



The Forest History Society presents
Conversations in Forest History



*The History of the "Two-Fisted Ranger":
From Myth to Reality*

with Rachel D. Kline

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Depending on who you ask, the US Forest Service ranger may be either a superhero or supervillain—a forester who is either the moral and knowledgeable face of conservation or the embodiment of an overbearing federal government. For more than a century, these perceptions have taken on mythical proportions that have been reinforced in literature, movies, and television. And although public perception likely hasn't changed much, the job has evolved immensely. In reality, some of those mythical rangers are District Rangers—midlevel managers who are the backbone of the agency. District rangers are responsible for a large geographic area and all Forest Service employees in it, and for enforcing agency rules and policies that try to balance the ecological needs of the land they manage with the demands of a diverse public. What has historically been the role of the district ranger, and who is the district ranger of today? Join historian Rachel Kline as she explores the history, myth, and reality of the Forest Service district ranger—and what all this may mean for the agency in the era of ecosystem services management and climate change.

This webinar is approved for 1 hour of CFE credit.

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British Columbia Logging Photos Digitized



More than 200 historic photos of logging operations in British Columbia were recently digitized and added to the FHS Image Database. These photos, which document logging operations of various companies in BC in the 1960s, come from the *Forest Industries Magazine* photograph collection. About half of the newly scanned photos are of logging operations on Haida Gwaii (formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands) conducted during the summer of 1963 by Rayonier Canada, Crown Zellerbach Canada, and McMillan, Bloedel and Powell River, Ltd.

To browse the Haida Gwaii logging photos, [click here](#).



The rest of the photos depict logging in other parts of the province by companies including Celgar and B.C. Forest Products. You can browse all of the newly scanned British Columbia logging photos in the database [via this link](#).

Above: Lima shovel loads log on truck, Celgar logging operations near Terrace, BC, August 1963.

Above left: Rayonier Canada foreman Vern Roberts with large clear spruce log, August 1963.

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New FHS Intern is Processing Weyerhaeuser Company photos

Reilly Grant has joined the FHS team to assist with digitizing the archival Weyerhaeuser Company photo collection. Reilly is enrolled in the Masters in Library and Information Sciences (MLIS) program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She received her BS in Peace, War, and Defense, with a concentration in International Security and Intelligence from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Welcome and thank you Reilly!



[Explore the Photo Collection](#)

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4th World Congress of Environmental History

August 19–23, 2024
Oulu, Finland

The Fourth World Congress of Environmental History will be held at the University of Oulu in Finland next year from August 19 to 23. The WCEH is now accepting panel proposals.

The conference theme is “Transitions, Transformations and Transdisciplinarity: Histories beyond History,” emphasizing both the arc of time and the importance of bringing diverse approaches to bear on contemporary problems. WCEH2024 will illuminate the value of historical understandings that go far beyond the discipline of history in treating environmental scholarship as an evolving practice, one that is created in conversation across multiple fields, concerns, and communities—and one that can help strategize the core challenges of transitions that lie ahead. To learn more about the meeting, location, and submission process, visit the WCEH2024 website [here](#).

Key Dates

- Call for Panels: Open now, closes on April 3, 2023
- Panel selection: April 10–May 10, 2023
- Call for Papers: Open May 15–August 14, 2023
- Early Bird registration: Opens: Nov. 6, 2023

WCEH is organized by the [International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations](#) (of which FHS is a founding member), the Biodiverse Anthropocenes Research Programme and the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Oulu, and a program committee appointed by ICEHO.



ASEH 2023 Boston

March 22-26, 2023

ASEH 2023 Conference

March 22-26, 2023

Boston, Massachusetts

FHS is exhibiting at ASEH 2023 in Boston! Stop by and meet with FHS librarian Lauren Bissonette to discuss your research and reference inquiries and talk about travel grants, publications, renew your FHS membership, and more.

The conference theme is "Transformations: Reckoning, Resistance, and Reparations," and the conference promises to be engaging and exciting. Visit [ASEH 2023](#) to register and view the program. Be sure to sign up soon for a [field tour](#)—they're filling up fast!



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