

# National Smokejumper Association collection, 1919-2020

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	National Smokejumper Association
<b>Title</b>	National Smokejumper Association collection
<b>Dates</b>	1919-2020 (inclusive) 1919 2020
<b>Quantity</b>	17.05 linear feet and 16 Megabytes
<b>Collection Number</b>	Mss 620
<b>Summary</b>	The National Smokejumper Association is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of aerial fire management and wildland firefighting. This collection contains reports, correspondence, interviews, personal papers, photographs, films, and publications related to the development of aerial fire management and the activities of smokejumpers.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 <a href="mailto:library.archives@umontana.edu">library.archives@umontana.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
<b>Languages</b>	English.

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## Historical Note

The National Smokejumper Association (NSA) is an organization which preserves and shares the history of aerial fire management and provides a forum for those associated with wildland firefighting. Founded in 1992, the NSA maintains a roster of current and former smokejumpers and actively collects the histories of individuals and organizations associated with the development of smokejumping and aerial fire management.

In addition to furthering the legacy of smokejumping, the NSA works to support current and former smokejumpers as well as the forests and rangelands they protect. The organization offers support to smokejumpers and their families through a scholarship program and a "Good Samaritan Fund," offering financial support to those in need. Additionally, the Trails Restoration and Maintenance Projects, organized by NSA members and staffed by volunteers, clears trails in wilderness areas using volunteer

teams. Established in 1999 by Jon McBride and Art Jukkala, the program utilizes the NSA's network of former smokejumpers to clear trails of debris, build fences, and restore structures in national forests and parks.

## Content Description

The collection contains reports, correspondence, rosters, personal papers, oral histories, photographs, and moving images documenting the history of aerial fire management. The material in the collection was created by the association itself, by former smokejumpers, or by the U.S. Forest Service. The earliest materials include documentation of the development of parachute jumping during the F Studies – Aerial Control Parachute Jumping experiments of the late 1930s and early 1940s by the U.S. Forest Service. The collection also contains: fire reports from various years including the investigation report for the Mann Gulch fire in Montana (1949); newsletters and magazines published by the National Smokejumper Association; collected interviews, obituaries, and profiles of former and/or pioneer smokejumpers; and numerous magazine and newspaper articles related to the development and history of smokejumping and aerial fire management.

This collection also includes extensive moving image materials. The bulk of these materials are from the documentary *Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky* (also called *The History of Smokejumping: Firefighters from the Sky*), produced by Stevan Smith for the National Smokejumper Association. These moving image materials are housed on 8mm, betacam, Mini-DV, VHS, and DVD; they include interviews with smokejumpers and both contemporary and historic footage of fires and training exercises. Additional oral histories conducted by the NSA with current and former smokejumpers are also available in the collection on DVD and many include complete transcripts. Finally, personal papers of individual smokejumpers contribute correspondence, photographs, newsclippings, and the personal journals. Collections related to individual smokejumpers are predominantly from smokejumpers who lived and/or trained in Missoula, Montana.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

This collection has been divided into seven series:

Series I: National Smokejumper Association Records, 1978-2019, 1.35 linear foot

Subseries 1: Operational Materials, 1978-2010, 0.1 linear feet

Subseries 2: Publications, 1993-2020, 1.25 linear feet

Series II: Smokejumping History, 1919-2009, 2.4 linear feet

Subseries 1: Reports/Handbooks/Manuals, 1940-1994, 0.5 linear feet

Subseries 2: United States Forest Service, 1939-1999, 0.6 linear feet

Subseries 3: General, 1919-2005, 1.3 linear feet

Series III: Smokejumpers, 1938–2005, 0.8 linear feet

Subseries 1: Personal Narratives and Interviews, 1940-2004, 0.3 linear feet

Subseries 2: Collections of Personal Stories, 1990-1995, 0.2 linear feet

Subseries 3: Obituaries, Biographies, and General Information, 1940-2003, 0.2 linear feet

Subseries 4: Photographs, 1949-2005, 0.1 linear feet

Series IV: Miscellaneous Audiovisual, 1939–1940, 1976, 2004, 0.8 linear feet

Series V: *Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky* Documentary, 1983-2003 and undated, 10.2 linear feet

Subseries 1: Video Log Books, undated, 1.0 linear foot

Subseries 2: Field Tapes and File Tapes, Betacam SP S and L, Corresponding VHS Dubs with Window Code and Rough Edit Tapes, 2000 and undated, 6.0 linear feet

