we live in right now," McKenzie said, adding, "You can tell people anything you like, but if they've decided tree thinning is bad, all we can do is keep trying to work with those groups and make small incremental steps in what their outlook is." McKenzie is passionate about trees and convinced the country's forests need thinning to stay healthy. "I'm married to a forester too, and it's our livelihood," McKenzie said. "Switching to a community just based on tourism isn't healthy. I'm not sure what's going to happen to the little town of Eureka with that mill going down." The Owens and Hurst mill, the town's largest employer, is expected to shut town in May.

McKenzie is also concerned that Plum Creek is headed down the same path with more limited access to timber. "There's no way these mills can stay open on public timber now with what's available, so they started cutting their own lands 15 years ago to compensate," McKenzie said. "My biggest concern is that Plum Creek knows they're leaving, but they're taking the smaller mills out with them along the way by outbidding them." McKenzie predicts based on the rapid use of their private lands, their projects in other states, and their movement away from milling and into real estate, that Plum Creek will be out of Montana within two years. "Owens and Hurst runs maybe 20 to 40 million board feet out of their mill, and a lot of these Plum Creek mills run 50 to 100 million," McKenzie said. "Since there's four of them, when they leave Montana, you are looking at some larger impacts." In addition to its Ksanka Division at Fortine, Plum Creek operates mills in Columbia Falls, Evergreen and Pablo. McKenzie also points out all of the benefits from Plum Creek, like the scholarships they provide and the jobs they offer.

One of the consulting jobs McKenzie is currently working on for Stoltze Lumber with her husband, Paul McKenzie, is a mapping project looking back 25 years at grizzly mortality to determine if some back roads in the public forests can be reopened to logging. Already they've discovered that the grizzly presence around homes is on the rise. In 2004, 32 grizzly deaths were counted, more than any year since the count began in 1980. "What we've discovered so far is, grizzlies go where people are," McKenzie said. "My husband is going to Helena with our research to show the grizzly population would not be negatively affected by a reopening of those back roads."

The roundtrip commute to Kalispell every day is one motivation behind the McKenzie's decision to put the family log home up for sale and relocate to the Flathead. "I hate to leave here, but Paul needs to be closer to home," Holly said. A higher priority reason to cut the commute -the couple is expecting their second child in October.

Missoula Chapter Report

by Todd Morgan, Chair

The Missoula chapter enjoyed a brief visit from SAF Executive Vice-President Michael Goergen on Friday June 17. Michael was in town for the Community Forest Conference, and about 25 folks were able to meet with him afterwards at the Holiday Inn.

Our last chapter meeting was held May 16, when Stephen Arno and Carl Fiedler made a presentation on their latest collaborative work "Mimicking

Nature's Fire." They also signed copies of the new book, which the University of Montana Bookstore provided for the chapter as a fundraiser. The fundraiser netted \$300 for the chapter, and we'd like to thank Steve and Carl and especially Keith Hardin, trade books manager at the bookstore. The next Missoula chapter meeting will be September 20, and our scheduled speaker is Perry Brown, Dean of UM's College of Forestry and Con-

servation. Other speakers anticipated this fall include Orville Daniels, Gail Kimbell, and Nancy Sturtevant.

Don't miss the next Montana SAF commentary set to air between 5:30 and 6:30 pm July 20 on Montana Public Radio. The topic this quarter will be "utilization of forest biomass for energy and other forest products" read by Missoula chapter member Dave Atkins.

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U of M Student Chapter

by Jason Glenn

The University of Montana SAF would like to give a big thank you to Cindy Bertek and everyone at the DNRC Missoula office who gave money to pay SAF membership dues for new members. This money will really help in recruiting new student members to our chapter.

Next month I will start contacting people about speaking at student chapter meetings. If there is anyone who I haven't already spoken to about coming to talk at a meeting and would like to speak at one of our meetings they can email me at jglenn1976@aol.com or call me at 728-4145.

If anyone is interested in speaking to the U of M Student SAF Chapter, please contact Jason Glenn at 406-728-4145 or jglenn1976@aol.com

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Flathead Chapter Report

By Dave Jones, Chair Elect

In April we held a joint meeting with the Libby Chapter. The joint meeting has become an annual event. We grilled hamburgers and visited with friends in the historic setting of the Old Raven Ranger station. It was a fine evening and good time.

