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Smokejumper Obituary

Baumann, Roddy (Cave Junction 1970)

Roddy, 62, died April 24, 2012, in Vancouver, Washington. He earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Management from Colorado State University in 1985, augmenting what had already proven to be a successful U.S. Forest Service career. Roddy specialized in fuels and suppression as he served as a fire management office and an assistant fire management officer; he wrapped up his career in 2004 with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a regional prescribed fire specialist. Roddy joined a Southern Oregon district trail crew at 18 and spent two seasons on the fire line before training as a smokejumper in Cave Junction in 1970. He jumped through the 1975 season. Roddy continued working in fire, contracting with federal agencies until the time of his death.

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