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INTERVIEW INDEX

INTERVIEWEE: Mike Burri

Interviewer: Jeff Pullen-Sayles

Date: May 9, 2010

Location of Interview: Jeff & Chelsea's home in Sandy, Oregon

Research Assistant: Chelsea Saurman

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
2:13:38	Introduction
2:13:18	Bio questions
2:12:30	Education
2:12:12	How did you get involved in your line of work?
2:11:40	How do you feel about the current policy on fire suppression?
2:10:33	Do you feel that the public is not educated enough?
2:09:40	Is the current policy working well, in your opinion?
2:08:40	Could anything be done differently?
2:08:11	How is your company practicing sustainability?
2:07:24	Please describe thinning.
2:06:41	Where are you currently employed? What are your previous employers?
2:06:18	Any nameable/large fires you'd like to describe?
2:05:56	Which fire was the biggest that you helped fight?
2:05:27	What equipment do you use to do your job?
2:04:45	How do you feel about this equipment?
2:04:05	How were you trained to use this equipment?
2:03:36	Does your company use simulations on fire fighting?
2:03:13	What measures does your company take to prepare for fires?

Time	Notes
2:02:34	Does your company establish safety routes in advance?
2:02:20	Do these routes sometimes change?
2:02:08	What types of physical requirements are necessary to perform your job?
2:01:23	Are there any instances where these physical requirements have come in handy?
2:00:56	Do these physical requirements carry into your personal life?
2:00:30	Would you say that you have a fitness lifestyle?
2:00:02	Please define sustainability.
1:59:30	What could be done to be more sustainable?
1:59:00	Should your company purchase more sustainable equipment?
1:58:29	How does your company assess/gage measurement of sustainability?
1:58:08	Please describe a typical workday.
1:57:24	Is there a lot of response-traveling?
1:56:51	Please describe a fire that stands out to you.
1:56:39	Did this fire entail lots of physical work?
1:55:51	Was this fire on steep terrain? Did it spread quickly?
1:55:31	What preventative measures are taken by your company to help prevent fire?
1:54:20	What are some reasons for the new fire suppression policy to “let it burn”?
1:53:41	What changes in practices have you seen since your service began with the forest service?
1:52:56	What is the most challenging aspect of your work?
1:52:10	What is your least favorite aspect of firefighting?
1:51:31	What is your favorite aspect of firefighting?
1:51:05	What are your career goals for the next five years?
1:50:33	What are some of your proudest achievements?
1:50:00	What are some persistent challenges you face in regards to being a firefighter?
1:49:19	Is there anything else that you'd like to talk about?