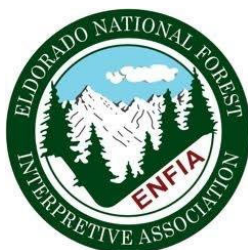


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"The clearest way into the universe is thru a forest wilderness"

- J. Muir

ENFIA has concluded another memorable year. We are grateful and appreciative to our partner, the Eldorado National Forest and their staff, to our members and docents, to our managers and the Board of Directors and to the public for their support.

With a 190% snowpack, it was a year of snow, water, wet trails and challenges for the Forest. In the lower elevations Bassi Falls and the Silver Fork/Caples creek area were roaring. Wildflowers began in the upper foothills and swept up the slopes from the lava caps to Wright's Lake and Desolation and then into Meiss and Carson Pass areas lasting into September. Thank you to our field trip leaders for providing interpretive outings in natural history, geology, children's activities, history and Leave No Trace. ENFIA remains committed to providing these educational outings and looks forward to exploring the Crystal Basin area next year. Plans are underway to sponsor a Geology lecture series in the Spring of 2020 that will include a field trip as well. We welcome other suggestions and ideas for the coming summer.

ENFIA, with the guidance of Board member Carl Gwyn, has made a significant investment to upgrade our website and online presence to more effectively communicate with our members and the public.

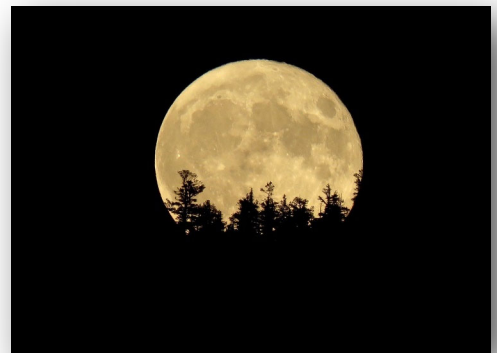
Plans for the coming year include providing First Nation historical signage at Carson Pass and helping develop a connector trail from Carson Pass/PCT to Woods Lake to avoid walking on Highway 88. ENFIA is also exploring the implementation of a Point of Sale charge system at our retail outlets throughout the Forest.

For Lynne and I, sharing a day at the Information Station with PCT hikers and young families, standing beside Bassi Falls, hiking up to Rockbound Pass in Desolation, watching a full moonrise over Hungalelti Ridge from Shealar Ridge, exploring alpine flowers on Meiss Ridge and having a quiet fall lunch at 4th of July Lake continue to inspire us to advocate, educate and help protect our Forest and Wilderness Heritage.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees"

- John Muir 1901

Larry Moore
ENFIA President



Full moon over Hungalelti ridge from Shealar Lake
(Photo: Larry Moore)



Bassi Falls (Photo: Larry Moore)



Beckwith's Violet. Meiss col. (Photo: Larry Moore)



Maude Lake near Rockbound Pass (Photo: Larry Moore)

OUR MISSION

ENFIA is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization that is dedicated to helping the Eldorado National Forest serve the public. ENFIA members play an important role in promoting and maintaining public lands through our outlets and activities.

As an interpretive group, we share our knowledge about and enthusiasm for the forest with others. By providing information and other visitor services, we expand awareness of the recreational opportunities the forest provides, as well as insights into the natural history, geology and human history of the area.

IN A NUTSHELL

Accomplishments

- ◆ 32 years of Public Service
- ◆ 95,000 Hours Volunteered
- ◆ 7 Forest Outlets

Join Us

For our ENFIA members we offer many ways to enjoy our forest including: Forest trail walker programs, Informative field trips, Educational events, and Docent programs.

Membership Benefits

- ◆ 20% discount on merchandise purchases.
- ◆ The opportunity to learn about and participate in worthwhile and critically needed ENFIA activities and events that greatly enhance the visitor experience.
- ◆ The most rewarding benefit of being a member of ENFIA is the satisfaction of knowing you are contributing to the education of visitors and the interpretation of your national forest.

RETAIL OUTLETS

ENFIA successfully operated seasonal retail outlets at Carson Pass, Cleveland Corral, and Crystal Information Stations, and year-round outlets at Amador, Placerville, and Georgetown Ranger Stations, and the Supervisor's Office. This included inventory management, sales, visitor information, and financial accountability.

