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Stevenson, Andrew "Big Andy" (Redding 1966)

Andy, 74, died Feb. 1, 2012, in Mount Shasta, California. He served in the U.S. Army before embarking on a career that culminated as fire management officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

"Big Andy" started his USFS career as a tanker crewman in 1955, he was a fire prevention tech 1962-67, fire prevention officer 1967-79, AFMO 1980-82, and District Fire Management Officer 1982-88.

Andy rookied at Redding in 1965 and was part of the retred program 1966-71.

He was one of a group of 12 founders that brought the Mt. Shasta Snowman Hill Group back to life in 2002. The membership has grown to over 425 senior ski, snowboard and telemark enthusiasts age 50 and over.

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