

David G. Lilly

David G. Lilly of Buckhannon – Lilly was born in Milton in 1947, graduated from West Virginia University in 1968, and spent his professional



career working for the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Over the years, he has been a pioneer in forest fire suppression and prevention, collecting data still used today on fire damage, loss of growth and mortality. In 1975, Lilly administered the first-ever grants to volunteer fire departments throughout the state.

In 1977, he was promoted to district forester for the central region of the state. In 1978, he was named “Forester of the Year” by the WV Wildlife Federation. In

1993, his peers elected him president of the WV Division of the Society of American Foresters.