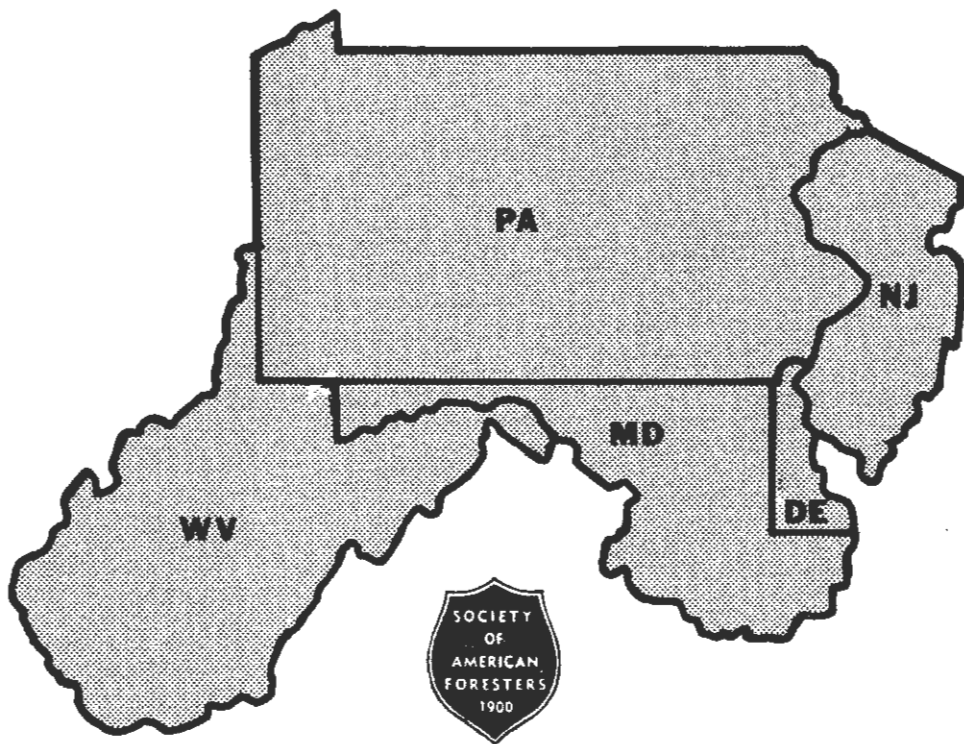


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CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

Overheard following my acceptance speech in Pittsburgh . . . "Gee, sounds like we have a First Sergeant for Section Chairman". Not wishing to disappoint anyone let me begin by saying . . .

ACHTUNG!

I'm pleased to report that our new newsletter editor is Karen Knapp. Although Karen lives and works in Virginia, she is an active and interested member of our section. This directory issue of Allegheny News should prove a useful reference book for the next several years and I'm sure all will appreciate Karen's efforts in putting it together.

You will recall a number of comments and proddings regarding membership during the two years I served as chairman-elect. Apparently there is nothing new under the sun and Society membership is no exception, as I learned from the following article taken from Volume #1, Number 11 of **S.A.F. Affairs**, December 1935. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it and give it some thought.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURING NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

By: H. H. Chapman
President, Society of American Foresters

If the Society of American Foresters is capable of giving services to members of the profession, which have a definite and considerable value to each man who has adopted forestry as his career - and that is my conviction-these services can be rendered most effectively if its membership includes one hundred per cent of the profession.

Individual foresters fail to enroll themselves as members for several reasons. First, they may believe that such services are superfluous, and that the interests of foresters can be served just as effectively by each one acting for himself, as an individual. United action in support of beneficial legislation or in opposing dangerous measures does not appeal to them. They are not interested in supporting a clearing house for professional ideas, in the form of a publication. They are afraid that organization and cooperation are synonymous with regimentation. Any plan for distinguishing probational or junior members from experienced or Senior members smacks to them of snobbery and a caste system. They believe in individualism

A second reason for lack of interest is the belief that the services of the Society are inefficient and not worth the amount of the dues. While there is little hope of securing the support of the first class mentioned, the allegiance of the second depends largely on the activities and effectiveness of the Society itself.

A third reason is sheer lack of information as to the aims, possibilities and achievements of the Society, and the ways in which these accomplishments react to the professional and financial benefit of all foresters.

A fourth may be disagreement with the policies and administration of Society affairs.

For these reasons and perhaps others, the membership in the Society approximates about one-half of the foresters actively practicing their profession. Discarding possible membership accretions from those who have definite convictions that prevent their accepting nominations, it is probably that at least 80 per cent of the profession could be secured as supporting members provided the dues are within what they consider the services are worth, and the services are inturn raised to a high level of efficiency.

Unfortunately, this does not solve the problem. The procedure for nominations does not originate with the candidates but has to be initiated by persons who are already members of the Society. This is true also for advancement to senior membership. Lack of initiative has done more to keep foresters from election than all other causes combined and this means lack of definite steps to secure nominations, taken by members of the Society.

Since, under the new Constitution, the qualifications of Junior members are placed definitely on the basis of educational requirements or theoretical professional competence, this grade is in effect probational. Membership as a Junior does not signify acceptance of this member by the profession as a fully competent and experienced professional forester, but simply indicates that he has, in his training, acquired the professional instruction which if

properly used will enable him to become one. For this reason, in the new Constitution, the procedure for nomination to this grade was simplified for graduates of schools approved by the Council, by requiring endorsement of three members rather than continuing to insist on action by a section in such cases. That responsibility is reserved for advancement to Senior membership, for candidates for Junior grade not graduates of approved schools and for Affiliate members. This enables graduates to secure endorsement, for instance, through the faculties of their respective schools, and has shortened the period required for election to an appreciable extent.

But what about the 3,000 men who are eligible for election as Junior members? The schools can write to these men. But is this sufficient to arouse their interest and secure their consent to nomination? Bear in mind that these men have but little opportunity to know of the activities of the Society. They seldom subscribe to the JOURNAL, and are not often able to attend meetings as guests.

Mr. Ruthford Westveld, in his experience as Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Central States Section, came to the conclusion that the most efficient method was personal contact and discussion with prospective members, by those who are willing to give this service to the Society. In this I agree with him.

Let me ask all members to take this matter under advisement. When your work brings you in contact with men who should be nominated, you can probably secure their interest by explaining the functioning of the Society and its objectives. This is especially true if the men are of the same official rank, and on the same project. Blanks for Junior nominations should be obtained from the Secretary of the Section or directly from the Executive Secretary, 839 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. On these blanks, the requirements for the grade are clearly stated, and space is provided for securing the necessary data regarding the nominee.

