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“100 YEARS OF DISCOVERING FOREST TREASURES”

The Eldorado is 100 years old this year! It's time to celebrate, reflect, and look ahead. Take advantage of the centennial's theme “100 Years of Discovering Forest Treasures” and use it to discover, explore, and enjoy your Eldorado National Forest.

The Eldorado came into being on July 28, 1910 when legislation carved it out of the Stanislaus and Tahoe National Forests. Let's celebrate on more than just one day. Let's take the entire year, right up to December 31, to discover the many ways the Eldorado sustains life, including yours!

The story of today's national forest is written on its landscapes and in the hearts and spirits of people. Its legacy is found in the stability of its soil, the clarity of its water, the health of its trees, the condition of its watersheds, the vigor of its wildlife, and the wellbeing of people who benefit from the forest. How we treat the Forest today creates the forest for the future.

People's stories about the forest are dramatic and varied; they're filled with love, romance, adventure, daring, courage, uncertainty, dedication, research, conflict, debate, hope, fears, and making things happen. You'll find stories of Native Americans, fires, Civilian Conservation Corps Camps, fire lookouts, road trips, vacations, water projects, power projects,

ranchers, massive tree plantings, campgrounds, logging, mining, job corps, fishing trips, ski areas, Lake Tahoe, and much, much more.

And, talk about treasures. What are the treasures you get from the national forest? Time with your family and friends? Clean water you drink at home? The wilderness adventure you enjoyed? The wildlife you discovered? The fish you caught? The lumber in your house? The air you breathe? The views that refresh you? What's your Eldorado National Forest treasure?

Like a Greek riddle, the national forest asks us: How can the forest keep its treasures and give them away at the same time? It challenges us to learn the way of conservation. Aldo Leopold, a famous Forest Service wildlife biologist, stated our challenge this way: “Conservation is finding harmony between the land and people.” Leopold challenged all of us to have a land ethic.

The men and women of the U.S. Forest Service are proud of the more than 100 years they have served the American people and cared for Eldorado National Forest lands.

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