

# BLMer Andy Senti Dies After Legendary Career in Colorado

Colorado State Office realty specialist Andrew J. (Andy) Senti, an iconic BLM figure whose knowledge and advice was sought out by BLM offices across the West, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015, in Lakewood, Colorado. He was 90.

With a Federal career spanning more than 67 years, 63 of which were with the BLM, Mr. Senti was highly decorated for both his World War II service and his contributions as a civilian. In 1945, Mr. Senti earned the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal; as a civil servant, he received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1978, the DOI Distinguished Service Award in 1990, and a DOI Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

Born in 1925 in Kline, Colorado, Mr. Senti attended Fort Lewis College in Durango and graduated with a degree in range management from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Mr. Senti began his BLM career in 1951, when he was hired as a range management assistant in the BLM Regional Office for Utah and Colorado.

After working on tracts of land under homestead application, Mr. Senti joined a number of other employees to form the BLM's Colorado State Office, where he spent the rest of his career. During his tenure, in which he served as a land law examiner, appraiser, staff supervisor, and realty specialist, Mr. Senti became legendary for his dependability, initiative, integrity, and tireless hours on the job. He touched the lives of innumerable BLM employees, including new managers receiving orientation on public land issues.

“Andy Senti was an authentic BLM legend and role model, and our agency was honored to have him in our midst for more than half a century,” said Steve Ellis, BLM Deputy Director for Operations. “On behalf of the BLM in Washington and in the field, I send our condolences to Mr. Senti’s family and friends as they look back on a marvelous career and life.”

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