Subseries 3: Other Source Video, DVD, Mini-DV, Betacam SP S, Betacam SP L, and VHS, 1988-2003, 3.3 linear feet

Subseries 4: Video Not Used, 2000, 4 items

Series VI: *There I Was!* the Smokejumper Storyteller Project Interviews, 2014, 1.0 linear feet

Series VII: Personal Papers of Smokejumpers, 1938-2016, 0.5 linear feet

Subseries 1: Ball, Herman, 1950s, 0.1 linear feet

Subseries 2: Brennan, Robert "Bob," 1938-1942, 0.2 linear feet

Subseries 3: Grenager, Lyle, 1951-1953, 0.1 linear feet

Subseries 4: Kurowski, Ed J., 2016, 0.1 linear feet and 16 Megabytes

Subseries 5: Mathews, Jack, 1986-2001, 0.1 linear feet

Subseries 6: Pickard, Lloyd A. "Chuck," 1946-2005, 0.2 linear feet

Series VIII: Accession 2018-066, 1947-2017, 0.4 linear feet

## Custodial History

Prior to the materials coming to Archives and Special Collections, the collection was in the possession of the National Smokejumper Association. Video and video logs in Series V, *Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky* were held by Stevan Smith until their delivery to the Archives in June 2011. Interviews conducted by John Driscoll for the storytelling series *There I Was!* were donated by the creator in 2014. National Smokejumper Association Historian Charlie Palmer donated additional Mann Gulch fire photographs in 2016. Personal papers of smokejumpers arrived as donations from their individual creators or from friends and family of the creator.

## Acquisition Information

Initial donation was a gift of the National Smokejumper Association Board in 2003.

## Future Additions

Additions to this collection are ongoing and will be added by the organization and individual donors.

## Processing Note

This collection was originally minimally processed with limited description and rearrangement. In 2016, the majority of the collection was rearranged and redescribed to ease use and access. Copies of the original guide are available at Archives and Special Collections upon request but current folder titles may not reflect the original description. All materials were maintained except oral history transcripts that are already held by the Mansfield Library in OH 133. Photographs were also removed from Bob Brennan's photo album and put in four folders in their original order for preservation purposes.

## Related Materials

Eastern Washington University holds meeting minutes and other records of the National Smokejumper Association. Two oral history collections held at the University of Montana's Archives and Special Collections contain approximately 150 oral history interviews with smokejumpers: OH 133, Smokejumper Oral History Project, and OH 163, Civilian Public Service Smokejumpers Oral History Project.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Series I: National Smokejumper Association Records, 1978-2019

1.35 linear feet

This series primarily contains copies of the organization's newsletter, *Static Line*, and their magazine, *Smokejumper Quarterly*. It also includes a report of the Long Range Plan of the organization written in 2002 as well as reunion materials.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Subseries 1: Operating Materials</b>	<b>1978-2010</b>
	0.1 linear feet This subseries contains reports, memos, correspondence, and reunion materials generated by the National Smokejumpers Association. There are also negatives of photos from the	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	August 11, 1986 reunion at Camp Paxson at Seeley Lake, Montana, some images are identified.	
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/1	Memos	1993
1/2	Strategic Plan	2002
1/3	Correspondence, Smokejumper History Project	1999-2003
1/4	Reunions, Includes Negatives	1978-2010
	<b>Subseries 2: Publications</b> 1.25 linear feet This subseries contains items published and distributed by the National Smokejumpers Association including their quarterly magazine, trail maintenance reports, and newsletter.	<b>1993-2019</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/5	National Smokejumper Association Trail Maintenance Reports	2001-2005
1/6	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	1999-2000
1/7	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2001
1/8	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2002
1/9	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2003
1/10	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2004
1/11	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2005
2/1	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2006
2/2	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2007
2/3	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2008
2/4	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2009

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/5	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2010
2/6	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2011
2/7	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2012
2/8	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2013
2/9	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2014
2/10	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2015
2/11	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2016
2/12	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2017
27/1	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2018
27/2	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2019
27/3	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2020
27/4	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	2021
<a href="#">Electronic_file</a>		
Electronic File	<i>Smokejumper Quarterly</i>	1999-2017
<a href="#">Box/Folder</a>		
3/1	<i>Static Line Newsletter</i>	1994-1998
<a href="#">Electronic_file</a>		
Electronic File	<i>Static Line Newsletter</i>	1993-1999

