Okanogan National Forest History





Fire Camp at Crawfish Lake - 1926

in Okanogan

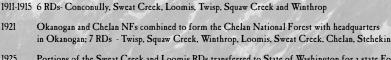








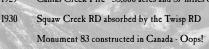
1911



Chelan NF established with headquarters in Chelan. Forest included land between Cascade Crest and Okanogan River and Canadian border to the divide between the Chelan and Entiat watersheds.

Okanogan NF formed from Okanogan County portion of the Chelan NF with headquarters

Portions of the Sweat Creek and Loomis RDs transferred to State of Washington for a state Forest 1929 Camas Creek Fire - 58,000 acres and 87 miles of fire line



Harry M. Hale - 1st Forest Supervisor First RDs - Conconully and Twisp RDs



1936 Pasayten RD created from a portion of the Winthrop RD

1940 RD offices at Conconully, Early Winters (Pasayten RD), Winthrop and Twisp, Chelan and Stehekin

1942 Tonasket RD transferred from Colville NF to Chelan NF

1944 Conconully RD becomes the Okanogan RD with headquarters in Okanogan

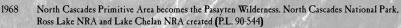
1955 Chelan NF renamed the Okanogan NF

Chelan RD transferred to the Wenatchee NF

Okanogan RD renamed Conconully to avoid confusion with Forest name change

5 RDs - Conconully, Tonasket, Pasayten, Twisp and Winthrop

1966 Pasayten RD recombined with Winthrop RD; "Aerial Project" at Twisp becomes North Cascades Smokejumper Base, a separate Administrative Unit



1978 Forest headquarters moved from downtown to present location

1982 Conconully RD abolished and combined with the Tonasket and Winthrop RDs

1984 Lake Chelan - Sawtooth Wilderness established on the Okanogan and Wenatchee NFs

1990s Winthrop and Twisp RDs administered as the Methow RD

2000 Okanogan and Wenatchee headquarters combined

2001 3 RDs - Tonasket, Twisp and Winthrop and the North Cascades Smokejumper Base-nearly 200 employees

2001 300 + cultural resources and 1 National Register Site















Conconully RS-1930-43