Dr. Peter Kolb from MSU Extension Forestry gave a talk about the vegetative recovery on different severity wildfires

and salvage logging following the Bitterroot fires of 2000. Peter loaded us with information about the how some areas are recovering with no problem and other areas are still having difficult time coming back. Good Job Peter.

In May, our chapter helped organize the 16th annual Family Forestry Expo—a week-long event that helps educate students and families about

forest resource management, fisheries, archaeology, wildlife, fire, low impact camping, logging practices and sawmill operations.

Our chapter sponsors the Expo with a \$500.00 donation and leads the forest management exhibit station on the weekends. This year over 1100 students attended the weekday activities and another 800 adults attended the weekend family portion of Expo.

Libby Chapter Report

By Ed Levert, Chair

The two highlights of the chapter's spring activities were the Libby and Troy fifth grade tours.

The Libby Tour was organized by Mark Petersen and held at the historic Raven Ranger Station. Over 120 students in attended. This year's event marked the 49th consecutive time SAF has organized this springtime educational program where students learn about natural resource management including forest and stream man-

agement, animal identification, and forest fire control. As usual, the afternoon visit to Swede Mountain Lookout was the day's highlight.

Russ Gautreaux led the Troy tour, which took place at the Cliff Akin Tree Farm. Here students learned about forestry and other natural resources. They also got the opportunity to measure a standing tree before watching Mr. Akin fell the tree.

Mark Petersen was named the Libby Chapter forester of

the year for his continuing efforts in organizing and leading the fifth grade tour and also for his leadership in designing and implementing the interpretive kiosk at J. Neils Park, which was a forester fund project in cooperation with Lincoln County.

A field day was held at J. Neils Park on May 10 to pile slash from the recently logged timber sale. Another work afternoon is scheduled on June 28.

East Side Chapter Report

By Sharon Scott, Chair

Mark you Calendars! September 22nd - 23rd - Helena The Eastside Chapter continues to support to the Mt. Helena resource inventory project. This is a continuous vegetation inventory project completed in conjunction with the Helena school system. This is a great educational project as well as an opportunity to spend a day on Mt. Helena teaching 6th

graders about our natural resources. Eastside Chapter volunteers are needed to help with this effort. If you could volunteer for any or part of the time it would be appreciated. For more information contact Sam Gilbert at (406) 449-8674. Hope to see you there!!

The Eastside Chapter will host a meeting the evening of

September 22nd in conjunction with this event. More details to follow in our Eastside Newsletter.

The chair - elect position for the Eastside Chapter is still vacant. Anyone with interest in filling this exciting and challenging role please contact Sharon Scott at (406) 495-3943.

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Help Support the Foresters' Fund

By Hughes Simpson, Chair 2005, Foresters' Fund Committee, 2005 SAF National Convention

The Foresters' Fund was created in 1962 to promote education and enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters. Thanks to generous members and previous fundraising activities, the fund has grown to \$937,732 and normally supplies \$30,000 annually to local unit projects.

Past educational grants have funded important activities across the U.S., such as "Walks in the Forest" for teachers and students, educational materials about forestry, legislative events, and local unit support. A recently funded project in Texas included building a bridge along the Shadow Lake Nature Trail for the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. These projects have the opportunity to impact thousands of people every year. The importance and need of the Foresters' Fund is growing.

Unfortunately, due to demand and unrealized losses in the stock market the past several years, this outreach program will be unable to provide educational grants this year. We must find ways to support this vital program so the fund can continue to enhance the public understanding of the forestry profession.

The 2005 SAF National Convention Foresters' Fund committee is planning a silent auction and raffle to be held October 19-23, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas. Participants will have the opportunity to win big time Texas hunting and fishing trips, outdoor recreational items, forestry equipment, and many other notable prizes.

Your support is needed to make this event the best one to date. We still need volunteers to secure donations, sell raffle tickets, and assist with the overall coordination. Our goal is to secure donated items or services to raise at least \$20,000. Items can range from books, clothing, equipment, your favorite local product (wine, fudge, etc.), or, in other words ANYTHING. Donations are tax deductible.

