

# Fire photographer offers series of talks

## Decades-long project starts with Leavenworth image

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OKANOGAN — Nature photographer John Marshall will talk about wildfire and show his photographs at three public libraries in early February.

The first event will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Okanogan Public Library, 228 Pine St. Other events are at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Curlew Public Library, 11 River St., and 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Republic Public Library, 794 S. Clark Ave.

After wildfires ravaged north central Washington in the summer of 1994, Marshall took pictures of a blackened gully near Leavenworth. He said he wasn't quite sure why, but he knew there was a story that needed telling.

During the next 20 years, he

photographed dozens of burned areas, documenting dynamic changes in the landscape as forests grew back after fires, a North Central Regional Library System announcement said.

“He will share his insights on how we came to experience the back-to-back, unprecedented fire seasons of 2014 and 2015 in our region and how we need to change our thinking about living with fire,” library officials said.

Marshall has a master of science degree in wildlife resources from the University of Idaho.

In addition to his 20-year photographic study of landscape recovery after wildfire, he is working with the U.S. Forest Service to compare historic photographs with modern retakes and show how forests have changed over many decades.

Marshall has been a frequent speaker on fire-related topics and has been interviewed on Northwest Public Radio.