



# SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

newsletter

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## Building Shuffle Will Save \$\$\$\$\$

Former acting Forest Supervisor Spike Thompson, made the decision to *not* renew the leases on the Teton and Fire buildings in order to save approximately \$120,000 annually.

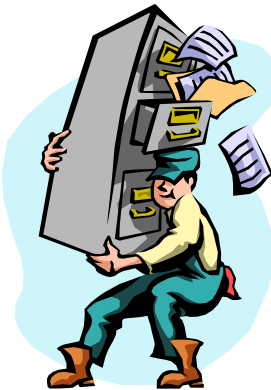
This decision was not made lightly. The needs of the Salmon/Cobalt Ranger District and the Teton and Fire building occupants were considered. In all, about 51 people are affected by this move which will be effective by May 1, 2004.

The Salmon/Cobalt RD will move to the District offices on Union Avenue. The buildings will be upgraded and remodeled to be "American Disabilities Act" (ADA) compliant using construction dollars available this year.

The fire staff, planning staff, GIS group, minerals, and wilderness will primarily occupy the area vacated by the SCRD. Additionally there may be limited im-

pacts and or moves of other employees within the HQ building.

Other dilemmas to solve include where to house expanded dispatch during fire season and how to replace the conference rooms. We can place a modular unit on the BLM compound during fire season with the cost paid by a fire management code.



Obviously there will be hurdles to overcome and the FLT hopes to limit the impact as much as possible

The two buildings cost \$143,000 per year with costs increasing each year. The difference in costs and savings are the costs of utilities and janitorial services for the SCRD buildings.



### New Forest Supervisor

Our new Forest Supervisor, William (Bill) Wood, began his new job on February 17.

Bill, and his wife Jennifer, moved into their Salmon home over President's Day weekend. Word has it there are boxes everywhere!

Bill is excited to be here and is looking forward to visiting the districts and meeting all the employees across the Forest.

He comes to us from Pueblo, CO where he was the Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests.

He has also worked for the Forest Service on the Bitterroot (MT), Plumas (CA), Bighorn (WY), and White River (CO) Forests during his 27 year career.

## Coming and Going.....

Renee Snyder is the new Staff Officer for Ecosystems and Public Service (vice Russell). She started in her new position on January 26. She was the Challis BLM field manager and brings a familiarity of the resource concerns and area with her.





Walt Rogers is the acting Operations Staff Officer (vice Hafenfeld). He comes to us from the Lohman RD on the Boise where he is the District Ranger. He will be on the Forest through May on a 120 day detail.



Rick Hafenfeld (Operations Staff Officer) transferred to Region 1 as the Regional Aviation Officer.

## Mardi Gras Bowling

The Mardi Gras Bowling tournament was an incredible success. A complete list of winners will be coming to your inbox soon. Approximately 100 employees and spouses participated and every unit was represented! We're still tallying the \$\$ but we're estimating the profit to be over \$300.

The date, place and rules of the playoff between the two high scoring teams – the Challis BLM Field Office and Forest Operations – will be announced soon.

Highlights of the 2 evenings included the fabulous cheerleaders led by Sarah Baker from Yankee Fork RD and Judy Ulvestad from the SCRd. Judy Sommerfeld and Annie Westfall gutted the most balls. Jeff from the Challis BLM won best costume in Challis and Vicki Schmidt from SCRd won best costume in Salmon. All teams were creative with their "body bowling" methods.



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## Forest Vacancy and Outreach Announcements

To find jobs advertised on the forest, go to [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) and do a search for jobs listed under Salmon, ID. If you are interested in jobs beyond the SCNF you can do a search in a particular area or series. There are currently 2 positions advertised on the forest :

- Resource Operations Staff Officer (Interdisciplinary), closes 3/4/2004
- Road Crew Foreman – to be announced soon

To find SCNF outreaches, go into lotus notes, click on -favorite bookmarks, -USDAFS applications, -outreaches, then do a search

using your criteria—location, series, gs level, etc.



This section is not all inclusive, if you have questions about vacancies and outreaches on the Forest please contact Judy Sommerfeld or Pam Mihelich.

Seasonal hiring information packets are available from the front desk. More information can be found by visiting the FSJOBS web site at [www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs](http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs)

## Awards



This section will be used to announce awards given to Forest employees. I am working with the personnel shop on the best method. They process the paperwork and the supervisors, or project leader, hand out the awards. Sometimes there is a length of time between the processing and awarding due to schedules and etc, therefore it doesn't work to just list processed awards here.

please email me the name and citation and I will include it in the next newsletter.

I am welcome to suggestions on how to best acknowledge employee accomplishments, so please don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestions.

If you have given an award in January or February of this year

I also welcome news of awards given from outside the Forest Service or other "atta-person" stories about your peers.