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Smokejumper Obituary

Crockett, James (McCall 1948)

Jim, 83, died Feb. 21, 2011, in Missoula. He attended the University of Idaho following a stint in the Navy at the end of World War II. Jim jumped at McCall in 1948, at Idaho City in 1949-50, back to McCall in 1951, and after a long hiatus he jumped from McCall from 1961 through 1965. He served as the crew boss for the Bitterroot Hot Shots in the mid-1960s; Jim retired from the Bitterroot National Forest in 1982 but continued teaching new recruits each season for several years. As a smokejumper, he accomplished the extraordinary feat of making three fire jumps in the same day.

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