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FOREST SERVICE
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May 6, 1957

To : W. O. Assistant Chiefs, Division Chiefs,
and Branch Staff Assistants
From : Clare Hendee, Assistant Chief

Subject: K-SUPERVISION-Honor Awards

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The Department's Annual Honor Awards Ceremony for Distinguished and Superior Service Awards will be held May 21 this year, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds. The following Forest Service employees will receive awards and all have been invited to Washington for the ceremony. It is not known at this time which ones will be able to come or when they will arrive.

The Department does not wish any advance publicity on the awards until this information is released by them. Our Division of I&E is cooperating with the Department on the publicity.

Distinguished Service Award

Richard E. McArdle. It is a pleasure to tell you that our Chief will receive this honor for his leadership and vision in meeting rapidly rising public use problems on the national forests, in building and strengthening cooperative relations with States and industry, and in developing effective forest research.

Superior Service Awards

William A. Campbell, Research Center Leader at Athens-Macon Research Center, Athens, Georgia. For unusual accomplishments in solving the littleleaf disease and other important forest tree disease problems, and for outstanding skill in developing a strong forest research program in the Southern Piedmont.

Chester D. Cannon, Jr., Forester, Modoc National Forest, Devil's Garden Ranger District. In recognition of exceptional leadership, technical skill, and personal courage which contributed directly to the saving of 59 firefighters trapped on the McKinley fire, California, September 23, 1956.

Leslie L. Colvill, Forester (Fire Control), Regional Office, Region 6. For pioneer and imaginative leadership in developing and improving methods and administration of forest fire control in the Pacific Northwest.

Floyd M. Cossitt, Forester (Timber Management), Regional Office, Region 8. For outstanding performance in the field of nursery and planting practices throughout the South and setting the pace for a fast and orderly expansion of seedling production, planting and quality improvement of planted stock.

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Alfred Russell Croft, Forester (Watershed Management), Regional Office, Region 4. For exercising unusual initiative and leadership in the fields of forest influences, soil and water management, and watershed rehabilitation; establishing analytical criteria for, and gaining public recognition of watershed science.

Joe H. Eiswerth, C&M Foreman, Colorado Springs, Colorado. For invaluable initiative, originality and skillful direction of subordinates in operating the Regional Sign Shop and Pike National Forest maintenance operations in a consistently superior manner.

Sanford M. Floe, Forester (District Ranger), Soleduck Ranger District, Olympic National Forest. For the exercise of firm and effective leadership in the salvage of over one-half billion board feet of national forest timber damaged in the Port Angeles and Western Forest Fire.

August L. Hormay, Range Conservationist (Research), California Experiment Station, Berkeley, California. For invaluable initiative and accomplishment in developing the Harvey Valley, five-unit, rest-rotation grazing system; securing its application on one 32,000-acre Lassen National Forest range allotment; and extension of it to several other forests.

Arthur L. Kahl, Regional Supervising Bridge Engineer, Regional Office, Region 1. For long-sustained and exceptionally high quality of performance in all phases of the bridge design, planning and construction program of the Northern Region.

Joseph D. Kobus, Fire Control Aid, Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District. In recognition of the courageous rescue of four employees encircled by the Thompson Peak Fire September 6, 1955.

Francis B. Lufkin, Administrative Assistant, Aerial (Smokejumping) Project, within or adjacent to the Okanogan National Forest. For his competence, excellent judgment, meritorious performance, and the establishment of a commendable record in administration and operation of the Okanogan Smoke-jumper Project.

Lorraine J. Markwardt, Assistant Director, Forest Products Laboratory. For outstanding contributions to our national welfare through scientific achievement, for furthering international unity through the interchange of technical knowledge, and for his outstanding record as a public servant.

Victor O. Sandberg, Regional Training Officer, Region 1. For outstanding success in determining the training needs of his region, for visualizing and developing an exceptionally comprehensive training program, and for his leadership, personal skill and effort which carried this program through successfully.

Dean H. Vinson, Forestry Aid, Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District. In recognition of the courageous rescue of a member of the Chino inmate crew on the East Highland Forest Fire, November 20, 1956.

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Richard C. Wilson, Research Forester, Forest Economics, W. O. For exceptional leadership and initiative in the development and application of new and improved techniques and procedures in the fields of aerial photo interpretation and forest surveys. (Mr. Wilson will be on military duty at the time of the Awards Ceremony and will be unable to be present.)

Superior Unit Awards

We have two units that will receive awards. The units receive a bronze plaque, and this is presented in the field at a later date.

Division of Fiscal Control, Region 9. For unusual foresight and initiative in developing increased efficiency and economy through the application of punch-card procedures to accounting and other work in the Forest Service.

Division of Forest Economics Research, Southern Forest Experiment Station. For exceptional initiative and achievement in administration of the Forest Survey including development of practical new field techniques, high efficiency, stimulation of cooperative effort, and effective analysis and dissemination of results.

40-year Length-of-Service Awards

We have two individuals in the Washington Office who will receive 40-year length-of-service awards. They will also be presented with their certificates on the stage at the Sylvan Theater.

Howard Marshall, Chief, Fiscal Control
William Tancil, Mail Clerk, Operation

The 40-year length-of-service awards for field people will be presented to them in the field at a later date.

Albert N. Cochrell, Missoula, Montana
Fred P. Cronemiller, San Francisco, California
Russell N. Cunningham, St. Paul, Minnesota
Helen B. Kaether, Madison, Wisconsin
Henry N. Putnam, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Kenneth E. Skidmore, Madison, Wisconsin
Clifford C. Spencer, Denver, Colorado
Alma May Waterman, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

Clare Hendee

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
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16 May 1957

Dear Mr. Hormay:

The Secretary of Agriculture has informed me that you have been chosen because of your superior service to receive the U. S. Department of Agriculture Service Award.