For the Affiliate or non-professional grade, the invitation must come from the Section, and not from the individual member, and approval of a Section in this case should first be obtained before discussing membership. This also applies to Senior membership.

It should be clear that my desire for increase in membership is based on its effect in strengthening the Society in its work for the benefit of the profession. The larger income from such increase is not a larger per capita income, and the Society will continue to expand as much for each new member as it receives from him.

I hope that at least some of us will be actuated to add their personal effect to attain the objectives of a membership that will include all foresters in the profession who have no conscientious reason for remaining unattached.

Kenny P. Funderburke, Jr.
Chairman
Allegheny Section

GRAY ELECTED TO COUNCIL



John L. Gray

John L. Gray has been elected to represent District 7 on the Council of the Society of American Foresters. Gray, 59, assumed his two-year post on the Society's governing body on January 1, 1980.

Gray is currently Director of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies in Milford, Pennsylvania. A Virginia native, Gray received his B.S. in Forestry in 1941 from Pennsylvania State University, his M.F. the following year from Yale University, and his Ph.D. at Duke University in 1969. His distinguished forestry career spans a wide variety of service, including positions with several forest products companies, Professor at the University of Florida's School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and positions with the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D. C.

Gray has served on numerous committees and panels. He was most recently Advisor to the President's Reorganization Project and is now a Director of the American Forestry Association. He has also been General Chairman of the National Workshop on Future Challenges in Renewable Natural Resources and was General Chairman of the National Conference on Resources for Forest and Associated Rangelands in 1978.

An SAF member since 1943, Gray has held many elected offices and committee assignments with the Society, including Vice Chairman of the Appalachian Section, and has received several awards from the Society for outstanding contributions to his profession.

Other newly elected Council members are Michael D. Moore of Michigan, Stanley E. Blinks of Washington, Billy G. Gresham of Arkansas, George A. Craig of California and Norwin E. Linnartz of Louisiana.

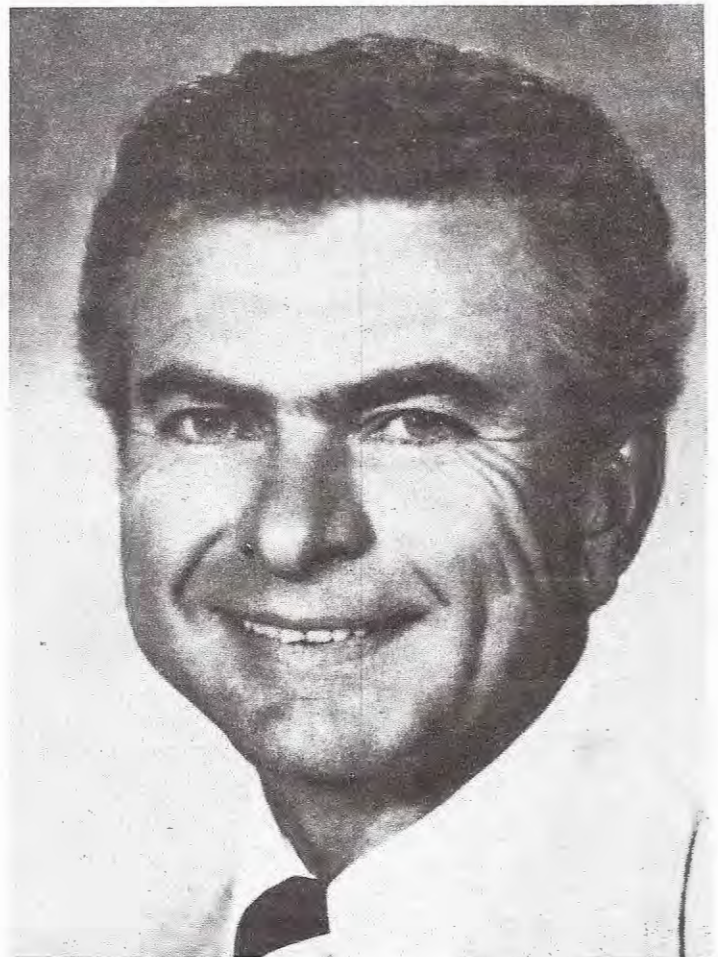
NEW SAF VICE PRESIDENT

Thomas B. Borden, Director of the Colorado State Forest Service, has been elected Vice President of the Society of American Foresters. Borden automatically succeeds Dr. Stephen H. Spurr of the University of Texas as President of the 22,000-member Society on January 1, 1982.

A native of Houston, Texas, Borden, 52, graduated from Purdue University with a B.S.F. in 1952 and a M.S. in Conservation Education in 1957. His distinguished career in state forestry began in Illinois, when Borden served as District Forester from 1952 to 1954. He later served as Assistant State Forester of South Dakota, and, after moving to Colorado in 1959 to accept his present position, became Assistant to the President of Colorado State University.

Since joining SAF in 1952, Borden has served in numerous local and national SAF offices-as member of the House of Section Delegates, Chairman of SAF Forest Policy Committee, member of the Council and of the Executive Committee, and on many other committees and task forces.

Borden is equally active outside the SAF, especially as a member of the National Association of State Foresters, of which he is past president. In addition, he is a director of the American Forestry Association, Chairman of the Council of Western State Foresters, as well as an active member of the Izaak Walton League, Nature Conservancy and the Colorado Bureau of Land Management Advisory Committee.



Thomas B. Borden

National Scene . . .

CALIFORNIA V. BERGLAND LEGALLY SOUND COURT DECISION FINDS RARE II EIS INADEQUATE

On January 8, 1980, Judge Lawrence K. Karlton of the U.S. District Court of Eastern California ruled that the national environmental impact statement (EIS) supporting RARE II did not satisfy requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The court then enjoined the Forest Service from developing any of the 47 disputed non-wilderness areas in California, pending a proper consideration of wilderness values in compliance with NEPA. The decision is significant because of its precedential value nationwide.

- The primary deficiencies cited by Judge Karlton included:
- Lack of site-specific data on the RARE II areas;
- Inadequate discussion of the wilderness values that would be foregone;
- Inadequate alternatives without an explanation of the range considered; and
- A flawed method of disclosure and public participation.



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SAF COMMITTEE ON FOREST POLICY APPOINTED

The national Committee on Forest Policy has been appointed by SAF President Stephen H. Spurr. The committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Council regarding proposed position statements, SAF's Forest Policies, and whether or not current positions warrant renewal.

