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Smokejumper Obituary

Zschaechner, Greg (Redding 1976)

Greg died November 6, 2019, in Grand Junction, Colorado, from a heart attack. He earned his degree in Forestry and Fire Science from Colorado State University. He worked his whole life in support of wildland fire and jumped out of Redding 1976-79. Greg said: "Jumping gave me the confidence to do many things in life—like no other job."

Greg worked engines and initial attack on the Angeles and Kaibab National Forests and at the Tok station in Alaska.

Greg was a Fire Behavior Analyst for Type I Management Teams. He was assistant state fire management officer for the BLM Colorado State Office and also was the coordinator for the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center.

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