## Series II: History of Smokejumping, 1910-2009

2.4 linear feet

This series contains materials that relate to the history of smokejumping.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<p><b>Subseries 1: Reports/Handbooks/Manuals</b>  0.5 linear feet  This subseries contains materials documenting a range of topics related to aerial fire management. Materials include rosters, regulations, training manuals, and fire reports. These materials specifically include copies of the investigation of the Mann Gulch fire and the fire investigation report of the South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain. Materials are arranged chronologically.</p>	<b>1941-1998</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
3/2	Aerial Fire Control Project Region One	1941
3/3	District #9–Forest Patrol	1941
3/4	Roster of Forest Service Smokejumpers	1941
3/5	Smokejumper Project – Region Six	1943
3/6	Civil Air Regulations	1945
3/7	<i>Static Line</i> , Camp Newsletter	1945
3/8	Roster of Retired Smokejumpers	1945-1981
3/9	Report of the Board of Review, Mann Gulch Fire	1949
3/10	Higgins Ridge Fire, Nez Perce National Forest	1961
3/11	Training Manual Firefighting	1962
3/12	Annual Reports - Siskiyou Smokejumper Base	1971-1980
3/13	United States - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Exchange, Technical Report Smokejumping/Rappelling	1976
3/14	LOBE Parachute/EAGLE Parachute, Papers by David Gold, SAFE Symposium	1981-1982
3/15	Smokejumper Study, Region Six	1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/1	"Mann Gulch Fire: A Race That Couldn't Be Won," By Richard C. Rothermel	1993
4/2	Report of South Canyon Fire Investigation	1994
4/3	Fire Behavior Associated with 1994 South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain, Colorado	1998
	<b>Subseries 2: United States Forest Service</b> 0.6 linear feet This subseries contains materials created by the United States Forest Service about firefighting, smokejumping, and smokejumpers. This subseries is arranged chronologically.	<b>1910-1999</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
4/4	Grave Creek-Trout Creek Fire Report, H.P. Barringer	1910
4/5	Various Firefighting and Smokejumping Publications	1912-1945
4/6	History of Smokejumping	1935-1959
4/7	Aerial Delivery of Supplies	1939
4/8	Inventory of Photographs	1939
4/9	Parachute Jumping in Forest Fire Control, Report of Field Experiments	1939
4/10	F Studies, Aerial Fire Control, Memos and Correspondence	January 1940- May 1940
4/11	F Studies, Aerial Fire Control, Memos and Correspondence	June 1940- December 1940
4/12	F Studies, Aerial Fire Control, Memos and Correspondence	1942-1949
4/13	Fire Control Handbook, Region 6, Part III Suppression	1949
4/14	Air Operations Handbook, Part 3, Aerial Cargo	1952
4/15	Specification for Container for Smokejumper Backpack Parachute Canopies	1957



Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/1	Timeline and Narrative for Smokejumpers	1965
5/2	Press Release, Smokejumper Bases to be Studied	1984
5/3	C-7 Field Evaluation	April 1994- October 1994
5/4	FS-14 Parachute Report	April 6, 1995
5/5	Escape Routes: An Anecdotal Evaluation	circa 1995
5/6	Aerial Delivered Firefighter Study	October 20, 1999
5/7	Forest Fire Fundamentals Booklet	undated
5/8	United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Smokejumpers	undated
	<b>Subseries 3: General</b> 1.3 linear feet This subseries contains overviews and timelines of smokejumping history. Items include articles, booklets, chronologies, a conference paper, and general histories of several regional smokejumping stations including the North Cascades Smokejumper Base, the California Smokejumpers and the Siskiyou smokejumper base. Materials are arranged chronologically.	<b>1919-2000</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
5/9	Articles and Clippings	1919-1989
5/10	Various Publications on Parachutes, Forests, and Fire Prevention	1930-1943 and undated
5/11	Chronology of Aerial Fire Management (Copy from Malcolm Edward Hardy's Masters Thesis)	1946
5/12	Smokejumper Fatalities	1946-2000
10/1	Life Magazine Article on Mann Gulch	1949

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
5/13	History of Smokejumping Articles	1940s
5/14	Children's Stories	1940s-1950s
5/15	National Geographic	June 1950
5/16	National Geographic	June 1952
5/17	National Geographic	1956
5/18	Articles	1950s
5/19	Newsclippings	1961
10/2	Seattle Times, Sunday Pictorial, Parachuting to Work, A Smokejumper in Action	1966
5/20	National Geographic	July 1968
5/21	Articles	1960s
6/1	Outline History of Siskiyou Smokejumper Project	1979
6/2	Articles	1970s
6/3	History of Smokejumping by Aviation and Aerial Management	1980
6/4	National Geographic	September 1982
6/5	National Geographic	February 1989
6/6	Articles	1980s
6/7	History of Smokejumping	1980s
6/8	Correspondence including Smokejumping Publications Outline	January 26, 1994
6/9	The History of California Smokejumpers	1997
6/10	History of North Cascades Smokejumper Base, By William Moody	1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/11	Articles	1990s
6/12	Articles	2000s
6/13	Articles and Clippings	undated
6/14	Miscellaneous, Movie Posters, Various Publication Titles	undated
6/15	Paper by Bruce Van Voorhis	undated
6/16	Untitled History	undated

