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Stoleson, Roland Marcellus (Missoula 1956)

Ron, 83, died September 9, 2019, at his home in North Ogden, Utah. He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Forestry and also played on the University baseball team.

Ron then began a career with the Forest Service that spanned more than 40 years. He was a fire lookout, smokejumper, Hotshot crew foreman, District Ranger, Forest Supervisor and held other staff positions retiring in 2000. Ron was very active in the NSA Trails Program over the years as well as other volunteer work in the Region 4 office in Ogden. He received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement award for his volunteer work in 2014.

Ron was a Past President of the NSA and served as a board member for a number of years. He jumped at Missoula 1956-58, 60, 66 and Grangeville in 1959.

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