I would like to extend to you my sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



William F. Knowland

Mr. August L. Hormay
101 Acadia Street
San Francisco, California

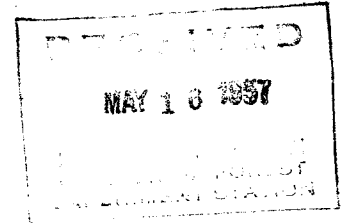
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *EJW*

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : A. L. HORMAY, Center Leader

SUBJECT: G(R)-HARVEY VALLEY-Improvements



Attached is a report prepared by Ralph Lessel (Bogard District Ranger) and me on the status of the range improvement program at Harvey Valley. Reg DeNio of the Regional Office asked for this report about two months ago so he could get a clearer picture of proposals and developments to date. The Lassen is sending a copy of the report to the Regional Office today.

Modification of the new corrals near Dixie Spring in Harvey Valley and 1485 acres of sagebrush spraying are scheduled for completion by June 30 this year.

The Lassen has funds for the spray work, but none for the corral changes nor enough to put up all the fences that will be needed this year starting May 29 when the experimental cattle arrive on the allotment. Reg was hoping he could get additional funds for these latter jobs this fiscal year yet.

The text of this report was prepared rather hurriedly in order to get the report to Reg DeNio before both Ralph Lessel and I became sidetracked by other commitments the next few weeks. We found it necessary to submit our first draft and to make some changes in wording after typing.

Two maps (A and B) are part of the report. They have not been included as yet however. Map B shows the improvements proposed for completing the program from 1957 to 1963. The map has been drafted. Prints will be made this week and we will send a copy to Berkeley. Map A, not completed, shows old and new improvements on the ground as of January 1, 1957. Prints of this map may not be available for at least a month yet.

I believe it is timely for the Station, Region and Lassen forest to get together and again discuss the part each will play in this improvement program and the Harvey Valley project generally.

Attach

A. L. Hormay

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Annual Honor Award Program

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To Forest Service Recipients of Honor Awards:

We welcome you to Washington and to the Washington Office.

Outlined below is the program arranged for you. It has been kept relatively short in the belief that in the Nation's Capital, which some of you may be visiting for the first time, there will be sightseeing or other matters which you would wish to be left free to do on your own.

For those of you who are perhaps not familiar with Washington, we are attaching copy of a guide map of the city showing car and bus routes and major points of interest; and a list of eating places in downtown Washington. A list of this year's Forest Service Awards and a photographic organization chart of the Washington Office are also attached.

Please feel free to ask the Division of Personnel Management for any information or assistance you need. If you will come to Room 4105, or call Branches 2709 or 5136, we will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Program

Tuesday - May 21, 1957

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| 9:30 A.M. | All Awardees (with families and close friends) meet in Room 4105, South Building. |
| 10:00 | Proceed to Sylvan Theater (Mr. Coville will go with you.) |
| 10:15 | Sylvan Theater, Monument Grounds. Instructions on ceremony, seating, etc. |
| 10:30 | Honor Awards Program begins. (In case of rain, ceremony will be held in the Departmental Auditorium (<u>not</u> Agriculture) on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets.) |
| 12:00-12:30 P.M. | As soon as ceremonies are over (presumably about 12:00), you can proceed to Room 6962, South Building (6th floor, South side, between sixth and seventh wings) for lunch. This room has been reserved for your convenience, so that you can eat at leisure, get acquainted, and not have to "buck" the regular cafeteria lines. (There will be no speeches or programs.) |
| 2:00 | Meet again in Room 4105 and start tour of Engineering's Photography Laboratory on seventh floor. |
| 2:40 | Chief's Office |

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Group photographs with the Chief, both with and without accompanying members of awardees' families (you will later be sent prints of these, and of photographs taken by the Department at the Awards Ceremonies).

3:00-4:00 P.M.

Reception, Forest Service Conference Room 3106, arranged by our Social Committee. Awardees (and accompanying members of their families) are to be in the receiving line. Friends who are accompanying you will be welcome at this reception.

Wednesday - May 22, 1957

9:00-10:00 A.M.

Awardees may call at Room 4105 and will be assisted in making contacts with Washington Office Divisions for conferences and work assignments as desired, or will otherwise be assisted in making and carrying out plans for the remainder of their stay in Washington.

Bernard G. Anderson

BERNARD A. ANDERSON, Chief
Division of Personnel Management

Attachments

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
May 10, 1957

Mr. August L. Hormay
101 Acadia Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hormay:

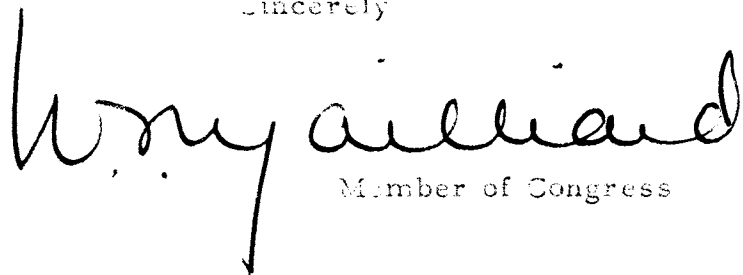
I have been informed by the office of the Secretary of Agriculture that you are to receive the United States Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award from Secretary Benson on May 21.

As I will be away from Washington on May 20 and 21, it is with a great deal of regret that I will not be able to personally offer my congratulations to you on your outstanding achievement.

I have instructed my staff to be of all possible assistance to you while you are visiting the Nation's capital. My office is located in Room 1413 New House Office Building (NAtional 8-3120, Ext. 622).

With best wishes,

Sincerely


Member of Congress

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