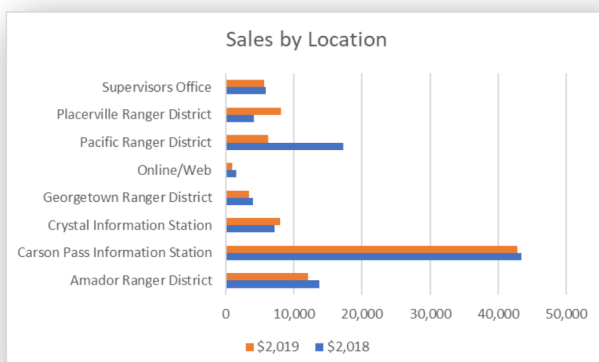
Wrights Lake Information Station was not operated due to the hectic changeover to concession management at that campground. There is the possibility to work with the concession in the future to provide services for visitors.

With the closure of the Pacific Ranger Station the new Desolation Wilderness Visitor's Center was opened at the Placerville Ranger District. They now have a designated location where you can pick up permits, purchase bear canisters (or rent them), maps, books about the area and health and safety products.

We are making lots of changes to improve our retail outlets and are looking forward to a great season in 2020.



Fourth of July Lake (Photo: Larry Moore)



OUTLETS	\$2018	\$2019
Amador Ranger District	13,672	12,040
Carson Pass Information Station	43,435	42,800
Crystal Information Station	7,161	7,960
Georgetown Ranger District	3,932	3,440
Online/Web	1,527	940
Pacific Ranger District	17,292	6,159
Placerville Ranger District	4,059	8,106
Supervisors Office	5,914	5,688

DONATIONS & GRANTS

Donations, grants, and annual memberships provide the organization with ongoing support and a pool of potential volunteers and others who wish to support the Eldorado National Forest, its beautiful environment, and precious natural resources. The following are donors over \$100.

- ♦ Gaylin Fleming
- ♦ David Cook/Reta Tyree
- ♦ David Lehmann/Soni Bergman
- ♦ Dr. C. Allen Bush
- ♦ Robert Carr
- ♦ Dennis and Roxi Price

GRANTS

California Alpine Club Foundation:

During the 2019 fiscal year ENFIA was once again honored with a grant to add to the Desolation Wilderness inventory of tools to be used in maintaining this beautiful part of our Eldorado National Forest. The Desolation Wilderness Volunteers worked throughout the summer to make improvements and restore shorelines and camping areas.

INCOME	\$2018	\$2019
Store Sales	95,480	87,455
Web Sales	1,512	942
Book Sales	446	0
Donations	8,973	7,232
Membership Dues	2,050	2,465
Other/Grant	1,531	2,000
Refund/Reimbursements	-73	0
Sales Tax Adjustment	-11	-6
Total Income (Gross)	\$109,981	\$100,088

EXPENSES	\$2018	\$2019
Cost of Goods	57,585	40,869
Merchant Fee (credit card)	3,124	3,096
Bank Fee	165	184
Business Registration Fee	35	55
PayPal Fee	79	69
Cash Register Change	495	495
Advertisement	188	88
Contract - Accountant	8,361	7,755
Contract - Legal Fee	0	0
Outside Contract Services	6,955	8,300
Facilities, Equipment, Utilities	411	469
Postage, Mailing, Printing	593	570
Supplies	2,054	1,843
Telecommunications	1,888	1,324
Insurance – Liability, D & O	1,728	1,728
Travel, Mileage	513	5,949
Travel Other	296	0
Education Grants	n/a	2,500
Website	n/a	3,444
Total Expense	\$88,991	\$78,865

Net Income	\$20,990	\$21,350
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VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Volunteers donated over 5,027 hours in 2019.

