In the natural resources law enforcement community, he is considered a legend, and now he should be at least considered a protected resource under the Antiquities Act. After 50 years of serving in natural resources law enforcement at the federal, state and local levels, Ranger Steve Dodd has now actually retired. Steve Dodd is a 1973 graduate from the School of Environment and Natural Resources majoring in Parks & Recreation Administration. He completed his graduate education at Slippery Rock University. As he was finishing his degree here at Ohio State, Ranger Dodd started his career working for Ohio State Parks and then, the Cleveland Metro Parks. He eventually went to work for National Park Service as a U.S. Park Ranger with duty stations in Badlands National Park, Rocky Mountains National Park, Cape Cod National Seashore, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and Glacier National Park.

Steve is well known by many of our ENR students and graduates that had him as an co-instructor for their natural resources law enforcement class, ENR 448, now ENR 4648 under semesters. Steve Dodd previously served as a professor of law enforcement at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio and then as faculty at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. He was the director and commander for the National Park Ranger Seasonal Ranger Training Programs stationed at both institutions. A number of ENR students have attended these ranger training programs over the years. Other alumni and colleagues working in natural resources law enforcement have come to know the rang-er/professor from working with him in the field at one of our National parks. Steve Dodd is also a member of the School of Natural Resources Honorary 100.

Ranger Steve Dodd worked for 32 years in law enforcement for the National Park Service. At the end of October, after nearly three decades at Glacier National Park, Steve Dodd concluded his career as the park’s law enforcement specialist and retired from the National Park Service. In his capacity at Glacier NP, Steve was responsible for law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue and provided a variety of assistance to the visitors who came to the park. Dodd said, “People come to me here all time and say, ‘How do you like your office?’ and I say, ‘It’s a pretty nice piece of real estate with just a little over one million acres’. We have seen nearly 3-millions visitors so far this year”. After a long career, Ranger Dodd hung up his Stetson, the hallmark of the ranger profession.

Advice from Ranger Dodd: “Embrace change; It is not something to be afraid of. But, it is something to look at and then try to respond to the change in an appropriate manner. Sometimes there’s resistance. But, usually, when if you try to resist change, you get swept up along with it anyway”. Steve says, now that he is retired, he plans to fish, go camping, and says his wife has a large honey-do list. He says he looks forward to his time off duty and plans to stay in the Flathead Valley area in Montana. However, Steve will still be teaching here at Ohio State in ENR 4648 again with us this spring semester, and plans to continue doing some training for the National Park Service.

Congratulations to Ranger Steve Dodd on your retirement and your service.

See Steve’s recognition in the press: bit.ly/2zKMier