

# ***A Century of Service... Saluting the Past, Embracing the Future In the Rocky Mountain Region***

***Hosted by Rocky Mountain Region and Rocky Mountain Research Station***

An American Forest Congress was held in January 1905, in Washington, D.C. This was the second in what later became a series of Congresses devoted to American Forests. One of several resolutions passed at that Congress was a recommendation to consolidate management of federally-owned forest lands into the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to establish a single agency with the responsibility to manage all Forest Reserves throughout the country. As a consequence of that and other public sentiment, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) was created July 1, 1905. In commemoration of these events, the USFS will host a Centennial Forest Congress January 4-6, 2005, in Washington, D.C. ([www.fs.fed.us/centennial/](http://www.fs.fed.us/centennial/)).

The Rocky Mountain Forum (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/centennial/>) is organized in a fashion that facilitates addressing the three questions, below, in the broad context of resource and conservation management by the USFS across the central Great Plains and Rocky Mountains. In addition, some attention will be focused on the themes of rangeland, fisheries, and wildlife management.

## **Mission Statement – Centennial Forest Congress**

*The Forest Service Centennial Forest Congress (January 2005, Washington D.C.) will commemorate 100 years of U.S. Forest Service conservation, assess current challenges and opportunities, and initiate a dialogue for the 21st Century to meet the needs of present and future generations.*

## **Congress and Regional Forum Objectives**

1. What are the Forest Service’s greatest conservation accomplishments of the last century?
2. What are the three most vital issues that confront the agency in this new century?
3. How can the Forest Service better serve the public while caring for the land in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### ***Monday, November 8, 2004***

10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Registration at Lory Student Center, CSU

#### **A Century of Conservation**

1:00 – 1:15 pm .....(15 min)  
Moderator: Richard Stem – Deputy Regional Forester,  
Rocky Mountain Region

1:15 – 1:25 pm .....(10 min)  
Presentation of the Colors  
Honor Guard – Poudre Fire Authority

1:25 – 1:35 pm .....(10 min)  
Welcome  
Dr. Peter Nicholls – Provost, Colorado State University

1:35 – 1:45 pm ..... (10 min)  
Forest Service Research in the Interior West: Past  
and Present  
Marcia Patton-Mallory – Station Director, Rocky  
Mountain Research Station

1:45 – 2:00 pm ..... (15 min)  
Where the Plains Meets the Mountains  
Rick Cables – Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain  
Region

2:00 – 2:30 pm ..... (30 min)  
Teddy Roosevelt – a living history interpretation  
Dick Hart – Agricultural Research Service (ret.)

2:30 – 3:15 pm ..... (45 min)  
Historical review of USFS from a national and  
regional perspective over the past century  
Tom Thompson – Deputy Chief, National Forest  
System, US Forest Service

- 3:15 – 3:40 pm .....(25 min)  
Break
- 3:40 – 4:20 pm .....(40 min)  
“America’s Grasslands”  
Mary Peterson – Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland
- 4:20 – 4:30 pm .....(10 min)  
Rocky Mountain Region video
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm .....(30 min)  
Translucent gold: National Forests, water – quality and quantity, and the West  
Russell George – Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

**Social – Lory Student Center**

- 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
No Host Social  
Professional Societies & others  
Chuck Milner – cowboy poet and singer, Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands

**Tuesday, November 9, 2004**

**A Century of Resource Management Accomplishments—Rangeland, Fisheries, and Wildlife**

- 8:00 – 8:05 am .....(5 min)  
Moderator: Marcia Patton-Mallory – Rocky Mountain Research Station
- 8:05 – 8:35 am .....(30 min)  
Back to the future: the art and science of sustainable rangeland management  
Peter F. Ffolliott – Professor, University of Arizona
- 8:35 – 9:05 am .....(30 min)  
Legends and Heroes—Lessons from a Century of Wildlife, Fish, and Rare Plant Conservation  
John W. Mumma – Former Northern Regional Forester & Director Colorado Division of Wildlife (ret.)
- 9:05 – 9:35 am .....(30 min)  
Sustainable management on the ground  
Bob Budd – The Nature Conservancy
- 9:35 – 9:55 am .....(20 min)  
Break