To encourage participation, we are sponsoring a competition (the "ol' pinch" award). This competition will be held among the State Societies to see who can raise the most money for the Foresters' Fund. Points will be given to the respective state society for each item based on the selling price or individual raffle ticket price (1 point for every dollar spent/donated). Credit will also be given to state societies whose members contribute to the Foresters' Fund on the line item donation box on the registration packet. The following is an example of how the point system will work:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Winning Bid/ticket price</u>	<u>Donor Society points</u>	<u>Buyer Society points</u>
Boots	\$65 - silent auction	65	65
SAF T-shirt	\$1 - raffle	1	1
Donation	\$100 - donation	100	

*The host society, Texas SAF, has withdrawn from the competition.

The state society with the highest number of points will receive \$500. The award will be presented at the National convention after the Foresters' Fund has concluded. A database will be used to track donations and prize winners by state society. Let the bragging begin!

Let's all do our best to raise money for this worthy program to restore it to action. Come and participate in this year's Foresters' Fund auction and raffle and see why everything is bigger in Texas. If you have any questions, please contact Hughes Simpson at 936-639-8180 or by email at hsimpson@tfs.tamu.edu.

Spotted Bear Ranger District Open House

The Spotted Bear Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest is hosting an open house on August 6, 2005 to celebrate the Forest Service centennial.

Join us at the ranger station, 55 miles from Hungry Horse, Montana, for tours, presentations, historic displays, an "old-time ranger" skit, and the sharing of stories and historic photos. The open house will last from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will include a potluck meal (hamburgers provided).

Camping available. Call (406) 758-5376 for more information.



Membership

Contributed by John Casselli, Membership Chair

(The following member retention article is reprinted with permission and was emailed to SAF Membership Chairs by National in May 2005. This article provides answers to many of the dues related questions that members ask and provides clarification on several membership items. I feel this is a must read article for all member, as SAF membership continues to decline. If you have additional questions or membership concerns please contact John Casselli Montana Membership Chair.)

As we continue to contact members who haven't renewed membership for 2005, it's important to reinforce the value of SAF membership. When members tell us that SAF dues are too expensive, most of the time the issue is that they do not perceive the value of their membership. We try to communicate this value in a number of ways and hope that, as local leaders, you are doing this as well.

SAF's programs and products provide critical information that help practicing foresters in their work. Through our publications, networking opportunities, and educational programs, members can save valuable time and money by having the resources that result in answers to forestry questions and concerns. As an organization that represents over 15,000 forestry professionals nationwide, SAF works at the national and local level to affect change on a number of issues, including salaries.

SAF Dues: SAF tries very hard to retain members and has a number of ways to accommodate individuals who are experiencing financial difficulty. If a member finds that SAF dues present a "hardship," that member can contact the National Office (send an e-mail to mckernoc@safnet.org). The e-mail request goes immediately to a committee, formed to review hardship dues reduction requests, and a response can be expected within 48 hours. We value our members and certainly don't want to lose a member because he or she is experiencing difficulty paying membership dues. Dues can also be paid on the installment plan (with the last payment being no later than June 30). There is a \$1.00 service charge per installment.

More on Dues: Student member dues in the Society are \$35 a year, which is approximately what it costs SAF to provide member services. Student membership is subsidized because it is our hope that this introduction to SAF will ensure committed members for the future. We currently have 1,500 student members.

In appreciation of 50 years of membership in and service to the Society of American Foresters, national and local dues are permanently waived for "golden members" of the Society. We currently have 1,216 golden members.

In addition, SAF has 2,335 retired members, whose dues have been (1) reduced to the retired dues rate of \$105 a year or (2) further reduced to \$79 a year (for those retired members who have written us that \$105 would present a financial hardship for them).

SAF currently has 15,976 members (including golden members, student members, and retired members). Approximately 35% of our operating costs are from member dues. The remaining revenue is derived from sources such as advertising, subscriptions, convention, the Certified Forester program, contributions, and the sale of SAF merchandise.

