

This leather two-ring binder embossed with "Forest Service Form 874-C" on the cover is donated to the Museum of Forest Service History by Gail L. Smart who obtained the binder from her father, Ellis F. Smart, USFS Retiree, upon his passing. Ellis F. Smart's name is written on the inside cover of the binder along with the names of his predecessors who served on the Shasta NF. The binder appears to have been used from the late 1930's to 1954. According to the R5 District Ranger and Supervisor Roll Call, some of those whose names are inscribed in the binder went on to become line officers in R5:

Angelo Mazzetta, DR Siskiyou RD, Klamath NF, 1940-1943

William A. Peterson, DR Sacramento RD, Shasta NF, 1939-1940; DR Goosenest RD, Shasta NF 1941-1943; Forest Supervisor, Plumas NF, 1948-1971, Forest Supervisor San Bernardino NF 1945-1948.

Leland "Lee" Berriman – DR Scott Ranger District, Shasta NF, 1941-1943; DR Saugus RD, Angeles NF, 1950-1954;

Edward J. Smithburg, DR Trinity RD, Shasta NF, 1943-1945

Doug Leisz, DR Lower Trinity RD, Six Rivers NF, 1956-1960, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado NF, 1962-1967, R5 Regional Forester, Associate Chief.

Stanley Ewanoski, DR Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, 1957-1964

Ellis F. Smart, DR Gasquet RD, Six Rivers, NF, 1958-1964.

Ellis F. Smart was an active duty U.S. Navy pilot during WWII from 1943 to 1945 and attended the U.C. Berkeley School of Forestry after his military service, graduating in 1951. He began his U.S. Forest Service career on the Shasta NF in 1951 and subsequently served on the Trinity, Six Rivers, Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forests until his retirement in 1980. Ellis was a classmate of Doug Leisz at Berkeley and they served together on several National Forests. In the 1960's, Doug Leisz served as the Forest Supervisor of the Eldorado National Forest and hired Ellis Smart as the first Forest Recreation Staff Officer in R5 in 1965. The Leisz and Smart families remained close for many years, so close that their first children were both named "Bruce". The Smart children remember fondly their years growing up and spending vacations at Fallen Leaf Lake near Lake Tahoe with Doug, his wife Marian, and their children.

Donated by Gail L. Smart (Ellis F. Smart's daughter) on behalf of the Smart Family,
Gardnerville, Nevada, December 2024