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I grew up in the Methow Valley where my Father was the Fire Control Officer for the Twisp Ranger District. We lived on a small farm between Twisp and Carlton on the west side of the Methow River south of Twisp. I've been around horses, packing and the back country for most of my life. Following high school, I attended the University of Idaho where I received a degree in Forest Management. Following graduation from college, I spent 10 years in the US Army as a commissioned officer during and after the Viet Nam War. I returned to the Okanogan in 1979 and began working for the U.S. Forest Service. I completed 32 years of Federal Service in 2001 and retired. Currently, I work part time and seasonally for the Pacific Northwest Trail Association as their Pasayten Region Coordinator.

I have been a member of Back Country Horsemen of Washington since 1994.

I joined the Okanogan Valley Chapter in order to do volunteer trail work and sharpen up my packing skills. I have served as President, newsletter editor, Trail Boss and Director for the Okanogan Valley Chapter. I have served as Chairman of the Public Lands Committee, Chairman of the Education Committee, and as National Director for BCHW.

I have been married to my partner, Janet, since 1966. We reside on a 40-acre dry land homestead 8 miles east of Tonasket, WA, in the Okanogan Highlands. We have 4 grown children, 2 daughters and twin sons, and 8 grandchildren. Currently, I own or lease 5 equines, 4 horses and a mule.