Another important point to remember is that SAF dues have been held fairly steady for a very long time. There was a very minor dues increase this year to even out the previous structure in which dues increased according to years of membership. For those who had been members for 21-49 years and paid \$130, dues increased only once since 1990 and the increase was \$5! Members with 16-20 years were paying \$115 in 1990 and now pay \$130. Members with 6-15 years of membership were paying \$100 in 1990 and now pay \$130. These are hardly significant increases given a 14-year span, while services to members have increased significantly.

Wayne Nicolls, Chair of the Juneau Chapter, Alaska SAF, recently sent a letter to three delinquent members in Alaska. He said . . . *"As a hard-charging membership chairperson, adding over 100 new members in one year in another state before moving to Alaska, I used to point out the cost to become a forester - about \$50,000 over four or five years of school with little or no income. I compared that with the cost of remaining a part of the profession through membership in the only professional forestry organization in the country. Then, membership in dollars alone over a 30-year career amounted to about \$3,000. Like anything else, you get out of something just about what you put into it, thus reference to 'dollars alone.'*

"I would also point out the amount spent over the same time in green fees, hunting/fishing licenses, tackle, guns, ammunition, bowling fees and equipment, etc. You get the idea! And argue that we spent big to qualify and we should willingly invest a comparably fairly small amount to visibly remain in our profession.

"Figures have since shifted, but not the idea; membership in your professional society is a relatively small cost over the course of a working career and it can be very rewarding. In my forty-three years of membership, I've gotten at least as much out of it as I've invested."

In Memoriam: John Morrison 60 Year SAF member

From the *Billings Gazette*, April 21, 2005.

BIG TIMBER — John Morrison, 92, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the Pioneer Medical Center, Big Timber.

He was born June 20, 1912, near Livingston, the fourth of nine children of John and Catherine Morrison. He attended St. Mary's Grade School in Livingston and graduated from Park County High School in 1930. He attended the University of Montana and earned a degree in Forestry from Utah State University in 1939.

It was in Utah that he met fellow student, Gwen Linford. They were married Dec. 29, 1940, and celebrated 63 years of marriage before Gwen's death in January 2004. Their first child, John Jr., was born six days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. John enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1942. He served overseas for two years, 10 months with the 826th Engineering Aviation Battalion, building Allied airfields. He earned the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal and took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. He returned to the

U.S. and was honorably discharged on June 24, 1945.

John worked for the USDA Forest Service in Montana, Idaho and Minnesota. During this career, he was responsible for planting over one million trees. He felt strongly that, "To plant a tree is a godly act. To make the earth flourish is to share the act of creation. To teach other men these things is to make them participants in a divine plan." He retired from the Forest Service in 1970 with 35 years of service. He was then employed by the Alberta (Canada) Forest Service as Chief Fire Control Instructor for the Province of Alberta, teaching at the Forest Technology School at Hinton, Alberta, Canada for four years. He then retired to a small farm at Big Timber, where he had a market garden, an apiary, a small flock of sheep and poultry. He was Ditch Rider for the Pioneer Ditch Company and did some substitute teaching at Sweet Grass County High School.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Park County Montana Pioneers Association, the Montana Senior

Citizens Association, the Montana Democratic Party, the Herder Booster Club and the American Legion. **He was a 60-year member of the Society of American Foresters.** He had served on the Big Timber/Sweet Grass County Planning Board for 15 years. He is survived by three sons, John Jr. "Jack" (Peggy) Morrison of Lakewood, Colo., Dan (Linda) Morrison of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Anthony of Helena; and two daughters, Ann (Dave) Warhank of Rudyard, Peggy (Joe) Hallinan of Elizabeth, Colo.; one sister, Esther Whelan of Spokane, Wash.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John enjoyed gardening, elk hunting, fishing and young people. Cremation has taken place. A Mass of the Resurrection was held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 910 McLeod, in Big Timber. Family requests memorials in John's name be sent to Hearts and Hands Hospice, Pioneer Medical Center, PO Box 1228, Big Timber, MT 59011.

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Book Review: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*

By Roy Anderson

In 1997 Jared Diamond won the Pulitzer prize for *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. In that book, Diamond argued that a region's geographic orientation is linked to societal development. Greatly simplified, his theory is that societies on east-west oriented continents enjoyed a more stable climate and therefore developed more quickly and then conquered societies located on a continent with a north-south orientation.

