



**Herbert M. London**  
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March 31, 2011

For over 50 years Herbert M. London operated the Rock Creek Pack station, located between Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, CA. Herb loved the packing business, the wilderness, his horses and mules, and over the years provided many people with unforgettable and wonderful memories of pack trips throughout the Sierra Nevada.

## Herbert M. London and the Mono Creek Memorial Trail Fund

Honor the life and legacy of Herbert M. London, wilderness advocate and longtime owner of the Rock Creek Pack Station in the Eastern Sierra Nevada.

As an advocate for wilderness, Herb London was adamant that there be use of the wilderness for all types of people: those who hike, and those who ride. In working with the Forest Service, he emphasized the need to make wilderness areas available to everyone who wanted to enjoy the natural beauty. Around the evening campfire, Herb was a storyteller unequalled by any; he was funny, knowledgeable, and entertaining.

Aleta London, Herb's wife, suggested that the most fitting tribute to Herb's life and legacy would be to establish a maintenance fund for the Mono Pass Trail. The trail, particularly the stretch from Trail Lake to Golden Creek, is in need of extensive maintenance. The London Family and friends with cooperation from the Forest Service have established a plan to accomplish this goal.

Contributions to the 3-Forests Interpretive Association will be passed to the Sierra National Forest with the intent to spend the money on fixing

those sections of the Mono Creek Trail trail most in need of work.

This Herb London Mono Pass Trail Fund will be a appropriate memorial to Herb. He was a permit holder for 64 years, and in partnership with the Forest Service provided packing and outfitting service to generations of Americans. What better way to honor him than to repair water bars, fix dangerous rocky jump offs and gullied rock chutes?

**To learn more, or to donate to this fund, go to our website: [www.3forests.us](http://www.3forests.us)**

## Stanislaus NF Provides 2011 Capitol Christmas Tree

A 65-foot white fir, selected as the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree was transported from a picturesque setting in the Sierra Nevada mountains on Saturday, November 5th, then loaded on a truck for a 4,500-mile journey from Northern California to Washington, D.C.

The Stanislaus National Forest tree was selected based on its shape and fullness and color, officials said.

The tree is scheduled to arrive in Washington, D.C. on November 28, with a lighting ceremony at the front of the U.S. Capitol on December 6. It will be decorated by 5,000 ornaments handmade by California residents, and House Speaker John Boehner and a child from California will light it.

*Congratulations to the Stanislaus for being selected to provide this year's Capitol Christmas Tree.*



## New Guide Book for Nelder Grove

Nelder Grove is a grove of Giant Sequoias on a 1540 acre tract in the Sierra National Forest. The grove is 4 miles south of Yosemite National Park's Mariposa Grove.

Usually accessed a bit north of Oakhurst, California off of Highway 41, it is an area rich in both human and natural history.

3FIA has partnered with Sierra National Forest and The Friends of Nelder Grove to create an interpretive guide for visitors to the area, including a map of the *Shadow of the Giants* trail located at the site.

To learn more about Nelder Grove of Giant Sequoias, go to: [www.neldergrove.com](http://www.neldergrove.com).

## Stanislaus Artist in Residence Workshop

A 2-Day Landscape Photography Workshop presented by Stanislaus National Forest and Three Forests Interpretive Association held Oct 15-16 was well attended and informative. Professional landscape photographer Dave Harrison guided participants in how to look at the landscape in new ways to capture its beauty. Topics included: cameras, lenses, filters, in the field gear, computer programs, composition, light, and luck. Classes were held both indoors and in the nearby National Forest. Information on future workshops will be posted on [www.3forests.us](http://www.3forests.us).

## All 3 Visitor Guides Updated!

3FIA continues to assist the National Forests in the production of their Visitor Guides. These free guides include detailed maps and information on special events and ongoing programs for visitors to the Stanislaus, Sierra, and Sequoia National Forests. Brand new this year is a 24-page color Visitor Guide for Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. This new publication is loaded with interesting information on where to go and what to do while visiting the area. Visitor Guides for the Sequoia, Stanislaus and Sierra are available at National Forest locations and for download online at: [www.3forests.us](http://www.3forests.us).



*Last Year's Capitol Christmas Tree*



## The Capitol Christmas Tree

The Stanislaus National Forest, at the request of the Chief of the Forest Service, is proud to lead the State of California in the harvesting and delivery of the 2011 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. Known as the "People's Tree", the Forest Service has provided the tree to our nation's Capitol since 1970.

Learn more about this year's Capitol Christmas Tree at: [capitolchristmastree2011.org](http://capitolchristmastree2011.org)

Commemorative items can be purchased for a limited time at 3FIA Stanislaus NF Offices.

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