### Series III: Smokejumpers, 1940-2005

0.8 linear foot

This series contains materials relating to individual smokejumpers including personal narratives, interviews, biographies, obituaries, and photographs. These materials are arranged alphabetically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Subseries 1: Personal Narratives and Interviews</b> 0.3 linear feet This subseries contains the personal stories of smokejumpers.	<b>1940-2004</b>

#### Box/Folder

6/17	Alexander, Jim "Smoky," Recorded by James Budenholzer	undated
6/18	Derry, Frank, Death	1968
6/19	Dixon, Jerry, "Ten Seconds Over Birch Hill," DVD	1976-2004
6/20	Heintzelman, Jack, Cave Junction Unit	1940s
6/21	Hicks, Brian C., MSO 95, "The Life of a Lowly Rookie"	undated
6/22	Reid, Bob, MSO 57	November 29, 1994
6/23	Rieck, Carroll	May 10, 1994
6/24	Shank, Hank, MSO 47	September 26, 1999

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/25	Stephens, Ronald, Reminiscence, 1947 Water Bomb Project	2015
6/26	Various Recollections	1993-1999
7/1	Veersteeg, Harvey, MSO 53, Personal Stories	2008-2015
	<b>Subseries 2: Collections of Personal Stories</b> 0.2 linear feet This subseries contains collections of personal narratives of smokejumpers assembled for publication and distribution.	<b>1990-1995</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
7/2	Civilian Public Service Smokejumpers Life Stories, 1943-1945, Volume 1	1990
7/3	Civilian Public Service Smokejumpers Life Stories, 1943-1946, Volume 2	1991
7/4	Civilian Public Service Smokejumpers Life Stories, 1943-1945, Volume 3	1995
7/5	<i>Static Lines and Canopies: Stories from the Smokejumpers of 1943-1945</i>	1993
	<b>Subseries 3: Obituaries, Biographies, and General Information</b> 0.2 linear feet This subseries contains obituaries, biographies, and other general information about former smokejumpers including newspaper clippings and articles. These materials are arranged alphabetically.	<b>1940-2003</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
7/6	Burke, Wilbur "Mick," Funeral Program, Smokejumping Photographs	2000 and undated
7/7	Burton, Ira, Obituary	2003
7/8	Information Summaries, Astronaut Fact Book	1997
7/9	Liston, David, Clipping	2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/10	Lycklama, Lester, Background Provided by John P. Ferguson	February 18, 1989
7/11	McPike, H. Roger, Obituary, Photograph, Resume	1998 and undated
7/12	Pilots, Various Materials	1996-1997
7/13	Region 4, Various	1940s
7/14	Rumsey, Walter, Biography	1997
7/15	Search for K. Reed Harrison	December 9, 1993
7/16	Sisler, George K., Congressional Medal of Honor	undated
7/17	Smith, Kenneth Roy, Obituary	August 1997
7/18	Unsoeld, Willi, Biography, Photographs	undated
7/19	Who's Who in Region 4 Smokejumping: 1943-1997	1998
	<b>Subseries 4: Photographs</b> 0.1 linear feet This subseries contains photographs of various smokejumpers and their equipment. These materials are arranged chronologically.	<b>1949–2005</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
7/20	Mann Gulch Recovery Crew, Photographs and Negatives	1949
7/21	Unit at Cave Junction	1949-1956
7/22	Summerfield, Ed, Smokejumpers Gear	1950
7/23	Lewis, John S.	1950s
7/24	Public Civil Service Photographs from the 1940s	1999
7/25	Storm King Fireline, Guntar Dambro	2000s

