

Charles R. Hall



Charles R. “Charlie” Hall was one of the first graduates of the West Virginia University forestry department. His leadership in the field quickly grew from there.

Hall worked for the U. S. Forest Service on the Medicine Bow National Forest and other jobs before entering the Navy in 1943. After the war, he worked briefly as a private arboriculturist and power line maintenance supervisor.

His professional career largely centered on forest protection and conservation. For 31 years, he used his experience and managerial skills to greatly improve forest management and fire protection throughout the state. He opened the “How Come” Christmas tree farm near French Creek, which has provided many central West Virginia families with trees and other holiday items.

Hall has remained active in professional circles since retirement and maintained affiliations with the West Virginia Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters, the Farm Bureau and the West Virginia Woodland Owners Association. He also served as president of the Horner Community Action group, treasurer of the state PTA Library Committee, and a charter member of the Lewis County Parks Commission.

Colleagues characterize him as a gifted forester who made a major positive impact on the profession in the State throughout his long and dedicated career. He has continued to contribute positively to his profession and community.