

Woodman, Montana - 11 miles west of Lolo . (1T 11N R 23W)
Forest Service Camp in the 1920's .
1930 - small cabins there --
Postoffice - 1898 until 1918 :
1940 - abandoned .
(Hash, Charles J. wife- Sara F.)
Assist. Supr. Lolo National Forest
Home - 216 Brooks - Missoula

July 13th, 1932

LIGHTNING KILLS C. J. HASH, FOREST EXECUTIVE HERE

Lolo Assistant Supervisor
Victim of Bolt at
Woodman.

Charles J. Hash, assistant supervisor of the Lolo forest, was killed by lightning Wednesday near the Woodman lookout station, 14 miles up the Lolo creek from the town of Lolo.

Earl Tennant, ranger in the Lolo district, who was with Mr. Hash at the time, was knocked unconscious but quickly revived. Mr. Tennant said he and Mr. Hash were about four or five feet apart when the bolt struck, and when he regained consciousness they were 10 feet apart. He said he believed the lightning threw Mr. Hash several feet.

The accident happened at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon, 200 feet down the trail from the Woodman lookout, a mile and a half from the highway. The lookout attendant, Frank LaRue saw the flash and the smoke from it, and saw rocks and dirt thrown into the air. According to the lookout, only one bolt of lightning struck in the vicinity, although the storm passed over other sections of the Lolo forest.

The news reached Missoula immediately over the Forest Service telephone lines. Raymond Armstrong, executive assistant of the Lolo forest offices, left immediately for the scene with Dr. H. C. Smith, an ambulance and a pulmotor. However, Mr. Hash had been killed outright. The body was packed down the hill-sides on an improvised stretcher to the road and from there was

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LIGHTNING KILLS FOREST OFFICIAL

C. J. Hash Victim of Bolt
At Lookout Station in
Lolo Country.

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brought to Missoula. The party returned here at 4:30 o'clock and the body was taken to the Lucy undertaking place.

The lightning struck Mr. Hash on the head, tore his clothes to shreds and ripped off his shoes. His watch, damaged beyond all repair, and other articles which had been in his pockets were scattered within a radius of 20 feet.

Mr. Tennant accompanied the men with the body to Missoula and returned to his post Wednesday night. He said that when he recovered consciousness his mouth was full of gravel.

Mr. Hash, who came to the Lolo forest in February as assistant supervisor, had gone to the Lolo district on an inspection trip. His wife is seriously ill at Portland, while his son is staying at the home of C. W. Leaphart, who is Mr. Hash's brother-in-law.

Mr. Hash was born July 24, 1891. He entered the Forest Service in June, 1916, as a ranger on the St. Joe national forest, after attending Montana State University.

In March, 1918, he joined the army, and remained in military service until May, 1919. On his return he was appointed fire assistant on the St. Joe forest. In 1922 he was transferred to Kallispell, on the Blackfeet and Flathead forests, remaining there until this year, when he came to Missoula as assistant supervisor of the expanded Lolo forest.

He was held in exceptionally high esteem by his associates in the Forest Service.

STATE OF MONTANA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Standard Certificate of Death

Do not write
in this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Missoula Registered No. 170
Township _____ or Village Lo Lo, Montana or
~~City~~ near Woodman Lookout Station St., _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 4 yrs. 4 mos. 4 days. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days

2. FULL NAME Charles J. Hash

(a) Residence: No. _____ St., _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, (write the word) <u>Married</u>
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Mrs. Sara Hash</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>July 24, 1891</u>		
7. AGE Years <u>40</u>	Months <u>11</u>	Days <u>19</u>
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Supervisor</u>		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>U.S.F.S.</u>		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Va.</u>		
13. NAME <u>---</u>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)		
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>---</u>		
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)		
17. INFORMANT <u>Chas. Leaphart</u> (Address) <u>Missoula</u>		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Missoula Cent.</u> Date <u>July 17, 1932</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>J.M. Lucy and Sons</u> (Address) <u>Missoula</u>		
20. FILED <u>July 16, 1932</u> <u>F.D. Pease</u> Registrar		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) July 13, 1932

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____
Died
I last saw h alive near _____, 19____, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 1:30 PM

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: Accidental Death
Struck by lightning

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: _____

Name of operation _____, Date of _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide: Accident Date of injury 7/13/1932
Where did injury occur? near Lo Lo, Montana
(Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no
If so, specify _____
(Signed) L.H. Powell, Coroner
(Address) Missoula, Montana

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
8-209 c
V. S. No. 08

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

I certify this to be a true and correct copy of the document on record in this office.
Date 10-16-95 SEAL
VICKI M. ZEIER, Missoula County Recorder
By Chas. Leaphart Deputy