News . . .

From Around the Section

Thanks

A wildlife print, "Bobcat" by artist Tom Allen, was raffled at the Allegheny Section winter meeting. In this way \$185.00 was raised for SAF's Forester's Fund. The Forester's Fund supports special public affairs projects designed to make Americans more aware of the forester's work and the nation's vital need for professional forest management.

Secretary-Treasurer Richard Kennell received the following letter of thanks for this donation:

Dear Dick,

I wish to express my appreciation to you and the members of the Allegheny Section for the generous contribution of \$185.00 to the Foresters' Fund on March 10, 1980.

It is very gratifying to have members in our organization who support the Fund and the Funds special projects that inform the public about forestry and the forestry profession.

Thanks again for your support and for that of the Allegheny Section membership.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Spurr
President

MARYLAND CHAPTER

On March 5, 1980, the Maryland Chapter held its winter meeting in Towson, Maryland. The theme for this meeting was "light my fire". Terry Clark and Allan Moon, of the Maryland Forest Service F.P.U. Program, spoke on the increasing value and uses of fuelwood. John W. Gird, Extension Agricultural Engineer for the University of Maryland, spoke on fireplace and woodstove installation.

This year's Chapter Officers were chosen at this meeting as well. John F. Kundt was selected as Chairman. John is Associate Professor of Horticulture and Extension Forestry Specialist at the University of Maryland, College Park. He recently was awarded the Distinguished Forester Award from the International Paper Company at the 58th

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Maryland Chapter . . .

National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

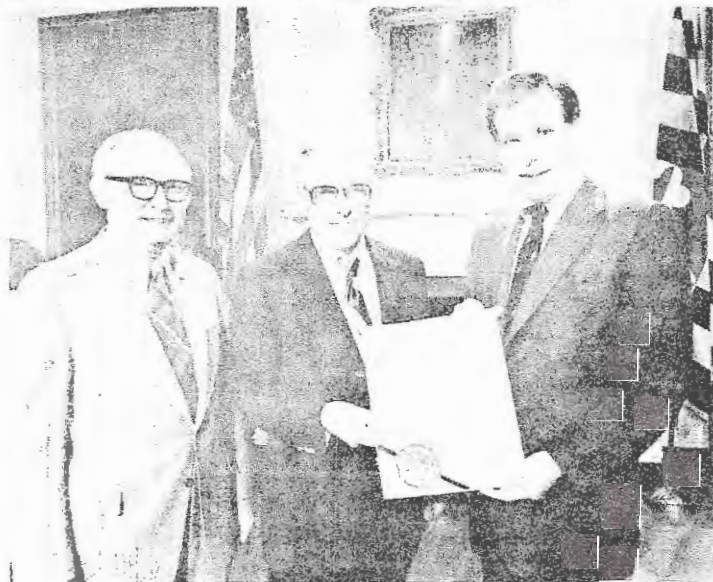
Assisting John during his term will be Stephen M. Genua, Vice Chairman, Phil Pannill, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Committee members Harry Hartman and Jim Parsons. Robb Cotiaux will edit the Chapter's Newsletter. Appreciation was given to the outgoing officers for a successful 1979, and, again from all of us, thanks for a job well done.

On March 24, 1980, an Executive Committee meeting was held at Laurel, Maryland. Candidates for various committees were discussed and will be contacted to affirm acceptance. An Ad Hoc Committee headed by Allan Waelchli will be formed to plan the February 1981 Sectional Meeting.

Baltimore or Frederick were mentioned as tentative locations.

Also discussed was the increased Professional Foresters Registration Fee first mentioned at the winter meeting. The Chapter sent telegrams to Senator McGuirk and Delegate Brown stating the Chapter's request for reduction of the proposed registration fee to \$25.00. A fee of up to \$50.00 was proposed before the request. At this time, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed and will look at whether the Board of Registration for Professional Foresters is needed and is currently fulfilling its function. A report is due to the Executive Committee meeting by November, 1980.

The possibility of raising chapter dues from one to two dollars was also tossed about. John Kundt will look into a referendum to increase the fees to meet our cost.



Department of Natural Resources Secretary James B. Coulter and Maryland State Forester Tunis Lyon accept proclamation from Governor Harry Hughes. April was declared "Forestry Month in Maryland".

As a sidenote, Governor Harry Hughes declared April as "Forestry Month in Maryland". Accepting the proclamation, Department of Natural Resources Secretary James B. Coulter and State Forester Tunis Lyon emphasized the need for recognition of sound forest management for future fiber, fuel, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic beauty.

At this time, I request that members of the Maryland Chapter assist me in preparing a chapter newsletter more suited to your needs. Articles of interest should be sent to: Mechanicsville Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 427, Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659. I'll make every effort to include them in our publication.

BY: Robb S. Cotiaux

PLATEAU CHAPTER

The Plateau Chapter met April 10 in Warren, Pennsylvania.

Attorney David Swanson, Warren, PA., presented a discussion of the rights of surface owners in dealing with oil, gas and mineral operations at the April 10 meeting of the Plateau Chapter.

Business included postponement of action or endorsement of section reorganization pending more information and status of activities regarding effect of deer overpopulation on forest management and the proposed Wilderness designation on the Allegheny National Forest.

The Plateau Chapter will be hosting the Section summer meeting in Warren, PA. Dr. Dave Marquis is chairman for arrangements of the event of September 3, 4, and 5.

By: Charles Merroth

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

James G. Rowbury, Jr. passed away on January 25, 1980, following a short illness. He had been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1939. His friends and colleagues in forestry will miss him.

Mr. Rowbury was the Director of Mineral Development for Scott Paper Company. His successor is Mr. Joseph M. Jungkurth.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The S.A.F. Council unanimously approved the recommendations of the committee on accreditation that the West Virginia University Division of Forestry be reaccredited for another ten years. All schools go through this process every 10 years, barring those who are provisionally accredited for the first times. In this case, the time period usually is five years.



Box 97, Rupert, WV 25984

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Congratulations are due to the 1980 Chapter officers.

Chairman:	David Edelman
Chairman-elect:	Tom Koppel
Secretary-Treasurer:	Steve Dietrich
Executive Committee:	Rick Bentz Anne Conley

New Jersey Honors Outstanding Logger

Mr. Ray Richie of Bethel, Pennsylvania received the New Jersey Chapters Outstanding Loggers award, November 8, at the North Jersey Loggers Meeting. Mr. Richie has been in the logging business for more than seven (7) years and was selected by the Chapter for his outstanding contribution to the logging industry in New Jersey. He is the first recipient of the award, which the Chapter plans to make an annual event.

