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David Ritz was eleven years old when his father took him on a backpacking trip in the Bob Marshall Wilderness area of Montana. Roughing it, backpacking through this magnificent scenery, fascinated by the animal and plant life, David found a new world of peace and tranquility.

Upon returning home to Franklin, Ohio, David told his father of his determination to return every year if at all possible. His father agreed and made contact for David to be employed by backpackers in Missoula. He continued this summer employment all through his teen years and during his college years while attending the School of Forestry at the University of Montana. The U.S. Forestry Department became his employer, assigning him to Montana and later transferring him to Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

David once said, "There is no way I can express to you the joy of life I experienced in the *great outdoors* as a packer and Forester! Try it, you'll love it!"



DAVID RITZ



The Bonner Soil Conservation District and the Idaho Department of Lands are honored to dedicate this manual to the late David Ritz as an inspiration to the foresters of the future.