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VETERAN FOREST OFFICER TUCKER TO RETIRE

David M. Tucker, Senior Staff Officer in charge of Recreation on the San Bernardino National Forest since 1952 plans to retire December 30 according to an announcement made by Forest Supervisor Don R. Bauer today.

Commencing a life career with the U. S. Forest Service while still a student at the University of Montana in 1927, Tucker first served during summer vacations as a Fire Guard and "Smoke-Chaser" on the St. Joe National Forest in Idaho. Upon graduation in 1931, he served on the Sierra and Modoc National Forests in Northern California, and as a Park Ranger in Yosemite National Park.

In 1933 he was appointed District Ranger of the Cajon District on the San Bernardino National Forest where he directed much of the CCC work in campground development, insect control and firebreak construction in the Lytle Creek and Devil's Canyon watersheds. Subsequent Ranger assignments included Arrowhead, Big Bear and Mill Creek, where his work in Forest recreation, timber management and fire control, led to his promotion to Forest Staff Officer on the Mendocino National Forest in 1945.

Returning to the San Bernardino Forest in 1948, Tucker became widely known in Forest recreation circles throughout Southern California and was active in developing the Forest portion of the "Regional Recreation Plan for the Eleven Southern California Counties" which was followed by the State-wide California Recreation Plan. "In his field of Forest land use and outdoor recreation planning, Dave Tucker's wide experience and background has helped to make the San Bernardino National Forest one of the leading

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D. M. Tucker Ends Forest Service Career

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He was active in developing the forest portion of the Regional Recreation Plan for the 11 Southern California counties. This was followed by the statewide California Recreation Plan.

Sid Bauer, "In his field of forest land use and outdoor recreation planning, Dave Tucker's wide experience and background has helped to make the San Bernardino National Forest one of the leading forest recreation areas in the west. During his tenure, annual visitations increased from 2,300,000 in 1945 to more than 8,000,000 in 1965."

Tucker and his wife reside at 2374 Genevieve St.