**Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on The Dixie Ranger Newsletter Name Change**

**September 2022**

The President of the Southern Forest Service Retirees Association is establishing an ad hoc committee related to the issue of changing the name of The Dixie Ranger Newsletter. This committee is established under the administrative role of the President as provided by Article V, Section 3, of the Association Constitution.

The name of this Committee is: **The Dixie Ranger Name Change Advisory Group**.

The purpose of this Committee is to bring a wider range of perspectives into formal dialogue on the newsletter name change issue. This wider range of perspectives will assist the Association Board of Directors and members engage and understand all aspects of the issue prior to making a decision.

Roles of this Committee are:

1. To become familiar with context of the name-change issue, including input from Association members, Association history, trends in Forest Service workforce and Association membership, and the larger social and political context.
2. To suggest other resources for better understanding the context of this issue.
3. To suggest other opportunities and methods for engaging current and prospective Association members in dialogue about this issue.
4. To share with the Association Board and members, in forums to be determined, their individual perspectives, advice, and recommendations on this issue. The Committee’s role is advisory only and it may or may not provide consensus recommendations. Decision-making on this issue is solely the role of the Board of Directors.

Activities of the Committee are expected to include:

1. Participation in online meetings that may be limited to Committee members or may include others such as the Association Board of Directors. Approximately 5 online meetings of 1 to 2 hours each are expected, primarily scheduled in Fall and Winter 2022, but potentially also occurring in the first half of 2023. No travel or in-person meetings are expected.
2. Review of a relatively small volume of documents related to this issue (for example, member feedback), and review and respond to emails associated with the work of the Committee.

The Vice President of the Association will serve as Chair of the Committee. The Committee will include approximately 5 members but may include more or less depending on member availability and changing needs.

The President will select Committee members based on these criteria:

1. Current or potential future membership in the Association.
2. Ability to bring a different perspective to dialogue with the Board based on their experience with the Forest Service and in life.
3. Positive reputations based on recognized skills and experience in leadership and problem solving.

The Committee is established in September 2022 and is expected to serve for no more than 1 year.

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