## Series IV: Miscellaneous Audiovisual, 1939–1940, 1976, 1998, 2004

0.8 linear feet

This series contains various audiovisual materials including Wilderness Survival Tapes, photos transferred to CD.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
8/1	Wilderness Survival Videotapes	1998
9/1	Photos on CD, North Cascades Smokejumper Base Honored at Seattle Mariner Game	Sept. 2004
9/2	Photos on CD, North Cascades Smokejumper Base and National Forest Service Archives	undated
9/3	Wilderness Warriors Smokejumpers, ESPN (21 min version), 1 Broadcast Videocassette	1989
9/4	Forest Service Experimental Smokejumper Project, Intercity Airport, Winthrop, WA, Film by Ferd Haase	1939 – 1940 Smokejumpers, 1 reel of film, and 1 master DVD copy and 1 DVD use copy of the film created by Photo Magic Video Productions in 2006
9/5	Computers Disks, unidentified	undated
10/1	William Moody, U.S. – U.S.S.R. Exchange Jump, 1 reel of film	1976, and 1 master DVD copy and 1 DVD use copy of the film created by Photo Magic Video Productions in 2006

## Series V: *Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky*, 1983-2003 and undated

10.5 linear feet.

This series consists of video components and detailed video logs from the documentary *Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky* (also called *The History of Smokejumping: Firefighters from the Sky*) produced by Stevan Smith for the National Smokejumper Association. Raw footage includes interviews with smokejumpers and video logs include complete transcripts of these interviews.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<p><b>Subseries 1 : Video Log books</b> 1.0 linear feet This subseries contains video logs that include transcripts of interviews and brief descriptions of raw footage with timecodes from the making of <i>Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky</i>.</p>	<b>undated</b>
Box		
11	Video log book, part one	undated
11	Video log book, part two	undated
11	Video log book, part three	undated
11	Final edit log book including credit notes	undated
	<p><b>Subseries 2 : Field tapes and File tapes, Masters on Betacam SP S and L, Corresponding VHS Dubs with Window Code and Rough Edit Tapes</b> 6.0 linear feet This subseries contains raw footage on betacam and VHS dubs of the originals, log books in previous subseries provide an index to the materials from the making of <i>Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky</i>.</p>	<b>2000 and undated</b>
Box		
12	Field tapes 1-39, no tape #16, Betacam SP S	undated
13	Field tapes 40-79, Betacam SP S	undated
14	Field tapes 80-119, Betacam SP S	undated
15	Field tapes 120-159, Betacam SP S	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
16	Field tapes 160-163, Betacam SP S	undated
16	File tapes 1-36, Betacam SP S	undated
17	File tapes 27-31 and 33, Betacam SP L	undated
20	27 VHS Dubs with Window Code for Editing	undated
20	1 Review/Progress Tape Labeled #1 NSA Smokejumper Footage, VHS	2000
20	2 Review/Progress Rough Edit Tapes Labeled #1 NSA Jump/Fire Footage, VHS	2000
20	2 Review/Progress Rough Edit Tapes Labeled "Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky," Part 1 and 2, VHS	2000
	Subseries 3: Other Source Video, DVD, Mini-DV, Betacam SP S, Betacam SP L, and VHS 3.3 linear feet This subseries contains additional source videos for <i>Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky</i> not included in the log books from Subseries 1 including various interview duplicates on DVD.	1988-2003 and undated
<b>Box</b>		
17	Redmond Fire, Mini-DV	undated
17	Missoula Rookie #1 and #2, Mini-DVs	undated
17	3 Alaska Fires, Mini-DVs	undated
17	Jack the Ripper Fire, Mini-DV	undated
17	HIPKE Footage, tape 1 of 2 (no 2nd tape), Mini-DV	2000-2002
17	HIPKE Summer, Tapes 1,2, and 3, Mini-DVs	1998
17	Fire, Mini-DV	undated
17	Smokejumping, Mini-DV	undated



