

# Wenatchee National Forest History



Dirtyface Lookout - 1943



Cascade Tunnel, Stevens Pass - 1924



New GMC fleet on way to Wenatchee



Sawtooth Wilderness



First Supervisor's Office - Leavenworth, 1908



Mr. & Mrs. Hal Sylvester - 1931



Forest Ranger - 1909



Liberty Ranger Station - 1938



Icicle CCC Camp - 1934

1908 Wenatchee NF established with headquarters in Leavenworth  
 A.H. Sylvester, first Forest Supervisor (\$1800-2500/year)  
 32 Ranger Station Sites under consideration (Leavenworth withdrawn from consideration)  
 Nearly 150,000 sheep graze the Forest  
 55 Homestead Entries and 1 Indian Allotment  
 8 Ranger Districts - Chiwaukum, Chumstick, Icicle, Peshastin, Lake Wenatchee, Liberty, Cle Elum, Easton plus Entiat watershed

1909 WNF summers 60 percent of sheep in Washington State

1910-21 Entiat watershed transferred to Chelan NF

1916 63 Ranger Stations / Administrative Sites

1913 7 RDs - Lake Wenatchee, Chiwaukum, Chumstick, Icicle-Peshastin, Liberty, Cle Elum, Easton

1913 Naches RD part of the Rainier NF

1914 A whopping \$250 spent on Road Improvement and Construction

1920 Forest Headquarters moved to Wenatchee

1921 6 RDs - Chiwaukum, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Lake Wenatchee, Easton and Entiat. Entiat watershed returned to WNF from Chelan NF

1928 39 employees on books

1929-45 Cashmere RD inactive

1933-34 Naches RD part of the Rainier NF

1933-41 15 CCC Camps on the Forest

1934 Naches RD transferred to the Snoqualmie NF

5 RDs - Entiat, Lake Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Liberty and Cle Elum (Easton RD changed to Cle Elum)

1946 6 RDs - Cle Elum, Entiat, Lake Wenatchee, Leavenworth; Cashmere RD reactivated; Liberty RD name changed to Ellensburg

1955 Chelan RD (Chelan NF) becomes part of the Wenatchee NF

1964 Wilderness Act - Goat Rocks and Glacier Peak designated

1976 Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area

1981 Naches RD administered by the Wenatchee NF

7 RDs - Chelan, Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Entiat, Lake Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Naches

1982 Ellensburg and Cle Elum RDs combined to form the Cle Elum RD

1983 William O. Douglas, Norse Peak, Henry M. Jackson, and Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness areas

2000 Wenatchee and Okanogan NF headquarters combined

2001 300 + employees

2001 More than 1400 Cultural Resource Sites Recorded; 15 National Register Properties



FS Boat Ranger - Lake Chelan



Sheep grazing in alpine meadow - 1930



Supervisor M.L. Merritt in new uniform



Chelan Ranger Station - 1941



Lake Wenatchee



The Temple - Alpine Lakes Wilderness



Shepherd's cabin - White Pass, 1929