

## Personnel News July 2010

**Ron Wilson** retired from state service Aug. 2, after serving more than 10 years in the Emergency Management Division. A U.S. Army veteran, Wilson coordinated the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) activities to prepare local communities for chemical emergencies. He managed state and federal funds to train first responders and support emergency planning, training, exercises, community education and preparedness for state, local and tribal governments. He also served as the exercise and training coordinator for the Columbia Generating Station and U.S. Department of Energy programs.

**Paul McNeil**, response section manager in the Programs, Mitigation, Response and Recovery unit, completed his 14<sup>th</sup> Seattle to Portland (STP) Bicycle Classic on July 18. The two-day event, which attracted 10,000 entrants, is the largest of its kind in the Northwest. McNeil, who also served as a safety rider in this year's event, said the 200-mile ride was his best ever – both in terms of favorable weather and riding performance.