Container(s)	Description	Dates
17	Pin Fire, 3 man, Mini-DV	undated
17	Smokejumper-MSO, Mini-DV	undated
17	BLM - Exits, Mini-DV	undated
17	Mann Gulch 50th, Mini-DV	undated
17	13 Betacam compilation copy reels of Mini-DVs, Betacam SP S and L	undated
18	3 Betacam reels "Smokejumper Pilot" shot by Missoula Technology Development Center, USDA Forest Service, Betacam SP S	undated
18	4 Betacam reels "Smokejumper Spotter" shot by Missoula Technology Development Center, USDA Forest Service, Betacam SP S	undated
18	1939 Experimental Jumps, 3/4" cassette	undated
18	Bobby Montoya - Idaho City and Gila, Les Peppard, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Bill Poppy's, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Eric Hipke - South Canyon, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Jack the Ripper Fire, Tony Petrelli jump footage, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Sawmill Saddle Fire, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Mann Gulch 50th, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Allen Bell Footage, Part 1, Betacam SP L	undated
18	Allen Bell Footage, Part 2, Betacam SP S	undated
18	Hipke 99, Betacam SP S	undated
18	Interview with Secretary of Interior, Bruce Babbit, Betacam SP S	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
18	NCSB Memorial, Betacam SP S	2003
18	SJ 8 Mile Ridge Crash, Betacam SP S	2003
18	Ghalor - Early Smokejumpers, Betacam SP S	undated
18	Storm Warning, Sonny Archuleta Concludes, Tony Petrilli, Betacam SP S	undated
18	A, Pick-up Shots, Betacam SP S	undated
18	B, MSO Water Bomb Stills, Betacam SP S	undated
18	C, Son of Pickups, Betacam SP S	undated
18	D, Daughter of Pickups, Betacam SP S	undated
19	U.S. Invasions- Japanese Incendiary Balloons, VHS	undated
19	Allen Bell, BLM-Hollywood, VHS	undated
19	Smokejumper training, Missoula, transfer from 8mm, VHS	1952
19	Smokejumpers, VHS	undated
19	Caribou, VHS	undated
19	Early Jumps with Eagle Parachute - rip cord, VHS	undated
19	Boise Jump Season Highlights, VHS	1999
19	Hipke Fire Video, VHS	1998
19	International Crown Fire Modeling Experiments, Northwest Territories, VHS	1997
19	World Fires Victoria, Where the Fire Meets the People, VHS	undated
19	3 tapes of conscientious objectors discussing their time as smokejumpers during WWII, labeled MCAT 122380, 122411, and 122412 , SVHS	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
19	Telephone Creek: 1950 Smokejumper Documentary, VHS	undated
19	Storm King Mountain Technologies: Developments in Fire Shelters, VHS	undated
19	Season of Fire, Idaho Public Television, VHS	undated
19	Fire Line, Idaho Public Television, VHS	undated
19	Fire Wars, Nova, PBS, VHS	undated
19	1988 Yellowstone Fires, VHS	1988
22	DVD #1 - Interviews with Marge Kuehn-Tabor, Chuck Flack, and Jim Veitch	undated
22	DVD #2 - Interviews with Mike McMillan, Rod Dow, and Burt Mitman	undated
22	DVD #3 - Interviews with Murry Taylor, Dewey Warner, and Mark Corbet	undated
22	DVD #4 - Interviews with David "Skinny" Beals and Dave Nani	undated
22	DVD #5 - Interviews with Richard Tracy, Lynn Sprague, Robert Kersh, and Cathleen Lowe	undated
22	DVD #6 - Interview with Elmer Neufeld	undated
22	DVD #7 - Interview with Eric Hipke	undated
22	DVD #8 - Interviews with Steve Nemore and Phil and Jake Brollier	undated
22	DVD #9 - Interviews with Neal Hitchcock, Roy Johnson, Rusty Warbiss, Roy Wenger, and Bruce Babbitt	undated
22	DVD #10 - Interviews with Gary "Gramps" Johnson, Jerry Zumwalt, and Gene Hobbs	undated
22	DVD #11 - Interviews with George Cross, Bob Nicol, and Stewart "Lloyd" Johnson	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
22	DVD #12 - Interviews with Rob and Karen Morrow, Gregg Anderson, and Tony Petrilli	undated
22	DVD #13 - Interview with Wayne Webb	undated
22	DVD #14 - Interview with "Wild" Bill Yensen	undated
	Subseries 4 : Video Not Used 4 items This subseries contains film collected but not used in the making of <i>Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky</i> .	2000
<b>Box</b>		
19	Up in Flames, Forest History Society documentary, Betacam SP S and VHS dub	undated
19	Escape: Fire in Mann Gulch, VHS	2000
19	The Rockies, VHS	2000
	Subseries 5: Miscellaneous Papers 0.2 linear feet This subseries contains research and contracts related to the making of <i>Smokejumpers: Firefighters from the Sky</i> .	1983-2003 and undated
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
21/1	Contracts and correspondence	1999-2003
21/2	Research	undated
21/3	<i>A Pictorial History of Smokejumping</i> by Stan Cohen	1983
21/4	Newsclippings	2001 and undated
21/5	Videocassette Case Artwork	undated

## Series VI: *There I Was!* the Smokejumper Storyteller Project Interviews, 2014

1.0 linear feet

This series contains interviews of smokejumpers for the *There I Was!* project conducted by John Driscoll.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
23	Smokejumper Oral Histories Collected in 2014, Binder, Includes Interview Summaries and Releases	2014

