

SCOTT TUNNOCK: 1928-2011

Scott was born in Westfield, NJ on July 21, 1928. He spent much of his growing up years in CT. In his early twenties, he enlisted in the US Army; but because of a serious arthritic condition, he was discharged from the Army and advised to begin a rigorous exercise program to offset the effects of his condition. With that advice, Scott began an extreme program of running, swimming, biking, and mountain climbing that he maintained for the remainder of his life. He so successfully overcame his arthritic condition that few who knew Scott were even aware of it. Most just knew he was nearly fanatical about physical conditioning! And in fact, few could keep up with Scott on a run, a bike ride, or climbing a mountain.

The late 1950s found Scott in a graduate Forest Entomology program at Oregon State University. Upon graduation, he began a successful career as a Forest Entomologist with the Forest Health Protection group, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, headquartered in Missoula, MT. He began his career ca. 1960, and for the next 27 years Scott was one of a cadre of forest entomologists charged with detecting, surveying, and developing management recommendations to lessen the effects of insect infestations on forested lands of all Federal jurisdictions (National Forests, Parks, and Grasslands; as well as lands under BLM and BIA supervision). In addition, they worked cooperatively with State and private forest-land owners.

For the latter part of his career, Scott managed the Aerial Detection Survey program in the Northern Region, and was heavily involved in Insect and Disease training programs developed to assist managers of forested lands of all ownerships. He authored, and co-authored, numerous reports detailing insect outbreak conditions, and management recommendations, to reduce their impacts. In 1987, he co-authored the very popular and useful "Field Guide to Diseases and Insect Pests of Idaho and Montana Forests."

Scott retired from his Forest Service career in 1987, taking up residence in nearby Polson, MT. He was residing there when he passed on January 28, 2011. Scott married Marsha Cook in Missoula in 1964. They had no children together, however, each had a child from a previous marriage. The locations of Scott's son and Marsha's daughter are unknown. Marsha died in 2015.