The Chapter recently published two publications aimed at promoting sound forestry practices during timber harvesting and encouraging forest landowners to seek the advice of a professional forester. "Thinking of Selling Your Timber?" was written to encourage private landowners, who are thinking of a timber sale, to seek the advice of a professional forester. The publication lists in detail a number of reasons to obtain a professional assistance.

"Timber Harvesting Guidelines for New Jersey" was published by the Chapter in cooperation with the New Jersey Forestry Association. The publication provides guidelines and recommendations for harvesting operations to minimize site damage, reduce public objection to harvesting, and maintain high professional planning and harvesting standards.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

We are pleased to announce that this year's Elwood B. Moore Award to the outstanding senior in forestry at Rutgers has been given to Mr. Jeffrey Behm of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In addition to maintaining a high grade point average during his collegiate career, Jeff has provided sound leadership as an officer in the Forestry and Wildlife Club for the past three years.

Last summer he worked for the Forest Service in Oregon and will either continue his forestry studies at the graduate level or seek employment in the field after graduation in May.

New Appointment

Robert L. Tate was appointed Assistant Professor of Forestry at Cook College, Rutgers University, January of this year. Bob's major responsibilities at Cook are to develop an undergraduate course in urban forestry, to participate in teaching other undergraduate forestry courses and to develop a research program emphasizing forest problems in the urban environment.

Bob has just finished teaching his course entitled In-

roduction to Urban Forest Management which will be taught each spring. This fall he will teach Park and Public Land Management. In addition to urban forestry, he will teach Forest Policy and Administration each spring.

Bob was born and raised in the Mt. Shasta area of northern California. He received his B.S. in forestry from the University of California in 1966 and his Master of Forestry and Ph.D. in natural resources from the University of Michigan in 1974 and 1980 respectively.

Bob brings nearly 14 years of professional forestry experience to our program at Cook College. He was a staff assistant forester for 2 years with Weyerhaeuser Company in Chehalis, Washington, City Forester at Carmel, California, and Ann Arbor, Michigan for 3 and 8 years respectively.

Professor Richard West Retires

After 34 years of distinguished teaching and research in forestry at Rutgers, Professor Richard West is changing occupations and will officially retire from university life this summer.

"Prof" started his teaching career in 1946 at the School of Forestry at Louisiana State University after receiving a bachelors degree from Rutgers and a Master of Forestry from Yale. After 7 years at L.S.U. he came to a 2-man forestry department at Rutgers and has been instrumental in directing its growth to the present status of 7 faculty in forestry and wildlife offering professional curricula in both fields.

He has been active in SAF activities as past chairman of the New Jersey Chapter and the legislative committee of the Allegheny Section.

He was chairman of the Deep South and the Northeast Sections at various times during his long professional association with the Forest Products Research Society.

He has been very active in service to his community as Mayor of Cranbury Township for 7 years and, at various times, serving as chairman of the Planning Board, Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission. He is past secretary and president of the Cranbury Lions Club and is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

I've had the pleasure of working with Prof for only about 6 months but during that time he has added an additional dimension to my forestry education.

While Prof has a firm grasp of the accomplishments and setbacks of our past, make no mistake-he is a forester of today. But in our futuristic world of operations research, computer technology and systems analysis where yester-

NOTICE SUMMER MEETING

SAF Allegheny Section

Sept. 3 - 4 - 5

Warren, PA.

days are seldom discussed in their proper context, it's a delightful experience to hear someone who doesn't feel the need to apologize for Gifford Pinchot and the ideals for which he and his era stood; who is deeply concerned about the role professional foresters are playing today and what is in store for them in the future in the management of our natural resources; and who does not think that we foresters ought to be called environmental managers or by some other catchy title when forester really says it all.

As a teacher Prof has a tremendous commitment to his students that I'm certain few of us could retain after these many years. In addition to teaching the subject, he is genuinely concerned about his students' perceptions of our profession. And he strives to instill a feeling in them about the practice of forestry that can only come from his own deep convictions about it.

As for his future plans in retirement, he wants to do a little consulting, play some tennis and dote over his grandchildren.

He will be missed by his students, friends and colleagues here at the university.

By: Robert L. Tate

VPI & SU FORESTRY SHORT COURSES

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University are offering two short courses this summer that are of interest to foresters.

A course on 'Advanced Forest Economics' will be held June 9th through 20th. The objective of this course is to help participants gain a greater appreciation of the tools of economics, to increase their capability in applying economic decision rules to forest management problems, and to integrate these tools into more effective decision processes for achieving public and private resource management goals.

'Remote Sensing of Natural Resources' will be held August 4 through 22nd. Classes will meet six hours per day in laboratory and lectures on advanced photographic and non-photographic systems applied to natural resources. A prerequisite to the course is a course in introductory photogrammetry or instructor's permission.

For further information on these courses, write to the Department of Forestry, School of Forestry and Wildlife Resources, Cheatham Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. 24061 or phone 703-961-5482.

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MINUTES OF SAF ALLEGHENY SECTION MEETING

February 7, 1980
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The annual business meeting of the Allegheny Section, Society of American Foresters, was called to order by Section Chairman, George R. Kemp at 4:07 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda presented by the Chairman for the meeting. Motion was carried and agenda is attached.

The motion was made and seconded to dispense with reading the minutes of the Winter Meeting of 1979, as it was printed in the Allegheny News. This motion passed.

Audience was reminded that only members and fellows in good standing may vote during the Business Meeting. A quorum is present.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dick Kennell and was accepted as presented and is attached.

Auditor's report was presented by Joe Barnard and placed on record.

Tellers' committee report was made by Jim Burtis and placed on record.

Executive Committee Reports

Executive Committee Reports are summarized here as they appear on the agenda. Copies of reports submitted are on file with the Secretary.

1. Society Reorganization

In his report, Chairman Kemp referred to the National Referendum results of 11/15/79. He also reviewed propositions 4, 5, and 6 as key to this Section's future. He urged again for all to read the guidelines sent to each chapter officer.

The Executive Committee will decide what course they will take.

He stated that if no action alternative is taken by January 1, 1982, the name would automatically change to the Allegheny S.A.F. and any change would require a petition from at least 30 members.

2. Membership

Statistics related by Kenny Funderburke indicate a raise of three members to 1192 over the 1978 membership. Losses in student participation made a big difference in 1979.

We need to make a greater effort to move students into full membership and reinstate inactive professionals.