In *Collapse* Diamond continues to examine the fates of human societies, but expands the discussion to include other factors such as climate change, hostile neighbors, trade partners, environmental problems, and, finally, a society's response to its environmental problems. Throughout the book, Diamond argues that a society's response to its environmental problems is the most important factor.

Readers living in Montana will find the opening chapter particularly interesting because Diamond uses the Montana's Bitterroot Valley to illustrate a "society" that is faced with hard choices about how to deal with environmental problems.

Particularly surprising for me was that on page 475, Diamond cites research from my PhD dissertation about consumers of environmentally certified forest products.

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Upcoming Forest Service Centennial Events in Region 1

July

- July Centennial Chautauquas at the Townsend, Montana Heritage Park Pavilion, exact date to be announced.
- 6/2-8/12 "Splendid Was The Trail" exhibit of K.D. Swan photography at Hockaday Museum, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, Montana. <http://www.hockadayartmuseum.org/>
- 7/8-9 Dakota Prairie Grasslands - Parade in Lemmon, South Dakota, Grand River National Grasslands
- 7/9-17 Corps II - The Gathering: Gateway to the Rockies Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Gathering to include centennial activities.
- 7/9 On the Nez Perce NF, there will be a Slate Creek Museum Renovation and Dedication with an Ice Cream Social.
- 7/14 Fiddlin' Foresters perform near Helena, Montana at the Moose Creek Cabin restoration celebration. The Fiddlin' Foresters will also perform as an opening act at the Mission Mt. Wood Band reunion concert at the Fairgrounds on July 15 and at the Gates Musical Currents Lewis & Clark Bicentennial concert on July 16.
- 7/15 Showing of "The Greatest Good" at the Hockaday Museum, at 3:00 pm, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, Montana <http://www.hockadayartmuseum.org/>
- 7/15-16 Outdoor Expo (part of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Corps II activities) in Helena, Montana.
- 7/16-17 Trail Tours in the Elkhorn Mountains.
- 7/17 Fiddlin' Foresters at the Eagle Guard Station, Elkhorn Reserve commemoration near Townsend, Montana.
- 7/29-8/7 The Lewis and Clark National Forest will host a Centennial exhibit at the Montana State Fair, Great Falls, Montana called Caring for the Land, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

August

- 8/5-6 Mineral County Fair
- 8/10 Bitterroot NF sponsors "Moon Walk Series" at the Larry Greek Group Camp (no time established yet), Centennial Moon.
- 8/12-14 Huckleberry Days on the Kootenai National Forest, Libby, Montana.
- 8/13-20 Billings State Fair, Billings, Montana.
- 8/17-20 Idaho County Fair, Idaho.
- 8/17-21 Northwest Montana Fair.
- 8/18-21 Jefferson County Fair.
- 8/25-28 Lincoln County Fair.
- 8/29-9/4 Saunders County Fair.
- 8/31-9/4 Beaverhead County Fair

September

- September Date to be Announced - The Lewis and Clark National Forest will have a re-dedication of the Monument Lookout in the Little Belt Mountains in September, date to be announced.
- 9/2-11/26 "Splendid Was The Trail" exhibit by K.D. Swan photography at the Bonner County Historical Museum, 611 South Ella Ave, Sandpoint, Idaho, 83864, phone (208) 263-2344.
- 9/7-15 Ravalli County Fair, Hamilton, MT.
- 9/11 Fiddlin' Foresters celebrate the centennial with music in Kalispell, Montana.
- 9/17-18 Clearwater County Fair.
- 9/21 Lookout Dedication: Monument Peak, Lewis & Clark National Forest. The Monument Peak Lookout will be dedicated on September 21, at 1:00 pm at Monument Peak. This "Century of Service Project" will feature guest speakers. This restored lookout will serve as a fire detection tool once again and a part of the recreation rental program. For more information contact the White Sulphur Ranger District at (406) 547-3361.
- 9/22-24 Nez Perce County Fair, Idaho.
- 9/24 Public Lands Day - opportunity to do volunteer projects on the National Forest and to celebrate the legacy of our public lands.
- 9/29-10/1 Montana History Conference & State Archaeology Week, Helena, Montana



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