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Smokejumper Obituary

Schmaljohn, Dale L. (McCall 1960)

Dale died April 25, 2020. He worked on a trail crew for the Payette NF in 1959 and, after graduating from Emmett High School (Idaho), rookied at McCall in 1960. Dale received a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Idaho State University in 1965 and his Masters degree in 1969. In 1971 he moved to Greeley, Colorado, to get his Ph.D. from Northern Colorado University which he received in 1973.

After getting his Doctorate, Dale moved to Boise to begin his career as a school psychologist working for the Boise School District. In 1982 he authored a book for young readers titled Smokejumper—A Summer in the American Wilderness. Dale retired from the Boise School District after 33 years of service.

One of his favorite past times was skiing. Dale skied even at the onset of Alzheimer's disease in 2010. Eventually the Alzheimer's became more debilitating and Dale spent the last seven years of his life at the Emerson Memory Care center. Dale jumped at McCall 1960-69 and 1972.

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