3. Forest Policy

Bob Forney explained forest policy development procedures. Policy must start at the chapter level and a draft submitted for review at the Chapter and Section level before it goes to National for their review.

4. Public Affairs

Bruce Schick summarized public relations/affairs activity throughout the Section. Pinchot Institute is promoting its Urban Forestry program. Professional forester registration is also being promoted. Decisionmakers, sportsmen, and conservation groups are being educated in deer damage to agriculture and forest crops and control through deer management. Copies of the brochure "Tree Regeneration and Deer" have been printed and distributed. A slide/tape

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program has been developed illustrating the problem of overbrowsing by deer in Northwestern Pennsylvania. The Reginald D. Forbes Tree Memorial Dedication Ceremony was publicized. Public recognition was given to recently elected fellows to S.A.F. and activities were conducted to develop and implement best-management-practices.

Bruce urged all Chapters to define one public relations and one public affairs activity for accomplishment in 1980 and 1981. Sponsoring field trips for local legislators, conservation groups, news media personnel, and civic groups are efforts supported by the Foresters Fund. If a successful program works, share it with other chapters. Set up formal communications networks in each chapter to alert key people on a one-to-one basis to stimulate effective programs and actions.

Standing Committee Reports

These reports are summarized as they were presented:

1. Meeting Arrangements

Lee Gillespie reported a total of 160 members present.

2. Meeting Program

No report presented.

3. Awards

No formal reports on awards. No Forester of the Year award this year, only Outstanding Service to Forestry will be presented. We were all urged to go back through our records and review past nominees and present them again for awards.

4. Foresters Fund

Les Alpaugh reported that the National goal of \$250,000 has been reached and more is needed.

5. Allegheny News

Roxanne Walcutt indicated a net income from the three printed issues for 1979-80 of \$31.39. This does not reflect the editing and printing costs and the cost of paper used in printing. A special vote of thanks to Roxanne as Editor, and Bob LeBar for their work on such a fine publication. Hammermill Paper Company is to be commended for their unselfish contribution to the quality of this publication.

6. History

Bill Corlett's brief report was read by the Chairman, "Three cheers for the archives! Good Luck."

Technical Subjects

7. Professional Registration and Licensing

The Chairman reported for Ken Swartz that the most current activity in Registration of Foresters in Pennsylvania is an effort by Tony Santoli. Tony has prepared a rewritten proposal taken from one prepared earlier by the Pinchot Chapter and has presented it to State Representative Frank A. Serafini of Lackawanna County for his staff review for submission to the State Legislature as a Registration Bill. The Penn-York Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) support such a movement.

8. Education

Jim Hale reported on the California Study on continuing education of foresters and technicians and certification and recognition of these achievements by participants. National Council has established a committee to develop a procedure for trial and possible adoption. A referendum in late 1981 will be held regarding membership for forest technicians.

9. Entomology-Pathology

John Kegg indicated that gypsy moth defoliation dropped in Pennsylvania in 1979 but New Jersey remained highest in the section. Predictions are for high level in-

festations in PA and NJ in 1980. Control programs have shifted from general spraying to specific areas keyed to residential and recreational high risk areas. The "Friends of the Earth" organization has petitioned F.A.A. to adopt new changes that would virtually eliminate all spraying in congested areas and lands adjacent to congested area.

10. Fire Control No report presented.

11. Natural Areas No report presented.

12. Tree Improvement

Clyde Hunt reported that hybrids still hold much promise for the future. Specifically, Pitch x loblolly, poplar and cottonwoods, Japanese red x Austrian, and Larch. Many of the Pitch x loblolly are doing well and surviving northern winters. Silas Little has retired but is still active in Pitch-lob hybrids. He referred us to Si's article in the November issue of the Journal of Forestry, coauthored with Fred Trew. Don Kanezek has been hired by NJ to assume some of Si's efforts at New Lisbon. Continued interest is being shown with States and private industry in the Northeast. However, pitch x lob seed is still in short supply until orchards begin producing. Poplar hybrids are being reassessed for their role as biomass energy potential. Industry's interest in hybrid pines and poplars is also on the increase, as are Larch hybrids.

Chapter reports will be made at the Executive Committee Meeting later.

Resolutions

Dennis Edmiston, Plateau Chapter read a resolution on RARE II and it was moved and seconded that the Resolution be adopted by the Section. Discussion followed-Edmiston indicated that two chapters (Plateau and Northern Hardwoods) had already adopted it as read. Several objections were made to the Resolution as written. Two amendments were made. One was moved, seconded, and passed to change the first sentence in the last paragraph to read "In summary, the Allegheny Section accepts that Tracy Ridge be designated as a Wilderness Area."

The Second Amendment was moved, seconded, and passed to change the word single to limited in the second line of the second paragraph. The resolution was adopted and the corrected resolution is attached.

A second Resolution was introduced and ready by Don Niebert, Northern Hardwoods Chapter. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the last paragraph, first line to read Allegheny Section, SAF, instead of Northern Hardwoods Chapter and in the third line to insert between accreditation and system the words or adequate recognition. The Resolution carried and the corrected Resolution is attached.

Special Reports

1. No reports on the Goddard Chair and the Forbes Tree Memorial.

2. SAF National Perspective

Carl Bernsten urged all to attend the next National SAF Convention in Spokane, Washington. He announced that Luke Popovich will leave SAF for a more lucrative assignment in California. John Gray will be chairman of the Finance Committee. The Southern Journal of Applied Forestry needs a few more subscriptions. The Forestry Handbook will be reprinted soon upon completion of revisions. Look for the 1979 Income and Employment Survey results to be published in the near future.

A National Study Group has been established on Forest Taxation. SAF life insurance is a good buy at any

age. Look into it.

3. SAF Council Perspective

John Gray was introduced as our new Council representative and pledged his support for our efforts.

Chairman Kemp thanked the Committees for their reports and the national representatives for their assistance and comments.

The Business meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD A. KENNEL
Secretary-Treasurer



Greenbrier Wild & Scenic River Study

Congress has requested that some of the tributaries to the New River be studied for Wild and Scenic River status. The National Park Service will be studying the Gauley and Bluestone Rivers. The Forest Service will study the main stem of the Greenbrier River.

During October 1979 a series of public meetings were held to announce these studies and receive initial public comments and concerns.

The Forest Service has recruited a Planner to head up this project. The Greenbrier River will be evaluated during the spring. By the fall of 1980, there should be a draft Recommendation and Environmental Impact Statement available for public review.

