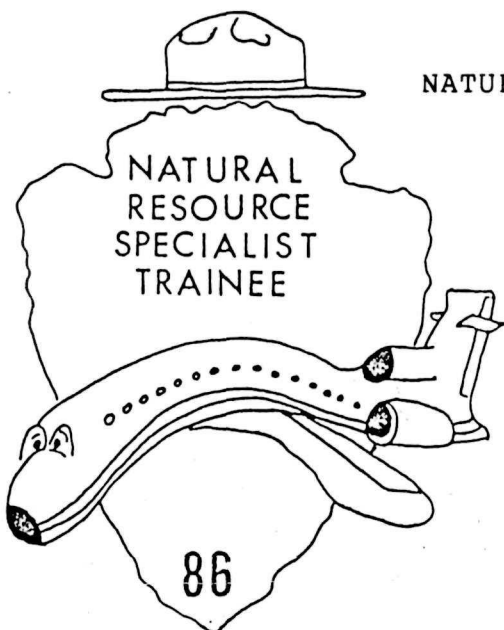


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I must leave it as beautiful as I found it. Nothing must ever happen there that might detract in the slightest from what it had now. I would enjoy it and discover all that was to be found there and learn as time went on that here perhaps was all I might ever hope to know.

As I sat there on the rock I realized that, in spite of the closeness of civilization and the changes that hemmed it in, this remnant of the old wilderness would speak to me of silence and solitude, of belonging and wonder and beauty. Though the point was only a small part of the vastness reaching far to the arctic, from it I could survey the whole. While it would be mine for only a short time, this glaciated shore with its twisted trees and caribou moss would grow into my life and into the lives of all who shared it with me.

I named this place Listening Point because only when one comes to listen, only when one is aware and still, can things be seen and heard. Everyone has a listening-point somewhere. It does not have to be in the north or close to the wilderness, but some place of quiet where the universe can be contemplated with awe.

Sigurd Olson

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		B-Day! Bill				
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B-Day! George G.				B-Day! Jenny		
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29	30					

## TRAINEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once again a slide show will be held at the fire training at Boise. Bring your best 40 trainee slides to be interpreted by another trainee. Uniform shots are strongly encouraged. Also please identify your slides if you want to swap duplicates or make prints for donation to the scrapbook. Talk with Mark if you have questions.



"I want to go somewhere near my luggage."

Evidently, many of the trainees may be eligible to receive payment for the Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA) as a result of our moves last year. It applies to all employees whose effective date of transfer is on or after November 14, 1983. Attached is a memo of explanation Mac received from the Western Region. You should direct questions concerning this reimbursement to your regional finance chief.

APRIL

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		B-Day! Jen				
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*****Fire Management - Boise, Idaho*****						

MAY

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*****Fire Management - Yosemite*****Chem. Immob.*****						
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	Memorial Day					

As always, Mac will graciously accept donations to the scrapbook. I am now into collecting luggage claim tickets and boarding passes if anyone still has them but anything that can be affixed to a piece of paper is acceptable and would be greatly appreciated!

#### PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilderness Work Skills Program  
Rocky Mountain Region  
S.C.A. Northwest  
P.O. Box 31989  
Seattle, WA 98103

This is a skills development and information exchange program addressing the practical "hands on" aspects of wilderness and backcountry management. Students will be engaged in a comprehensive field work project for the week and will rotate through a series of daily work stations, including:

- \* Timber Use and Construction
- \* Revegetation and Site Restoration
- \* Tread and Drainage Maintenance
- \* Rock Structure and Building Techniques
- \* Trail Engineering and Design

In addition, these field exercises will be augmented with formal presentations and workshops. Sessions will be from June 8-13 and June 15-20, 1986 at Yellowstone National Park. Fees are \$200 (Resource Agency, Organization, Educational Institution) and \$250 (General). Fees include room, board, tuition, materials, accident insurance and round trip transportation from Bozeman, MT to Yellowstone. Contact Carroll Vogel, (206) 547-7380 with questions.

#### Meetings of Interest.

- 20-23 May      Western Region Resource Management Workshop. Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: Division of Natural Resources and Research, WRO, 450 Golden Gate Ave, Box 36063, San Francisco, CA 94102.
- 22-29 Jun.     XIX Intl. Ornithological Congress, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. (Sec.-Genl. Henri Ouellet, Natl. Mus. of Natural Science, Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1A 0M8.).
- 13-18 Jul.     Conference on Science in the National Parks. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Contact: Dr. Ray Herman or Mr. Calvin R. Cummings, Co-Chairman. 339 Aylesworth Hall, CSU, Fort Collins, CO 80523. Phone: (303) 491-7573 or 221-5341.
- 10-16 Aug.     IV Intl. Congress of Ecol., Syracuse, NY. (Professor Frank B. Golley, INTECOL, Institute of Ecol., U. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602).



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## Memorandum

To: WILLIAM BROCK, HAWAII VOLCANOES

From: Chief, Division of Finance, Western Region

Subject: Relocation Income Tax Allowance Eligibility

Our records indicate that you may be eligible to receive a payment for the Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA) as authorized by Public Law 98-151, dated November 14, 1983. RITA is for the reimbursement of the additional Federal, State, and local income taxes as a result of certain relocation expense reimbursements. This applies to employees whose effective date of transfer is on or after November 14, 1983.

The statutory authority for RITA did not make changes to the Internal Revenue Code or State or local tax codes. Therefore, the authority for reimbursement of additional income tax incurred as a result of moving expense reimbursements should not be construed as changing or limiting your income tax obligations in any way or authorizing a refund of these taxes when filing a return with any recognized tax authority.

To receive the new allowance, please complete and send the attached RITA Certification for tax year 1985, along with a signed Travel Voucher, copy of W-2(s), and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Schedule SE (if applicable). Upon receipt of the necessary forms, the allowance will be calculated and paid to you. A copy of the paid voucher and calculations will be furnished to you for your records. A separate RITA claim is required for each calendar year in which relocation reimbursements are reflected on the W-2. It is the National Park Service policy that RITA claim must be filed by May 15. If a claim is not filed by May 15, action will be taken to collect the total withholding tax allowance (WTA) payments through payroll deduction and/or from any travel amounts available.

Questions concerning this letter may be directed to Vicki Evans at FTS 556-3846. Should you have any problems with the procedures, contact your Administrative Officer for assistance.

Enclosures