Summary of the History of Forest Service Reunions

1991 The **first** reunion, as part of the Forest Reserve Centennial, was held in Glenwood Springs, CO in **Region 2** and the main hotel was the Colorado Hotel where President Theodore Roosevelt once stayed.

1996 The **second** reunion was held in Park City, Utah Sept. 9-11. Stan Tixier and the Old Timers and **Region 4** hosted this reunion. A commitment was made to continue with another reunion in 4-5 years.

2000 The **third** reunion was held in **Region 1** in Missoula, MT Sept. 4-8 at the downtown Holiday Inn and Jim Freeman was the leader. Fires in Montana and Idaho and the resultant smoke impacted attendance to some extent, but it was a successful reunion. One outcome of that reunion was the formation of the National Association of Forest Service Retirees.

2005 The **fourth** reunion was held in Portland, OR Sept. 4-9 at the Red Lion Inn on the Columbia River. Bob Williams chaired this reunion for the Old Smokeys and **Region 6** and PNW. This was the Centennial Year of the Forest Service and that was a big part of the focus. The Old Smokeys put forth $5,000 seed money for continuing initial support of each future reunion.

2009 The **fifth** reunion was held again in **Region 1** Sept. 8-11 in Missoula, MT at the Hilton Garden Inn. Beryl Johnson and Dave Stack led this effort with a theme of “Where do we go from here?” The site was selected over a California bid because it was felt having it in Missoula would stimulate interest and donations for the Museum. A decision was made there to try and have "reunions" every three years rather than the four to five previously targeted.

2012 The **sixth** reunion was held at Vail, CO Sept. 17-21 at the Marriott and attendance was about 635. Tom Thompson chaired this effort. This “Rendezvous in the Rockies” was a highly successful reunion, and one result was the establishment of a **Region 2** Forest Service Association (The Rocky Mountaineers) which has become a very successful retiree organization in a short time.

2015 The **seventh** reunion, “Rally on the Rio” was held in Albuquerque, NM Oct. 11-16 again at a Marriott. The attendance was around 500. Lou Romero chaired his reunion committee for the Amigos and **Region 3**. It was held in conjunction with the Balloon Festival.

2018 The **eighth** reunion, “Reunion at the Cradle” was held in Ashville, NC at the Holiday Inn Sept. 24-28. Dave Jolly and Sid Haggard were co-chairs of this reunion for **Region 8**. The attendance was close to 500.

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2022 The **nineth** reunion, was held in South Lake Tahoe Aug. 29-Sept. 2 after a one-year delay because of COVID. Nancy Gibson chaired the "Golden State Gathering with a Silver Lining" committee that planned this reunion and involved both **Region 5** and Region 4. It was held at Harrah's Lake Tahoe at Stateline, NV.

2025 The National Museum of Forest Service History is hosting the **tenth** reunion Sept. 22-26 of this year back in **Region 1**. Lisa Tate is chairing the "A History Runs Through It" reunion planning committee and obviously the central focus is the culmination of the effort to develop the Conservation Legacy Center. It will again be held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

2028 The Eastern Region, **Region 9**, is hosting the **eleventh** reunion September 25 – 29, 2028 in Madison, Wisconsin. Bill Disbrow and Barbara Tormoehlen are co-chairs of the event focusing retirees to "Reunite, Reminisce, Relax in Wisconsin". It is being held at the Madison Concourse Hotel in the heart of downtown Madison.