

Northern Rocky Mountain Retiree Association
2026-09-01 Minutes
National Museum of Forest Service History
Conservation Legacy Center

Tim Love called the meeting to order at 11:30 am on September 1st, at the National Museum of Forest Service History. Introduction of those present were Fred and Sherry Cooper, Larry Cron, Michael and Sue Cummings, Willis Curdy, Mike Geist, Barry Hicks, Janet Kurman-Hesselbarth, Rich Lasko, Don Latham, Tim Love, Vicky Maclean, Bo Nelson, Mike Oliver, Jack Puckett, Bill Rudiger, Dave Stack, Pat and Sharon Sweeney, Carolyn Upton, Jack Walton, Jim Wickel, and guest Bill Avery, NAFSR and Ben Johnson, Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest.

Michael Cummings gave the Treasurer's Report. Bank balance is \$7,999.68. August revenues were \$60.00, expenses were \$0.00, with a net gain of \$60.00. Year to date revenues are \$2,595.00, expenses are \$2,324.43, with a net gain of \$270.57.

Vicky Maclean needs articles and obituaries by September 30th for the fall newsletter.

Dave Stack mentioned the Museum is currently looking for an individual to replace Dave as Curator. He has been cataloging and archiving artifacts.

Ben Johnson spoke on land allocation consolidation of small parcels in the Missoula area for about 14 acres. Also, mentioned some consolidation of employees into fewer buildings. Lolo National Forest met their timber target. Agency working on Roadless Rules and Travel Management Rules. The Travel Management Rules will include both summer and winter. The Forest is still working on its forest plan revision and looking to release it next spring. Deputy Chiefs jobs will be changing. The Regional Office staff still waiting on how they will be affected. Ben answered questions from the group.

Bill Avery, said NAFSR is a 24 person board. They are an advocacy on Forest Service issues. Also, NAFSR has established an Employees Care Committee to help Forest Service employees in dealing with issues affecting them. A Communication Team has been established to assist in dealing with social media. Bill answered questions presented by the group.

Willis Curdy, State Senator, talked about the water policy and that several areas have over allocated the amount of water available. He informed the group there will not be any metering on wells. Environment Quality Council will be providing recommendation not to open any new critical mineral mines but to look at using current mines that are operational. He mentioned that several contractors in the State have not been paid and are waiting for payment to be processed by Albuquerque.

Respectively Submitted

Jack Walton
Secretary

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