

Bedford V. Cash / Bold Destiny Memorial Horse Trail

Approximately 15 miles in length, the horse trail is in memory of Bedford V. Cash, a former district ranger of the Tuskegee National Forest, and Bold Destiny, a horse of Brian Bourne, the individual responsible for the establishment of the trail.

According to an article that appeared in *The Tuskegee News* on March 3, 1994, Bedford V. Cash died of a heart attack while overseeing a controlled burn on the Tuskegee National Forest. At the time of his death (February 26, 1994) Cash was the District Ranger. He was 42 years old.

Cash had been a Forest Service employee for 21 years. He began his career in 1971 while still in school at Southern University at Baton Rouge as a summer student. Upon graduation in 1974 with a degree in agronomy, he began working on the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. In 1976 he transferred to the Ozark St. Francis National Forest in Arkansas. In 1980 he moved to St. Anthony, Idaho where he worked on the Targhee National Forest, and later worked on the Cleveland National Forest in Southern California.

In 1989, Cash began working at the Tuskegee National Forest as the District Ranger. He was survived by his wife Jocelyn, and his three sons, Bill, Chad, and Bedford.

Work on the horse trail began in the early 1990s. Brian Bourne worked on the trail between 1992 and 1996 as a Forest Service volunteer. Bourne laid out much of the trail while riding his favorite horse, Bold Destiny. Bold Destiny died before the trail was finished. In 1997 Brian Bourne received the W. Kelly Mosley Award for environmental achievement for establishing the Bedford V. Cash / Bold Destiny Horse and Hiking Trail on the Tuskegee National Forest.