



Inland Empire Society of American Foresters

1910 Fires: A Century Later

2010 Annual Meeting

Community Center and High School Gymnasium • Wallace, Idaho
May 20-22, 2010

The year 2010 marks the anniversary of the great wildfires of 1910. Over 3.1 million acres of forests burned in northern Idaho, western Montana and eastern Washington with the majority of burning occurring on August 20 and 21, 1910. These fires killed 78 firefighters and 7 civilians and burned railroad trestles, mining camps and several towns in the area. The loss of life and resources caused by these fires were great; however, the institutional impact the fires had nationally was profound and long lasting. The influence the fires had is exemplified in Timothy Egan's 2009 book titled *"The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America"* and Stephen Pyne's book, *"Year of the Fires: The Story of the Great Fires of 1910."*

The U.S. Forest Service, just five years old, was struggling both politically and administratively, and the fires galvanized the Service and its mission to protect forests from fire. As such, the policy, management and research directives that framed forest management and the Forest Service for the last 100 years had their genesis in the wildfires of 1910. These directives not only shaped America's wildland fire establishment, but they also influenced the world. Fire exclusion, reinforced by Smokey Bear, continued to dominate U.S. forest policy well into the 1980s. This meeting will examine the social and institutional conditions prior to the fires, during the fires, the impacts the fires had on resources and institutions, and discuss the possibility of such fires burning again.

AGENDA

(Order and time of presentations are subject to change)

Thursday, May 20

1:00-5:30 PM—Field Trips (choose one)

Pulaski Tunnel Field Trip or 1910 aerial fire tour via Silver Mountain gondola

6:00 PM—Ice Breaker

View posters and interact with vendors and sponsors; light Hors d'œuvres served, no-host bar

Friday, May 21

8:30-11:30 AM (with one break)

Welcome:

- Inland Empire SAF: **Theresa Jain**, IESAF Chair and Research Forester, U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS)
- Coeur d'Alene National Forest: **Ranotta McNair**, Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests
- RMRS: **Sam Foster**, Director
- City of Wallace, Idaho: **Dick Vester**, Mayor

National and state policy makers will comment and reflect on:

- How short-term decisions and responses may have long-term political and resource impacts as they did after the fires of 1910.
- Elements of policy formation affecting forests, their use and their protection.
- Impacts of the 1910 Fires on the state of Idaho.

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Luncheon Program: Summary of the 1910 Fires—**Stan Cohen**, Historian, Missoula, MT

1:00-5:00 PM (with one break)

- Social context and public and institutional attitudes that led up to the fires of 1910—**Stephen Pyne**, Professor of History, Arizona State University and Author
- The fires: How they burned, where they burned, what they burned—**Mark Finney**, Research Forester, RMRS, Missoula, MT
- Suppression of the fires and the evolution of fire exclusion—**Bob Mutch**, Retired Fire Researcher, RMRS

- Community, social and economic impacts—**Carl Gidlund**, Retired Forest Service and Writer, *Spokesman Review*
- Impact of the fires on forestry education—**Ann Camp**, Senior Lecturer and Scientist, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University
- Resource impacts of the 1910 Fires—**Michael Wilson** and **Renee O'Brien**, Interior West Forest Inventory and Analysis, RMRS

5:30-9:00 PM

Banquet: How the 1910 Fires set in motion the events leading to the Mann Gulch Fire (1949) and the deaths of 17 smokejumpers—**Bob Sallee**, sole living survivor of the Mann Gulch Fire in 1949, and **Dr. Dick Rothermel**, Retired Fire Behavior Scientist and Author

Saturday, May 22

8:00 AM-2:30 PM (with breaks and one-hour lunch—sack lunch available)

Policy and management impacts of the 1910 Fires on District 1 and the Northern Region:

- Historical perspective of how the 1910 Fire impacted District 1, which became Region 1—**Dale Bosworth**, U.S. Forest Service Chief Emeritus
- Current impacts of the 1910 Fires on Region 1—**Leslie A.C. Weldon**, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service Northern Region

Impacts of the 1910 Fires on the U.S. Forest Service: A National Perspective

- General impacts on the Forest Service—**Tom Tidwell**, Chief
- Impacts on National Forests—**Joel Holtrop**, Deputy Chief
- Impacts on Fire and Aviation Management—**Tom Harbour**, Director
- Impacts on Research—**Dave Cleaves**, Associate Deputy Chief

Mega-fires: Can an event like 1910 happen again?—**Jerry Williams**, Retired Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management



Meeting Location and Handicap Parking

The meeting will be held at the Wallace Community Center and Wallace High School Gymnasium. Handicap parking will be available.

Spouses and Guests

The Silver Valley and I-90 corridor offer many interesting sights and shops and other recreational activities. Visit www.wallaceidahochamber.com for ideas. Spouses/guests planning to attend the meeting should sign up as a regular participant.

Field Trips

Two field trips are offered Thursday afternoon before the meeting. Both tours will meet at 1:00 p.m. and go until approximately 5:30 p.m.

1910 Aerial Fire Tour via Silver Mountain Gondola Field Trip:

Observe an aerial and mountain-top view of the 1910 fire landscape while riding the Silver Mountain Ski Area gondola and ski lift. Tour leaders will describe the landscape as effected and modified by the 1910 fires. Bring clothing and boots suitable for late spring at high elevation. At least 40 participants are required to meet the operating costs of the Gondola. 1:00 p.m. meeting spot: Via I-90 Exit 49, drive south to the Silver Mountain parking lot and assemble in this lot.

Pulaski Tunnel Field Trip:

View the mine tunnel and landscape where Ranger Ed Pulaski and his fire crew took refuge on August 20 from the 1910 firestorm. Tour leaders will be local Wallace residents. Dress appropriately for mountain weather. 1:00 p.m. meeting spot: Via I-90 Exit 61, drive to the gravel/dirt parking lot across the street from the Wallace Chamber of Commerce building at this exit, and assemble in the east end of the lot. Buses will transport participants to the base of the one-mile long trail leading to the tunnel.



PHOTO TAKEN BY J.B. HALM, 1910

Lodging Options

Wallace, Idaho

- Wallace Inn, single/double (60 rooms) \$88.00 plus 11% tax, 208-752-1252; must buy 2 nights. Rooms held for SAF until April 20.
- Stardust Motel (40 rooms owned by Wallace Inn), single/double \$66.00 plus 11% tax, 208-752-1213; must buy two nights. Rooms held for SAF until April 20.
- Brooks Hotel, 208-556-1571 (12-14 rooms)
- Ryan Hotel, 208-753-6001
- Hercules Inn, 208-556-0575: 4 apartments, 4 people each
- Beale House Bed and Breakfast, 208-752-7151
- Down by the Depot RV, 208-753-7121

Kellogg, Idaho (11 miles west)

- Silver Valley Inn (61 rooms), 208-783-1234, 1-800-785-5443
- Silver Mountain Morning Star Lodge (68 rooms), 208-783-0202, 1-800-204-6428
- Silverhorn Motor Inn, 208-783-1151, 1-800-437-6437
- Rio Hotel, 208-786-2103
- Trail Motel, 208-784-1161
- Big Creek RV Park, 208-512-1700, www.rvnorthidaho.com

Mullan, Idaho (7 miles east)

- Lookout Motel, 208-744-1601

Osburn, Idaho (4 miles west)

- Blue Anchor RV Park, 208-752-3443, www.blueanchorriv.com

SAF CFE Credits

This program is approved for CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters. The Friday and Saturday indoor sessions qualify for 12 Category 1 hours; both field trips qualify for 1.0 Category 1 hours each.



Questions?