**Interactive Dialogue Panel**

- 9:55 – 10:40 am ..... (45 min)  
What are the Forest Service’s greatest conservation accomplishments of the last century? (a resource management perspective)
- Bob Budd
  - Pete Ffolliott
  - John Mumma

**A Century of Changing Socio-Economic Values**

- 10:40 – 11:10 am ..... (30 min)  
Changing demographics and rural communities  
Dave Theobald – Research Scientist, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, CSU
- 11:10 – 11:40 am ..... (30 min)  
Evolving views of public land values and what constitutes “management” of natural resources  
Tom Quigley – Station Director, Pacific Northwest Research Station; Mark Brunson – Associate Professor, Utah State University

**Lunch**

- 11:40 am – 1:00 pm ..... (80 min)  
Changes in elk populations and National Forest habitats over the past 100 years  
Lunch sponsored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

**A Century of Changing Socio-Economic Values (cont.)**

- 1:00 – 1:10 pm ..... (10 min)  
Moderator: Rick Cables – Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region
- 1:10 – 1:40 pm ..... (30 min)  
Maintaining a way of life in a cluttered landscape, into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.  
Rick Knight – Professor, Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship, CSU

**Interactive Dialogue Panel**

- 1:40 – 2:25 pm ..... (45 min)  
What are the Forest Service’s greatest conservation accomplishments of the last century? (a socio-economic perspective)
- Rick Knight
  - Tom Quigley
  - Dave Theobald

- 2:25 – 2:50 pm .....(25 min)  
Break
- 2:50 – 3:15 pm .....(25 min)  
“Duties of a Forest Ranger” – a circa 1926 film  
Hank Troy
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm .....(30 min)  
Ranger Kreutzer – a living history interpretation  
Jack Cover
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm .....(15 min)  
“Greatest Good” trailer  
Dave Steinke

### Facing the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- 4:00 – 4:40 pm .....(40 min)  
Leading Change: the Next 100 Years  
Ellie Towns – USDA Forest Service (ret.)

### Banquet – Lory Student Center

- 6:00 pm – Cash Bar
- 6:45 pm – Dinner
- 7:30 pm – Keynote: Forest Service Mission – legally and culturally  
Sally Collins – Associate Chief, US Forest Service
- 7:50 pm – Awards presentation  
Regional Forester Cables and Director Patton-Mallory
- 8:10 pm – Program  
Riders in the Dirt – USFS and BLM employees from eastern Oregon

## Wednesday, November 10, 2004

### An Interactive Dialogue Projecting What the Forest Service Faces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- 8:00 – 8:10 am .....(10 min)  
Moderator: Penelope Purdy – Editor, Denver Post
- 8:10 – 9:25 am .....(75 min)  
What are the most vital issues that confront the Forest Service in this new century?
- Michael Berry – President, National Ski Areas Association
  - Suzanne Jones – The Wilderness Society
  - Linda Joyce – Researcher, US Forest Service
  - Sen. Craig Thomas -- Wyoming

- 9:25 – 10:00 am .....(35 min)  
40 years of Colorado Wilderness  
John Fielder
- 10:00 – 10:10 am .....(10 min)  
Break
- 10:10 – 11:25 am .....(75 min)  
How can the Forest Service better serve the public, while caring for the land in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- John Baughman – Executive Vice President, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
  - Linda Hardesty – Associate Professor, Washington State University
  - Lyle Laverty – Director, Colorado State Parks
  - Gary Morishima – Executive Board Member (Quinault Indian Nation), Intertribal Timber Council
- 11:25 – 11:35 am .....(10 min)  
Break
- 11:35 am – 12:05 pm .....(30 min)  
Synthesis of major points, issues, findings, recommendations, etc. to be presented at the National Centennial Congress in DC, January 2005  
Rocky Mountain Forum's delegates:
- Bob Budd – Society for Range Management
  - Ed Marston – High Country News
  - Ellie Towns – USFS (ret.)
  - **Two more to be selected at the Forum**
- 12:05 – 12:45 pm .....(40 min)  
Embracing the Future  
Char Miller, Trinity University
- 12:45 – 12:50 pm .....(10 min)  
Retiring of the Colors  
Honor Guard – Laramer County Sheriff
- 12:50 pm  
Travel Safely!

### Other Events

- Poster Session
- Film archives
- USFS Time line