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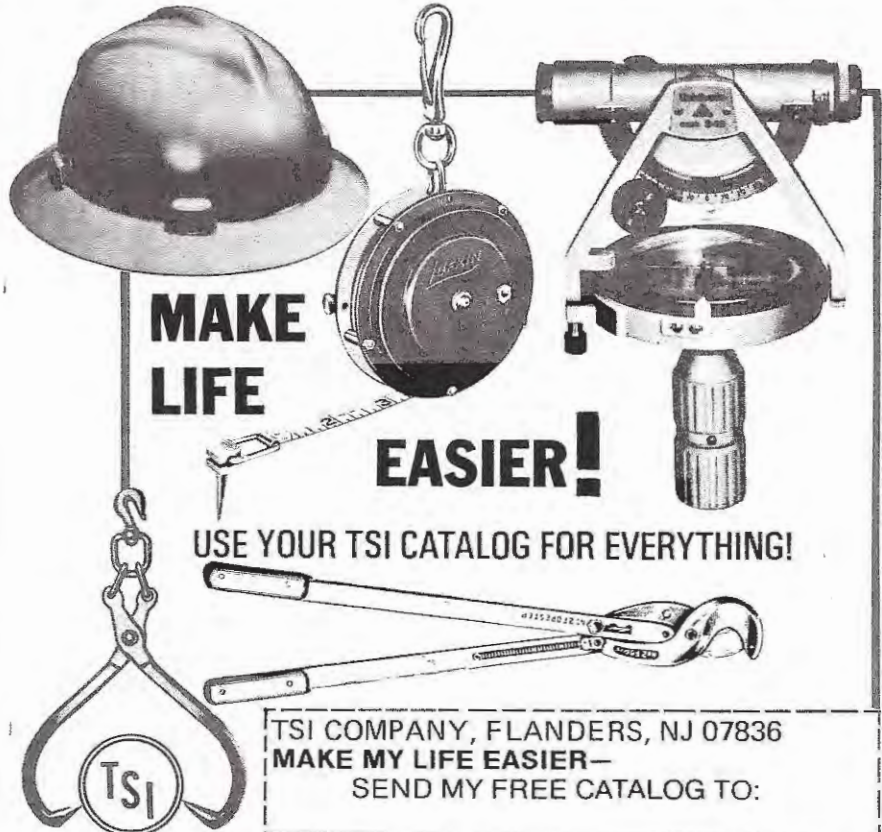


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECTION WINTER MEETING

The Marriott Inn in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was the scene for the fifty-eighth annual winter meeting of the Allegheny Section. The objective of the meeting was to establish and encourage a "Tree Roots" Technology Transfer.

Wednesday's registration was followed by a Film Festival and Art Show. Carl Bernsten was the keynote speaker the following morning. The SAFers got right to the "root" of things with sessions on Inventory; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Ecology and Soils; and Silviculture.

Jim Speice served as Master of Ceremonies at the Annual Banquet. The Allegheny Section honored Wilbur N. Ward for "Outstanding Service to Forestry" during the after-dinner ceremonies.

Friday's working sessions were the subjects of Land Use Planning and Design; Forestland Organization and Management; and Recreation.

Congratulations to Bill Scherer and the Western Gateway Chapter for a well-planned and interesting meeting. The Allegheny Section thanks you.



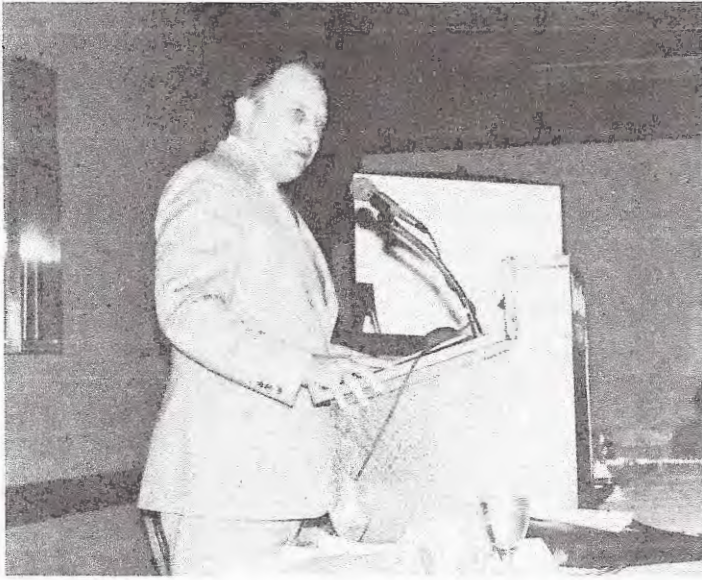
Carl Bernsten, Director of Forest Science Programs, delivered the keynote remarks.



Wilbur Ward, left, accepts the Forester of the Year award from Section Chairman George Kemp.



Master of Ceremonies, Jim Speice.



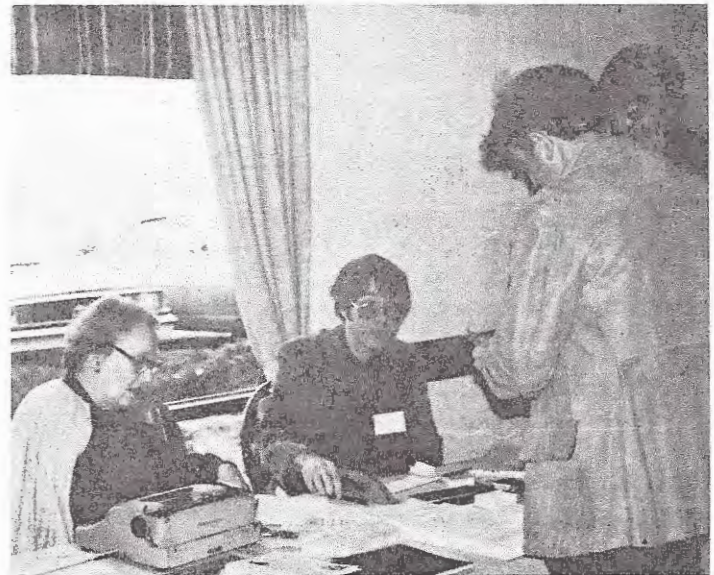
1980-81 Allegheny Section Chairman, Kenney P. Funderburke, Jr.



Mr. Otto Wheeley, Deputy Chairman of Koppers Company, Inc. was the guest speaker at the prayer breakfast.



The exhibitors provided coffee and "toys" for the breaks.



