HISTORY ON THE ROAD

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOREST SERVICE HISTORY, MISSOULA, MONTANA

"It doesn’t take much in the way of body and mind to be a lookout. It’s mostly soul. It is surprising how much our souls are alike, at least in the presence of mountains. For all of us, mountains turn into images after a short time and the images turn true. Gold-tossed waves change into the purple backs of monsters… when I watched long enough the mountains turned into dreams."

Norman Maclean
USFS 1919: The Ranger, the Cook, and the Hole in the Sky from
A River Runs Through It & Other Stories

MISSOULA, MONTANA is to be the site for the future National Museum of Forest Service History (NMFSH). This is a private, non-profit effort to provide a site to not only recognize the history of an agency but also to help visitors explore the history of relationships between people and forests. Being located next to the Smokejumpers Training Center in Missoula will give the area added attraction. The Museum will help interpret and preserve the work of the great pioneers in forestry. From Pinchot to Pulaski, the concept is to tell the story of forest conservation from the early days to modern day forest practices as they pass through exhibits and interpretive hand-on displays. The site is also to house archives and be a center for historical research and public education.

From the time the Forest Reserves were set aside in 1891, our nation’s forests and range lands have had a rich and colorful history. The NMFSH endeavors to capture this history for future generations and tell the story of how America’s Great Outdoors shapes us as a nation and redeems us as human beings. It is planned that the U.S. Forest Service will provide most of the archives and artifacts that will make up the bulk of the collection.

Financing for construction and operation of the Museum will come from a mixture of private, local, state and federal government resources. The Museum will be both national class and national in scope. Seed money for the Museum has been provided by the Blackfoot Forest Protective Association and the Northern Montana Forestry Association. But your contribution is needed as well. Use the form below to become a supporter at the ground floor of this important effort. “It’s About Time.”

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