50 - 99 Hours

HARTVIG, PHILIP
LACA, AMANDA
MULHAIR, ETHAN
MULHAIR, SONJA
PRELIP, SAMANTHA
COOPER-SMITH, PATTI
FAUSEL, JOY
SWISHER, MARY
TICHENOR, DEAN
YESITIS, LAURA
NIELAND, NANCY
WALSH, LAURIE
NIELAND, KEN
PRELIP, ALYSSA
SIMPSON, BARBARA
WALSH, ED
GERVASI, COLLEEN
STIDGER, DREW

100-199 Hours

MULHAIR, KAREN
PRELIP, JOHN
DRAPER, BILL
DRAPER, CLAUDIE
SIMPSON, STEVE
CANTELOW, ALICE
DAVIS, KEITH
DAVIS, JANICE
GILLIHAN, SARAH
GILLIHAN, TODD
PRELIP, ANGELA
RUSSELL, JULIA
GARRETT, CATHY
LUBETKIN, LESTER
WELSH, MEL

200-299 Hours

LESCH, SUSAN
SANDPERL, MARK
SANDPERL, ROBYN
AVERY, ALLISON
GEARTY, JANICE
HEINE, KAREN
JARDINE, DON
MAHONEY, MIKE
TREVASKIS, DEAN
GROMER, LAUREL
INGVOLDSTAD, JOHN
MEAGHER, MARIE
GALLES, RYAN
FREDRICK, MAGGIE
DAVIS, STEPHANIE
WHITAKER, LORI

300-399 Hours

WHITAKER, JIM
IRVING-PETERSON, LISA

400 -499 Hours

MAGPUSAO, BARBARA
OUTLAND, LANCE
GONZALES, DAVID
BUTLER, MILLE
CHRISTY, TED
MCCORD, KATHY

500 -599 Hours

GWYNN, CARL
WALTERS, JANET
WALTERS, JOHN
MCHUGH, PATT
SMITH, GEOFF

600 - 699 Hours

SMITH, MELENE
MOORE, LYNNE
NICHOLAS, VERA

700 - 799 Hours

PETRICH, LINDA
PETRICH, TOM
DONALD, SHARON
WEST, BONNIE
FLEMING, GAYLIN
DONALD, EDD

800 - 899 Hours

ODELBERG, BRUCE

900 - 999 Hours

YESITIS, SCOTT
OSGOOD, SHARON
MOORE, LARRY

1000 Plus Hours

CRAIK, GINGER
GONZALES, LINDA
PRICE, ROXI
PIASZK, KATHY

4000 Plus Hours

PRICE, DENNIS
KNOWLES, MARY

CARSON PASS INFORMATION STATION



Buddy, our newest Carson Pass docent with Nancy, "Welcome to Carson Pass. How may I help you?"

Carson Pass had another great season even with having to dig out the Station to open by Memorial Weekend. The plentiful winter and generous snow pack gave us a slow start to the season. Our volunteers did a great job assisting visitors, feeding PCTers, leading natural history hikes, and creating Junior Rangers.

Here are the statistics and some photos from this season. Thank you to all of our great docents!

Dennis Price, Carson Pass Station Manager



Hikers enjoying the local trails.

Volunteer Hours	4,822
Visitors	17,957
PCT Hikers	870
Interpretive Walks	35
Walk Participants	380
Gross Income	\$46,500



Carson Pass Station offers a variety of opportunities to learn more about our beautiful part of the Sierra. Docent Carl (far right in photo), a retired science teacher, with his recent geology hike group.



Young hikers working on their Junior Ranger patch. Parents, drop by anytime. We have the Junior program worked out so students can earn their patch while you are the station.

FOREST WALKERS

In 2014, the Forest Walker Program was started to increase ENFIA's role along the Highway 50 Corridor. The goal for this new program was "to create a forest wide, year-around volunteer Trail Walker program that provides visitor education, trail monitoring and maintenance on the Eldorado National Forest". The focus of this group is visitor education and information, trail monitoring, trail condition surveys, light maintenance and visitor safety on forest trails and related areas. The program was mostly on the Placerville Ranger District with a few activities in other areas of the forest. The goal is to expand the program as we develop a group of trained, skilled enthusiastic volunteers.

Typical projects included:

- **Early Season Trail Checks** for conditions and damage. We relayed that information back to the Forest Service. We generally found fallen trees, trail damage, flooded trails, and other conditions needing attention.
- **Trail Monitoring** – We hiked the trails talking to people, picked up garbage, and got to know the hiking trails.
- **Public Education and Information** - Volunteers contacted visitors at trailheads and on the trail. Members lead multiple natural history excursions.

In 2020, we are planning to ramp up our efforts to get out on the trails and help visitors and give the Forest information on trail conditions.