Thank you to all who worked so hard in organizing the program and registering the attendees.

ALLEGHENY REFLECTIONS

BY: Bill Corlett, Section History Committee

It is easy for a traveller to pass through the small village of McVeytown, Pennsylvania, without feeling any sense of forest history. This quiet rural community, however, which lies along the north bank of the Juniata River just twelve miles west of Lewistown, has played a significant role in American forestry.

It was there on November 28, 1880, that George Herman Wirt first saw the light of day. He was a bright, energetic lad who caught the eye of the Wirt family physician, another McVeytown native, surgeon, botanist, explorer, and Machaux lecturer, Dr. Joseph Trimble Rothrock.

Young George entered Juniata College at the age of fifteen and graduated three years later with a degree in engineering, but Dr. Rothrock persuaded him to enter the field of forestry, and he enrolled in the Biltmore Forest School in North Carolina, completing the one-year course of study in February, 1901.

Six years earlier, in 1895, the Legislature had created a Department of Agriculture and specified that it have a Division of Forestry. There being no professionally trained foresters, Governor Hastings turned to a botanist and selected Dr. Rothrock as the first Commissioner of Forestry.

About two years later, at the request of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Legislature authorized an acquisition program to create three state forestry reservations, each to be not less than 40,000 acres in size, situated on the watersheds of the Ohio, Susquehanna, and Delaware Rivers. The concerns being addressed by that action were: (1) the rapidly increasing areas of cut-over land, and (2) the lack of any sort of constructive forest policy.

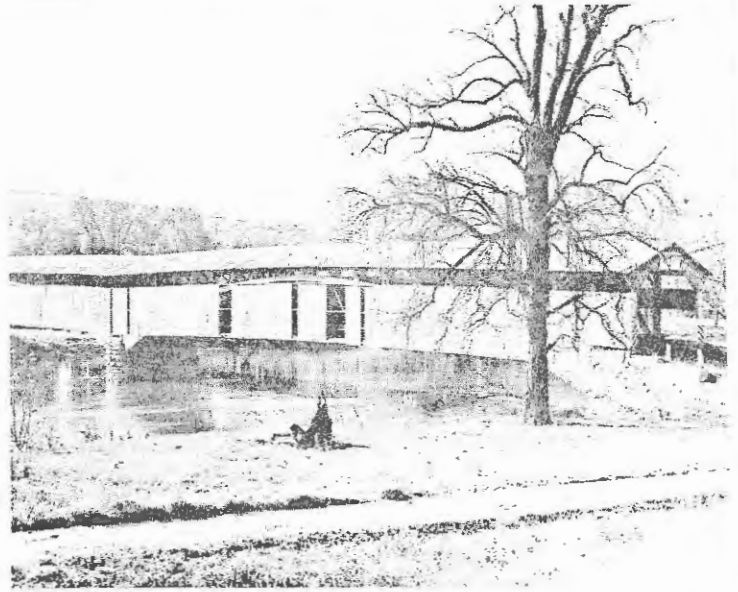
The initial purchase was made in 1898, and in April 1901, two months after George Wirt graduated from the Biltmore Forest School, Dr. Rothrock appointed him as the first professional forester employed by the Commonwealth.

Being both first and alone, he did it all. He wrote a bulletin on the growing of commercial trees. He began timber sales and management practices on a 22,000 acre purchase which formed the nucleus of what is now the Michaux State Forest. He built roads, bought and set up a sawmill, made and sold lumber, shingles, lath, railroad timbers, and charcoal. He established the Mont Alto Forest Tree Nursery, and began a planting program on the new state lands.

In 1903 the Legislature authorized a school to train "forest wardens," and the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy at Mont Alto came into existence with George Wirt as its first Director. By May, 1910, four classes had been graduated from the Academy with each graduate assigned to manage a portion of the new State Forests, and George Wirt was moved back to Harrisburg to supervise their work.

For three years, the records show, he devoted himself to that task and to the preparation of management forms and a management manual, but by 1913 it had become obvious that if the practice of forestry was to endure, fire protection must be a paramount concern, and George was asked to draft appropriate legislation.

In 1915 his proposals went to the Legislature, a law was enacted, and George Wirt was made Chief Forest Fire Warden of Pennsylvania, a position he held until his retirement in 1946. By that time his volunteer organization had grown until it comprised 4400 wardens, and 30,000



Orr's Bridge, West of Harrisburg in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

Photo by Pennsylvania State Department of Commerce.

crewmen, with other thousands of supporting and cooperating citizens throughout the state. One measure of his success is the fact that fire losses were reduced from an average of half a million acres per year to less than 25,000 acres per year.

He became a member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association in 1950, and later served as its vice president. He wrote many articles, and edited its magazine, "Forest Leaves," for several years. The Association recognized him in 1952 with its Conservation Award.

Mr. Wirt served for many years on the Harrisburg Boy Scout Council and received the Silver Beaver award for his dedication to forest conservation and to scouting.

George Wirt also served his professional society in an exemplary manner. He was the author of many papers, lectures, and magazine articles. He was regular in his attendance at society meetings, and he served on many committees. He was Chairman of the Allegheny Section in 1941, and was elected a Fellow in 1948.

In his eulogy delivered at the winter Section Meeting in 1962, just three months after his death, the State Forester, a and past Section Chairman, Ralph Wible called him, "A pioneer in developing the Whole Man" . . . always urging . . . "foresters to find their place in the community by active participation in service groups, church organizations, and youth movements."

George Wirt was a devoted forester and conservationist, an active Rotarian, a devoted family man, and a dedicated churchman. Married in 1907, he was the father of three daughters and a son, and he set them a fine example. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and he taught a Bible class almost continuously for nearly sixty years.

This, then, is the legacy of creativity and broad public service which has been passed to us from the man who was the first professional forester employed in Pennsylvania, and we believe the first employed in the Allegheny Section. Let us rededicate ourselves to our profession on this, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth.

SAF Position-taking Procedure for Sections and Chapters

Every SAF member should be aware of how his/her professional society can take a unified stand on forestry issues. The steps that should be taken are outlined below.

The first five steps should be completed by the Chapter Committee. When the Position Statement Draft is prepared, forward it to the Section Forest Policy Committee Chairman for follow-through action at the Section and National levels. The Allegheny Section Forest Policy Chairman is Bob Forney. Contact him at P. O. Box 1738, Huntington, West Virginia 25718.

Issue identification

Members, officers, or policy committee members of the unit recommend issues for position-taking to the unit's executive committee.