Registration: Michele Docy, SAF Northwest Office, 503-224-8046, michele@safnwo.org.

Program: Russ Graham, 208-883-2331, rtgraham@fs.fed.us

General: Ralph Cornwall, 509-926-3074, ralphc@gocougs.wsu.edu

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REGISTRATION FORM

—Early Registration Due May 12—

Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Company/Affiliation _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Email _____

Daytime phone _____ Fax _____

Regular and student registration includes attendance to the meeting, Friday breakfast and lunch, refreshments and conference materials. Ice breaker, banquet and field trips are separate, ticketed events, sign up on registration form.

Registration	\$ Fee	Quantity	Total \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular registration	190	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student85	_____	_____
Discount for SAF member & spouse/guest (with regular or student registration) ...	subtract 25	_____	_____
Late fee after May 13	add 25	_____	_____
Additional Add-Ons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Ice Breaker	16	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Banquet31	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Sack Lunch	11	_____	_____
Field Trips (choose one):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pulaski Tunnel Tour (lunch not included)20	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Gondola Tour (lunch not included)25	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to sponsor a table at the banquet75	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference T-shirt (add \$5 for XXL)	15	_____	_____
Indicate size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL			
<input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter bobble head	10	_____	_____
TOTAL FEE			\$ _____

Please list any special dietary needs _____

I have an item for the Leadership Development Raffle and Silent Auction. Please contact me.

Payment Information

Make checks payable to: IESAF

Registration fee enclosed.

Purchase Order # _____

Charge to: Visa MasterCard

Account Number: _____

Expiration date: _____

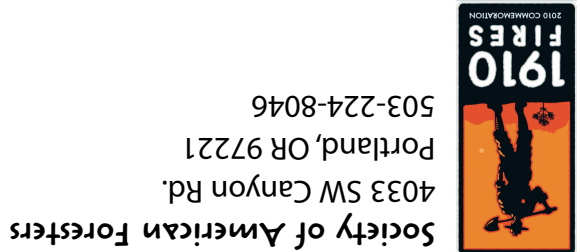
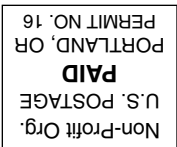
Early registration must be received by May 12, 2010.

Mail or fax registration form to:

SAF Northwest Office

4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221

503-224-8046 | Fax 503-226-2515 | michele@safnwo.org



Vendor, Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities

The Inland Empire Society of American Foresters (IESAF) welcomes those that wish to sell and exhibit their products. Tables for vendors will be located near the break area in the Wallace High School to encourage as much traffic as possible. We also welcome any person, group or business to sponsor any portion of the meeting. (For example, the cost to sponsor a banquet table is \$75/table which includes the centerpiece, two bottles of wine, and acknowledgement of sponsorship.) Vendor and Sponsor packages are available from Brett Winterowd, brettwint@gmail.com or Mike Wolcott, ifm@inlandforest.com. Please respond by May 5 to allow time for final planning.

Leadership Development Fund Silent Auction and Raffle

A silent auction and raffle will be held during the meeting to support student and SAF leaders. Please indicate on the registration form if you are able to bring an item.

Poster Session

IESAF is seeking nominations for poster presentations at the meeting and encourage all posters emphasizing: historical wildfires, community events commemorating the 1910 Fire, wildfire rehabilitation, wildfire prevention, wildfire control or management, and other subjects relating to wildland fire ecology or management. Other poster subjects will be considered and accepted, space permitting. The venue and theme of this meeting will attract foresters, fire ecologists, researchers and historians, as well as interested local citizens.

To obtain a Poster Submission Application, contact Jennifer Costich-Thompson at jcostichthompson@fs.fed.us or 208-265-6626. The deadline for receiving application forms and abstracts is April 30. The posters will be available for viewing during the entire length of the meeting. Please have posters available for the Thursday evening ice breaker event. Meeting registration is required to present a poster.