## Series VII: Personal Papers of Smokejumpers, 1938-2016

0.3 linear feet

This series contains personal papers of former smokejumpers.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Subseries 1: Ball, Herman</b> 0.1 linear feet Herman Ball was a smokejumper who jumped the 1950 and 1951 seasons in Missoula. He was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency for their operations in Taiwan; he and other smokejumpers trained Chinese nationalist troops in survival tactics and parachuting. This subseries contains photographs of Ball's activities in Taiwan in the 1950s as well as a photograph of Marana Army Air Field in Arizona, a CIA base of operations during the Vietnam War.	1950s
Box/Folder		
24/1	Photographs, Training Nationalist Troops, Western Enterprises, Inc., Taiwan, Taipei Guest House, Marana Army Air Field	1950s
	<b>Subseries 2: Brennan, Robert (Bob)</b> 0.2 linear feet Robert J. Brennan was a pioneer smokejumper in the summer of 1941. This collection contains photographs, journals, and a jump log from the Nine Mile camp in western Montana as well as journals from Brennan's previous Forest Service posts.	1938-1942
Box/Folder		
24/2	Journals	1938-1942
24/3	Jump Log	1941

Container(s)	Description	Dates
24/4	Photographs, Part 1 of 4	1941-1942
24/5	Photographs, Part 2 of 4	1941-1942
24/6	Photographs, Part 3 of 4	1941-1942
24/7	Photographs, Part 4 of 4	1941-1942
24/8	NSA Bumper Sticker and Membership Card	1941 and undated
24/9	Photographs and Slides	1940s
24/10	Oral History	undated
	<b>Subseries 3: Grenager, Lyle</b> 0.1 linear feet Lyle Grenager was a smokejumper out of Missoula, Montana from 1946 to 1951. He was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency in 1951 to assist with their covert operations in Taiwan to train a resistance force of Nationalist Chinese troops. This subseries includes photos from Grenager's time in Taiwan including playing on the basketball team for the CIA's front company, Western Enterprises, Inc., and meeting the president of the Republic of China, Chiang Kai-shek.	<b>1951-1954</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
24/11	Photographs, CIA Activities in Taiwan and China, Western Enterprises, Inc., Lou Rucker	1951-1952
24/12	Photographs, Chinese National Basketball Team Versus Western Enterprises, Inc.	1952
24/13	Photographs, Chiang Kai-shek, Soong Mei-ling, Herman Ball, Lou Rucker	July 11, 1953
24/14	Portrait of Lou Rucker Lou Rucker was head of the parachute training program in Taiwan. A former colonel in the U.S. Army, he was also Lyle Grenager's roommate at the Taipei Guest House, the first headquarters for CIA operations in Taiwan.	1950s
	<b>Subseries 4: Kurowski, Ed J.</b> 0.1 linear feet and 16 Megabytes	<b>2016</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Ed J. Kurowski was a smokejumper who jumped his rookie season in Missoula, Montana in the summer of 1961. Kurowski was from Green Bay, Wisconsin and studied forest engineering at the University of Wisconsin. This subseries contains the collective memoir of many smokejumpers who rookied in 1961 in Missoula, Montana; Ed Kurowski compiled, edited, and authored the memoir.	
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
25/1	<i>The Way We Were: 1961</i>	2016
<i>Electronic_file</i>		
Electronic File	<i>The Way We Were: 1961</i> This is an electronic version of Kurowski's memoir, please contact Archives and Special Collections for additional information.	2016
	<b>Subseries 5: Mathews, Jack</b> 0.1 linear feet Jack Mathews was a smokejumper in Missoula, Montana in the summer of 1948. He was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency and spent his entire career with them. This subseries contains correspondence written by Mathews concerning various aspects of his service as a military advisor in Laos in the late 1950s, clippings of an article he wrote, photographs, and various other correspondence and notes. There is also a detailed letter he wrote to John MacLean about his article on the smokejumpers at Mann Gulch.	<b>1986-2001</b>
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
24/15	Correspondence and Background Information	1986-2001
	<b>Subseries 6: Pickard, Lloyd A. "Chuck"</b> 0.2 linear feet Lloyd A. "Chuck" Pickard was a smokejumper in Missoula, Montana who trained in the summer of 1948. He was a squadleader out of Nine Mile in the summer of 1949 and was supposed to jump on the Mann Gulch fire near Helena, Montana, but traded places with Bill Hellman. This subseries includes photographs, Mann Gulch research materials, materials collected by Jack Mathews, and smokejumper reunion materials.	<b>1948-2005</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
24/16	Correspondence, National Smokejumper Association Business, Museum of Mountain Flying	2003-2005
24/17	Earl Cooley Letter to Francis Anywaush	May 26, 1987
24/18	Mann Gulch Articles	1949-1993
24/19	Mann Gulch Newspaper Clippings	1949-2003
24/20	National Parachute Jumpers-Riggers Card, Region 1 Signals Card, Smoke Jumpers Athletic Fund Dance	1950
24/21	Philip McVey Materials Collected by Jack Mathews	1986-1999
24/22	Photograph, Chuck Pickard in Police Uniform with Fred Barnowsky, Fort Lauderdale, Florida	circa 1952
24/23	Photographs, Mann Gulch	2003-2005
24/24	Photographs, Mann Gulch Memorial, National Wildland Firefighter Memorial, From Jerry Linton	May 8, 1991
24/25	Photographs, Missoula, Skydiving	1949-1950
24/26	Photographs, Smokejumpers, Montana, Idaho	1948-1953
24/27	Photographs and Articles, Priest River, Coolin Ranger Station, Idaho	1946-1947
24/28	Photographs and Letter, Smokejumper Reunions	1984-2004
24/29	Photographs and Reproductions, Nine Mile, Training	1948-1950
24/30	Reminiscence of Mann Gulch Events	1999
24/31	Smokejumping and Smokejumper Reunion Ephemera	1999-2004 and undated