Issue selection and assignment of study responsibility

When the unit's executive committee selects an issue, it assigns the preparation of a study to the appropriate committee—either a standing committee of the unit or one formed especially for the study.

Preparation of study report and recommendations

In beginning its work, the committee should contact the SAF national office (Director of Resource Policy) to ascertain whether materials are available to aid the study.

Review of study report and decision regarding position adoption

The unit's executive committee reviews the study report and decides whether a position should be adopted.

Preparation of proposed position

If the executive committee decides to adopt a position, the unit's policy committee is directed to commence preparation.

National office review of proposed position

Once the unit's policy committee has completed the proposed position, and prior to its adoption by the membership or executive committee, the proposed position should be mailed to the SAF national office (Director of Resource Policy) for review. The national office will advise whether the position is covered by and in accord with SAF's *Forest Policies*, and whether it conflicts with any national position. The national office will also apprise the unit of any conflicts with other SAF units, and will advise on editorial and distributional matters as appropriate. When time is short, proposed positions may be telephoned to the national office for the review process.

Adoption of position --

When time allows, proposed positions will be considered by a secret mail ballot of the voting members, or by secret ballot at an official meeting of the unit. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption.

Adoption of Position --

When time does not permit a secret balloting of the voting members, the executive committee may adopt a position by a two-thirds vote.

Distribution of Position --

An adopted position should be widely distributed as appropriate. A copy should be mailed to the SAF national office without delay. Positions adopted in accordance with this procedure are reported in the *Journal of Forestry*.

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

Revisions have been completed to the Off-Road Vehicle Policy for the Monongahela National Forest and a revised map is now available.

As a result of comments by about 100 people and experience with the existing policies, some changes were made. The open area north of Parsons has been replaced by marking on individual roads. Sixteen routes which had been open to off-road vehicle use are now closed, primarily to protect wildlife.

Ten routes previously closed have been opened due to public desires and a determination that the route can handle the traffic safely and without damage to forest resources.

The off-road vehicle policy is intended to allow the use of vehicles where the use is safe, resources are not damaged, and the conflict between different user groups can be minimized.

A copy of the revised policy can be obtained from the following address: Forest Supervisor, Monongahela National Forest, Forest Service USDA, P. O. Box 1548, Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

This policy is dynamic and will be changed periodically to keep current with the construction of new roads, changing public desires, and any problems that occur.

BY: Gil Churchill



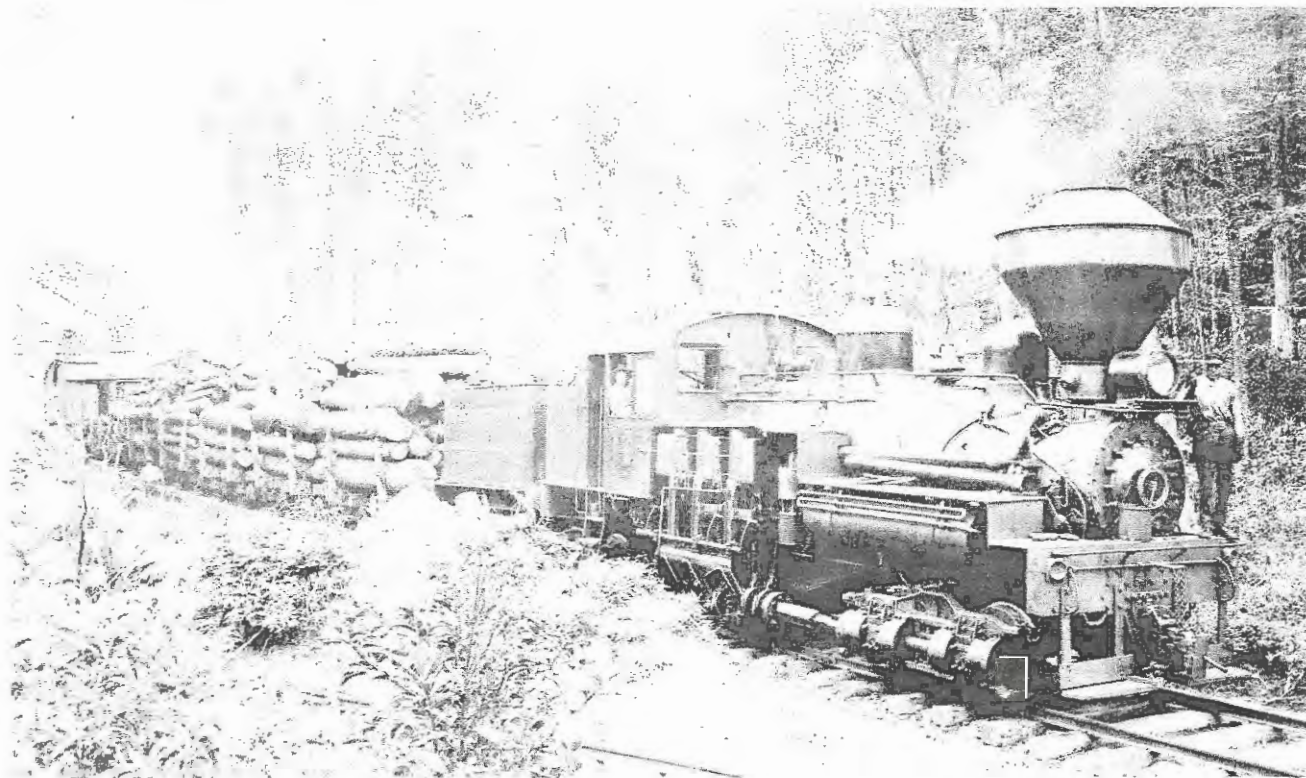
Wilderness permits will no longer be required to visit the Otter Creek and Dolly Sods Wilderness Areas on the Monongahela National Forest. Forest Supervisor Ralph Mumme announced that the new policy will be in effect immediately.

Permits have been required since the areas were first created in 1975. They allowed the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to collect statistics on wilderness use. Information was collected on the origin of visitors, the trends of use, entry points, and duration of stay. This data allowed the Forest Service managers to plan facility and maintenance needs in the areas. Several years of valuable information are now available.

While valuable for the information they provided, wilderness permits were occasionally an inconvenience to visitors, especially those arriving on weekends and at night when Forest Service offices were closed.

Recognizing this inconvenience and considering the valuable information already collected, the requirement for permits has been eliminated. A sampling technique of visitor use will be used to monitor visitor trends in the future.

The Forest Service very much appreciates the cooperation of all wilderness visitors who have used the permit system in the past.



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