Bryans Meadow/Sayles Canyon hike. (Photo: Mark Sandperl)



Volunteers on a geology walk led by Lester Lubetkin. (Photo: Larry Moore)

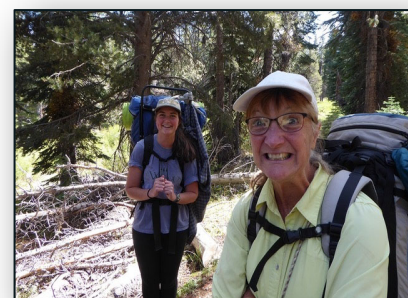
TEACHER'S GRANTS AWARDED

ENFIA recently awarded two \$1,250 grants to local teachers, Barbara Simpson at Sierra Ridge Middle School and Krista Potter at El Dorado High. Both teachers offered excellent proposals to enhance their student's awareness of The Eldorado National Forest. Krista will use her grant money to continue to expand the Natural Resource Program at the high school including Fire Science and Barbara plans to replenish equipment for the backpacking program that is offered to middle school girls. We are lucky that Barbara and her husband Steve are also Carson Pass docents.

ENFIA thanks the Carson Pass Station Manager, Dennis Price, who is the author and benefactor of these two awards. His vision will benefit students for years to come.



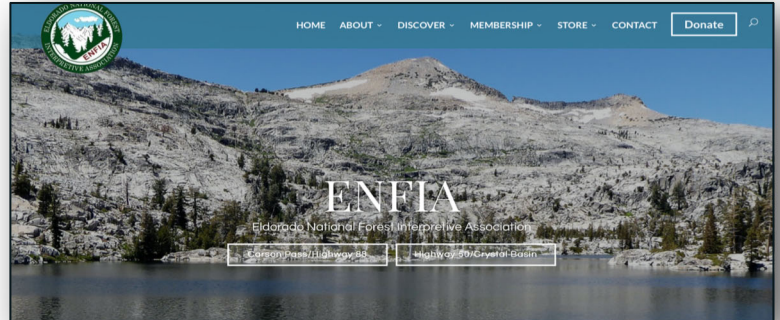
Above: Board Member, Carl Gwyn, congratulating award winners, Barbara Simpson, and Krista Potter. (ENFIA photo)



Barbara Simpson and one of her students who is using the equipment purchased from the grant. (Photo courtesy of Barbara Simpson).

NEW WEBSITE!

ENFIA's website was completely rebuilt in 2019 by Jason Walker at Website Ministries. The website was given a fresh new look while much of the content was updated. It was also converted to a secure website and provided with terms of use and privacy statements to meet legal requirements. Third party membership management software and payment software were also added.



The website is now frequently updated with current information on forest conditions and other information for visitors.

Several projects are currently underway for the website:

1. Make additions to the wildflower, critter and tree pages as they have very little information on them.
2. Post additional blogs to the Naturalist's Nuggets page.
3. Continue to update content throughout the website.

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CONTRACTORS

ENFIA's Board of Directors, which consists of 5 members, is charged with running the operations of ENFIA. Members are elected for a term of two years, with no maximum limit, according to ENFIA's Articles of Incorporation bylaws.

This year, two board members reached their end of term: John Prelip and Mark Sandperl. We thank them both for their service as officers on the board: John as Vice President and Mark as Secretary. They have each been instrumental in the success of the organization and it's volunteers. John was re-elected for 2 years. Mark has shifted his focus to on-the-ground activities.

Kathy Piaszk, our invaluable Retail Manager, retired after 18 years of service. Kathy stepped into a void and built a solid retail operation for ENFIA. She was also successful at applying for grants and developing new merchandise. Her advice and guidance will be missed.

COORDINATORS

Carson Pass = Dennis Price
Carson Pass Scheduling = Karen Heine
Acting Retail Manager = Keli Gwyn

2020 BOARD

President: Larry Moore
Vice President: John Prelip
Secretary: Carl Gwyn
Treasurer: Keli Gwyn
Member at Large: Bruce Odelberg

COMMITTEE LEADS

Carson Pass = Dennis Price
Membership = Bruce Odelberg
Forest Walker = Vacant
Retail = Keli Gwyn
Website/Social Media = Carl Gwyn
Teacher Grants = Carl Gwyn

MEMBERSHIP

Individual (\$25)	50
Family (\$40)	29
Life	6
Total Members	116
Total Volunteers	65