## Series VIII: Accession 2018-066, 1947-2017

0.4 linear feet

National Smokejumper Association collection, 1919-2020  
<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv89621>



This series contains folders of material by or about fifteen smokejumpers. All folders include a 'submittal form' documenting contents and providing context. The materials were compiled and donated for inclusion in the NSA collection by John Driscoll. Driscoll has indicated jump years and base on each folder.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>File</b>		
26/1	Ray G. Beasley reproduction of photo of Beasley and his wife, Jane, at CIA Headquarters. Invitation to CIA Museum ceremony, 2014.	2014
26/2	Bob Benzie Map indicating single fire jump of Benzie in 1956. Database printout documenting his activity.	undated
26/3	Walt E. Currie Three photographs by Driscoll of MSO Alaska Booster Crew, including Currie, 1978	1978
26/4	John Brian Driscoll Smokejumper patch from 1968 fire season. Signed copy of book: Smokejumpers of the CIA. Color slides dated 1977, identified as "fire season out of Missoula Fire Depot." Photographs identified as "unknown jumpers exiting DC-3, probably NW of Missoula in 1968."	1968-2017
26/5	Lester E. Gahler DVD: Leap of Faith: CO Smokejumping During World War II. DVD description states: Includes video footage by former CO Smokejumper Lester Gahler.	undated
26/6	Clarence Douglas Getz Reproductions of photographs. One identified as Silver City Fire Crew either 1959 or 1960. Others identified as "we think this is the Grangeville Fire Crew."	undated
26/7	Gary W. Grandquist photograph: "10 man Volpar load out of McGrath headed for Canadian boarder." Photo by John Driscoll.	1978
26/8	Lyle D. Grenager Typewritten notes by Driscoll of interview with Grenager. Typescript of article printed in June 25, 2004 "Clark Fork Chronicle."	2015

Container(s)	Description	Dates
26/9	George King undated photographs: Old Hale Field, first civilian helicopters, ford tri-motor dropping cargo, smokejumper training at Nine Mile. Castle Creek crew (1948).	1948 and undated
26/10	Fred Koons photos of Fred Koons and George King, and possibly Jerry Linton.	1948
26/11	Gerald J. Linton photocopies of photographs in other folders in this series.	1948
26/11	Philip R. McVey original and copy photographs - McVey at Castle Creek on Middle Fork of Clearwater.	1948
26/12	Avery J. "Jack" Nott original photographs - Pattee Canyon Jump for 20th Century Fox, 1950; Marble Canyon, Arizona jump; Nott and Johnson pilot Larry Florek; unidentified jumpers, planes, and equipment.	1950 and undated
26/13	Richard A. Peterson Privately published book: Richard Arnold Peterson and Eve Ridgely Chapline Peterson.	2013
26/14	Glenn Smith photograph of Skeezeck and Smitty, 1949. Smith in truck, undated.	1949 and undated
26/15	Robert H. Sprute Bound memoir: Smokejumpers, Aerial Firefighters of the West. The Way We Were, 1961. A collection memoir [by] Ed. J. Kurowski. Clipping. Database printout of jumps.	1949 and undated

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