



### Oregon Researcher Investigates Pine Beetle Materials

Michelle Steen-Adams visited FHS to conduct research on her latest project. She's investigating forest governance (decision-making) of the mountain pine beetle in the U.S. West. She was particularly interested in examining materials about the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado and the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. She examined numerous files in the [U.S. Forest Service History Reference Collection](#), and looked through the manuscript collections and diaries of several foresters, entomologists, policy analysts, and others. She also explored our photo collection and was pleased to find images showing beetle damage dating back a century or more.

On a previous visit, Michelle investigated U.S. fire management and policy. That effort focused on the FHS collection of Harold Weaver, whose research pioneered new thinking in fire ecology and management. Her work contributed to a 2017 publication in the journal [Ecology and Society](#).

Michelle is a research associate in Forest Sciences at the University of Oregon and an affiliate forest scientist at the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station.

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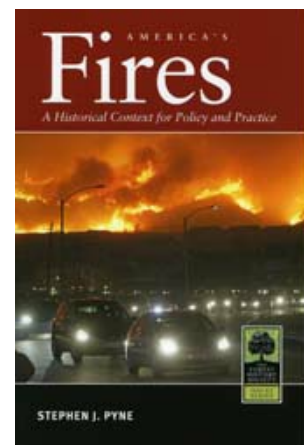
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### TIMELY!



Soaring temperatures in much of the United States heralds the onset of another



*This image from the photo collection "Battle of the Beetles" shows a foreman checking and tallying treated trees on the Arapahoe National Forest.*

fire season. It's also an excellent time to learn about the history of fire policy and practice. You can do so with Stephen Pyne's award-winning Issues Series book [\*America's Fires.\*](#)



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## **Help FHS Reach Its Annual Fund Goal By June 30th!**

FHS needs your help to meet its Annual Fund goal of \$330,000. Your support helps to keep the FHS collections **free and accessible to everyone**. FHS provides public access to:

- 30,000 photographs
- 300 oral history interviews
- 11,000 books
- 2,000 linear feet of archival records
- Maps, videos, memoirs, and much more

The new FHS headquarters, which will open in early 2019 for researchers, will allow for expanded programming and public outreach to new audiences across the nation and world. Annual Fund dollars are critical to help fund the increased program offerings and ensure that FHS continues to collect and preserve forest and conservation history materials. Every dollar counts!

**Please help us meet our goal by renewing or**

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\$330,000



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Development Associate, at 919-  
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any questions.

**FHS is counting on you!**

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## Board of Directors Meet, Tour New Building Site

The FHS Board of Directors held their spring meeting in Durham on the last weekend of April. Discussions focused on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19, strategic planning, and diversity in the Society's publications and programs.



*The Board of Directors gather at the front entrance.*

During the meeting the board made a site visit to see the construction progress for the new library and archives. The visit came at a critical time in the Building on History Campaign. We are expecting to move into the new facility by the end of the calendar year. As you can see in the bottom photo, FHS's new headquarters is now under roof and quickly proceeding.





*The building as of April 27. The metal section on the left will house the archives.*

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### **Film Screening in Mount Airy**

The Mount Airy (NC) Museum of Regional History invited FHS historian Jamie Lewis to host a film screening to help them launch a new temporary exhibit called ["A Forest Journey."](#) The traveling exhibit was created by the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and is based on John Perlin's classic book *A Forest Journey: The Story of Wood and Civilization*. To open the exhibit, the museum showed [America's First Forest](#) and Jamie answered questions afterward about the history of North Carolina's forests and forest management in general. The event was promoted in the [local newspaper's article](#) announcing the exhibit's opening. The exhibit is open through September.

Jamie's involvement in the exhibit opening seemed fitting in many ways. Besides his work as an executive producer and writer on the film, when he became editor of *Forest History Today* in 2007, Jamie published an excerpt of Perlin's book entitled ["Madeira, West Indies, and America"](#).



*The exhibit's numerous hands-on interactive displays*

*shed light on the history of the use of wood throughout the world, on forest products, and on the relationship between forests and the benefits of trees.*

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## **ASEH Meeting Recap**

FHS had a busy, successful time at the annual American Society for Environmental History conference, held in Riverside, California. At the FHS-sponsored luncheon, Society president Steve Anderson gave updates on FHS and introduced the speaker, environmental historian (and Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award winner) Jared Farmer. You can watch the talk on our YouTube channel by following [this link](#).

During the luncheon, Steve presented Theodore Catton, our most recent book award winner, with his plaque (see next item). FHS also took time to recognize Lisa Mighetto, who is retiring later this year after nearly two decades as executive director of ASEH, with a gift.



*Librarian Jason Howard greeted ASEH attendees at the our exhibit and discussed FHS publications.*

To kick off the conference, FHS sponsored an introductory oral history workshop, which was led by former [Alfred D. Bell Travel Grant](#) recipient Donna Sinclair (Washington State University-Vancouver), with able assistance from FHS historian Jamie Lewis and historian Debbie Lee (Washington State University). In addition, Jamie chaired two panels and hosted a 5K fun run to benefit ASEH's [Hal Rothman Dissertation Fellowship](#).

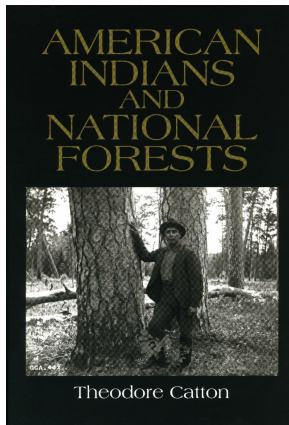
FHS librarian Jason Howard staffed the exhibit booth, where he caught up with historians who've conducted research at FHS, and also attended several forest history panels.

Steve also was part of the panel that interviewed candidates to become the next editor of the journal *Environmental History*. The results will be announced in next month's newsletter.

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## **Weyerhaeuser Book Award Given**

Theodore R. Catton has won the 2017 [Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award](#) for *American Indians and the National Forests* (University of Arizona Press, 2016). The award recognizes superior scholarship in forest and conservation history. This annual award goes to an author who has exhibited fresh insight into a topic and whose narrative analysis is clear, inventive, and thought-provoking.



A public historian for more than twenty-five years, Catton specializes in writing history for the National Park Service. But in this book he tells the story of how the U.S. Forest Service and tribal nations dealt with sweeping changes in forest use, ownership, and management over the last century and a half. Native Americans and U.S. foresters came together over a shared conservation ethic on many cooperative endeavors; yet, they often clashed over how the nation's forests ought to be valued and cared for on matters ranging from huckleberry picking and vision quests to building and recreational development.

Catton shows how Forest Service policy evolved with changes in public perceptions about forest lands: from conservative forestry ensuring adequate supplies of timber to ecosystem management, and how that shift led the agency to reconsider (or consider for the first time) tribal values concerning the sacredness of the forest land. The hopeful part of the story is the extension of the USFS Cooperative Forestry Program from private and state lands to include tribal lands as well.

Congratulations again to Ted Catton!

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## **From "Peeling Back the Bark"**

*High Country News* [magazine's website](#) published an opinion piece by FHS historian Jamie Lewis. "The Forest Service Faces a Century-old Call for Equality" was posted on May 1, and is now [available on our blog](#). As of May 14, newspapers in Wyoming, California, Colorado, and New Mexico have republished it. It will be republished in the June edition of *Forestry Source*, the newspaper of the Society of American Foresters.

The opinion piece is a follow-up to his earlier blog post on the subject, ["New Faces, Same Old Values': Revisiting a History of Attitudes Towards Women in the Forest Service."](#)

